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School Committee cancels partnership with Nexamp

BY JASON BLEAU
STONEBRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

The Dudley Charlton Regional School District will be seeking a new partnership after agreeing to cancel its contract with a solar energy company that would have provided the town net metering credits.

The regional school committee heard an update from the district's director of finance and operation Richard Mathieu on March 14 at which Mathieu recommended the committee end its partnership with Nexamp Solar Energy Solutions after the company failed to do its part in the agreement and offer any value to the towns of Dudley or Charlton.

"The district entered a net metering credit arrangement with Nexamp in May of 2013. They've never fulfilled their commitment on that contract and we do have an opportunity to basically substitute a new program for this one at the same 30 percent level," Mathieu told school officials.

"It's the suspicion of mine that Nexamp never enacted it because that 30 percent was so generous. Most of these arrangements are around the 30 percent level. I don't have proof of that, but if we can swap one or the other that would appear to be a live opportunity rather than holding out hope that at some point in time Nexamp would ful-

fill their obligations."

Superintendent Gregg Desto confirmed the district had sought legal counsel on the matter and the district was in the clear if they chose to end the agreement.

Mathieu also confirmed this, stating the district could have ended the partnership a long time ago if they wished. "It could have been canceled 18 months after it was signed if they hadn't provided a facility," Mathieu said. "We held out hope, because it was a very favorable rate for us, that we'd be able to get in at their next one and it just never worked out. They've offered us no contract whatsoever."

The school committee voted unanimously the cancel the contract and explore new options. Mathieu brought a possible new vendor to the table during the meeting.

"The new vendor would be Seaboard Solar and they do have an arrangement with the Dudley Housing Authority currently. They're actively trying to finish up the sale of their credits, so they can have the facility built and they expect to be online within a year," Mathieu said.

The school committee made no motion on such a partnership during the meeting.

No discussion took place on where a

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Vet Agent brings request for hours to Personnel Board

BY JASON BLEAU
TIMES CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – The town veterans agent has brought his request for increased hours for his office to the Personnel Board, making him the fourth department head to propose a raise for an employee in the last three months.

Veterans Agent Stephen Rogerson first brought his proposal to selectmen on Feb. 26, but also had to state his case before the personnel board, which would include a raise for the veterans office clerk Pamela Young, as well as increasing the hours of the office's operation to full time.

"She's been here about three years and four months and she started at \$12 an hour and others have been starting at \$14. She hasn't received a penny increase since. That's one part of this issue. The other issue with the veterans office is I have requested to the selectmen and they voted to have it go to the town administrator to see if he could work out making it full time. Currently it's part time. It's been part time since basically the 1946," Rogerson said. "We're at the point now where we can't handle the work load on a part

time basis."

Rogerson made a case before selectmen in February that his position is one of the few state mandated positions for each town and that, by law, certain services must be made available to veterans in every town. Currently the veterans office is open only Thursdays from noon until 7 p.m. This leaves Rogerson unable to satisfy the needs of every veteran in Dudley and, as he put it, has forced the town to start deciding what services they provide which violates state law.

"There are just under 700 veterans in Dudley. That's not including veterans' families. That's just veterans. There are a lot of widows who come in consistently. I just don't have the time so I'm giving out my personal cell phone number, my email address and I'm using a home computer to support (everyone). It's becoming a little too much," Rogerson told the Personnel Board. "One of the big concerns that I'm coming up to this point is which benefits and services do we not offer veterans within Dudley. I have severe time constraints – So we

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Kevin Flanders photos

Gubernatorial candidate Setti Warren addresses guests during the rally.

Getting from here to there if buses don't run...

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

WORCESTER – Outraged by the proposed cuts to public transportation services, residents and legislators from throughout central Massachusetts descended on City Hall last week for a rally.

Reduced services have been proposed for several Worcester

Regional Transit Authority bus routes, while others have been slated for elimination to save money. Among the proposals is an option to cut all bus services west of East Brookfield District Court on Route 9, while another option could bring an end to weekend bus routes.

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DC school officials to meet with State Auditor Bump

BY JASON BLEAU
STONEBRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY- The town of Dudley will hold a long-awaited meeting between local officials and the office of the state auditor.

Superintendent of Schools Greg Desto confirmed the meeting during a school committee discussion in mid-March noting the conversation could have significant implications on the future of education funding in the commonwealth, an issue that has struck the towns of Dudley and Charlton hard in recent years.

Desto confirmed this meeting will be open to officials from both communities and could provide a forum for voicing concerns about different funding struggles the district continues to face.

"The Dudley Board of Selectmen, led by Town Administrator Greg Balukonis, have secured a meeting with a representative from the state auditor's office," Desto said.

"Representative of both town have been invited to that meeting (including the school committee)."

The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss ideas for long term funding solutions for communities like Dudley and Charlton, which share a school district and face different hardships than other districts and independent agencies in the commonwealth. Desto said he feels the state auditor has an awareness for the difficulties districts like theirs continue to face and would like to find a solution.

"As everybody on this committee is aware, auditor Suzanne Bump came out with a report on funding regional districts. With that as a jumping off point we're going to try to work together with her office," Desto said.

In January, Bump submitted a request for full funding of regional school transportation and in October

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Dudley continues push to update development plan

BY JASON BLEAU
TIMES CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – The town will be launching phase two of its economic development plan update in the coming months after completing the first phase and an economic development survey in the past year.

The Dudley Economic Development Committee received an update from town planner Donald Johnson on March 20 at which he told members they had been approved to go ahead with the second phase of the initiative, which has been a priority for the young commission for several years.

"The good news is we've been funded for phase two. It's a three-phase program. It's called the District Local Technical Assistance Program or the DLTA. It's through the regional planning agency. Phase two will be started within the month of July I imagine. The Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission administers the DLTA Program. The first phase was an inventory of assets. The second phase is going to be working with those assets," Johnson said.

Phase one was considered the "heart of the document," and the next two phases will determine the most effec-

tive and efficient use of the assets available to the town. Johnson said the plan is to examine what's stopping growth in certain place or sectors in Dudley and review the regulations in place as well as look as sector specific workshops.

One specific area of concern that Johnson said has been neglected is agricultural growth in a town where agriculture should be a dominant enterprise.

"You've probably noticed that 20 percent of our land in town is taxed for agriculture. It's a significantly underutilized sector of the economy as we see it, so we're taking a hard look at

that. We're also taking a hard look at a few different areas of town for various economic development activities that can take place there," Johnson said.

Areas that will be a focus of examination in phase two include the Webster-Dudley Main Street corridor, which was the subject of a 2015 study for a commercial corridor, the Nichols College and Center Road area, and Schofield Avenue and the surrounding sector. A site walk of the Main Street area is also expected to take place before the annual spring town meeting in May.

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TIME CAPSULES

BREAKFAST BUFFET
All you can eat breakfast buffet, your breakfast favorites will be served including eggs, pancakes, French toast, corned beef hash, fresh baked pastries and much more! Sunday, April 8 7:30-10 a.m. at United Church of Christ Federated, 4 Church St., Webster. Adults: \$9, children aged 12 and younger: \$4.

10th ANNUAL DAFFODIL TEA
United Church of Christ, Federated, located at 4 Church St. in Webster (across from Town Hall) is hosting their 10th annual Daffodil Tea on Saturday, April 21 at 12:30 pm. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$8 for children under the age of 9. Children 4 and under are free. Tickets can be purchased at the church office from Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. There will be door prizes and a gift basket raffle. Enjoy the experience of an English High Tea in an English garden ambiance which will include a scones, delicious tea sandwiches and an assortment of mouthwatering desserts.

TOOTH FAIRY COMETH
Kids Zone Dental presents: The Tooth Fairy at the Webster Public Library! Children ages 3 to 6 will learn about dental care as the Tooth Fairy reads picture books and practices brushing and flossing with the help of her puppet friends. Kids can take home pictures, activity sheets, and maybe even prizes! Come join us Friday, April 20 from 3:00 to 4:00 at the Webster Public Library, 350 Main Street. This program is 100% free, and is an educational community outreach program sponsored by Kids Zone Dental.

HONORING THE RIVER
The French River Connection is pleased to invite the public to a presentation by Larry Spotted Crow Mann, award winning writer-poet-native American cultural educator-traditional story teller, speaking on Honoring the Mannexit(French) River” Mr. Mann’s most recent book is Drumming & Dreaming, and presents tales of the Algonquin Tribes, primarily the Nipmuc. The event will be on Wednesday, April 11 at 7 p.m., at the Wintergarten, the easily accessible historic meeting hall above Kretchman’s Brewery, located along the French River at 9 Frederick St. in Webster. The street is between the Post Office and

the Police Station. The Brewery will be open and available to patrons.

MASONIC MEETING
Webster Lodge A.F. & A. M. next regular meeting is Monday, April 16 at the Masonic Building, 27 Brandes St., Webster. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting at 7:30 p.m. All members of Webster Lodge are urged to attend. Anyone interested in Free Masonry is welcomed to be our guest for dinner. Freemasonry was founded in London, England in 1717. In 1733, it was formally organized in Massachusetts, making it the oldest Masonic group in the Western Hemisphere and the third oldest in the world. Webster Lodge, 160 years strong in 2018, is the oldest active fraternal organization in the Webster/Dudley area. Masonic Lodges strive to teach the tools that “make good men better.” For more information visit: <http://massfreemasonry.org>

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BOSTON – State Senator Ryan C. Fattman (R-Sutton) will host office hours during the month of April on the following days:
Wednesday, April 4, at the Webster Panera Bread, 2 Worcester Road, Webster 8-9 a.m.
Wednesday, April 11 at the Mendon Muffin House, 32 Hastings St., Mendon 8-9 a.m.

Constituents are encouraged to stop by at any time during the hour or may reserve a specific time by emailing Joe Zarrella at Joseph.Zarrella@masenate.gov. Those who cannot make the office hour may call (617) 722-1420 to schedule a meeting with the Senator.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT CORRECTION: Kaileigh Strong earned high honors in the second quarter honor roll at St. Joseph’s School, Webster. Her name was inadvertently left out of the printed honor roll.

DUDLEY DEMS MEET
The Dudley Democratic Town Committee will meet on Tuesday, April 3 at 6 p.m. in room 321c of the Dudley Municipal Complex. Guest speaker Quinten Palfrey, candidate for Lt. Governor will address the group. We will also discuss voter outreach and volunteer opportunities in the community. Questions please contact monicaufman@aol.com.

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Giving voice to nature: drumming and dreaming



Gus Steeves photo

Larry Spotted Crow Mann sings an Algonquian song to the beat of the sacred drum Saturday.

BY GUS STEEVES
TIMES CORRESPONDENT

WEBSTER — Although he doesn't say it outright, Larry Spotted Crow Mann's latest book *Drumming & Dreaming*, is in a mythic sense, an autobiography.

The book is crafted as a story in which Crow gets Bear's help to find his lost dream, along the way exploring oft-unheard Algonquian Indian legends, ones Mann specifically wanted to put on paper before the elders who knew them died. In a sense, it dramatizes his own journey, one Mann hopes many others — Native and otherwise — will share with him in their own ways.

As a youth 20-plus years ago, Mann admits he was essentially adrift, drinking a lot and more or less just existing in the void between typical American culture and that of his ancestors.

"I was lucky to stop drinking when I turned 21," and started learning Nipmuc tribal history and culture, he told a small audience at Booklovers' Gourmet last Saturday. Since then, he's traveled the US, Canada, Europe and elsewhere sharing Native culture, educating fellow Native Americans about their traditions, and otherwise spreading the idea that "we need to heal our relationship each other, Earth and the other Earthlings we share the world with."

"This drum is why we're still here," Mann said, noting in Native culture the drum begins and ends all ceremonies, is used to greet visitors, and more. It symbolizes the most basic level of life — "everybody's heartbeat, and is the beginning of all our stories."

On Saturday, he began with a song

and prayer in the Algonquian language. He said there's "really no equal translation" because that language "is the ecology of the land; there is no separating them" before summarizing it as an invitation to the ancestors to join us and help in the healing process.

"It's very important to open up those passageways of reciprocity," he said.

The stories themselves are also "part of the land," rooted in specific places known to everyone in our area (often by other names): Chargo ggagogg m anchauggagoggchaubunag ungam augg, Mannexit, Wabbaquasit, and elsewhere. Today, it's known as Nipmuc Country, but he said there really was no Nipmuc tribe; the term is actually a collective one for "32-36 distinct tribal communities" between Natick and the Connecticut River. Some of them became famous as "Praying Communities" for converting to Christianity (and being interned and starved on Deer Island during King Philip's War); others fought the English and were dispersed after that war.

Describing the compilation as "a hero's journey" he intended to put in a format "as they were 1,000 years ago," Mann said he found it fairly easy to identify when certain tales came into being by how foreign images (including European ones) crept into them. One example is the character of Hobbamock; to Christians, he was associated with the devil, but to Mann's own people he was not evil, just a powerful, and sometimes dangerous, trickster spirit.

"There's a lot of nuance to him. He is a reflection of all of us, as the Great Spirit is," Mann said.

Searching the Web for that name

comes up with several entries, mostly regarding a real-life Wampanoag man who interacted with the earliest Pilgrims alongside the better-known Squanto and Massasoit. Wikipedia's page, however, ends with the note his name "may have been a pseudonym, as Hobbamock was the name of a powerful manitou," which the latter word's entry describes as "the spiritual and fundamental life force among Algonquian groups."

"I had to dig deep, go back and listen to the elders" to reconstruct the stories, Mann said. "For some, we only had bits and pieces," with many shared characters, sacred animals and images, but "the stories never die" as long as Native people are still around and remember them.

"They give voice to our brothers: the Beings, the animal community, the tree community," he said, noting the state Department of Public Health is using some of them to teach life skills, anti-bullying, sharing, and how to deal with drug-alcohol addiction. "All of them teach us life-valuable lessons."

To many Natives, that's been a long time coming. For decades, Native children were forced into boarding schools and other settings where they were punished for even speaking their language, never mind practicing their faith or sharing their stories. Four of 10 kids at boarding schools never came home, he said; many of them simply vanished into unmarked graves, with officials denying knowledge of what happened. His own grandparents went through that; grandmother kept some of the legends "but didn't really want to pass it on" due to fear, although she did teach some medicine skills.

Since then, many Native people have gotten "caught up in the stereotype of who they should be...and internalized it," he noted. One of them is laziness — based in the fact Natives "only worked 3-4 hours a day" because they didn't need any more when Europeans landed; under Colonial doctrine, that was ridiculed and often seen as an excuse for stealing tribal land.

The US has generally not dealt well with Native issues, including hundreds of treaty violations. He noted, for example, that Webster itself was created illegally in the 1800s when the state took the land, while only the federal government had authority to deal with tribes deemed sovereign under the law. Similarly, the state promised Natives they'd set aside funds for land in Grafton, but have never paid the money, claiming the records "got burned."

Fixing those issues, and others, needs "black, white and red to come together to fight the injustices," Mann said. Although money might help that process, he personally doesn't want to see Nipmuc create a casino. They fought over one in 2002-03 that divided the tribe, although he noted he's also seen some tribes using casino funds to benefit their people.

Mann also plans to speak about the French River (Mannexit) at 7 p.m. on April 11 at the Wintergarten, upstairs from Kretchmann Brewery.

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then I would explore borrowing from a family member or maybe getting a home equity line to pay for the improvements. Most of the time people will ask me if they can just sell as is and most of the time if they put 10-20K into the home based on my recommendations they are going to get 50-60K back on the sale. There are 2 big reasons for this. First the buyers are unable to typically envision the finished product and second depending on the repairs they may not be able to obtain bank financing with-

out the repairs being made and then you may be stuck selling to an investor who will pay pennies on the dollar because they need to make a profit.

Some of the most common things people want to leave for the buyers to do is paint and carpet because they are concerned that the buyer may not like the colors of the paint or they will want to rip out the carpet and add hardwoods. This is the logical but people buy based on emotion rather than intellect and old carpets and beat up walls tell

people the home needs work and they want to discount for the upgrades but the possibility of unseen repairs as well. I highly recommend making these improvements as well as refinishing hardwood floors and stripping wallpaper and painting. Another difficult one is landscaping because a nicely edged lawn with no overgrown trees and shrubs and mulched beds will make the home pop and is worth every penny when getting the home ready because it again gives the buyer the feeling that this home is well

cared for and they don't have to do any work. Buyers are willing to pay a premium to move right in and not have to do any work.

I recommend as soon as you decide you are going to move to have a Realtor come evaluate your home and give you a list of the recommended repairs to get the most money for your home. Keeping in mind it could take months to get your home ready for it to be sold.

Cornerstone Bank donates to the CASA Project

WORCESTER — Cornerstone Bank is proud to announce its recent donation of \$2,500 to the Court Appointed Special Advocate Project in support of its Child Court Advocacy Program.

Now in its 37th year, the CASA Project provides advocacy services to children living in the foster care system. The organization trains volunteer citizens to become court-appointed special advocates to represent the best interests of abused or neglected children in the juvenile court system.

The funds donated will be used to help support the recruitment and training of additional CASA volunteers, and thereby allow CASA to serve more victimized children within Worcester County as part of the Child Court Advocacy Program.

"The CASA Project is crucial to Worcester County's children who find themselves in a situation where they

need a responsible advocate to ensure their safety," stated Chairman and CEO of Cornerstone Bank K. Michael Robbins. "CASA's mission to expand their services and serve the victimized children in the area is noble, and we are happy to be able to support them in this worthy endeavor."

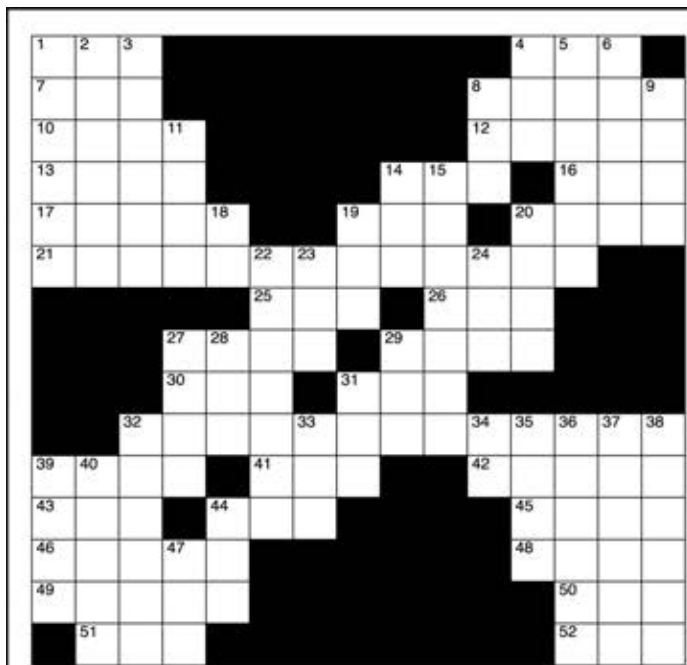
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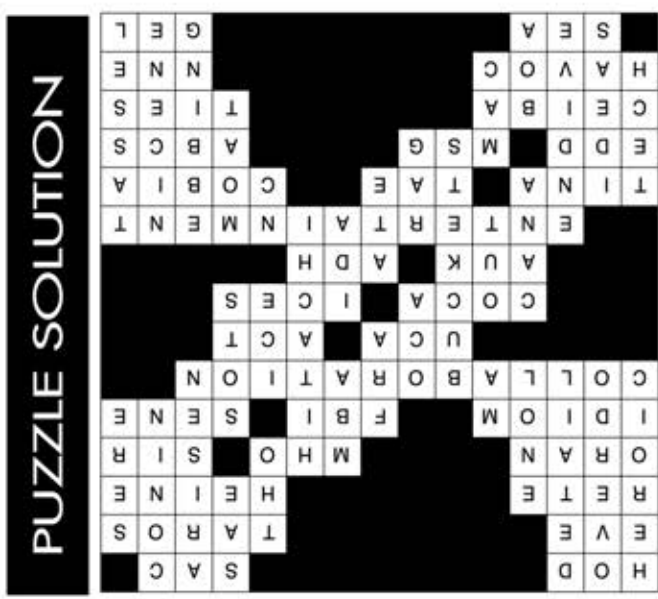


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Builder's trough
- 4. Pouch
- 7. Adam's partner
- 8. Zeldia soldiers
- 10. Network of nerves
- 12. Heinrich __, poet
- 13. Algerian port
- 14. Reciprocal of one ohm
- 16. Title of respect
- 17. Form of expression
- 19. Hoover's office
- 20. Samoan monetary unit
- 21. Cooperation
- 25. Fiddler crabs
- 26. Portion of a play
- 27. Tropical American shrub
- 29. Frosts
- 30. Short-winged diving seabird
- 31. Chemical compound used as a hardener (abbr.)
- 32. Diversion
- 39. __ Turner, rock singer
- 41. __-bo: exercise system
- 42. Large, edible game fish
- 43. Doctor of Education
- 44. Where the Knicks play
- 45. Basics
- 46. Tall tropical American trees
- 48. Men wear them
- 49. Widespread destruction
- 50. Midway between north and northeast
- 51. Vast body of water
- 52. Hair product

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Very brave
- 2. Go too far
- 3. Individual feature
- 4. Drug trials term (abbr.)
- 5. Has emerged
- 6. Helped the Spanish conquer Mexico
- 8. Northern Vietnam ethnic group
- 9. Dried-up
- 11. Reactive structures (abbr.)
- 14. Licensed for Wall Street
- 15. Japanese conglomerate
- 18. Home to the Celtics
- 19. Title given to Italian monk
- 20. Drunkards
- 22. Cylindrical containers
- 23. South American plants
- 24. Frozen water
- 27. Town in Galilee
- 28. Not in
- 29. Journalist and suffragist Wells
- 31. Consumed
- 32. Edible Mediterranean plant
- 33. Poke fun of
- 34. "First in Flight" state
- 35. Fortifying ditch
- 36. Receding
- 37. Christian liturgical creed
- 38. Used to decorate Xmas trees
- 39. High-__: complex
- 40. Thoughts
- 44. __ and cheese
- 47. Constrictor snake



AUDITOR

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2017 her office released a study highlighting challenges facing regional school districts calling for a "modernization" of the structure of such districts throughout the commonwealth. In that release she stated, "Ensuring student success in our regional school districts will require modernization of funding, governance, and operating structures, and will demand collaboration between state and local

educational officials, and lawmakers."

With Dudley facing a contentious budget season, specifically in regards to education, the meeting with Bump seems to be appropriately timed. The meeting will be held on Thursday, April 5 at 1 p.m. at the Dudley Town Hall, only two days after the scheduled elections in Dudley and Charlton where each town will decide whether or not to support a significant override request from the Dudley-Charlton Regional School District which, in itself, is an attempt to level out funding issues with education in the local school district.

SCHOOL

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solar array would be erected or how the specifics of the deal would work if a partnership between Seaboard Solar and the school district were to come to fruition. The school district has worked closely with solar companies in the past, most recently allowing for the building of a solar farm adjacent to the entranceway for Charlton Middle School and Shepherd Hill Regional High School.

DUDLEY

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"We'll report what we find in phase two and then phase three will come next year and that will be to tie it all together," Johnson said to close out his update.

Members of the Economic Development Committee took the time to praise the CMRPS for their help in administering the first two phases of the plan update. Members noted often times the state program gets a bad reputation for its heavy involvement in town-based projects. However, committee members praised the group as a powerful resource made up of experts in the field of planning and development that assisted town throughout the Commonwealth with economic growth. The CMRPC will be working with the town planner to help administer and execute phase two of the economic development plan update.

TAX TIP #4

April 17 is an important tax due date!

April 17, 2018, is the due date for filing your 2017 federal income tax return and for paying the tax you owe. The first installment of your 2018 estimated tax is due the same day. April 17 is also the due date for the first 2018 installment of estimated tax for corporations. Contact our office for any assistance you need.

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Powers announces bid for Congress



Kevin Powers

Kevin W. Powers, of Millville, is announcing his candidacy for United States Congress, 2nd Congressional District of Massachusetts.

Powers is running on a platform of term limits, better jobs, protecting Social Security for seniors, and low cost and renewable energy with a plan for energy independence within 15 years. He is also a proud and strong advocate of animal

welfare.

"As a small business owner, I create jobs. When I get into Congress, I will work to ensure that the Government doesn't get in the way of small businesses to create better jobs for you."

America is facing challenges like never before. Under the leadership of career politicians, the people have been let down. It is time to limit terms and return control of our nation to people who have actually had to create jobs, earn an honest paycheck, and pay a mortgage - people in touch with the difficulties created by the career politicians we have been electing.

Kevin is a strong supporter of term limits stating that, "Congress has a 13% approval rating, but a 95% re-election rate. The root of this problem is that politicians are incentivized by the political system to care more about retaining their position than about doing what is best for the country. Our elected leaders can and do abuse their power to keep away challengers, transferring power from the hands of citizens to the hands of unaccountable career politicians. To help end this problem, I have signed the congressional term limits pledge."

U.S. Term Limits (USTL) praised Massachusetts U.S. House District 2 Candidate Kevin Powers for signing its congressional term limits pledge. STL President Phillip Blumel commented on Kevin's Pledge saying, "Kevin's support of term limits shows that there are people out there who are willing to put self-interest aside to follow the will of the people and the founding fathers."

"Our founding fathers never intended for public service to be a career. Rather, serving in Congress was designed to be a temporary sacrifice made for the public good."

That is exactly what Kevin will do; serve in Congress for no more than six years and then return to his life as a local businessman and entrepreneur.

If you would like to know more about Kevin Powers' platform, please visit his website at www.kevinpowersforcongress.com or on Facebook.

Kevin will be visiting your community soon and he looks forward to meeting you and your neighbors.

Webster Democratic Town Committee makes a comeback

After several years of inaction, the Webster Democratic Town Committee was reconstituted under new leadership during the caucus held on Feb. 17 at a nearly full Webster Town Hall Selectmen's office.

The impassioned group elected Tom Klebart, a vigorous advocate of local, state and national Democratic causes, as their new chairman. Tom Walsh as vice chairman, Monica Baldyga as secretary and Nathan Wilder as treasurer round out the newly elected board. The Committee already has over a dozen members and is extending a welcome to any Webster citizens interested in organizing for the Democratic Party, the longest running continuous political party in the United States.

Among a multitude of goals, the Democratic party will continue to fight for economic fairness and equality, the protection of voter rights, ensuring health care for all our citizens, fixing our broken immigration system, combating climate change, increasing mental health treatment, restoring our democracy and continuing our country's leadership in an increasingly interdependent world. It is these issues, and more, that have been turned upside down during the last fourteen months. The current political climate prompted seasoned Webster Democratic voters, as well as many new to the political process, to come out in record numbers to form the newly constructed Webster Democratic Town Committee.

With increased political awareness in mind, the Webster Democratic Committee along with their counterparts in the towns of Dudley and Oxford would like to invite residents of these towns to attend a "Meet and Greet" with Congressman Jim McGovern and other local Democratic candidates. This meeting will be held on April 29 between 2-4 p.m. at Point Breeze Restaurant, 114 Point Breeze Road, Webster.

Anyone looking to become involved in the Webster Democratic Town Committee should contact Tom Walsh at (978) 764-7473 or via email at sunamericasecurities@yahoo.com.

MassHousing announces down payment assistance program

BOSTON — MassHousing announced the launch of a new down payment assistance program designed to lower the barriers to achieving homeownership working households face. MassHousing's new down payment assistance program will allow qualified first-time homebuyers to finance up to 100 percent of the purchase price of their first home.

MassHousing is now the only entity offering a down payment assistance program for low-, moderate- and middle-income buyers throughout Massachusetts, and the only entity in Massachusetts offering a sustainable, conventional mortgage product allowing buyers to achieve homeownership without making a down payment.

"Record-low inventory levels, rising home prices, high rents, and student loan debt are all making it more difficult for the average Massachusetts household to afford to purchase a home," said MassHousing Executive Director Chrystal Kornegay. "MassHousing's new down payment assistance program will help ensure that homeownership remains accessible to working families, by allowing creditworthy homebuyers to buy their first home with little to no down payment requirement. By boosting the buying power of low-, moderate- and middle-income households, MassHousing will support investment in neighborhoods, help the state's workforce remain rooted in Massachusetts, and advance the Agency's mission of confronting housing challenges facing the Commonwealth, to improve the lives of its people."

MassHousing is making down payment assistance loans available to first-time homebuyers with annual household incomes at or below the area median income, using MassHousing financing to purchase a single-family home or condominium unit. The area median income varies by county. Eligible households will earn \$103,400 or less in eastern Massachusetts, \$85,700 in Worcester County, and \$67,200 in Berkshire County.

Homebuyers accessing down payment assistance must still meet MassHousing's underwriting criteria, including minimum credit score and debt-to-income qualifications, and attend a homeownership education class.

MassHousing mortgages currently finance up to 97 percent of a home purchase price. The Agency's new down payment assistance program will finance up to an additional three percent of the purchase price, allowing for up to 100 percent financing for credit-worthy income-eligible borrowers.

Down payment assistance will be a fully amortizing 15-year, fixed-rate second mortgage, with an interest rate of one percent. The down payment assistance loan will carry no additional fees, and will be due in full upon the sale

or refinancing of the property. Down payment assistance will be capped at three percent of the purchase price, up to \$12,000.

Down payment assistance loans will be internally subsidized by the strength of the agency's existing single-family portfolio. The program will not require any additional allocation of funds, or the diversion of funds from other agency uses. MassHousing does not use taxpayer dollars to sustain its operations.

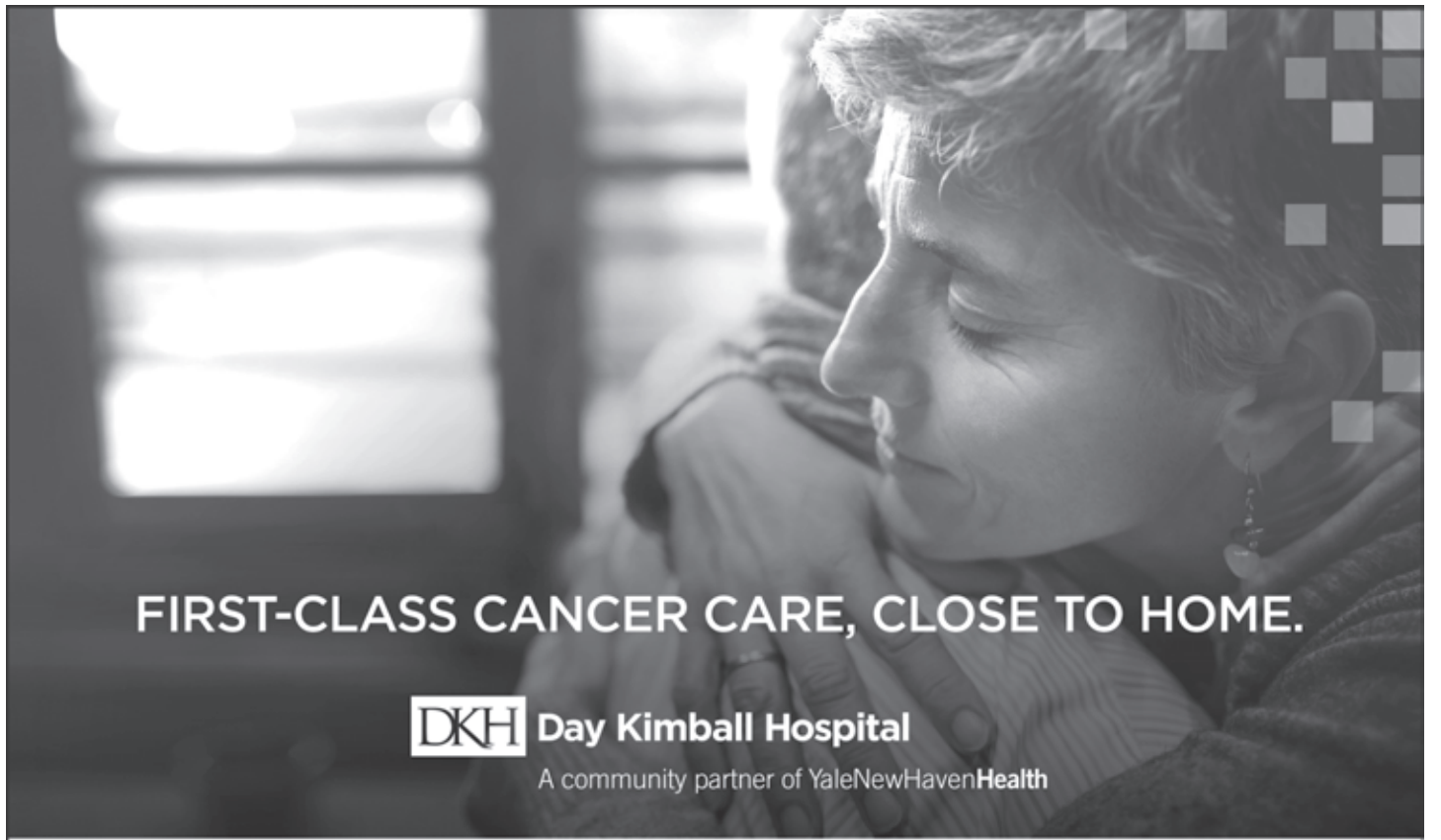
MassHousing finances home purchases through a network of more than 160 banks, credit unions and mortgage companies. Down payment assistance will launch alongside a simplification and consolidation of the agency's mortgage products. The new mortgage products, including down payment assistance, are

available to consumers immediately.

The new down payment assistance program for low-, moderate- and middle-income households complements MassHousing's ongoing efforts to support workforce housing. The agency has also created a \$100 million workforce housing fund to spur the creation of 1,000 new apartments affordable to middle-income renters. In partnership with the Baker-Polito Administration's Housing Choice Initiative, MassHousing is advancing measures to boost the production of new housing, and deliver 135,000 new housing units by the year 2025.

MassHousing (The Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency) is an independent, quasi-public agency created in 1966 and charged with provid-

ing financing for affordable housing in Massachusetts. The agency raises capital by selling bonds and lends the proceeds to low- and moderate-income homebuyers and homeowners, and to developers who build or preserve affordable and/or mixed-income rental housing. MassHousing does not use taxpayer dollars to sustain its operations, although it administers some publicly funded programs on behalf of the Commonwealth. Since its inception, MassHousing has provided more than \$22 billion for affordable housing. For more information, visit the MassHousing website at www.masshousing.com, follow us on Twitter @MassHousing, subscribe to our blog, watch us on YouTube and Like us on Facebook.



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LEARNING

Teacher with local ties to be honored

Mary Anne Jezierski from St. Bernadette School in the Diocese of Worcester, MA, will receive the 2018 Lead. Learn. Proclaim. award from the National Catholic Educational Association for dedication and commitment to excellence.

Jezierski, a lifelong resident of Webster, was chosen from more than 150,000 teachers and administrators, as well as diocesan leaders and organizations dedicated to the nation's Catholic schools. Jezierski will be recognized during the annual NCEA 2018 Convention & Expo that will take place April 3-5 in Cincinnati, OH. The annual award honors those whose ministry is Catholic school education and who have demonstrated a strong Catholic educational philosophy as well as exceptional ability, dedication and results.

"It takes dedicated people in the

schools, the dioceses, the parishes and the communities to carry out the mission of faith formation in Catholic schools. They are the living messengers of God's purpose from generation to generation," said Barbara McGraw Edmondson, Ed.D., NCEA chief leadership and program officer.

"I am most grateful for the opportunity to educate and help form responsible citizens, steeped in a Catholic world view and sustained by Gospel values," said Jezierski.

According to Principal Deborah O'Neil, Jezierski has been a valued member of the faculty at St. Bernadette School for the past 17 years.

"She has continually demonstrated a commitment to her students and has contributed significantly in collaborating with her colleagues in the interest of developing a comprehensive and

integrated program at St. Bernadette School. She challenges students to think beyond content to connect Catholic social teachings to their every interaction. Mary Anne has actively sought out professional development opportunities to expand her expertise and is generous in sharing her skillset with colleagues at St. Bernadette School and other Catholic schools in the Worcester Diocese and the Archdiocese of Boston."

St. Bernadette School, a Roman Catholic elementary and middle school located in Northborough, MA, was established in 1997 by the Diocese of Worcester. The school is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. St. Bernadette School serves girls and boys in Pre-K3 through Grade 8 and offers a rigorous academic program to a diverse student

body of 460 students, which includes many international students. Limited class size and a talented and dedicated faculty enable the School to maintain consistently high standards for all students while ensuring individual attention. St. Bernadette School was named a 2014 National Blue Ribbon School by the US Department of Education as an "Exemplary High Performing School."

The mission of St. Bernadette School is deeply rooted in firm Catholic beliefs and traditions. We are committed to providing a high-quality education that develops the intellect, inspires the spirit, and guides students to do what is right and just. In partnership with the Church and family, we encourage our students to exemplify Christian values and to become life-long learners.

Schools to undergo program review

Dr. Kristine E. Nash, interim superintendent of the Oxford public schools was informed by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education of an upcoming coordinated program review that will be taking place this school year. As part of this review, department staff will visit the district during the week of April 23. Such visits are routinely conducted by the Department to satisfy federal and state requirements for the periodic review of specific education programs and services in schools throughout the Commonwealth. The Department is reviewing several programs during a single visit in order to use Department

and school staff's time most efficiently and to encourage strong connections among the programs.

The Department's Coordinated Program Review will address the following programs: special education, civil rights, and English learner education. After reviewing school district procedures for these programs, a Department team will make its onsite visit, during which it will review individual student records, interview administrators, teachers and paraprofessional staff, survey parents and observe instructional spaces. After the onsite visit, it will prepare a report for the

Superintendent and School Committee, with detailed findings for each program.

Using a scale of ratings ranging from "Commendable" to "Not Implemented," the report will rate the implementation of each requirement reviewed by the Department. Where requirements are found not implemented or only partially implemented, the district must propose to the Department corrective action to bring those areas into compliance with statutes and regulations. Districts and schools are encouraged to incorporate the corrective action into their district and school improvement plans and professional development plan.

The school district will be provided with technical assistance from the Department in developing a corrective action plan. Both the Department's report and the corrective action plan are public information and will be available to the public upon request. Program review final reports are also available on the Department's Internet website at <http://www.doe.mass.edu/pqa/review/cpr/reports/>. Any member of the public may request to be interviewed by telephone by a member of the Department's visiting team. Those wishing to be interviewed should call the Superintendent's Office at (508) 987-6050 x 1111, no later

than April 17 to leave their name and phone number, or they may call the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education at (413) 314-6708. A member of the visiting team will contact each person desiring an interview within two weeks after the completion of the onsite visit. If an individual is not comfortable communicating in English or requires some other accommodation, the Department will make arrangements to communicate appropriately with the individual.

TRINITY CATHOLIC

ANNOUNCES HONOR ROLL

SOUTHBIDGE — The following students have earned a place on the honor roll for the second trimester at Trinity Catholic Academy.

GRADE 4

High Honors: Makayla Capillo and Frances Dyer.
Honors: Charles Congdon, Brandon Donnell, Anika Ferrantino, Zoe Forget, Brandon McGlone, Vorapat Voraraj, Harrison Wilson

GRADE 5

High Honors: Shane McGlone, Casey Renaud, Havish Swadia, Manaali Vaidya, Katharine Vennink.
Honors: Alexander Brouillard, Gregory Downie, Luisa Henao, Ava Simon, Ed Simon

GRADE 6

High Honors: Kirsten Congdon, Sean Gasperini, Zachary Hebert
Honors: David Adorna, Brody Carlson, Zachary Cournoyer, Teresita Del Valle, Margaret Lucey, Avelyn O'Brien, Laci Pollone

GRADE 7

High Honors: Lauren Lemire, Victoria Symock, Caroline Vigneault
Honors: Alexandra Cloutier, Ella Favreau, Tori Fontaine, Ethan Kenny, Gianaleze Lopez, Terry Simon

GRADE 8

High Honors: Connor Gonyea, Nathan Kowal, Rohan Vaidya
Honors: Tiffany King and Elizabeth Valley

VET AGENT

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have to make a choice of which veterans' services we don't offer to them, which is illegal. If a veteran comes into the office I have to offer them support and assistance and when dealing with these claims and fighting with the veterans' authority I have to sit down with them, find out what they need and that usually takes an hour or two hours. Then I have to have them come back to fill out forms. They have homework to do and they have to come back with their ailments."

The hope is that by increasing the office's clerk to 20 hours with a long overdue pay increase will help better serve the veterans and relatives in need. Rogerson would also commit to those 20 hours and much of Dudley's expenses for his salary are reimbursed by the state. Rogerson said after local publications reported on his original request from February he received a lot of public support for the change.

"I've received a lot of support from the community. I didn't realize it would go that far," Rogerson said. "Most people don't know what the veterans'

office does. They walk by, they see the flags and they don't realize a lot of work goes in there."

The Personnel Board remained consistent in their action on the matter, taking the same vote they do with other requests for raises in different town departments. The Board decided to take the request "under advisement" and to seek an updated job description for the clerk position. The board's newest member Peter Fox, a former selectman and a veteran who has been an outspoken supporter of raises in the past, took a moment to relay the reality of Dudley's financial situation to Rogerson and explain why none of the requested raises in the town have been outright approved as of yet.

"One of the major concerns that I have, not just with this request but with all the requests, is I think everyone is well aware of the financial situation the town is facing. It's enormous. We have a huge and important override vote coming up on April 3. The town administrator's number one responsibility, at least in my opinion, is the budget. Right now, he does not have all the information needed to formulate an accurate budget at this time because we don't know

what the school result would be, and we still don't have any numbers from the state. So, I have recommended to this board that we take any recommendations under advisement but take no action at this time because we don't have any financial picture of where we stand today," said Fox.

"The board supports people being paid fairly. I've gone on the record supporting the 90 percent factor from the area towns that we'd be able to compensate our employees properly, but right now today the bottom line is we don't know where we stand with the budget."

Rogerson said he understood the situation and the reasoning for the Personnel Board's hesitation to cast a vote. He explained his purpose for appearing before them was primarily to make them, and the public, aware of the situation and recommend a solution for consideration.

"My whole thesis is just to let people know what's going on," Rogerson said. "It's impossible to read a book and understand everything about working with veterans. There's a lot going on. My thesis was basically this is what we're doing, the town needs to understand it, and that's it."

Master gardeners to share secrets of saving seeds

STURBRIDGE — Have you ever wondered how to save your own seeds from the plants you grow year after year? At the annual Old Sturbridge Village Garden Symposium on April 7, participants will discover the joys, benefits, and techniques of seed saving. Expert gardeners will explain which plants are best adapted for this practice, and uncover the secrets - and value - of preserving heirloom varieties.

The keynote address will be delivered by Hannah Traggis, senior horticulturist at the Massachusetts Horticultural Society's Elm Bank. In her talk "Seeds: The Powerhouse of Civilization," she will describe the case for and cultural importance of saving open pollinated seeds.

Gretel Anspach, a retired Raytheon engineer and master gardener, will present "Seed Saving 101," a primer for beginning and experienced gardeners with tips and techniques for collecting and preserving seeds from a wide variety of vegetables, flowers, and herbs.

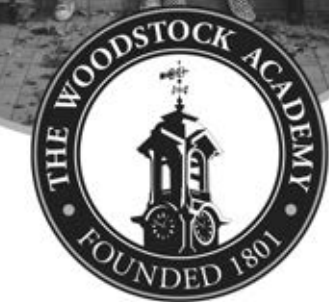
Other workshops during the day-long symposium will cover topics such as "19th-century Seed Saving" and "Collecting and Saving Seeds from Fruits."

The Symposium begins at 9:00 am on Saturday, April 7, and costs \$50 for the day, or \$40 for OSV members. An optional boxed lunch may be purchased for an additional \$15. To register, visit www.osv.org/saveseds or call 508-347-0290.

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VIEWPOINT

The kindness of strangers helps young boy with autism

My son is nine years old, his favorite color is orange, and he enjoys reading Dr. Seuss books...I think.

Sometimes I don't really know what my son likes or dislikes. He is a mystery to everyone, even me, and I am his mother. Jase was diagnosed with autism at the fragile age of two, said his first word at age five, then lost it, and said another first word at seven, and kept it. He is still non-verbal, but uses a communication device to tell us what he wants and needs. On top of the autism diagnosis Jase has speech-apraxia, which is just a fancy word for the inability to talk. So, here we are, a little family whose lives revolve around therapies, doctor and specialist visits, school meetings, and too many emotions to count.

If you are a parent of someone with autism, or teach someone with autism, or are someone with autism, you know that there are these special magical moments of clarity. These little yummy morsels of just sweet, sweet lucidity where everything comes out clear. The static is gone, the voice is clear and it says "I want more color hats."

Okay, it might not be about hats, but that is what it was for my Jase. Hats, and he wanted more of them.

A little background information for you: Jase doesn't like anything. Like, anything. I thought he enjoyed puzzles, but when he started doing 100-piece puzzles and memorizing where each piece goes, it didn't interest him anymore.

I thought he may like dinosaurs: no. Match box cars: no. LEGO: nope. Coloring, painting, or sports: no, no, and no.

Then one day we were waiting for his van that would take him off to another day at school, and he looks at me and says (yes, says!) "I want more color hats."

That's it. I mean, I just stare at him

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as he is adorned with a pirate hat that he wears every single day already, and say "okay," like this is a totally normal thing.

My non-verbal kid just talked. He asked for something other than a food item or a need to be left alone. He asked me for something that means a lot to him: hats.

I put him on the van, wave to him as he drives away, and run straight into the house to caffeinate and concentrate. Time to get the word out. I hit Facebook immediately, which, is pretty much the only social media I know anything about, and I post away. Mom looking for hats, used hats, old hats, new hats, different hats, hats, hats, hats! I post on my page and I post on local yard sale sites, and people saw and pulled through for us.

We had hats coming in from all over Massachusetts, Connecticut, and New Hampshire. In boxes they came, sent directly to Jase with his name on the mailing address and everything! Inside we received notes and cards all wishing him a happy day, and lovely texts about how wonderful he is. "Enjoy your hat & keep inspiring the world!" from Drew and Athena. Some wonderful people even started to make hats for Jase. We even received crochet hats with his favorite movie characters on them!

Jase now chooses a different hat every day, some days he is a police man, others he has a giant pizza, or has a shark trying to eat his head! He loves his hats and they all make him smile.

People often ask me, why hats? I cannot honestly know. He can't tell me, or hasn't told me why yet, but I have my suspicions.

Jase is a peculiar fellow. When out in public he may hum loudly, wiggle his fingers in front of his eyes, and carry a big iPad around his neck to talk. He has received a variety of looks from



Courtesy photo

Jase with a variety of his hats

curious, to scared, to amusement, or misunderstanding.

Then he started to wear his pirate hat, and people didn't notice anything else but the hat. Out of context of Halloween, it is pretty darn cool to see a young kid exploring his imagination and wearing a neat pirate hat around the store, in a restaurant, or just around town.

Jase knows a lot more than we give him credit for. He is super smart, super sweet, he knows deeper, he feels greater, and he experiences absolutely. I truly believe that these hats are all protection for him. It is a way for him to

express his true self: a child filled with wonder and kindness.

I want to thank everyone who sent him hats. I want to thank everyone who made him hats. You are so very talented and we appreciate your hard work. I want to thank everyone who shared and reached out to us. You are all so very amazing for spreading such happiness to a little boy who, although can't speak, says the most wonderful things when his eyes light up and he adorns a loved and gratefully accepted hat. Thank you.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Moran: vote in favor

To the editor:

On April 3, we citizens of Dudley and Charlton will have the opportunity to vote on the future of our children. A special election will be conducted on that day in both towns to permit a Proposition 2 1/2 override to fund our schools. This is urgently needed to avoid significant cuts which may jeopardize their right to an education which prepares them well for their future.

Why is this necessary? Since the most recent (2008) state education funding allocation changes, cities and towns in Massachusetts have been asked to fund a larger and larger share of the burden of public education. Since that time, our share of responsibility has grown by half, and the state's share has barely increased at all. This has driven our administrators to dig very deep over the years to make up the shortfall... and there isn't any deeper it appears we can go without new revenue.

If we fail to act, class sizes will increase, enrichment programs and resources including mental health support could be jeopardized, critical infra-

structure like roofs and heating systems will continue to crumble, and needed technology investment cannot be made. Each of these taken individually diminish our students' experience, but all of them taken together would significantly disadvantage our students compared with their peers even in the next towns over.

Now I do not have children in the Dudley school system. I am retired, and my children are grown. But it is very important to me that our children, ALL our children, receive the best education we can deliver to them. They are our future. They deserve the best we can do for them.

So please. Come out on April 3 and vote! Vote for our kids. Vote for those who work with them every day. Make sure your friends and neighbors are informed. We don't have an opportunity very often to make such an important difference in the lives of so many. Let's make this happen!

LIZA MORAN
DUDLEY

Davies: unhappy with Sound Off

To the Editor:

A "Sound Off" column....really??? Have you learned nothing from the last two years of cultural divisiveness? Now the Webster Times joins social media in promoting incivility of discourse, unverified "facts", declarations that information not to your liking is "fake" news, — dividing us rather than uniting us. And the best yet...you can be anonymous.

In my opinion the Times already has been violating the principles of good journalism by allowing anonymous letters to the editor for those with no intestinal fortitude to express valid concerns openly and hopefully with suggestions for improvement. You do not need a special column for it. As we near a new local election cycle, the Times (which bars only "libelous remarks and personal attacks" from its letters) now can be just one more "social media" site for venting, making innuendos, and generally spreading ill will. I would hope that

instead you would encourage transparency, integrity, and meaningful debate. And to those of you who don't have the courage to sign your names—ask yourselves why you can't come forward with your convictions.

And since you are encouraging us to "sound off", I say to "Citizen: new name" (The Webster Times-March 23, 2018), brown water indeed is an issue in Webster. So do something about it. Get involved in town meetings, boards, and commissions. Learn about the progress that has been made and what remains to be done and how it is being addressed and funded. Ask questions. Make positive suggestions. There is a need for citizen participation. Or you just can hide behind your anonymity and complain.

I am so disappointed in my hometown paper.

DR. ELAINE F DAVIES
(N.B. NOT ANONYMOUS)

Place Motors: appreciate help

To the Editor:

From all of us at PLACE MOTOR INC. We would like to thank everyone who participated in the Fill-A-FORD FULL OF FOOD event recently held at Dudley Park N Shop and Webster Price Chopper. This event has significant meaning to us as we have a chance to give back to our community. Providing Food to those who are in real need is a heartwarming experience.

Place Motor Inc. has always been dedicated to local events that help our community. We are proud to join with Webster-Dudley Food Share, United Way of Webster & Dudley, and the society of St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you for all your support!

PLACE MOTOR INC.
STEVEN PLACE, PRESIDENT

Lemire: Et tu, Webster Times ?

To the Editor:

The "Viewpoint" in the March 16th edition of this paper showed that being educated doesn't make you "smart." It was titled, "Bill of Rights not easily changed" written by Dr. Harold Pease. I don't agree with Pease, but what is very objectionable is the Webster Times (WT) showing its political choice and its stand on gun control. This piece was not submitted by Pease to the WT. Someone within the WT found this article and chose to insert it. As a person awarded by the Massachusetts Press Association for my newspaper work, I have always considered a "weekly" to be neutral. The WT isn't the Manchester Union Leader, but it seems obvious that they drink the same juice. To choose (and the key word is "choose") to give Pease space in this paper labels the WT. Some may agree with that label — some may not.

A point about Pease's column:

The guns that were used by the militia and the British Army in the American Revolution were single shot muskets. It was a British weapon and it had the nickname "Brown Bess." It weighed 14 pounds and was 3' 8" long. It was inaccurate and it took 20 to 30 seconds to reload. On September 17, 1787, when our "Founding Fathers" drafted the

United States Constitution and the "2nd Amendment," it was the above musket that the Fathers wanted all of us to have the right to bear.

Is there anyone out there reading this, that could possibly think that even the most demented politician would draft the 2nd Amendment, as it was drafted in 1787, if the arms were AR-15s???? If the US Constitution was drafted today, then there would be no provision that would allow you and me the right to bear assault rifles. Should we have the right to own a revolver or hunting rifles and shotguns? — Yes. But what insane purpose does owning an AR-15 serve? None! And Dr. Pease, living in America, has the right to his opinion. He has the right to write his opinion. But for the WT to choose to put it into our local paper... They have that right, but when I retrieve this paper from my mailbox — I will find it on the far right side.

As a side note. This Pease insertion, with the killing of 17 students on February 14th, just one month before the March 16th edition, had the pictures of high school students on the front page. That isn't poor timing — it is irresponsible journalism.

RAY LENTINE
WEBSTER

Doyle: play well done

To the Editor:

Oxford High School's presentation of "Dorothy in Wonderland" was just great! Kudos go to those on the stage and behind the scenes.

The story was very imaginative and it was presented so well using excellent costumes and sets. It was good

to include an autographs page in the program — there are some rising stars here!!

Thanks to all involved in the production — I could tell there was a lot of hard work to make such a great show!!

MAUREEN DOYLE
SOUTHBRIDGE

St. Vincent de Paul: thank you to all

To the Editor:


Thank you to all the people who supported the recent "Fill a Ford" food drive at Price Chopper in Webster and Park and Shop in Dudley.

The outpouring of participation will go far to assist the residents in need in Webster and Dudley.

Thank you also to United Way, Place

Motors, and the Bartlett National Honor Society and participating seniors for their assistance, planning, and sponsorship. Your generosity will be appreciated by all who benefit.

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EDITORIAL

Sounding off: it ends now

A few years ago, before the advent of Facebook news and faceless media trolls on the Internet, a different editor and others at Stonebridge Press adopted an idea. It wasn't entirely new, it had been done elsewhere, but it was taken as our own.

The premise was, some people were afraid to express their opinion, afraid of repercussions from, well, take your pick: politicians, the police, neighbors, whomever this person or that thought might not agree and would take offense in some hostile manner.

So it became a policy, you could call in and leave a voicemail, or you could mail an anonymous letter, and be assured it would get into the pages.

But there were some major problems with this in the long run. We couldn't know just who it was that was sending us these gems. We couldn't know if they were "on the up and up" for one thing, whether the people were who they claimed to be.

And there wasn't a lot we could do about their information. We couldn't ask them where they found their information, what it was based on, who they had spoken to, whether other steps had been taken...really whether any of what they purported to say was even truthful. We couldn't know.

But we printed them. We've had second thoughts. As our publisher Frank Chilinski eloquently put it, "In this era of the internet, social media, news online that goes unchecked and unchallenged, it is a much different world than the world of 15 years ago."

And in the last week or so, we've had some varied responses to some harsh anonymous contributions.

With that in mind, while there are some responses in this week's opinions, be assured there will no longer be anonymous letters to the editor in our pages.

We may, if the writer chooses and can prove a need, withhold a name of a writer upon request, but the writer must provide us with their contact information first, so we can verify their information with them if we have questions. That's the only way we can do it and be as balanced as possible on all fronts.

We hope this helps clarify our position, and makes us a bit more responsible.

On another note, while debating the pros and cons of gun controls, First Amendment rights of various groups debating those rights and the newest demonstrating Children Who Have Discovered Voices; we nearly missed a huge issue much, much closer to home.

Every one of the towns served by a Stonebridge Press newspaper is affected.

While we who drive Massachusetts highways and byways continue to pay for the Big Dig, the Massachusetts Turnpike, the airports and the non-existent-to-us train services beyond the I-495 corridor, the Governor who gets driven to work has chosen not to fully fund transportation services out here.

That it doesn't do enough already, and if anything should be expanded in most areas, the idea of a cut in services is ludicrous.

We can't conceive of the words to condone this idiocy. People who need this service, who must get to work, to health services, to get to schools, even to shop or to enjoy a little time away from home depend entirely on the bus runs. Many rural areas still don't have regularly scheduled runs now; they should be expanded not contracted.

This one thing is enough to change our minds about Charlie.

VIEWPOINT

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

A form of March Madness

March Madness. Who would come out on top?

Most in Jerusalem knew the team they were cheering for on that first Palm Sunday and the sort of champion they wanted to lead them to victory.

Some were rooting for a new ruler to bring back the perceived good old days of the kingdom of David (Mark 11:10).

Some wanted the political and military machinery of Rome with their appointee Pilate to keep the peace through a show of military force.

Others were infected with a sort of madness and this madness was spreading. There were lots of fans cheering on this new champion Jesus and his team called disciples. They had no idea what they were doing or what they were getting themselves into.

It was madness to stand up to the powers that be as they did. It was madness to profess this carpenter as king, as equal to Caesar, madness to believe in him as Son of God, madness to believe his words proclaiming all of them as sons and daughters of god, also equal to Caesar...deadly madness.

It couldn't end well, yet those common people just struggling day to day to survive, beaten down and kept down by the powers that be, those lepers and prostitutes, those women, men and children, those laborers, farmers and uneducated masses had never had a champion like this before. Growing throngs of people were infected with this madness leading them to believe that mountainside gatherings, teachings, healings, sharing resources, planting seeds of love and marches for peace could change the course of human history.

Yes, this is madness, this "March Madness," as they march their way through the gates of Jerusalem. They follow their champion.

Yet their champion is a team player. He sent a couple of them to find a colt and tells them if anyone questions them "If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately'." (Mark 11:3 NRSV)

Oh sure, that makes sense! What?!

Yet somehow it did, they who would have never thought it possible, made the play of their lifetime.

David Brooks, a columnist for The New York Times, has written, 'About once a month I run across a person who radiates an inner light. These people can be in any walk of life. They seem deeply good. They listen well. They make you feel funny and valued. They are not thinking about what wonderful work they are doing. They are not thinking about themselves at all.'

In 2018 a March Madness (beyond

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that of basketball) infects certain folks like this, and it's beautiful.

They march with young people in what they call a March for Our Lives. Sounds like Palm Sunday to me. And while we might be tempted to look at all this, smile, and call it all quite sweet...it's anything but. This is deadly serious stuff and here in the middle of Holy Week the world needs mad marchers more than ever. On March 24, the day before a week our

tradition names as Holy, families took to the streets of Washington DC, Boston, Worcester and other cities throughout our nation and world, demanding that all of us get serious about gun violence, mass shootings in our schools and reasonable gun reform.

They're just a bunch of kids, right? They'll grow. They'll come to understand the way things are. Let them have their moment. Smile at them politely then, let them realize how ridiculous they were, madness, marching together like that, not understanding that peace only comes through more violence... yet those who cheer that team cheer as those who once cheered Pax Romana, the peace of Rome, peace at the end of a sword.

Jesus is being tested this week by every other team's champion. They'll seek to humiliate and defeat him, to erase him completely, as if he'd never existed at all.

So long ago now, crowds marched with Jesus and shouted "Hosanna!" which means "Save Us!" Save us from defeat and despair and save us from ourselves.

Jesus is a champion unlike any other, a champion whose physical body is destroyed on the court, a champion who suffers what appears to be defeat yet continues and perseveres and never gives up, a champion who carries the cross of his broken body and this broken world and then invites us to champion (as a verb) the kingdom of God he champions, to be on earth as in heaven.

To follow Jesus, not just to utter words of belief in Jesus, but to actually follow with our actions on the court of life's journey, was considered madness on that first Palm Sunday march. It still is. March Madness. And yet we march, listening for what Jesus needs from us, responding...seeing success not defeat as we stand at the foot of the cross, Jesus our champion on the court of our lives...that cross now a symbol of our trust in God marching us away from true madness towards peace, justice, equality and God's kin-dom made real through us. "Save us!" we cry. Then, through the saving love of Christ Jesus marching with us, we are saved. Amen.

Can you keep a car at home if it isn't registered?



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I was asked a question involving storage of unregistered motor vehicles on property here in town. Many people have unregistered vehicles on their property for one reason or another. A person recently bought a new car and is in the process of selling their older one. I was asked to explain the town

By-law for the benefit on storage of unregistered cars.

Article twenty-one is the section of the Dudley By-laws which pertains to storage of unregistered motor vehicles. Unless a person is the holder of a license, such as a car dealer, or unless given a special permit by the Selectmen, they cannot allow more than one unregistered motor vehicle to remain on a lot in the town. The vehicle can be assembled or disassembled for the purposes of this law. The term "lot" is defined as "a parcel of land held in identical ownership throughout including all contiguous land held in the same ownership."

In the incident in question, the property owner is completely within the limit of the law.

Should someone request a special permit, a public hearing will be held and the Selectmen "may" issue one if certain criteria are met. Some items of consideration include whether or not the vehicles constitute a nuisance and if they do "not adversely affect the neighborhood."

This By-law does not apply to vehicles stored within an enclosed building or if they are designed for farming or other agricultural purposes. Penalties for a violation are \$20 per day for each violation. This law is designed to avoid hazardous situations and the compiling of vehicles.

Should you find yourself with a potential violation, it is good to know you have options. Many charities or scrap dealers will take old vehicles off your property at no cost. You may also receive a tax credit in some cases. Feel free to contact our office should you require assistance with this problem.

Thanks again for your questions and comments. Please send them to me at the Dudley Police Department, 71 West Main St., Dudley, MA 01571 or email at swojnar@dudleypolice.com.

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Newer investors: don't panic if bear market returns



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If you're in your twenties or thirties, you might be starting to focus more on investing to reach your financial goals. Because of this, you also may be more attuned to moves in the financial markets. Depending on your age, you may have only experienced the bull market of the past nine years, so you might not know what to expect – or how to respond – whenever the next bear market strikes.

Of course, just recently, you've witnessed a market correction – a drop of at least 10 percent in the major stock market indices, such as the S&P 500. This sudden plunge made big news and reminded many investors of how volatile the financial markets

can be.

But a full-fledged bear market usually isn't identified until the markets are down 20 percent from their recent highs. Plus, bear markets, unlike corrections, tend to linger for a while.

The last "bear" emerged from hibernation in October 2007 and stayed on the prowl until early March 2009. During that time, the S&P 500 declined by about 50 percent. Clearly, investors were not happy – but the market recovered and moved to new heights. This long and strong run-up may have obliterated your bear market memories, if you ever had them at all. And that's why you might want to familiarize yourself with some of the bare facts about bear markets:

Bear markets may provide good buying opportunities. When gas is expensive, you may just buy a few gallons at a time – but when the price falls, you're probably more likely to fill up your

tank. The same principle can apply to investing – when stock prices are down, your investment dollars will buy more shares. And the more shares you own, the greater your ability to build wealth once the share price rises. In short, a bear market may provide you with a chance to buy quality investments at good prices.

Bear markets don't last forever. No one can predict precisely how long bear markets will run, but they've typically been much shorter than bull markets. So, while you might not particularly like looking at your investment statement during a decline, you can take some comfort in knowing such downturns are a normal feature of the investment landscape.

Bear markets don't affect all investments equally. If you only own U.S. stocks, your portfolio may well take a sizable hit during a bear market. But other types of investment vehicles may not be as directly affected – and some may even show positive results. Consequently,

you could reduce the bear's "bite" if you also own a variety of other investments, such as international stocks, bonds, government securities, certificates of deposit (CDs) and so on. However, while owning this type of diversified portfolio can help reduce the impact of market volatility, it does not guarantee profits or protect against losses.

A bear market can be challenging. But by making the right moves, such as staying patient, looking for buying opportunities and maintaining a diversified portfolio, you may be able to prevent a market decline from becoming unbearable.

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SOUND OFF I agree

Just finished reading the Letter to the Editor and answering to what "just Saying" wrote.

Thank you for writing this article. It has been on my mind for a long time but thought I was the only one that thought that. I am old now, but when I see the immigrants taking over my town that I lived here all my life. And getting sympathy, so they go on welfare, free housing, medical care, etc.

You wrote the honest thing that I have read in a long time. "Just Saying," I am proud that you wrote the truth. Believe me I have nothing against them especially the good ones, but since we been bringing them in all it has been is guns, drugs, robbing people, not to mention killing. I am afraid of going out, I feel I am becoming a recluse. Thank you again.





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The Webster Senior Center will be closed on Friday, March 30th in observance of Good Friday.

House Number Signs: Sheriff's Office offers a free service to anyone who may be interested in having a number sign made for his or her house. Please inquire at Senior Center Office.

The Webster Senior Center would like to start a cribbage league and we need a leader. If someone is interested in volunteering to get a league started please give us a call at 508-949-3845 or stop in the center during business hours.

BUS HEARING Thursday, April 5th from 10:30 am-12:30 pm the WRTA will hold a public meeting to discuss proposed routing and schedule changes to bus routes.

MY OLD FRIEND Solutions for Seniors & Their Pets Presentation by Natalie Langlois. Tuesday, April 10th at 10:00 am. This program is to inform people of options available in the event they cannot keep their pet as well as financial aid options to assist with unexpected vet bill. Please sign up by stopping at the Senior Center or by calling 508-949-3845.

FALLON: Fallon Senior Plan Representative Brian Guagnini will be at the Webster Senior Center on

Wednesday, April 11th from 10:00 am-12:00 pm.

WEEKLY EVENTS

ZUMBA GOLD-Certified Zumba Gold Instructor Stephanie Bolduc will be teaching her class here at the Webster Senior Center on Wednesdays from 1:00-1:45. Cost: \$3.00

Forty Arroyo Fitness Classes: MONDAY-Beginner Line Dancing 10:00-10:45 am. Advanced Line Dancing 10:45-11:30 am. WEDNESDAY- Chair Dancing 9:30-10:30a.m. Move While U Groove 10:45-11:45a.m. FRIDAY-Chair Dancing 10:00-11:00 am. Move While You Groove 1:00-2:00 pm. All classes cost \$3.00 each.

MONDAY

Progressive Pitch: Every Monday and Wednesday at 1 p.m. No need to commit to a league, come and play when you can make it.

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TUESDAY

Bingo: Every Tuesday, starts at 1:00 pm promptly. Please plan to arrive by 12:45 pm to allow time to buy your bingo sheets. Our bingo group is looking for volunteers to call bingo. Stop by the front desk or call (508) 949-3845 for more information.

WEDNESDAY

Progressive Pitch: Every Monday and Wednesday at 1 p.m. No need to commit to a league, come and play when you can make it.

THURSDAY

13 Card Pitch: Every Thursday at 1:00 p.m.

FRIDAY

9-Card Pitch: Every Friday at 1:00 pm

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

Tri-Valley, Inc. - April 2018

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 Beef Stew Steamed Rice Green Beans Pineapple	3 Vegetable Cheese Bake Broccoli & Red Peppers Corn Yogurt	4 Chicken Milano Wild Rice Tuscany Blend Vegetables Mandarin Oranges	5 Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Peas & Carrots Fresh Fruit	6 Breaded Fish Tartar Sauce Lemon Seasoned Potato Scandinavian Vegetables Fruited Ambrosia
9 Chicken Sausage Jambalaya Rice Pilaf Green Peas Cookie	10 Meatballs w/Onion Gravy Bowtie Pasta Scandinavian Vegetables Mandarin Oranges	11 Marinated Pork Loin Herb Seasoned Potatoes Oriental Blend Vegetables Fresh Fruit Minestrone Soup	12 Chicken Fajitas Spanish Rice Black Beans & Corn Sour Cream/Pita Bread Pineapple	13 Fish with Crumb Topping Potatoes O'Brien Broccoli Gingerbread Diet=Small Piece
16 PATRIOTS DAY NO MEAL SERVED	17 Salmon Boat with Dill Sauce Mashed Potatoes Peas & Pearl Onions Peaches	18 BBQ Chicken Red Bliss Potatoes Summer Corn Salad Cantaloupe	19 Cold Roast Beef S/W Lettuce & Tomato Potato Salad Beet Salad Pears	20 Lasagna & Meatballs Corn Niblets Cheesecake Mousse
23 Roast Pork with Gravy Mashed Potatoes Jardiniere Vegetables Fresh Fruit Split Pea Soup	24 Hot Dog on Bun Baked Beans Coleslaw Mixed Fruit	25 Beef and Bean Chili w/ Cheese Baked Potato Sour Cream Mixed Vegetables Peaches	26 Chicken Cacciatore Penne Pasta Italian Blend Vegetables Birthday Cake & Plain Cake	27 Haddock w/Picatta Sauce Garden Blend Rice Broccoli Brownie Diet=Half Piece Brownie
30 Chicken Mornay Couscous Roman Blend Vegetables Tapioca Pudding & Diet	Dudley 508-949-6640, Franklin 508-520-1422, Milford 508-478-8102, Northbridge 508-234-2002, Oxford 508-987-6000, Southbridge 508-764-1469, Spencer 508-885-3904, Sturbridge 508-347-5063, Sutton 508-234-0703, Upton 508-529-9094, Uxbridge 774-482-6174, West Brookfield 508-867-1411 Tri-Valley receives federal financial support under the Older Americans Act furnished by the Central Mass Agency on Aging and the Executive Office of Elder Affairs.			

New networking connection with Tri-Valley benefits seniors

Tri-Valley, Inc. is now part of the National Council on Aging's network dedicated to helping people with Medicare improve their financial outlook by enrolling in programs to help them afford health care, prescriptions, food, and more.

Nationally, half of all people with Medicare live on incomes less than \$26,200 per year, and they often lack the resources needed to meet basic living expenses. Federal, state, and local programs exist to help these individuals, but many people do not know how to apply for assistance.

Tri-Valley, Inc. has a strong history of helping vulnerable residents in 25 towns located in South Central Massachusetts

(Bellingham, Blackstone, Brookfield, Charlton, Douglas, Dudley, East Brookfield, Franklin, Hopedale, Medway, Mendon, Milford, Millville, Northbridge, North Brookfield, Oxford, Southbridge, Spencer, Sturbridge, Sutton, Upton, Uxbridge, Warren, Webster and West Brookfield)," said Susan Salisbury, director of community services. "We're proud to be part of this national network of organizations that, since 2009, has helped more than 850,000 low-income older adults and younger adults with disabilities achieve economic stability."

Tri-Valley, Inc. is one of 69 Benefits Enrollment Centers funded by NCOA to serve low-income Medicare bene-

ficiaries in 36 states. BECs are supported by funding from the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act, administered through the U.S. Administration for Community Living. Tri-Valley's BEC will cover the agency's 25-towns listed above plus 36 additional communities in Central Massachusetts.

BECs use NCOA's free online BenefitsCheckUp(r) tool (www.BenefitsCheckUp.org to screen lower income older adults, and younger adults with disabilities, for more than 2,500 benefits-including Medicare Savings Programs, Part D Extra Help, and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and to help them

apply for and use those benefits.

To see if someone you know qualifies for assistance, call Tri-Valley at 508-949-6640.

Tri-Valley is a private, non-profit agency. The agency receives funding from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through the Executive Office of elder Affairs and from the Federal government, under the Older American's Act, processed through the Central Mass Agency on Aging. Funds are also received from other public and private sources. All donations are welcome and memorials may be established.

Beatles retrospective planned April 5

OXFORD — A Cultural and Historical Reflection of the 1960s Through the Music of The Beatles will be presented in Oxford on Thursday, April 5 beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the Oxford Senior Center, 323 Main St.

The Beatles are the most influential band in history. In 1964, their breakout moment was on The Ed Sullivan Show, where an estimated 73 million viewers tuned in to see the "Lads from Liverpool" in their first live American television performance.

On April 4, 1964, they became the only artists to ever occupy the top five spots of the Billboard Hot 100 chart simultaneously. With landmark albums like Revolver and Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band, they consistently broke musical barriers.

They have sold more than one billion records. As a testament to their longevity and popularity, their album titled 1, containing all their #1 hits, was the best-selling album of the 2000s. Their music is timeless and appeals to fans in every generation.

This performance combines live music with a multi-media presentation to explore, not only the music of The Beatles, but the influence they exerted in every area of the cultural landscape.

The presenter is Fran Hart, founding member of the Beatles Tribute Band 4EverFab. The presentation is free and open to all.

The presentation is sponsored by the Oxford Council on Aging. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Oxford Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.



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Space memorabilia

Given the rich history and significant contributions in our region, it's no surprise that we have local connections to the space program.

Dr. Robert H. Goddard is considered the father of American rocketry. He was born in Worcester in 1882. Goddard graduated from Worcester Polytechnic Institute in 1908. Dr. Goddard began his graduate studies the same year at Clark University.

NASA's website states his 1920 treatise, "A Method of Reaching Extreme Altitudes," outlined the possibility of a rocket reaching the moon. On March 16, 1926, Goddard launched his first liquid fueled rocket on Pakachoag Hill in Auburn. NASA equates the historical significance of this event to the Wright Brothers first flight at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina.

A handwritten letter by Robert Goddard can bring four figures at auction. Letters with important rocket related content can bring even more. A typed letter signed by Goddard may even bring \$1,000 or more. Five photos of Goddard target shooting, in a car and performing other activities sold for \$375 in a 2006 auction.

The Worcester Historical Society website highlights



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local companies that contributed to the space program. NASA approached Allegro Systems, in Worcester, for help with a project. World leaders had written messages for the astronauts to carry to the moon. NASA needed them reproduced on some type of small surface to be left at the moon. Allegro created a 14/1000th inch disc that is easily readable with a microscope. It was left on the moon during the lunar landing in 1969.

Wyman Gordon Company, of North Grafton, produced more than 150 fittings that were used on the Saturn V booster rocket for Apollo II. More recently, Wyman Gordon forged the main landing gear for the U.S. Space Shuttle.

David Clark Company, in Worcester, developed the anti-G suit for pilots during World War II. It helped prevent pilots from blacking out during high speed maneuvers. In the late 1950s, David Clark produced equipment for the space program. John Glenn wore a headset manufactured by David Clark when he orbited earth in 1962. When Neil Armstrong set foot on the moon, he also wore a headset made by David Clark. David



Clark Company was also in the news more recently. Felix Baumgartner made a record breaking 24 mile jump from the edge of space wearing a David Clark spacesuit.

Auction records list David Clark high altitude suits for pilots selling in the thousands of dollars. Pressurized helmets also can bring four figure sums. A Gemini space suit thermal layer made for Gus Grissom rocketed to \$43,750 at auction.

There are other types of memorabilia that are more common. Signed astronaut photos are popular with collec-

tors. Because Neil Armstrong was the first person to walk on the moon, his autograph is especially desirable. His signed photos can sell for over \$1,000. For collectors on a budget, there are autographs by lesser known astronauts. A photo signed by Michael Rich Clifford, who was on three Space Shuttle missions, recently sold for just over \$1 on eBay. You can still find prices on some space memorabilia that aren't priced out of this world.

We will be offering space memorabilia from a David Clark Company executive in

our fall live auction. Info will be coming soon on an online auction we'll be running in Sterling. See www.centralmassauctions.com for details on this and other upcoming events.

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Flower Power

The months of March and April bring with them the anticipation of sunny days to come. And for New Englanders, the long awaited warm weather promises a new season of flowers. From altering moods to increasing productivity, tending to flowers can serve as a valuable form of garden therapy. Read on for some inspiration to plan spring and summer gardens this year!

Don't have a garden? Don't fret – simply being in the company of flowers can have a profound therapeutic effect. The mere sight and fragrance of flowers can trigger the release of endorphins, the "feel good" hormones that increase joy and well being.

In fact, research by Rutgers College, New Jersey established flowers have a positive impact on moods and can even decrease bouts of mild depression. According to the ten month study, flowers have an immediate impact on happiness. The research also showed flowers have a long-term positive effect on moods and study participants reported feeling less depressed, anxious and agitated after receiving flowers, with a higher sense of enjoyment and life satisfaction.

Want more? Studies on the effects of flowers by Virginia Polytechnic Institute revealed the presence of flowers enhances communication, restores mental fatigue and promotes a good sense of self esteem! According to various medical reports, all it takes is three to five minutes looking at views dominated by trees, flowers or water to begin to reduce anger, anxiety and pain and to induce relaxation. And research by Dr. Roger Ulrich, PhD proved patients recovering from surgery healed quicker and needed less pain medication when they had flowers within view. These patients also had shorter hospital stays than their flowerless counterparts!

Need a nudge to bring more flowers into your life in 2018? Here are some eye opening facts on the virtues of flowers!

"Flower Power" takes on new meaning when you understand fresh flowers have the capacity to alter our ener-

gy and emotions. Why not take the benefits of the flower garden one step further and plant specifically to improve both body and soul?

*Lavender: Want to relax? Plant lavender. The scent of lavender prompts calmness. Studies report that the smell of lavender triggers alpha waves in the part of the brain associated with a relaxed state.

*Roses: No flower is more sentimental than the romantic rose. And it's no wonder. The scent of roses evokes nostalgia, which can recall happy memories from the past.

*Violets: Research shows violets enhance learning speed by 17%, and also improve concentration when used in study rooms.

*Lilies: Need an energy boost? The scent of lily has been proven to increase wakefulness and help you stay alert.

Legends and Lore of the Blooms: Flowers have long played a role in our everyday lives and according to folklore, perhaps even our futures. The "magical" power of blooms is legendary, as the following superstitions suggest:

*Daisies: Perhaps the most familiar floral "predictor" of love is the daisy. Plucking off petals one by one while reciting "He (or she) loves me, he loves me not," has long served as an amusing indicator of requited love.

*Bachelor Buttons: Folklore may explain how these bright blue and purple cornflowers earned their name. Legend has it that young suitors would place freshly picked flowers in their pocket while courting. If the "bachelor buttons" remained fresh and unwilted for the duration, it was a sure sign the relationship is on a steady course of success!

*Roses: Romantic lore claims rose petals helped young ladies of earlier eras choose between two or more suitors. Writing the name of each prospective husband the petals and tossing them to the wind, it is said the last petal



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to hit the ground holds the name of the one she shall marry.

*Primrose Etc.: Superstition has it that bouquets of flowers should always contain an odd number of blooms, lest bad luck be lured. This belief especially applies to primroses, as the English

believed the flowers should be only brought into the house in groups of 13 to ensure good fortune.

*Daffies: Perky yellow daffodils can be an instant mood booster, but according to Welsh folklore the flower can also bring wealth. It is said the first person who spots a spring daffodil will be rewarded with prosperity throughout the year!

*Roses: To bring good luck into a home in days of yore, rose leaves were tossed into the fireplace flame.

*White Flowers: White blooms are beautiful, but they can carry a melancholy message, according to age old folklore. Think twice before you send a bouquet of white flowers to a sick friend in the hospital as legend claims whites with a strong fragrance can worsen a sickness or even bring on death! Ditto for white flowers that show signs of wilting. And never pair white and red flowers in a bouquet for a sick person, as the combination is said to bring bad luck.

*Day Lilies: These bright orange flowers, common to the New England landscape, were considered a lucky health charm when worn. It was believed wearing a lily would lighten one's worries and lessen distress.

Poppies: While wearing a poppy in the lapel on Veteran's Day has long been a tradition to honor those who served and died for their country, poppies were also worn in the belief they help dispel worries and anxiety.

Students in the Northeast gifting the flowers to each other during the Irish holiday.

Paired with seasonal greenery, the colorful green carnation is a popular St. Patty's Day centerpiece.

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Easter Lily FYI: Easter Lily symbolizes innocence, purity and virtue as the gorgeous white flowers reflect the spiritual aspect of Easter. Legend tells of lilies growing in the garden of Gethsemane – springing up where Christ's drops of sweat fell during his final agony.

Each year at Easter, pots of white lilies grace the alters of Christian churches and the homes of believers.

While the Easter Lily is a symbol of the holiday, the seasonal perennial flower can be planted and enjoyed for years to come.

After the plant is done blooming, trim off dead foliage and plant it outside when ground is thawed. Lilies like a sunny area with well drained soil. Give the plant plenty of water and add an all purpose fertilizer. It probably won't flower again until the next year, but replanting the Easter Lily rewards the gardener with years of beautiful blooms!

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

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

Do you have a helpful hint or handy tip that has worked for you? Do you have a question regarding household or garden matters? If so, why not share them with readers of Stonebridge Press publications? Send questions and/or hint to: Take the Hint, c/o Stonebridge Press, PO Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550. Or email kdrr@aol.com.



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FAMILY MOVIE ~ PEPPA

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Friday, March 30, 1:30
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MOVIE NIGHT @ THE PEARLE
Thursday, March 29, 5:45
Join us for a movie night at the Pearle to watch WONDER WHEEL (PG-13, 1 hour 41 minutes). Wonder Wheel tells the story of four characters whose lives intertwine amid the hustle and bustle of the Coney Island amusement park in the 1950's. Starring Kate Winslet, Jim Belushi, Justin Timberlake and June Temple. Free! Popcorn provided. No registration.

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SPORTS

Determined Owusu shines at SWCL All-Star game, wins MVP



Photos courtesy Lina Gonzalez

The Southern Worcester County League All-Stars before their game.



McAddai Owusu of Oxford was the MVP of the SWCL All-Star Game.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

SOUTHBIDGE — It was raining 3-pointers at the Southbridge High gymnasium on Friday, March 16, as the Southern Worcester County League (SWCL) boys' basketball teams officially closed out the 2017-18 season with an All-Star game in front of family and friends.

The teams combined to hit 35 shots from beyond the arc — and score 227 points.

The Home Team, with five players scoring in double figures and 10 recording at least seven points, won the game, 124-103.

Oxford High's McAddai Owusu led the Home

Team — which connected on 21 of its 3-point attempts — recording a double-double, scoring 18 points and pulling down 10 rebounds. For his performance the junior was named the game's Most Valuable Player.

"This was a great way to end the season. It was fun; it was a great game played in a really nice atmosphere. I really enjoyed it," said Owusu, who drilled a pair of 3-pointers and recorded three assists. "I was disappointed I didn't get selected for this game last year so I worked hard during the summer so I could get selected for this year's game. Hopefully I'll get selected for the game again next year and that will give me a

chance to repeat as game MVP."

David Prouty Regional senior Sage Maryyanek was the Home Team's top scorer, finishing with 21 points (five 3-pointers), four rebounds and an assist. Northbridge High junior Robbie Cannon added 15 points, six rebounds and six assists, while Bartlett High's Dylan Paddleford scored 14 points and grabbed eight rebounds. Northbridge junior Sean Rosenlund chipped in to the winning cause with 13 points (three 3-pointers), five rebounds and five assists.

Bartlett sophomore Logan Paranto scored nine points (two 3-pointers) to go along with four rebounds and four assists while Uxbridge High junior Harrison Mansfield, Bartlett senior Dom Palmerino and Oxford senior Klaytin Silva all scored eight points. Mansfield also grabbed six rebounds and served up three assists while Silva recorded eight rebounds and a pair of assists.

Northbridge junior Dillon Padula finished with seven points, two rebounds, an assist and a steal while Uxbridge junior Tyler Tedford — his playing time cut short when he reinjured his left ankle — scored three points and grabbed a pair of rebounds.

The Home Team — which was coached by Northbridge's Aaron Katz — put the game away early, outscoring the Away Team 31-6 during a seven-minute span of the first half to turn a 16-15 deficit into a 46-22 lead. The run included a string of 14 consecutive points. Maryyanek scored eight points in the spurt, six coming on 3-pointers, while Owusu added five and Rosenlund four.

Northbridge senior Jared Richardson, Uxbridge senior Scott Kaeller and Oxford senior Jared Perkins were also selected for the game but were unable to attend. Auburn High seniors Tyler Judice and Matty Backlin were also originally on the roster, but both were forced to bow out of the competition due to injuries.

After the run the Home Team, which led 55-44 at halftime, led by double digits the rest of the way, its largest lead being 36 points, 89-53, on a 3-pointer by Padula with 13 minutes to play.

The Away Team, which drained 14 treys, was led by Southbridge High senior Jared Figueroa, who scored 20 points (two 3-pointers), grabbed eight rebounds, served up five assists and made three steals.

Grafton High's Will Herndon led the Away Team in scoring with 22 points. The senior also grabbed six rebounds. Tantasqua Regional senior Drew Peretti also scored in double figures, nine of his 13 points coming on triples. He also recorded six rebounds and three assists.

Tantasqua senior Evan Couture and Southbridge senior Justin Reyes each scored nine points while Leicester High senior Kyle Enberg added eight points (two 3-pointers) and Millbury High senior William Nadeau tossed in six points on a pair of 3-pointers. Couture also grabbed three rebounds while Reyes had five rebounds and two assists, Enberg had two rebounds and an assist and Nadeau had five rebounds.

Rounding out the Away Team roster were Tantasqua juniors Hayden Peterson and Chase Freeland,



Dylan Paddleford of Bartlett saves the ball from bouncing out of bounds.

Grafton's Kyle Sawtelle (senior) and Ryan Jack (junior), and Leicester seniors Kyle Padeni and Anthony Goodney. Quaboag Regional senior Zach McCann was also picked for the game, but he was unable to attend.

"I told the guys before the game that we were going to try to have a Grinnell type of game," said Tantasqua's Tom O'Neil, the Away Team coach, referring to the Grinnell (Iowa) College men's basketball team, which averages 120 points a game and subs five guys at a time every four minutes.

"I wanted us to try and run and score and put on a show for the fans," O'Neil continued. "I just

tried to let the kids play and do what they want. This is a game where it's all about them so I wanted them to go out and just let the offense happen. I wanted them to just go out there and have fun; that's what this game is about."

This All-Star Game, and the girls' game which preceded it, were organized — for the second year in a row — by Victor Colon, the Southbridge High boys' varsity coach.

"I thought it went great," Colon said. "I'm doing this for the kids so they have a chance to play together and play with the other guys. They seem like they're having fun, so why not keep doing it."

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Single — Dave Burdett 163, Matt Bergeron 141, Dan Labay 137
Series — Dave Burdett 383, Dan Labay and Dan Farrar 362
Series over average — Dave Burdett

+59
Tuesday Chet's Social
Single — Joe Pranaitis 120, Richard Girouard 115, Tom Smith 113, Brenda Mayer 119, Lorraine Brezniak 113, June Carpenter 111
Series — Joe Pranaitis 345, Tom Smith 324, Dave Lamontagne 317, Brenda Mayer 312, June Carpenter 287, Erin Van Dam 285
Series over average — Joe Pranaitis +33, Nancy Giles +41

Wednesday Women's Industrial
Single — Lynne Smith (Gail's Gals) 119, Jayne Hinchliffe (Custom Conveyors) 112, Tiff Jarmolowicz (Barber's Nook II) 110

Series — Jayne Hinchliffe 300, Monique Pierangeli (Nikki's Doghouse) 299, Tiff Jarmolowicz 289
Thursday Coffee
Single — Jessica Agazarian 117, Gloria Ricker, Jackie Arpin and Jeanne Carita 109
Series — Gloria Ricker 302, Jessica Agazarian 288, Marsha Kallgren 279
Series over average — Gloria Ricker +47

Thursday Men's Industrial
Single — Division 1: Joe Pranaitis 131, Al Poitras 120, Matt Bergeron 119
Division 2: Nate Kight 116, Roger Gauvin 111, Bill Downer 110
Series — Division 1: Joe Pranaitis

343, Bo Gauvin 337, Bill Sgariglia 319
Division 2: Nate Kight 309, Roger Gauvin 290, Bill Downer 287
Series over average — Division 1: Bill Sgariglia +46
Division 2: Nate Kight +39

Sunday Mixed
Single — Paul Nault 126, Dan Farrar 121, Trey Salce 117, Carol Turner 121, Leigh Farrar 110, Donna Fasulo 104
Series — Dan Farrar, John Dupuis and Paul Nault 321, Carol Turner 312, Leigh Farrar 295, Wendy St. John 276
Series over average — Paul Nault +45, Aline Robidoux +27

SPORTS

Delgado's all-around effort leads to victory and MVP in SWCL All-Star Game



Photos courtesy Lina Gonzalez

The Southern Worcester County League girls' basketball all-stars, along with their respective coaches.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

SOUTHBRIDGE — Julitza Delgado enjoyed one final moment on the basketball court where she made a name for herself and, in the process, helped lead the Southern Worcester County League (SWCL) All-Stars Home Team to a come-from-behind victory over the Away Team, 84-75, on Friday, March 16.

The Southbridge High senior poured in a game-high 18 points — 13 after halftime — pulled down five rebounds, served up five assists and made two steals in the game. For her efforts, just a month after surpassing the 1,000-point plateau for the Pioneers on this very court, she was named the game's Most Valuable Player.

"This was really a lot of fun," said Delgado, who had both arms wrapped around her very large MVP trophy. "I really enjoyed the chance to play with some girls I haven't played with before. We all really seemed to work well together. I didn't feel like I had to do a lot of the work; I could just go out there and play."

As the years went on Delgado shouldered more and more team responsibilities during her time at Southbridge. By the time her senior year rolled around she was the Pioneers' main scoring threat, rebounder, ball handler and defender. In this game she was able to let some of her teammates take on some of those duties.

"I was able to just be a piece of the puzzle; I really like that," Delgado said. "I think playing

in college is going to be like that, too, which is one of many reasons I'm looking forward to playing at the next level."

The SWCL All-Star Games — the boys' All-Stars played following the girls' game — was a yearly postseason highlight for the league for several years, but hadn't been played for some time until Southbridge High boys' head coach Victor Colon brought the event back to life last year.

The Home Team roster consisted of 10 players: Delgado and freshman Ashanti Morales from Southbridge; sophomores Shannon Reno and Morgan Cronan and seniors Samantha Brady and Jenna Nasuti from Millbury High; junior Kelly Moran from Northbridge High; junior Olivia Hicks from Uxbridge High; junior Allison Grzembki from Bartlett High; and junior Brooke Pepin from David Prouty Regional.

In addition, Northbridge senior Maria Cray, junior Jackie Puda and freshman Hannah Lomonaco were selected for the game but were unable to attend.

Also scoring in double figures for the Home Team were Reno, who tossed in 17 points and hit three 3-pointers and Brady, who contributed a dozen points to the winning effort. Reno also co-lead the Home Team in assists with five, while Moran led the way on the boards, grabbing eight rebounds.

The Home Team trailed, 18-5 and 27-13, before outscoring the Away Team, 26-10, over the final five minutes of the first

half to grab a 39-37 lead at intermission. The Home Team then opened the second half with a 14-7 run to extend its lead to 53-45 with 15 minutes left in the game.

The Away Team then went on a run of its own, outscoring the Home Team 16-6 to take a 61-59 lead. The Home team quickly bounced back, however, using a 10-2 lead to re-take the lead for good, 69-66, with six minutes remaining.

The Away Team roster consisted of nine players: Junior Lindsey Zak, sophomore Lydia Boland and freshman Ainsley Way of Tantasqua Regional; juniors Anya Kopyra and Jenna Gordon of Grafton High; junior Emily Fontaine, sophomore Maddie Hippert and freshman Alex Dufries of Leicester High; and junior Semran Sahota of Auburn High.

Tantasqua freshman Morgan Smith, Grafton junior Abby Rogers, Quaboag Regional sophomore Kiarra Dorman and Oxford High junior Gina Parmenter were all invited to play in the game but were unable to attend.

Sahota led the Away Team with a double-double, scoring 14 points and pulling down a game-high 15 rebounds. She also recorded a steal and an assist. Also scoring in double figures for the Away Team were Fontaine with 13 points (including three 3-pointers), Dufries with 12 (two 3-pointers) and Kopyra with 10 (two 3-pointers). Way was the team's second-leading rebounder, with 10, while Gordon pulled down eight boards to go along with a



Bartlett's Allison Grzembki holds the ball above her head waiting for a play to develop.

team-high five assists. Hippert led the way for the Away Team in steals, with four, to go along with five points, four rebounds and an assist.

"I had a great bunch of girls and we had a lot of fun," said Leicester head coach Dave Padavano, who, along with Auburn's Nicole LePrevost, coached the Away Team. "The game was competitive. We cut a 14-point deficit to two at the half and even managed to have the lead for a little while in the

second half, too.

"It was an All-Star game; there were a lot of points scored and not a lot of defense played, but we had a lot of fun," Padavano continued. "This was an awesome opportunity to coach bunch a girls from all over who really enjoy playing the game."

Millbury's Steve Reno served as the head coach for the Home Team.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Bartlett High Class of 1975 to hold golf outing/gathering

On June 23, Bartlett High's Class of 1975 will hold a golf outing/gathering at 3 p.m. at Pine Ridge Country Club in Oxford.

Nine holes of golf with cart is \$30, followed by socializing in a private room in the clubhouse. Cash bar. Reasonable food selection if anyone wishes to eat. Non-golfers are welcome to join at 5:30. Spouses are welcome for golf and/or after. Golfers should make checks payable to Pine Ridge Country Club and mail prior to June 1 to Don Wayman, 226 Dresser Hill Road, Dudley, MA 01571. Contact donwayman@charter.net with any questions.

Bartlett Athletic Hall of Fame inductees announced

The Bartlett High School Athletic Hall of Fame Committee is pleased to announce the Inductees of the Class of 2018:

David Dupont, Class of 1967
William Millette, Class of 1969
Brad Smith, Class of 1981
Michael Somers, Class of 1983
Richard Beckwith, Class of 1984
Katie Kaczmarek, Class of 2001
Kevin Stone, Class of 2006
Robert Daigle, Contributor
1968 Golf Team
1986 Softball Team

The Induction Ceremony will be held on Saturday, Oct. 27 at the Raceway Restaurant and Golf Club

in Thompson, Conn. at 6 p.m. Further information regarding the ceremony will be announced at a later date. The Committee will be hosting a Golf Tournament on Saturday, June 16 at the Raceway Golf Club in Thompson at 1 p.m.

For more information regarding the induction or golf tournament, please contact Athletic Director Anthony Paranto at (508) 943-8552 Ext. 28 or visit our website at www.bhsathletichof.org.

Annual Chili Chowdown coming to Bay Path Regional

The Bay Path Regional baseball team's eighth annual Chili Chowdown will be held on Sunday, April 8 from 4 to 6 p.m. in the school café. The Chili Chowdown is run by the baseball team to offset the cost to play in the Rotary Classic Tournament on Cape Cod during school vacation week in April.

This year there are over 24 vendors dishing out their chili to help raise money for the team. The vendors include the following:

The Bay Path baseball team, Junior Culinary Federation, Pine Ridge Country Club, Epicurean Feast, Karol's Corner Take Out, Eller's, Big T's BBQ, Tantasqua Culinary, Zorbas, Monty Bianco, Auburn Public School, Andy's BBQ, Chili's, Elm Centre Café, Brown Square Civic Club, Old Sturbridge Village, Luck's Café, Yankee Diner, Chef Armata, The Overlook, Mexicali Grill, The Overlook, The Fix and 44 Catering.

Dudley/Charlton women's basketball looking for

available players

There will be women's pick-up basketball happening at the Heritage School gym from 7-9 p.m. We play Monday evenings based on school schedule until June. There are no set teams and no fees, so no weekly commitment. Come when you can for some friendly competition and exercise. Must be 18 years of age or older. Please contact Deb at (508) 248-3600 or mzd531@charter.net for more information.

Oxford-Webster Youth Football and Cheer to hold 2018 registration

The Oxford-Webster Youth Football and Cheer program will be holding 2018 registration on April 14 from 9 a.m. to noon. Register at the Oxford Community Center, located at 4 Maple Road in Oxford. Cheer ranges in age from 5 to 14, flex football is for kindergartners and first graders, and tackle football is for ages 7-13. Online registration is also available at www.OxfordWebsterPirates.com. If you have any questions, please email OWPiratesRegistrar@gmail.com and also "Like" the Oxford Webster Pirates page on Facebook.

Sturbridge American Legion holding baseball signups

Baseball players interested in playing Sturbridge American Legion Baseball that are born on Jan. 1, 1999 or later are eligible to play. Signup dates will be held April 14 and 21

between 10 a.m. and noon on both days at the Champeau-Vilandre Sturbridge Legion

Post, Main Street in Fiskdale. Players should bring a photocopy of their birth certificate when they register at signups to insure their eligibility. All players that live in Sturbridge and/or attend Tantasqua Regional High School are eligible for the Sturbridge team, also players from other surrounding towns may also be eligible to play. Team will conduct tryouts May 19, 20 and 26, times will be 10 a.m. to noon on all three try-out dates at Tantasqua Regional High School. For more information contact team manager Jim Rosseel (774) 230-1784 email jimrosseel@hotmail.com or Coach Ray Sullivan (508) 736-7770 email raysull_2@yahoo.com.

Webster Little League parade and Opening Day set for April 22

Webster Little League would like to announce its Opening Day on Sunday, April 22. The annual parade will begin at the Train Museum/Joanne's Coney Express parking lot on Main Street at 12:30 p.m. and will march down Main Street to Lake Street, ending at the fields on Little League Lane (off of West Ave.). A brief Opening Day ceremony will be had, followed by the first games of the 2018 season. Please come out to celebrate the "official" start of spring and line the parade route to show your support for the kids walking in the parade. We will also be joined by representatives from the Webster Police, Fire and Board of Selectmen, as well as the Bartlett High School band.

Humbled to be recognized

This past weekend this writer attended the annual Worcester County League Banquet at the Wachusett Country Club in West Boylston. It was the 55th annual Appreciation Banquet honoring the actions of individuals for their outstanding efforts during the year that helped promote hunting, fishing, and environmental issues that benefited sportsmen and the general public. Many legislators were also in attendance and played a big role in the night's festivities. Long time member of the league was Mel Crouse, at age 93 still active in the league and still hunting deer in Maine annually. He and his brother, also in his 90s, managed to harvest a huge buck in Maine a couple of years ago.



THE GREAT OUTDOORS
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RALPH TRUE

Special guest wildlife artist Ed Desrosiers was introduced to the members and guest by Jim Berube, followed with keynote speaker Bob Durand and Dr. Dick Callahan, which was followed by numerous awards to the following individuals: Ralph True Sr. received the Words of Wisdom award in recognition of his efforts through journalism to inform and educate, and promote sportsmen issues. He also received a certificate from the House of Representatives and the State Senate and signed by numerous Representatives and Senators. I was certainly humbled by the award.

The next award was made to Jack Whitehead receiving the Youth Mentor award for his work in establishing the first annual Young Guns Trap Tournament!

Next was Bonnie Booth, awarded Sportsmen of The Year award in

recognition for her work to promote the League for Sportsmen's & Sportswomen's issues.

Legislator of the year award was presented to Senator Ann Gobi in recognition of her constant support of sportsmen's issues in the State Legislature.

Farmer of the Year was presented to Ed and Dave Davidian in appreciation for their preservation of land that protects wildlife habitat and provides recreation to sportsmen & women throughout the year.

Entered into the Hall of Fame this year was Ken Stidsen, for all of his continued work in the league over many years.

The Worcester County League also set up a four point action fund for education, conservation, public relations, and legislation, which are as follows: funds set aside for the next ballot question, funds set aside or help of a sportsman's issue, providing archery equipment for schools, and monies set aside for protecting land. These are just a few programs that the League offers to support sportsmen's issues throughout the year.

Dr. Dick Callahan reported on the loss of bees in Massachusetts and surrounding states at last week's League Banquet. He spoke at length about his concern for bee populations and what is killing them off annually. Numerous poisons used by large farms and back yard gardeners containing Neonic chemicals that are the major cause for the loss of our bee population. It is not only killing bees, but is responsible for killing ground worms and other insects that are good for gardens. Without bees pollination of flowers and all vegetables that we consume daily, are at high risk of being lost. It is a very seri-



Second picture shows Jim Berube with Ken Stidsen, this year's inductee into the hall of fame.



Courtesy photos

This week's picture shows this writer with my son Ralph Jr. after receiving my awards at last week's Worcester County League Banquet.

ous dilemma and bee keepers are also sounding the alarm. Small back yard bee hives are being lost annually, and it is very serious. House bill 4041 if passed will stop all stores from selling pesticides with Neonicotinoids chemicals in them. It will still allow large farmers to use the chemical on their crops. You are urged to contact your state Reps and state Senators to favor the bill.

The Mass. Fish & Wildlife Board will hold their annual hearing to set migratory bird regulations on April 10 at 2:00 p.m. at the MF&W headquarters in Westborough. On the same day, the hearing to extend the archery season in zones 10-14 will also be held at the same place starting at 7:00 pm.! Archers are urged to arrive early!

Trout fishing on the freshwater scene is starting to warm up, with anglers catching most trout on power baits. As the waters warm, the trout will start to hit flies and lures. This week's forecast of a bit warmer temperatures locally

EVENTS AT BUFFUMVILLE FOR SPRING

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

Buffumville Dam Tour: 1-2 pm, Buffumville Dam, 48 Old Oxford Road, Charlton. Would you like to know why the lake is lower in the winter months? Have you ever wondered what the Park Rangers do in the winter and in other seasons? Do you like to learn about weather and perhaps learn a little about food water storage and protection? Then join Park Ranger Jamie to learn all about it. Meet at the gate house doors (48 Old Oxford Road, Charlton) for an exclusive tour, inside and out. Rain or shine. Please Note: There are many stairs within the tour. Questions? 508-248-5697. Free tour. Moderate; restrooms nearby, especially for families with children; NO dogs please

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

7-8 pm Spring/Easter Saturday Full Moon Walk at Hodges Village Dam, 30 Howarth Road, Oxford. Bring the family down for a leisurely, springtime stroll under the moon. Please meet the Ranger on at Hodges Village Dam. No registration required. Cancelled if very rainy. Free event. Easy; 1 mile, restrooms nearby, especially for families with children.

April 2, 4, April 9, 11, 13, 16, 18, 20, 23, 25, 27 and 30
A Mile in My Shoes Walk:

6:30-7:15 pm, Buffumville Lake office, 48 Old Oxford Road, Charlton. A walking club each Monday, Wednesday and Friday evening in April. (features nature themed informational tidbits, inspirational/motivational messages along the route and/or little rewards). No need to register. Free event. For more information, call 508-248-5697, x399. Easy; restrooms nearby, especially for families with children.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

School Vacation Buffumville Dam Tour: 10:30 am to noon, 48 Old Oxford Road, Charlton. Attention Families with kids: Are you home with the children, a daycare and/or home-school group? We have tours of Buffumville Dam during School Vacation week. Join Park Ranger Jamie at the gatehouse doors for an exclusive tour, inside and out. Rain or shine. Please Note: There are many stairs within the tour. Questions? 508-248-5697. Free tour. Restrooms nearby, especially for families with children; NO dogs please!

SATURDAY, APRIL 21

Second Annual Let's Clean Up Holland: 9 am to noon, Holland Elementary School, Holland. The main objective for event is to clean up the five main roads coming in

and going out of this pretty town. The second objective is to increase morale and spirit in this community wide event and build awareness of the Opacum Land Trust and The Last Green Valley. The third objective is to have a fun pizza party after the clean-up at Diane's Villanova. Sponsored by Opacum Land Trust and The Last Green Valley. For info: annehallgo@gmail.com, phone: 413-245-4197

THURSDAY, MAY 3

Invasives in Your Yard/What to Plant Instead: 6:30-7:30 pm, 30 Howarth Road, Oxford. Join Park Rangers Nicole and Jamie at Hodges Village - Seating is limited to 20, so please R.S.V.P. 508-248-5697 or nicole.c.giles@usace.army.mil. There will be light refreshments and door prizes. Families with children encouraged and welcome. Free event. Easy; restrooms nearby, wheelchair accessible, especially for families with children, NO dogs please! Leader: Karen Osbrey, email: karenos@winradio.com, phone: 860 928-1350

SUNDAY, MAY 13

Hodges Village Dam Mother's Day Tea & Walk: 2-3 pm, Hodges Village Dam, 30 Howarth Rd., Oxford. Bring your friends, family- especially the kids. Tea and light refreshments will be served, yet feel

free to bring a picnic for your family or cookies to share. A ground cloth or picnic blanket is also recommended. For all ages! Questions, call Jamie at 508-248-5697, X399. Free event. Moderate; restrooms nearby, especially for families with children, NO dogs please!

FRIDAY, MAY 18

2nd Annual Plant for Pollinators: 10 am to 2 pm, May 26, 30 Howarth Rd., Oxford. CALLING ALL SCOUTS AND FAMILIES: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is requesting your help with planting as many 4'x4' plots of wildflowers. And for this, your plot will be posted with a sign. Please, bring the soil amendments- top soil, humus, natural fertilizer, peat, etc. Please bring gloves and your own drinking water. Snacks will be provided. The USACE will supply the New England Wild flower mix and all the tools. Group or club supplies the garden supplies. Register by 5/24/18 to 978-318-8399 or Jamie.r.kordack@usace.army.mil. Easy; restrooms nearby, especially for families with children, NO dogs please!

SATURDAY, JUNE 2

Family Fishing Fun: 10 am to 1 pm, Buffumville Park, 229 Oxford Rd., Charlton Road, Charlton. Bring the kids to

Buffumville Park for some outdoors fun! Lean about boating safety, water safety, learn how to fish, catch a fly fishing demonstration, ask your questions to a wildlife expert, and take a short hike! Stay after the event for a picnic or a swim. Want to help out? Please call Park Ranger, Nicole at 508-248-5697, x411. Easy; restrooms nearby, wheelchair accessible, especially for families with children, NO dogs please, bring canoe or kayak, PFD & whistle

THURSDAY, JUNE 21

Solstice Music in the Forest: 7-8:30 pm, 30 Howarth Road, Oxford. CALLING ALL MUSICIANS, the musically inclined and anyone that just wants to ROCK-OUT. Singers and those who want to just listen, invited too! Let's ring in summer with an evening concert. Please bring your guitar/keyboard (electricity on site)/violin/kazoo/etc. or feel free to bring your own nature-inspired instrument. Have the kids make some hand-made percussion items utilizing seeds/sticks/pinecones/etc. Prizes for the following instruments: Creative natural, largest, smallest, prettiest sound and more! Free event. Please call Park Ranger Jamie should you have any questions- 508-248-5697, X399. Easy; restrooms nearby, especially for families with children, NO dogs please!

LIBRARY

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PEARLE

Saturday, March 31, 10:00-11:30
Drop by the Library for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt and have your picture taken with the Easter Bunny! This event takes place indoors. No registration. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Sponsored by Friends of the Library.

BOOK DISCUSSION ~ "SILENT SPRING" by Rachel Carson
Thursday, April 5, 6:00

This is an open book discussion typically held on the first Thursday evening of every month. No registration is required and light snacks provided. Books are available at the circulation desk one month prior to discussion.

YOGA WITH JULIE

Monday, April 9, 4:30-5:30
No prior experience necessary. Bring a mat and blocks if you have them; if not, Julie has some to lend. Register at class with Julie. \$10 per class. Stay for Julie's Essential Oils class from 6:00-7:00, too!

ESSENTIAL OILS WITH JULIE

Monday, April 9, 6:00-7:00
Learn how essential oils work and how they can enhance every part of your daily life, whether you want to use them for aromatherapy, personal care, or around the house. The first part of the workshop will be devoted to learning about and sampling several essential oils. There will be an opportunity afterward to make your own essential oil products for \$10.00 each. No registration required.

CHAIR YOGA ~ SPRING SESSION

Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30, April 11 through May 16
Chair yoga modifies some of the basic poses to make them more accommodating for those who gain strength from a seated, more stable position. Free and open to all adults. No registration. Dress comfortably and wear flat shoes or sneakers. Sponsored by Friends of the Library.

FEASTING FROM YOUR EDIBLE LANDSCAPE with Liz Barbour

Thursday, April 12, 6:00
Chef and gardener Liz Barbour will show you how to utilize your limited garden space so it can be productive and beautiful at the same time. Join her for a slideshow tour of her edible gardens and learn how she has introduced vegetables, herbs, fruit trees, and edible

shrubs to blend beautifully and deliciously throughout. Free but registration is required by calling the Library at 508-949-8021. Sponsored by Friends of the Library.

GLASS PAINTING WORKSHOP with Caryl Savard

Saturday, April 21, 10:30-12:00
We are pleased to welcome back Caryl Savard, of Caryl's Studio & Creative Design, to conduct a glass painting workshop. Participants will paint either a wine glass or a vase with a design of their choice. Sign up is required; size is limited to 25 participants. This event is free; however, participants wishing to paint a second item may do so for \$5.00 (cash). Sign up is required; size is limited to 25 participants. Sponsored by Friends of the Library.

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Nursing program ranked one of best in New England

CHARLTON — Carly Jacobs, outreach coordinator for PracticalNursing.org, a nursing advocacy organization that promotes the growth of nursing professionals through education, recently announced Bay Path RVTHS Practical Nursing Academy is ranked as the number five practical nursing program in the state of Massachusetts.

The ranking assessed 18 practical nursing programs in Massachusetts focusing on how well a program supports students towards licensure and beyond. The National Council Licensure Exam for Practical Nurses pass rates for the previous five years were analyzed and weighted by year. Bay Path received

an overall score of 91.10, a stellar performance on PracticalNursing.org's 2018 ranking list to secure the number five rank. PracticalNursing.org prides themselves for being the leading LPN/LVN advancement and ranking agency, publishing their annual rankings list since 2014.

"Congratulations to our entire team on this outstanding accomplishment," said Practical Nursing Academy Director Gretheline Bolandrina, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN. "We would not have been able to maintain high standards in nursing education without the full support of Bay Path RVTHS, from the faculty & staff to our Superintendent,

Mr. John Lafleche and the school committee."

Bay Path practical nursing is a 40-week, 10-month, full-time, Monday through Friday, evening program. The program begins mid-August and is completed in late June. Graduates receive a practical nursing certificate and are eligible to take the NCLEX-PN licensure exam.

The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy is fully approved by the: Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services Department of Public Health Board of Registration in Nursing. The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy



is accredited by the: Commission on Occupational Education.

Reduced services could raise havoc for commuters

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Proposed cuts in bus services across the Route 9 corridor are causing unease for residents who rely on public transportation to get to work.

The Worcester Regional Transit Authority has proposed reduced services for several of its bus routes, while others have been slated for elimination to save money. Among the proposals is an option to cut all bus services west of East Brookfield District Court. The proposal would also reduce services along WRTA Route 33 to one bus every two hours.

For several residents in Brookfield and West Brookfield, an elimination of bus services would prevent them from getting to work. Others rely on the service to visit family and

friends, while many residents use the WRTA to reach colleges, hospitals, courts, and events in Worcester.

"I know one person who commutes on the WRTA bus from Brookfield to a Worcester college, and this person would potentially need to move," said Brookfield Selectman Clarence Snyder. "The Route 9 corridor needs more transportation alternatives, not less."

As the Senate Chair of the Regional Transportation Authority Caucus, Senator Anne Gobi is advocating along with other caucus members for full funding for bus services. This request is in accordance with a 2014 transportation finance law which established a funding schedule for the regional transportation authorities.

Governor Charlie Baker

allocated \$80,400,000 this year for regional transportation authorities, which represents level funding. The Senate request for \$88,000,000 supported by Gobi and her colleagues would restore what the House and Senate implemented in the 2014 transportation reform act.

"I am aware of the difficulties all 15 regional transit authorities across the state are facing, especially the areas served by the WRTA," Gobi said. "The lack of reliable public transportation adds to the isolation of people and deprives them of access to basic needs such as healthcare and employment opportunities."

The proposed cuts in bus services would not only impact individuals who rely on public transportation, officials said, but they would also hurt municipal economies.

Selectmen in Brookfield and West Brookfield are concerned that if bus routes west of the courthouse in East Brookfield are eliminated, several employees and visitors to their towns would have no means of reaching them.

As part of its proposed cuts, the WRTA is also considering an elimination of weekend bus services, which would prevent many residents from getting to church and recreation activities. Meanwhile, the potential elimination of WRTA Route 40, also known as the Hub Loop, is causing additional concerns. Several other bus routes, though preserved by the proposals, would see dramatically reduced daily service.

"Any curtailment of WRTA service on the Route 9 corridor will have an impact on the regional economy," Snyder

said.

All proposals must be voted on by the WRTA advisory board and wouldn't take effect until the summer. Prior to the vote, residents will have an opportunity to weigh in on the proposals during a series of public hearings. A meeting will be held on April 3 at 6 p.m. at Spencer Town Hall, while Brookfield residents will have a chance to share their concerns on April 12 at 6:30 p.m. at Brookfield Congregational Church.

Several local and regional officials were also planning to attend a rally in Worcester on March 20 to demonstrate their opposition to any cuts in service.

To learn more about the proposed cuts in WRTA services, call 508-791-9782

BUSES

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At the March 20 rally outside City Hall, several legislators and residents spoke out against the proposed cuts. For thousands of residents in central Massachusetts, an elimination of bus routes would prevent them from getting to work and school.

"Not everyone has their own vehicle, and it is unacceptable to be looking at cuts to public transportation," said State Representative Natalie Higgins, of Leominster, who represents the Fourth Worcester District.

The state's 15 regional transit authorities are short roughly \$8 million for fiscal year 2019, according to projections released by Governor Charlie Baker in his appropriations bill. If the current budget passes, it would have a crippling effect on public transportation across the state, officials said.

The proposed cuts would most severely affect Worcester, Springfield, and the Merrimack Valley, officials warned. Legislators have long decried the inequity of funding between greater Boston communities and the central and western parts of



Residents from throughout central Massachusetts gather at Worcester City Hall to rally against proposed cuts to public transit services.

the state.

"Central Massachusetts has not received the funding it deserves for transportation," said gubernatorial candidate Setti Warren. "I will work for you and fight every single day to get this funding."

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"Reliable bus service is a must for our area, and any decrease or elimination of services is not just an inconvenience - it is the loss of a vital lifeline," Gobi said. "I will continue to advocate for

more funding than the Governor proposed in order to keep the buses rolling."

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State Representative Natalie Higgins speaks during the March 20 rally in Worcester.

considering the elimination of Route 40, also known as the Hub Loop. Several other bus routes, though preserved by the proposals, would see dramatically reduced daily service. Legislators are concerned that any cuts this year might lead to additional curtailment in future years, causing a death spiral in public transit.

All proposals must be voted on by the WRTA advisory board and wouldn't take effect until

the summer. Prior to the vote, residents will have an opportunity to weigh in on the proposals during a series of public hearings. A meeting will be held on April 3 at 6 p.m. at Spencer Town Hall, while Brookfield residents will have a chance to share their concerns on April 12 at 6:30 p.m. at Brookfield Congregational Church.

To learn more about the proposed cuts in WRTA services, call 508-791-9782.

Create and hide unbreakable Easter eggs

Easter is one of the most important days of the year for Christians. Easter Sunday is filled with symbolism and tradition, some of which harken back to early Christianity, while others trace their origins to paganism.

The Easter Bunny and Easter eggs are two Easter traditions with less extensive histories. The Easter Bunny, according to sources including History.com, first arrived in America in the 1700s via German settlers who brought with them their tradition of an egg-laying hare called "Osterhase." Children would make nests where the rabbit could lay its colored eggs. Eventually, the custom spread from Pennsylvania, where many German immigrants settled, to other areas around the country.

Eggs are symbolic of new life and rebirth in many cultures. To Christians, eggs represent the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Another theory suggests that Christians were once forbidden to eat during the Lenten season preceding Easter. Therefore, Christians would paint and decorate eggs for Easter to mark the joyous celebration and cessation of penance and fasting.

Even though these traditions have endured, Easter eggs themselves might not be so strong. This year, Easter cel-



CAPTION: Experiment with different egg materials to make Easter eggs easier to handle and more durable.

ebrants may want to experiment with different materials that are more forgiving and more enduring than standard eggs.

WOODEN EGGS

Families may find that wooden eggs are much more forgiving than standard

eggs. Wooden eggs don't have to be boiled, and they don't need time to harden, and they're quite maneuverable for young fingers.

Decorators can explore different ways to color wooden eggs. Acrylic paints are readily available and safe for users of any age. Wood stains or wood markers also can be used to give the eggs a natu-

ral finish. Others may want to rip small pieces of decorative paper to create a decoupage effect on their wooden eggs.

SEW SOFT EGGS

Those who are handy with a needle and thread can explore patterns for making soft, stuffed eggs. Cozy fleece or other fabrics can be sewn together to make the general egg shape. Then the egg is filled with polyester filling, feathers or another soft material. Ribbons, buttons, trims, and other decorative touches can personalize the eggs and add a touch of whimsy. Check out www.sew4home.com for their ideas on handmade Easter eggs.

MODELING CLAY

Children who love to get their hands dirty may enjoy making Easter eggs out of modeling materials. Colors can be blended together to create a marbled effect. Depending on the clay medium, the eggs may air-harden or may need to be heated at a low temperature in the oven to fully cure.

Easter eggs are a fun tradition that adds to the festivity of spring. While traditional eggs can be used, many different, more long-lasting materials can be used as well.

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OBITUARIES

Ceara M. Robinson, 26



LEICESTER - Ceara M. Robinson, 26, died Sunday, March 18, 2018. She leaves her loving mother, Lisa M. (Burton) Robinson of Leicester; her brother Jacob Robinson of Leicester; her maternal grandmother, Rosemarie Burton of Worcester; aunts and uncles; several cousins, and her beloved dog, Bella. She was deeply loved and will be forever missed by her loving family.

Ceara was born in Worcester, the daughter of Lisa M. (Burton) Robinson

of Leicester and the late William Robinson. She was very creative and loved to spend her time doing arts and crafts. Ceara loved fishing and family vacations on Cape Cod. She adored animals more than anything. Calling hours were held on Thursday, March 22, 2018 at Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street in Webster, Massachusetts, from 5:00 pm to 6:45 pm with a funeral service to follow at 6:45 pm. A guest book is available online where you may post a condolence or light a candle. Donations in Ceara's memory may be made to your local animal shelter or humane society.

George A. Heywood, 83



DOUGLAS - George A. Heywood, 83, of Depot St. passed away Wed. March 21, 2018 at UMass University in Worcester after being stricken ill. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Aina I. (Beauregard)

Heywood.

He also leaves 3 daughters Holly A. Thebeau of Millbury, Lola E. Sallies and her husband David Jr. of Webster, Iris I. Hetherington of Warwick, RI; 7 grandchildren, Andrew, Danielle, Jeffrey, Kelli, Dorothy, Victoria and George III; 5 great-grandchildren, Lance, Lacey, Dominic, Evelyn, and Aaryn; and his nephew that was very close to him, Robert Heywood of Uxbridge. He was predeceased by his brother Byron Heywood Jr., and also a grandson Miguel Tenny.

Born in Milford on April 5, 1934 he was the son of Byron Sr. and Lola (Kilhan) Heywood and was raised in Mendon. George served a 7 year term in the U.S Army during the Korean War, and when he returned home continued his education and earned a PhD in Social Work. He worked for 30 years

at Grafton State hospital until their closing in 1973, he then worked for Valley Adult Counseling Service in Milford until his retirement. George was a member of the Odd Fellows Organization, and the Rebecca Organization both out of Medway, and also was an Uxbridge Grange #200 member. He was an avid family man who loved spending time with his grand and great grandchildren. He also enjoyed gardening and yard work, birdwatching, and always liked a good party. He was a member of the Unitarian Congregation in Mendon.

His funeral service was held on Wed. March 28 at 11am in the Unitarian Congregation, 13 Maple St., Mendon. Burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery, West St. in Douglas. Calling hours were held Tues. Mar. 27 from 5-7 in Tancrell-Jackman Funeral Home, 35 Snowling Rd., Uxbridge. To leave a condolence message for the family please visit: www.JackmanFuneralHomes.com



Herman E. Piehl, 95

WEBSTER - Herman E. Piehl, age 95, died Friday, March 16, 2018 surrounded by his loving family. He leaves his devoted wife, Louise M. (Siegmund) Piehl of Webster; his sons Ernest Piehl and his wife Judy of Ft. McCoy, FL., Donald Piehl and his wife Carol of Webster; his daughter Deborah Perloff and her husband Leonard of Plymouth, NH; four grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Herman was born in Charlton, the son of the late Adolph Piehl and Louise (Kietzmann) Piehl. He served in the United States Army during World War II. Herman worked as a

machinist for Norton Company for several years. All funeral services are private. Arrangements have been entrusted to Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster MA. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle. Donations may be made in his memory to Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic, 605 Lincoln Street, Worcester MA 01605.



Jane C. Garceau



SOUTHBRIDGE - Jane C. (Coderre) Garceau, 59, passed away on Thursday, March 22nd, in the UMass Memorial Medical Center, University Campus, Worcester, after a long battle with cancer.

She leaves her husband of 14 years, David M. Garceau; her daughter, Catherine A. Charette of Dudley; her two grandchildren, Zachary Christenson and Alexandria Christenson, both of Dudley; her three sisters, Elaine C. Rizner and her husband Ken of Southbridge, Jacquelyn C. Koslowski and her husband Louis of Dudley and Nancy J. Coderre and her husband Bruce Desrosiers of Southbridge; and several nieces and nephews. Her son, Robert "Bobby" Charette, died in

1994. She was born in Southbridge the daughter of the late Robert E. and Georgette T. (Pinsonneault) Coderre.

Jane was a claims adjuster for Mapfre Insurance (previously Commerce Insurance) in Webster for 33 years before her illness.

Jane's greatest joy in life was her family.

A funeral Mass for Jane was held on Wednesday, March 28th, 10:00am in the Notre Dame Church of St. John Paul II, 446 Main St., Southbridge. Burial followed in New Notre Dame Cemetery, Southbridge. There are no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701.

The Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, is directing arrangements.

www.morrillfuneralhome.com

John J. Morley, 90



John J. Morley, 90, of Webster, MA passed away Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at Hope Hospice in Cape Coral, FL after an illness. He was born on August 31, 1927 in Worcester, MA to Sylvester and Grace

(Jalbert) Morley.

John served in the U.S. Navy and U.S. Army, retiring from the U.S. Army after many years of serving his country. He also worked as a Field Service Representative for CPC Engineering in Sturbridge, MA. John enjoyed his winters in FL with all his friends and especially playing shuffle board with his friend Red on the Traveling League.

He leaves his wife, Sandra (Strenk) Morley; a son, Robert and daughters, Elizabeth and Annette, all of CA; he also leaves his stepson, Michael Jordan of GA; sister, June of AZ and brothers,

Edward and Joseph in Leicester, MA; as well as many grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends.

John was preceded in death by a son, John; as well as a sister, Ann and a brother, Walter.

No formal services are planned at this time.

Memorial Contributions in memory of John J. Morley are suggested to Hope Hospice, 9470 Healthpark Cir., Fort Myers, FL 33908.

Friends are invited to send condolences via the on-line guest book which can be found at www.MullinsMemorial.com.

Mullins Memorial Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Cape Coral, is entrusted with final care.

Elizabeth F. "Betty" Trainor, V.M.D., 91



OXFORD - Elizabeth F. "Betty" (Fortune) Trainor, V.M.D., 91, of Lovett Road, died peacefully with her family by her side on Thursday, March 22, 2018.

Betty is survived by her children, Shawn W. Trainor and his wife Jodie of Abington, and Sharon E. Furmanick of Oxford; her best friend, Nancy Cowley of North Woodstock, CT; five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and many nephews and nieces. She was predeceased by her husband of 40 years, William J. "Bill" Trainor of Oxford who died in 1998. She was also predeceased by two brothers, three sisters, and her numerous four-legged friends.

She was born in Medford, MA, daughter of the late William J. and Helen (Hoar) Fortune, and lived in Oxford since 1967. She loved animals and received her V.M.D. from the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Trainor was a veterinarian at Angell Memorial Animal Hospital in Boston, Abbott Animal Hospital in Worcester and then went into private practice as part of the family business. Betty and Bill were

married in 1957, and it was joked to be as much a merger as it was a marriage, as he was a Professional Dog Handler. It was a match made in heaven as "Bill and Betty" made their living together doing what they loved most - traveling extensively working with dogs and educating others by sharing their passion for responsible breeding. Betty was an active educator, breeder and later became a show judge. She was diligently involved with numerous dog clubs including NESGA, Ladies Dog Club and several Portuguese Water Dog clubs and a member of St. Roch's Church in Oxford, where she was a lector. She was always cheerful and a life-long learner who enjoyed her family, crafts and loved writing poetry.

Calling hours were Tuesday, March 27, 2018, from 5-8 p.m. at Paradise-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. A funeral Mass was held Wednesday, March 28 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Roch's Church, 332 Main St., Oxford. Burial will be private at the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Canine Health Foundation, P.O. Box 900061, Raleigh, NC 27675, or to the Alzheimer's Association, 309 Waverly Oaks Rd., Waltham, MA 02452. paradisfuneralhome.com

Helen Virginia Pappas, 89



WEBSTER - Helen Virginia (Bregou) Pappas died peacefully in her home, Wednesday, March 21, 2018, at the age of 89. Her husband, and best friend of 67 years, Charles A. Pappas, passed away

in 2015.

Helen is survived by her daughter Sandi Kunkel and her husband Gerry Kunkel of Webster, her son Chuck Pappas and his wife Ginny of Dudley; 6 grandchildren, Scott Kunkel and his wife Kathleen, Lee Kunkel and his wife Ashley, Andrew Pappas, Joanna Donahue and her husband Joe, Alex Pappas, Gillian Martin and her husband Jake; 5 great grandchildren, Kaiden, Hanna, Teegan, Nova and Rowan, and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, Louis and Virginia (Johnson) Bregou, and 2 brothers, Fotis and Paul Bregou.

Helen grew up in Worcester and graduated from Commerce High School and also Bregou Hair Dressing School, which was owned by her father. She worked as a bookkeeper and hairdresser at her dad's hair salon for many years and spent many years assisting her mom "Nene" in operating the Colonial Inn at Nantasket Beach. Helen was her husband's biggest supporter of their 'families' business, Park 'n Shop Supermarket. She was a member and supporter of Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Webster where she was very active in the Philoptochos Society and served on the church council. In addition, she was also a member of the Eastern Star and Hubbard Regional Hospital Women's Guild.

Helen and Charlie traveled the world together. Some of their trips included: and audience with the Pope in Rome, Greece, Jerusalem, The Great Barrier Reef, Pyramids of Egypt, Taj Mahal, and of course, celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary in Atlantis with the whole family. They enjoyed skiing with their best friends Ray and Mary Gorette and spent most of their winters at their 'home away from home' watching dolphins and sunsets in Marco Island, FL.

Helen loved spending time with her family, especially with her great grandchildren, and enjoying knitting afghans and sweaters for them.

She will be missed by her family, and also by the lives that she has touched throughout her life.

Helen's family would like to thank her caregivers Mercy and Agnes, the Webster Police and EMS departments for their service and compassion during her last remaining months.

Helen's calling hours were held from 5:30-8:30 PM on Friday, March 23, 2018 at Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church, 37 Lake Parkway, Webster, a Trisagion Service was held at 6PM on Friday. The Funeral Service was held on Saturday, March 24, 2018 at 10 AM in the Church, followed by burial next to her beloved Charlie in Mt. Zion Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church, P.O. Box 713, Webster, MA. 01570.

The ROBERT J. MILLER FUNERAL HOME and LAKE CHAPEL, 366 School St., is honored to be assisting Helen's family with arrangements.

To Share a Memory or condolence of Helen, please visit: RJMILLERFUNERALS.NET


Yvette A. (Gaudreau) Lafantasie, 82

BALLOUVILLE - Yvette A. (Gaudreau) Lafantasie, 82, passed away on Friday, March 23, 2018, at Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam CT. She leaves her daughter, Pamela A. Lafantasie of Ballouville; her brother Lionel Gaudreau of Killingly; her sisters, Eva Matthewson of Killingly and Evelyn Mazzarella of Killingly; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her loving husband; Ernest P. Lafantasie; her brother, Thomas Gaudreau; and her sister, Isabelle Noble.

Yvette was born in Brooklyn, CT., the daughter of the late Bertram Gaudreau and Yvonne (Lambert) Gaudreau. She lived in Connecticut for her whole life. She worked for many manufacturing firms such as LaRosa and Sons Inc., Hale's Manufacturing Co., and Belding Brothers and Co. Yvette was known to be an excellent cook. She loved to spend her time gardening. A private graveside service will be held at the convenience of the family. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street, Webster MA has been entrusted with her arrangements. A guest

book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle. Memorial contributions in Yvette's memory may be made to a charity of one's choice.

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OBITUARIES

Marguerite M. Dion, 98



WEBSTER – Marguerite “Marge” (Remy) Dion passed away on Monday, March 19, 2018 after a long and full life. Her husband of 43 years, Romuald “Don” Dion, died in 1988. She was also predeceased by her two brothers, Rev. Adrien T. Remy and Thomas Remy and by many other beloved family members, including her sister-in-law Lorraine Remy.

She was born in Webster, the daughter of Albert and Cora Remy and was a lifelong resident. She attended Saint Anne's School and Bartlett High School.

She worked as the Assistant Town Clerk for the Town of Webster after high school. She and her husband then opened their own business, Don's TV, selling televisions – the newest technology at the time. Marguerite spent several years caring for her ill mother while also raising her young family. She then began working for the Webster School System in the Webster Intermediate School cafeteria, retiring as Manager in 1991.

Mrs. Dion was a communicant of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, a member of its Ladies of Saint Anne and a weekly adorer at the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. She was active in the parish all her life and volunteered for many events, including dressing angels, shepherds and kings for the annual Christmas Eve pageant at the church. She attended her children's school plays, Boy Scout and Girl Scout activities, Little League games, and dance recitals. The greatest joy in her life came from her family: she relished family gatherings, holidays, and being with the ones she loved.

In her later years, she moved

to Christopher Heights and then to Webster Manor. The family would like to thank the staff at both facilities for their care and compassion for Marguerite over the past several years.

Marguerite leaves three sons, Richard Dion and his wife Ora of Piermont, NH, Ronald Dion and his wife Donna of Bedford, NH, and David Dion and his wife Pamela of Dudley; 3 daughters, Jeanne Cusson and her husband Charles of Auburn, PA, Suzanne Johnson and her husband Kenneth of Oxford, and Lisa Mason and her husband Mark of Webster. She also leaves fifteen grandchildren, Aimee Crisanti, Patricia Reiter, Jessica Benoit, Alyssa Rodning, Seth Dion, Michele Talbot, Matthew Dion, Jeffrey Dion, Jonathan Dion, Christopher Cusson, Beth Clifford, Hilary Mason, Marisa Mason, Lindsey Mason, Olivia Mason and twelve great-grandchildren, Sam and Ryan Crisanti, Ruby Reiter, Will Benoit, Andrew Talbot, Nathan and Hannah Dion, Ashlee, Alisyn and Christophe Cusson, and Rylee and Reagan Clifford. Her memory and legacy live on through this big, beautiful family who will love and cherish her always. A funeral Mass for Marguerite was held at 11:00 AM on Monday, March 26, in Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 16 East Main Street. Burial was in Sacred Heart Cemetery. The family receive relatives and friends from 10:00 to 11:00 AM in the church prior to the Mass. Donations in her name may be made to either Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 18 East Main Street, or Christopher Heights Resident Activity Fund, c/o Laurie Nelson, 338 Thompson Road, both in Webster, MA 01570. Arrangements are under the direction of Sitkowski & Malboeuf Funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster.

www.sitkowski-malboeuf.com

Stella T. Krawiec, 99



WEBSTER – Stella T. (Slota) Krawiec, 99, passed away peacefully on Monday, March 19, 2018 in Devereux House, Marblehead, MA after a period of declining health. Her beloved husband of 25 years, Thomas J.

Krawiec, Jr., died in 1975. She leaves 2 daughters, Kathleen Hiller and her companion James Farrell of Salem, NH and Carol and John Tardif of Lynn, MA; 3 grandchildren, Kristy Lee Hiller of Salem, NH, Stacy Lynn Hiller and her companion Daniel Aguilar of Danville, NH and Thomas S. Krawiec and his wife Jennifer of Sandown, NH; 3 great-granddaughters, Haley Hiller, Olivia Krawiec and Sophia Krawiec and; 2 sisters, Genevieve Ciukaj of Southbridge and Josephine Zacek of Dudley; nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her sisters Mary Kania and Stasia Caisse and her brothers John, Stanley, Joseph, Frank, Henry and Stephen Slota. Mrs. Krawiec was born in Webster, one of the eleven children of Peter and Anna (Mazur) Slota and lived in Webster and Dudley all her life. She worked at Webster Shoe, American Greeting Card Company and at the Webster Nursing

Home before retiring. She was a member of Saint Andrew Bobola Church in Dudley. In her earlier years she excelled at needlepoint. She enjoyed trips to Foxwoods, and liked spending the summer at Hampton Beach, boating at Rockport and Sundays at Webster Lake. She relished celebrating her family's milestones and being together for the holidays.

Her grandkids affectionately called her “Cupcake.” She will be dearly missed.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory can be made in care of Kathleen Hiller, PO Box 234, North Salem, NH 03073 for her great grandchildren's educational fund.

The Family would like to extend their deepest appreciation to the staff of the Devereux House for their kindness and care in her final years

The funeral was held on Wednesday, March 28. Visitation was from 9:15 to 10:15 AM at the Scanlon Funeral Service, 38 East Main Street, Webster, MA, with a Mass at 11:00 AM in Saint Andrew Bobola Church, 54 West Main Street, Dudley. Burial was in Saint Joseph Garden of Peace, Webster, MA. Arrangements are under the direction of Sitkowski & Malboeuf Funeral Home, 340 School St., Webster, MA.

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Winifred Lillian Merriam, 92



NORTH OXFORD – Winifred Lillian (Davis) Merriam, 92, of Maplewood at Mayflower in West Yarmouth and formerly of Merriam District in North Oxford, died peacefully on Saturday, March 17, 2018, after a short illness. She was predeceased by her husband of 74 years, Robert Merriam.

She is survived by two children, James Merriam and his wife Linda Merriam of Harwich, and Linda Karellas and her husband Dr. Andrew Karellas of Oro Valley, AZ; four grandchildren, Carrie Merriam LeBlanc, Joshua Merriam, Kristen Sherman, and Heather Karellas; one great-grandson, Mattie Merriam; and two step great-grandchildren, Devin and Riley LeBlanc. She was predeceased by her sister, Geraldine Chakuas who died in 1982.

She was born in Eden, VT, daughter of the late Ezra and Ada (Bessette) Davis, whose family moved to North Brookfield when Winnie was 6 months old for her parents to run the Town Farm. From there, Winnie's family moved to East Brookfield and in 1942 to Barre, MA. Winnie graduated from Worcester's David Hale Fanning Trade School or “Girl's Trade” in June 1943.

Winnie met Bob Merriam while traveling by train to school, and they were

married in East Brookfield Baptist Church in July 1943. A year later, she joined Bob, who was stationed in Clovis, New Mexico.

After World War II, Winnie and Bob built their home on Merriam District in 1946 and she lived there until Bob's death last October.

Mrs. Merriam worked at David Clark Company in Worcester for over 30 years, where she manufactured the link-net for the Gemini and Apollo spacesuits and had the opportunity to meet many of America's first astronauts as they were fitted for their spacesuits.

She attended Greenville Baptist Church and North Oxford Baptist Church.

Winnie was a member of the Holiday Rambler Trailer Club and the North American Family Camping Association – Worcester Chapter.

A funeral service was held at 12 noon on Monday, March 26, 2018, at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. Burial followed at Gore Cemetery in North Oxford. Calling hours were Monday from 10 a.m.-12 noon prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 417005, Boston, MA 02241-7005, or to Habitat for Humanity, 411 Main St., Yarmouth Port, MA 02675.

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Paul C. DeJesus, Sr., 79



OXFORD – Paul C. DeJesus, Sr., 79, of Fort Hill Road, died peacefully at home surrounded by his family on Monday, March 19, 2018, after a long courageous battle with cancer. He was predeceased by

his wife of 53 years, Helen C. (Rivers) DeJesus of Oxford who died in 2016. He is survived by four children, Linda L. Anderson and her husband Rob of Oxford, Tina M. Barrett and her husband Mark of Webster, Paul C. DeJesus Jr. of Oxford, and Howard C. Clinton of Florida; his brother, Nelson DeJesus of Oxford; his sister, Margaret Siegfried of Auburn; four grandchildren, Nicholas Anderson, Erika DeJesus, Derek Leake, and Dylan Barrette; two great-grandchildren, Nevaeh and Tristan; and several nephews and nieces. He was predeceased by a brother, Manuel DeJesus; and a sister, Mary Beaudry. He was born in Oxford, the only survivor of a set of triplets to the late Manuel and Mary (Albuquerque) DeJesus, and was a lifelong resident of Oxford. He served in the Marine Corps reserves.

Mr. DeJesus worked at Komtek

Forge in Worcester for over 20 years, retiring many years ago. Previously, he worked for Gordon Chemical in Oxford. He enjoyed working on his home, carpentry, and was a handyman who could fix anything. He loved sports and was an avid Red Sox fan. He will be remembered as hard-working man, loving father, and great mentor.

The family would like to thank the staff at Central Mass Hospice, as well as Dr. O'Shea and the nursing staff at St. Vincent Cancer and Wellness Center, for the exceptional care given to their father during his illness.

A funeral service was held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 24, 2018, at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. Burial followed at St. Roch's Cemetery in Oxford. Calling hours were Friday, March 23, 2018, from 4-7 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701.

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Steve R. Pekala, 82



DUDLEY – Steve R. “Pinky” Pekala, 82, died Friday, March 23, 2018 in Saint Vincent Hospital, Worcester, with his family at his side.

He leaves 2 sons, Stephen R. Pekala II of Oxford and James & his wife Debra Pekala of Deland, FL; 3 daughters, Jenney & her husband Robert M. Gallerane of Milford, Cynthia M. & her husband Robert Trocki of Shrewsbury and Niantic, CT and Paula & her husband Keith Ridley of Edgewater, FL; 16 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; 2 brothers, Charles R. & his wife Joan Pekala, and Joseph J. Pekala, all of Webster; a sister, Helen & her husband Robert Roy of Quinebaug, CT; many nephews and nieces, as well as a very dear cousin Madeline Iacobucci. He was preceded in death by his son Stephen R. Pekala, Jr., by his grandson Andrew West in 2011, by his brother Walter Pekala and

by his sister Dorothy Horanzy.

He was born in Webster, a son of Walter and Helen (Jagiello) Pekala and lived in the area all his life. He was a graduate of Bartlett High School.

Mr. Pekala worked at Bayer Motors in Dudley for 45 years, first as a mechanic and later doing auto body work. He also did painting and detailing of cars there before retiring in 2000. He was a master tinkerer and spent many hours working on his treasures. He loved spending time with his grandchildren.

The funeral will be held Monday, April 2, from Scanlon Funeral Service, 38 East Main St., with a Mass at 11:00 AM in Saint Louis Church, 14 Lake Street. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery. A visiting period will take place from 9:00 to 10:30 AM Monday, April 2, in the funeral home. Donations in his name may be made to the American Cancer Society, 1661 Worcester Rd #301, Framingham, MA 01701.

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Victor F. Stolarczyk, 97



WEBSTER – Victor Francis Stolarczyk, 97, died peacefully at night on Wednesday, March 21, 2018. He lived his final years at the Webster Manor. After a period of declining health he passed away surrounded by love and care that we only hope lived up to the love and care that he gave to his family, friends and the world, over all the years that he lived. His wife of 60 years, Frances (Darzenkiewicz) Stolarczyk died in 2010. We imagine they are together again, the way they lived, inseparable.

He leaves his daughter Judith S. Earls and her husband Dr. Stephen T. Earls of Holden, his son Victor K. Stolarczyk and his wife Cathy of Sutton and his son-in-law Ronald A. Fontaine of Lancaster; 9 grandchildren: Stephanie, Bethany, Laurel and Jonathan Earls, Ronald and Jamie Fontaine, and Rebecca, Maria and James Stolarczyk; 12 great grandchildren: Christian, Monet, Miles, Julia, Grant, Noelle, Aria, Aidan, Max, Isabel, Thomas and Joshua; a sister Lorraine Dion of Thompson, CT and a sister-in-law Genevieve Darzenkiewicz of Southbridge, MA; many nieces and nephews and a community at Webster Manor that adored him. In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his daughter Joyce B. Fontaine, brothers John, Chester and Vincent Stolarczyk and sisters Stasia Jaszczur, Joan Plasse, and Teresa Courtemanche.

Victor was born and lived his whole life in Webster, son of Czeslaw and Aleksandra (Krupinski) Stolarczyk. Family and peers called him “Nito”, a nickname that was coined in youth because of his mispronunciation of the word “nickel”. He was a humble World War II Veteran having served in the Army Corps of Engineers. On the occasion that he would share his experiences, history came to life. A hard worker who made everything seem easy, Mr. Stolarczyk worked as a machinist at Crompton and Knowles Loom Works in Worcester for 38 years. He also worked as a meat cutter at Thrifty Supermarket and was a toll collector on the Massachusetts Turnpike for 5 years. He was a member of Saint Joseph Basilica and held a life membership in the Auburn – Webster Lodge of Elks #2118 and the American Legion. Victor's life was devoted to his fam-

ily, especially his grandchildren, who called him “Bumpy”.

Victor was generous and kind beyond measure and exuded a unique combination of playfulness and wisdom. He was smart and engaged a

living example of dedication to his family and work. He was the quiet steady force that matched his wife's spark. In the prime of their life together, he and Frances created a warm home that nourished their children and grandchildren. It was always a treat to go to “Bumpy and Bumma's” house. Together they were always available to help care for their family. Victor was a gentleman who prioritized fairness and presence, always making the effort, even in his late years, to be a part of family celebrations and holidays and milestones. Bumpy had a sweet tooth like no other. He loved snickers and coke and a nice cup of DD coffee. Those who had the chance to sit with Bumpy knew his gentle yet strong hands and were probably welcomed into a hand squeezing contest (that he usually won). Victor, Nito, Bumpy left the world a better place, with a cultivated legacy of love and peace.

The family would like to express their profound gratitude to the competent and compassionate staff of the Webster Manor for the love and care they rendered to Victor during his time there. They were truly an extended family for him.

The Funeral was held Tuesday March 27 from the Scanlon Funeral Service, 38 East Main Street, with a Mass at 1:00 PM in Saint Joseph Basilica, 53 Whitcomb Street. Burial was in the Saint Joseph Garden of Peace, with the Webster-Dudley Veterans Council providing military honors. Visiting hours were from 5:00 to 7:00 PM Monday March 26 in the funeral home. Donations may be made in his name to either Webster Manor Patient Activity Fund, 745 School Street, Webster, MA, to Hospice of Western and Central Massachusetts, 1325 Springfield Street, Suite 12, Feeding Hills, MA 01030 or the Felician Sisters, 1315 Enfield Street, Enfield, CT 06082. Arrangements are under the direction of Sitkowski and Malboeuf Funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster.

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OBITUARIES

John L. Burque, 92



CHARLTON- John L. Burque, 92, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 in the comfort of his own home.

He leaves his wife of over 64 years, Gloria (Duquette) Burque, a son, Peter Burque and his wife Darline of Brookfield, two daughters, Monica Blouin and her husband Richard and Patty Denning and her husband Don all of Charlton.

Grandchildren; Steve Burque (Jess), Laurie Sutherland (Mike), Heather DeCicero (Matt), Peter Blouin and partner Molly Gregas, Michael Blouin (Katie), Jennie Walsh (Marty), Nick

Blouin (Danyelle), Jess Denning and partner Rob Gilchest, Alicia Morrison (Dempsey)

Great grandchildren; Nora and Arlo Blouin, Abigail Burque, Burque and Lucille Sutherland, Daniel Walsh, Quinn Blouin, Madison Gilchest and was awaiting the arrival of another great grandson.

He also leaves many nieces and nephews, a brother-in-law, Willy Duquette (Linda), and sister-in-law, Sylvia Sheldon and his beloved Hospice caregivers, Sarah and Virginia and all the caring people at Southbridge Rehab. Center.

John was born in Worcester, son of the late Emile and Rose (Demers) Burque. He was predeceased by a grandson, Richard Blouin, Jr. and 3

brothers, Raymond, Joseph and Paul Burque.

John served his country proudly during WWII and Korea and then spent more time serving and then retiring as a Chief Petty Officer from the U.S. Coast Guard, he later worked for 26 years for Pratt-Whitney Aircraft as a quality control inspector.

He was a devoted member of St. Joseph's Church.

Calling hours for John were Monday, March 26, 2018 from 5-8pm at St. Joseph's Church, 10 H-Putnam Rd., Ext. in Charlton.

His Funeral Mass was Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at 10 AM also in St. Joseph's Church, followed by burial with Military Honors in New Notre Dame Cemetery, Woodstock Rd.,

Southbridge.

In Lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: Hospice of Western and Central MA., 1325 Springfield St., Suite #12, Feeding Hill, MA. 01030 or to a Hospice program of your choice, or to St. Joseph's Church, Building Fund, P.O. Box 338, Charlton City, MA. 01508.

The ROBERT J. MILLER-CHARLTON FUNERAL HOME, 175 Old Worcester Rd is Honored to be assisting the the Burque family with arrangements.



CALENDAR

Saturday, March 31

EGG HUNT! Families from the Webster area are welcome to attend our FREE Spring Egg Hunt at Webster Manor Rehabilitation & Health Care Center. The egg hunt will begin on Saturday, March 31 at 10:30 a.m. and is open to families with children ages 12 years and under. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Baskets will be available to borrow for children to collect eggs. No personal baskets, please. The Easter Bunny is also expected to hop on by during the egg hunt for a photo opportunity. *Cameras are not provided but are welcomed.

EASTER EGG HUNT @ THE PEARLE: Saturday, March 31, 10:00-11:30 Drop by the Pearle L. Crawford Library, Dudley for our annual Easter Egg Hunt and have your picture taken with the Easter Bunny! This event takes place indoors. No registration. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Sponsored by Friends of the Library.

Friday, April 6

EMPTY BOWLS: On Friday, April 6 from 6-8 p.m. at the Bartlett High School cafeteria the Bartlett Empty Bowls event will Honor Webster's Heroes: first responders. Enjoy local pottery and food at this casual, family friendly event. Choose a handmade ceramic bowl, taste samples of entrees, soup, bread and dessert from several local restaurants. Keep your bowl as a reminder that your support helps fill empty bowls in our community. Prices begin at \$20 for adults; \$10 for students. Kids under 6 eat free. Donate a nonperishable food item and receive a \$5 discount. Artwork, pottery demonstrations ice sculptures and more.

Saturday, April 7

TREE TALK: On April 7 "Bark - Get to Know Your Trees" at Dudley Grange, 9a.m.-noon, No cost. Presented by Michael Wojtech, naturalist, writer, illustrator and educator. Three hours, first hour discussion, two hours in the field. Who should attend? Anyone who is interested in trees and forest ecology from high school students to adult. Event is free. Dress weather appropriately. Registration is necessary as space is limited. Please call 508-949-0250 (leave VM including name & contact phone #). Breakfast snacks will be present before class begins at 8:30 a.m.

Sunday, April 8

BREAKFAST BUFFET: All you can eat breakfast buffet, your breakfast favorites will be served including eggs, pancakes, French toast, corned beef hash, fresh baked pastries and much more! Sunday, April 8 7:30-10 a.m. at United Church of Christ Federated, 4 Church St., Webster. Adults: \$9, children aged 12 and younger: \$4.

Wednesday, April 11

HONORING THE RIVER: The French River Connection is pleased to invite the public to a presentation by Larry Spotted Crow Mann, award winning writer-poet-native American cultural educator-traditional story teller, speaking on Honoring the Mannexit(French) River" Mr. Mann's most recent book is Drumming & Dreaming, and presents tales of the Algonquin Tribes, primarily the Nipmuc. The event will be on Wednesday, April 11 at 7 p.m., at the Wintergarten, the easily accessible historic meeting hall above Kretzman's Brewery, located along the French River at 9 Frederick St. in Webster. The street is between the Post Office and the Police Station. The Brewery will be

open and available to patrons.

Saturday, April 14

MEAT RAFFLE: the TSKK holds its monthly meat raffle beginning at 2 p.m. at the club, 21 Harris St., Webster. Come join the fun!

Friday, April 20

TOOTH FAIRY COMETH: Kids Zone Dental presents: The Tooth Fairy at the Webster Public Library! Children ages 3 to 6 will learn about dental care as the Tooth Fairy reads picture books and practices brushing and flossing with the help of her puppet friends. Kids can take home pictures, activity sheets, and maybe even prizes! Come join us Friday, April 20 from 3:00 to 4:00 at the Webster Public Library, 350 Main Street. This program is 100% free, and is an educational community outreach program sponsored by Kids Zone Dental.

Saturday, April 21

10th ANNUAL DAFFODIL TEA: United Church of Christ, Federated, located at 4 Church St. in Webster (across from Town Hall) is hosting their 10th annual Daffodil Tea on Saturday, April 21 at 12:30 pm. Tickets are \$15for adults and \$8 for children under the age of 9. Children 4 and under are free. Tickets can be purchased at the church office from Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. There will be door prizes and a gift basket raffle. Enjoy the experience of an English High Tea in an English garden ambiance which will include scones, delicious tea sandwiches and an assortment of mouthwatering desserts.

ONGOING EVENTS

COMMUNITY MEALS: Blessed Backpack Brigade Community Fellowship Meal served from 5-6 p.m. American Legion Hall, 9 Houghton St, Webster. Please note that there is no handicapped access, but we will have volunteers to provide you with assistance. Free hot meals to anyone in need. Everyone is welcome. Join us for great food, fellowship, and fun! For more information, or to donate or sponsor a meal, please call Lisa Berg at 508-330-7242 or Lauri Joseph 774-230-8988. Blessed Backpack Brigade Community Fellowship Meals are served the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at the American Legion on Houghton Street, Webster.

TECH HELP @ THE CRAWFORD LIBRARY: On Mondays and Tuesdays the Library will offer 30-minute one-on-one technology help sessions with a staff member. The sessions are by appointment; stop in or call the Library at 508-949-8021 to schedule an appointment. Examples of topics we can help with include setting up an email account, searching the Internet, navigating social media websites and apps, downloading ebooks or audiobooks to a portable device, filling out online job applications, creating a basic resume with Microsoft Word. We cannot repair equipment or troubleshoot hardware or software issues, assist with non-standard software, or conduct credit/debit card transactions. Appointments are available on:

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ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT: The Webster Alzheimer's Support Group meets the second Monday of each month at Webster Manor, 745 School St., from 6-8 p.m. Anyone in the area who feels they are in need of help, doesn't know what to do, or is a care-

giver for someone with Alzheimer's, is invited to attend and express their concerns regarding the care for their loved one. The members of the group will discuss the ways, means, and the help you will need as your loved one progresses in this disease. Please come join with us at each meeting and you'll be glad that you did. Each person has a different story to tell and you will be given tips to help you work through this agonizing and dreadful disease.

NUMISMATICS: Looking for a new hobby? Come learn about the hobby of Coin Collecting. Or maybe you are an old time collector. Our club, the Nipmuc Coin Club, has both. We learn from each other through our monthly guest speakers, show and tell presentations, monthly coin auctions and free attendance prizes. Our group loves to share their knowledge with each other. About half of our members also like to eat. Each month we have a simple dinner with dessert and refreshments just prior to our meeting, which allows us time to socialize too. We meet the fourth Wednesday of each month starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Oxford Senior Center located at 323 Main St. in Oxford. It is the building directly behind the Oxford Town Hall building. For more information, please contact Dick Lisi at (508) 410-1332 or lisirichard15@yahoo.com.

SUICIDE PREVENTION: Attempted Suicide Prevention Group. Held each Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at St Bernard's Church, 236 Lincoln St., Worcester Gym Entrance Side, second floor meeting room. Parking & T services. Weekly facilitator, inspirational speaker, founder Dan Pelly, two time attempted suicide survivor. Your life matters, never give up. No charge. More info at (617) 592-5081.

LEAGUE OF CATHOLIC WOMEN: The St. Louis League of Catholic Women is holding its annual membership drive. The purpose of the league is to bring together women to further their cultural, social, and religious interests. The league meets every first Wednesday of the month, with the exception of January, February, July, August, and September. Programs this year will include cupcake decorating, Christmas sing-a-long, flowers in the Bible, movie night, crowning of Mary, and other interesting topics. If you are interested, please call Financial Secretary Louise Duval at 508-943-7695 or club President Carolyn Smith at 508-943-4732.

MEDITATION & YOGA: Guided Meditation on the second and fourth Wednesday every month, 6:30 p.m. at Generations Healing Center, Oxford. Please visit Pinkhippy.org for more information.

Restorative Yoga Wednesdays, Noon to 1 p.m., St. Vincent Cancer & Wellness Center, 1 Eaton Place Worcester. Please visit Pinkhippy.org for more information.

Restorative Yoga Saturdays, 8:15-9 a.m., Oxford Community Center, 4 Maple Road, Oxford. Please visit Pinkhippy.org for more information.

Restorative Yoga Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Boucher School of Dance, 3 Millbury Boulevard, Oxford. Please visit Pinkhippy.org for more information.

Free Yoga Classes for Cancer Patients — Restorative yoga classes for cancer patients are offered weekly and are open to patients, survivors, and their families or caregivers. Classes are held every Saturday morning from 8:15 to 9 a.m. at the Oxford Community Center, 4 Maple Road, Oxford, and on Wednesdays from noon to 1 p.m. at Saint Vincent Cancer & Wellness Center, One Eaton Place, Worcester. The Restorative Yoga program is a complementary therapy that is designed to help reduce lymphedema, increase range of motion, and soothe

neuropathies that may occur during all stages of treatment and recovery. This program also promotes relaxation, which is a vital element in healing, as it brings emotional and physical relief from stress through moving meditation and gentle yoga stretches. These programs have been made possible through Pinkhippy.Org, a 501(c)(3) non-profit holistic service and support organization that serves breast cancer patients, survivors and their families throughout Central MA, Northeastern CT, and Northwestern RI. Classes are free for those undergoing treatments or in recovery from breast cancer.

For more information please visit www.pinkhippy.org, call (508) 987-3310, or send an email to info@pinkhippy.org.

HELP FOR HELPERS: Do you have a family member struggling with addiction or alcoholism? You are not alone. Join Families Helping Families Support Group. Meetings at Dudley Senior Center every first and third Monday of the month, 6:30-8 p.m. We spend so much time with our addicted loved one, that we become victims ourselves. Join us. It's informal, confidential, with tough love advice from the heart, sharing of resources, hope and hugs.

HOLISTIC HEALTH: Chair Yoga and so much more every Tuesday from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at The First Congregational Church, 135 Center Road, Dudley (please park and enter through the right side basement entrance). Class Fee: \$5/class voluntary contribution (Cancer patients always free). Proceeds donated to the First Congregational Church of Dudley. Instructor: Joanne LaLiberte, Holistic Health practitioner. This class of chair yoga is to expand the lungs and strengthen all the body's major muscle groups, for stability and mobility, balance, increasing flexibility, muscularity of hip and legs and increasing range of motion with our "rear view mirror" twists. We work through the entire body, quieting the nerves, relieving stress, realigning posture and we leave renewed. Chair yoga is open to adults of all ages. It is kept light-hearted with respect for every member of the class. We honor the body as it is right now and work to improve its overall health. We come to class as individuals and leave as family. Get to know yourself through the eyes of chair yoga and build a body that serves you better. Wear comfortable clothing. As with any exercise program, check with your healthcare professional before starting.

KNOWING KNITTERS: Come join the Drop In Knitting Group from 10 a.m. to noon on Fridays at the Pearle L. Crawford Memorial Library, Schofield Avenue, Dudley. All ages and levels, from beginner to expert, are welcome. For more information, call Mary Kunkel at (508) 943-8107 or Jacqueline Vassar at (508) 892-4754.

GOT FOOD? The Bread of Life Food Pantry, Calvary Assembly of God, located at 105 Southbridge Road, is open Mondays from 10 a.m. to noon and Thursdays from 5 to 7 p.m. They are closed on holidays. They can be reached at 508-949-3711.

SUPPORT: The Cancer Support Group meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on the second Monday of every month in the Boardroom on the 4th floor at Harrington Hospital, 100 South Street, Southbridge. Call (508) 764-2400 for more information.

SUPPORT: Overeaters Anonymous group meeting every Wednesday at 6 p.m. Come to Room RHF-1 at Day Kimball Hospital, 320 Pomfret St., Putnam, CT. We will welcome you! For more information, contact Kathryn at (508) 949-0819.



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LEGALS

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Conrad R. Farland to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for GMAC Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns, dated September 13, 2002 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 27503, Page 317 subsequently assigned to MidFirst Bank, A Federally Chartered Savings Association by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for GMAC Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 57542, Page 363; of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 9:00 AM on April 20, 2018 at 8 Buffum Dam Road, Oxford, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit: Parcel #1 The land on the northerly side of Charlton Road in Oxford, Worcester County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows: A certain tract or parcel of land, together with the buildings thereon of every nature and description, and all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, situated in the westerly part of Oxford, County of Worcester, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, containing two acres, more or less, and being bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at the southwesterly corner of the premises on the northerly side of the road leading from Oxford to Charlton at the corner of land now or formerly of Thomas Nichols; Thence due North and by the same land now or formerly of Nichols, thirty-four and one-half rods to land now or formerly of the heirs of Leonardo Craig; Thence easterly by land now or formerly of said Craig heirs, one hundred seventy-one (171) feet to road leading from said Oxford and Charlton Road to land now or formerly of Freeman Prince; Thence southerly to the road leading from Oxford to Charlton; Thence westerly by said road one hundred fifteen (115) feet to the first mentioned bound at the point of beginning. Excepting from the above described premises that part taken by the County of Worcester or the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for highway purposes. Excepting parcel conveyed to Beatrice Blondell, by Deed recorded February 21, 1969 in Book 4927, Page 495. Parcel #2 The land situated on the southerly side of the premises taken by the County of Worcester of Commonwealth of Massachusetts for highway purposes leading to Charlton situated in the westerly part of Oxford, County of Worcester, containing one acre, more or less, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the southeasterly corner of the premises herein described on the northerly line of the old Charlton Street also being the southwesterly corner of land now or formerly of Beatrice Blondell as described in a deed to Beatrice Blondell dated September 30, 1959 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 4060, Page 351; Thence westerly one hundred forty-three (143) feet along the northerly line of said old Charlton Street to a point at land now or formerly of said Blondell; Thence northerly two hundred eighty (280) feet, more or less, to the northerly line of the new Charlton Street and premises taken by the County of Worcester for highway purposes; Thence easterly one hundred forty-three (143) feet by the said northerly line of the new Charlton Street and taking to land now or formerly of Beatrice Blondell; Thence southerly two hundred eighty(280) feet, more or less, by other land now or formerly of Beatrice Blondell to the point of beginning. Containing one acre, more or less. Being the same premises conveyed to the Mortgagor by Deed recorded February 1, 2002 in Book 23499, Page 367.

The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, building and zoning laws, liens, attorney's fees and costs pursuant to M.G.L.Ch.183A, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to

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

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

MidFirst Bank
Present Holder of said Mortgage,
By Its Attorneys,
ORLANS PC
PO Box 540540
Waltham, MA 02454
Phone: (781) 790-7800
17-009577
March 30, 2018
April 6, 2018
April 13, 2018

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Melinda Remillard, and Scott Remillard to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for America's Wholesale Lender, its successors and assigns, dated August 25, 2004 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 34530, Page 305 subsequently assigned to Bank of New York as Trustee for the certificateholders of CWABS, Inc., Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2004-10 by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc. acting solely as nominee for America's Wholesale Lender by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 43306, Page 162; of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 2:00 PM on April 6, 2018 at 11 Whitcomb Street, Webster, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit: Beginning at the northwesterly corner of the premises at a point on the easterly side of Whitcomb Street, it being the southwesterly corner of land now or formerly of one Lavallee; Thence southerly by said easterly side of Whitcomb Street, sixty-six (66) feet, more or less, to a point at land now or formerly of one Dugan; Thence easterly by said Dugan land one hundred and twenty (120) feet, more or less, to land now or formerly of one Slater; Thence northerly by said Slater land sixty-six (66) feet, more or less, to a point at said Lavallee land; Thence westerly by said Lavallee land one hundred and twenty (120) feet, more or less, to the point of beginning. Being the same premises conveyed to Scott Remillard by deed from Judson Wetteland and Scott Remillard recorded May 7, 2003 at Book 29994, Page 280.

The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, building and zoning laws, liens, attorney's fees and costs pursuant to M.G.L.Ch.183A, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. **TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.**

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

Bank of New York Mellon, as successor in interest by merger to Bank of New York as Trustee for the certificateholders of CWABS, Inc., Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2004-10
Present Holder of said Mortgage,
By Its Attorneys,

ORLANS PC
PO Box 540540
Waltham, MA 02454
Phone: (781) 790-7800
17-000360
March 16, 2018
March 23, 2018
March 30, 2018

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Jorge A. Feliciano and Angela G. Feliciano to Ameripath Mortgage Corporation, dated May 25, 2006 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 39119, Page 334 subsequently assigned to New Century Mortgage Corporation by Ameripath Mortgage Corporation by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 49158, Page 339 and subsequently assigned to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for RASC 2007-KS3 by New Century Mortgage Corporation by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 49158, Page 341; of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 3:00 PM on April 13, 2018 at 340 High Street, Webster, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

All that certain parcel of land situated in Webster, County of Worcester, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, on the Westerly side of High Street, being bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a stake on the Westerly side of High Street at the Northeasterly corner of the lot herein described and at the Southeasterly corner of land now or formerly of the intersection of Carter and High Street; Thence Southerly by said High Street, 50 feet to a stake at land now or formerly of Henry J. Steinberg; Thence Westerly by said Steinberg land, 100 feet to a stake at other land now or formerly of said Steinberg; Thence Northerly by said Steinberg land, 50 feet to land now or formerly of George Glastres; Thence Easterly by said Glastres land, 100 feet to the point of beginning. Being the same property as conveyed from Angela G. Feliciano to Jorge A. Feliciano and Angela G. Feliciano, husband and wife, as tenants by the entirety, as described in Deed Book 32922 Page 260, Dated 02/23/2004, Recorded 02/27/2004 in Worcester County Records.

The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, building and zoning laws, liens, attorney's fees and costs pursuant to M.G.L.Ch.183A, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. **TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.**

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

U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Residential Asset Securities Corporation, Home Equity Mortgage Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-KS3
Present Holder of said Mortgage,
By Its Attorneys,
ORLANS PC
PO Box 540540
Waltham, MA 02454
Phone: (781) 790-7800
17-011791
March 23, 2018
March 30, 2018
April 6, 2018

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 Ryan C. Anderson to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Discover Home Loans Inc., dated April 4, 2013 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 50691, Page 169, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Discover Home Loans to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association dated March 9, 2015 and recorded with said Registry on March 13, 2015 at Book 53462, Page 289, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 a.m. on May 7, 2018, on the mortgaged premises located at 6 GODDARD STREET, WEBSTER, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:
The land with all the buildings thereon of every nature and description and all privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, situated in Webster, Worcester County, Massachusetts, and being bound and described as follows, to wit:

BEGINNING on the east side of Goddard Street, formerly Oak Street, at land of Johanna Hanrahan;
THENCE in a southwesterly direction on a line with said street 13 feet to an angle of said street;

THENCE continuing on a line of said street, 42 feet to land belonging to the Estate of Paul Dragon;

THENCE by land of said Dragon's Estate, southeasterly 89 1/2 feet to center of bank wall, at land of John Woolenschide;

THENCE by said wall easterly 41 feet to land Johanna Hanrahan;

THENCE by said Hanrahan's land and through center of wood shed, 99 feet northwesterly to place of beginning.

For title, see deed recorded at the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 50691, Page 167.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 50691, Page 167.

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 Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

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

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK,
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Present holder of said mortgage
By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.
150 California Street
Newton, MA 02458
(617) 558-0500
201707-0188 - PRP

March 23, 2018
March 30, 2018
April 6, 2018

LEGALS

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Peter E. Richardson to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., dated July 19, 2005 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 36845, Page 355 as affected by a modification agreement recorded with said records at Book 53420, Page 380, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS") as nominee for GreenPoint Mortgage Funding, Inc. its successor and assigns to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association dated November 4, 2014 and recorded with said registry on February 23, 2015 at Book 53382 Page 221 and by assignment from JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association to Federal National Mortgage Association, its successors and assigns dated November 4, 2014 and recorded with said registry on February 23, 2015 at Book 53382 Page 223 and by assignment from Federal National Mortgage Association to PROF-2013-S3 Legal Title Trust II, by U.S. Bank National Association, as Legal Title Trustee dated December 31, 2016 and recorded with said registry on January 3, 2017 at Book 56557 Page 254, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 a.m. on April 18, 2018, on the mortgaged premises located at 1 Highcrest Park, Unit No. 1, The Highcrest Condominium, Webster, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:
Unit No. 1 of Building No. 1, High Street Extension, Webster, Massachusetts, of THE HIGHCREST CONDOMINIUM created by Master Deed dated July 24, 1986 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 9638, Page 381, as amended. The Post Office Address of the Condominium is: P.O. Box 882, Webster, MA 01570 The unit conveyed is laid out as shown on plans filed in Book 9669, Page 72 which plan is a copy of a portion of the plans filed with said master Deed and to which is affixed a verified statement in the form provided in M.G.L. Ch. I 83A, 89, It is subject to and with the benefit of the obligations, restrictions, rights and liabilities contained in General Laws Chapter 183A, the Master Deed and the By Laws filed therewith. The Condominium and each of the units is intended for residential purposes and other uses permitted by the applicable Zoning Ordinances and as set forth in the Master Deed. The undivided percentage interest of the unit conveyed hereunder in the common areas and facilities is 2.63 16%. A deed from Trisha Babcock to Peter E. Richardson to be recorded.

For mortgagor's(s) title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 36845, Page 354. 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 Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.
Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.
PROF-2013-S3 LEGAL TITLE TRUST II, BY U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS LEGAL TITLE TRUSTEE
Present holder of said mortgage
By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.
150 California Street
Newton, MA 02458
(617) 558-0500
201704-0068 - TEA
March 23, 2018
March 30, 2018
April 6, 2018

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Sale of Motor Vehicle under G.L.c. 255, Section 39A

Notice is hereby given by School St Towing, 17-31 School St., Webster Mass 01570 pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.255, Section 39A, that on 31 March 2018 at 9AM at 17-31 School St., Webster, MA 01570 by Private Sale the following Motor Vehicle will be sold to satisfy the garagekeeper's lien thereon for storage, towing charges, care and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicle.
Vehicle description: Year: 2008 Make: Chevy Model: Uplander Registration#/State: Un Reg VIN: 1GBD-V13W88D184668 Name and address of vehicle owner: Robert Corridori 78 Ernest St Worcester MA 01604 by: Frank A Czechowski, Jr.
Dated: 12 March 2018
This notice has been given under the provisions of G.L. c.255, Section 39A
March 16, 2018
March 23, 2018
March 30, 2018

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO18C0085CA
In the matter of:
Aviana Reign Speights
Of : Webster, MA**

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

To all persons interested in petition described:

A petition has been presented by Taylor M Germano requesting that: Aviana Reign Speights be allowed to change his/her/their name as follows:
Aviana Reign Germano
IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT Worcester ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON 04/17/2018
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 14, 2018
Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate
March 30, 2018

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 John R. Seavey and Cynthia M. Seavey to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS) as nominee for Capital One Home Loans, LLC, its successors and assigns, dated March 16, 2007 and registered with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 40937, Page 164 of which mortgage Partners for Payment Relief DE II, LLC is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS) as nominee for Capital One Home Loans, LLC, its successors and assigns to Partners for Payment Relief DE II, LLC dated July 8, 2014 recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 52564, Page 359, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 5 Spicebush Lane, Oxford, Massachusetts will be sold at a Public Auction at 1:30 p.m. on April 24, 2018, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

**THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY SITUATE IN THE CITY OF OXFORD, COUNTY OF WORCESTER, AND COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO WIT:
LOT 2 AS SHOWN ON A PLAN ENTITLED "DEFINITIVE SUBDIVISION PLAN, OXFORD, MASSACHUSETTS, APPLICANT: MCKINSTRY POND REALTY TRUST, P.O. BOX 466, OXFORD, MA 01540, DATED FEBRUARY 18, 2002 AS REVISED ON JULY 10, 2002 AND REVISED ON JULY 23, 2002, DRAWN BY B.C. ENGINEERING & SURVEY, INC. CIVIL ENGINEERING-LAND SURVEYING, P.O. BOX 466, OXFORD, MASSACHUSETTS 01540, SCALE 1" = 40'." RECORDED AT THE WORCESTER DISTRICT REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN PLAN BOOK 792, PLAN 23.
SAID LOT 2 CONTAINS APPROXIMATELY 28,884 SQUARE FEET OF LAND, MORE OR LESS.
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 5 SPICEBUSH LANE, OXFORD, MA
TAX ID #29D-A49-08
For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Reel 33044, Page 36. The above premises will be sold subject to all taxes, assess-**

ments, and other encumbrances which may constitute a prior lien thereon, and will be conveyed subject to any easements, restrictions or record, tenancies, and rights of redemption for unpaid federal taxes, if any, as shall notwithstanding this provision, constitute valid liens or encumbrances thereon after said sale.
Terms of the Sale: Cash, cashier's check or certified check in the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder and will be required to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable in cash or current funds (payable to Barham Legal, LLC) in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, to Barham Legal, LLC, Attn: MA Foreclosure, 2644 Kull Road, Lancaster, Ohio 43130, or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description of 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.

Partners for Payment Relief DE II, LLC
By its Attorney,
Daniel O. Barham, Esq.
Barham Legal, LLC
2644 Kull Road
Lancaster, Ohio 43130
1-844-227-4261 (844 BARHAM1)
March 23, 2018
March 30, 2018
April 6, 2018

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Sale of Motor Vehicle under G.L.c. 255, Section 39A

Notice is hereby given by School St Towing, 17-31 School St., Webster Mass 01570 pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.255, Section 39A, that on 7 April 2018 at 9AM at 17-31 School St., Webster, MA 01570 by Private Sale the following Motor Vehicle will be sold to satisfy the garagekeeper's lien thereon for storage, towing charges, care and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicle.
Vehicle description: Year: 2000 Make: Hyundai Model: Elantra Registration#/State: Un Reg VIN: KMH-JF35F2Y4964620 Name and address of vehicle owner: Linda Diaz 545 Salisbury St Apt 213 Worcester MA 01609 by: Frank A Czechowski, Jr.
Dated: 19 March 2018
This notice has been given under the provisions of G.L. c.255, Section 39A
March 23, 2018
March 30, 2018
April 6, 2018

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO18P0817EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Raymond Jenkins
Also Known As:
Raymond W. Jenkins,
Raymond William Jenkins
Date of Death: 01/27/2018**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Loretta White of East Douglas MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that **Loretta White of East Douglas MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **an 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 04/10/2018.** This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the es-

tate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 15, 2018
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
March 30, 2018

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT 18 SM 001189 ORDER OF NOTICE TO: Heirs, Devisees, and Legal Representatives of the Estate of Kevin J. Daley, Linda F. Daley, Laurie Daley, and Shannon Daley and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. App. § 3901 et seq.: U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF10 Master Participation Trust claiming to have an interest in a mortgage covering real property in Webster, numbered 28 Lincoln Street, given by Kevin J. Daley to Wells Fargo Financial Massachusetts, Inc., dated July 27, 2005, and recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 37071, Page 23, and now held by Plaintiff by assignment, has filed with this court a complaint for determination of 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 APR 23 2018 or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act. Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER, Chief Justice of said Court on MAR 7 2018 Attest: Deborah J. Patterson Recorder March 30, 2018

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO18P0894EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Charles E. Patrock, Jr.
Date of Death: 01/02/2018**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Lesa Ann Patrock of Dudley 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 **Lesa Ann Patrock of Dudley MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **an 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 04/17/2018.** This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 20, 2018
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
March 30, 2018

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LEGALS

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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Division
Docket No. WO18P0803EA
Estate of:
Constance B. Cournoyer
Date of Death: February 2, 2016
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

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

**Gary R. Morin of Webster MA
Gary R. Morin of Webster MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
March 30, 2018

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate
and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO18C0095CA
In the matter of:
Stephen Dennis Krzyminski
Of : Webster, MA
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME**

To all persons interested in petition described:

A petition has been presented by Stephen D Krzyminski requesting that: Stephen Dennis Krzyminski be allowed to change his/her/their name as follows:

Stephen David Morris
IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT Worcester ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON 04/24/2018
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 22, 2018

Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate

March 30, 2018

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family
Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO18P0818EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Peter James Flynn
Also Known As:
Peter Flynn
Date of Death: 04/25/2017**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Katherine A. Flynn of Leicester MA requesting that the Court enter a for-

mal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that Katherine A. Flynn of Leicester MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an 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 04/10/2018.** This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 15, 2018

Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
March 30, 2018

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Division
Docket No. WO18P0798EA
Estate of:
SHIRLEY A. BLACKETT
Also Known As:
SHIRLEY BLACKETT
Date of Death: January 10, 2018
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

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

BENJAMIN A. CRAVER of DUDLEY MA
A Will has been admitted to informal probate.

BENJAMIN A. CRAVER of DUDLEY MA

has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
March 30, 2018

**(SEAL)
COMMONWEALTH
OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL
COURT
18 SM 001257
ORDER OF NOTICE**

To:
Jeffrey Siekierski, Individually and Personal Representative of

the Estate of John T. Siekierski, Raymond Siekierski Jr. and James Siekierski

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. §3901 *et seq.*:
Santander Bank, N.A.

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Dudley numbered 7 Pine Street, given by John T. Siekierski to Santander Bank, N.A., dated November 2, 2015, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 54559, Page 207, and held by Plaintiff, have filed with this court a complaint for determination of 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 APR 23 2018 or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act.

Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER Chief Justice of said Court on MAR 8 2018.

Attest: Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
March 30, 2018

**(SEAL)
COMMONWEALTH
OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL
COURT
18 SM 001317
ORDER OF NOTICE**

TO:
Lauri L. Campanella a/k/a Lauri Campanella; Gregory L. Campanella and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act., 50 U.S.C. App. § 3901 (et seq.):
Bank of America, N.A.

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Webster, numbered 15 Tanner Road, given by Gregory L. Campanella, Lawrence Cucchi and Lauri Campanella to Mortgage Electronic Registrations Systems, Inc., as nominee for Security Atlantic Mortgage Co. Inc., dated August 29, 2007, recorded or filed at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 41771, Page 115, and now held by the plaintiff by assignment has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/ Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before April 30, 2018

or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act.

Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER, Chief Justice of said Court on March 16, 2018

Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
March 30, 2018

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

Premises: 9 Ridge Drive, Dudley, MA By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Melissa A. Iverson a/k/a Melissa Iverson and Dana R. Iverson a/k/a Dana Iverson to Mortgage Electronic Registration systems, Inc. as nominee for Prospect Mortgage, LLC and now held by U.S. Bank

National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Trustee for the RMAC Trust Series 2016-CTT, said mortgage dated December 20, 2013, and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 51874, Page 370, said mortgage was assigned from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Prospect Mortgage, LLC to Prospect Mortgage LLC by assignment dated November 2, 2015 and recorded with said Registry in Book 54647, Page 284 as affected by a corrective assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Prospect Mortgage, LLC to Prospect Mortgage, LLC dated December 10, 2015, and recorded with said Registry in Book 54709, Page 276; said mortgage was assigned from Prospect Mortgage, LLC to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC by assignment dated October 26, 2016, and recorded with said Registry in Book 56224, Page 345; said mortgage was assigned from Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, to Secretary of Housing and Urban Development by assignment dated November 25, 2016, and recorded with said Registry in Book 56980, Page 233; said mortgage was assigned from Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Trustee for the RMAC Trust Series 2016-CTT by assignment dated February 8, 2017 and recorded with said Registry in Book 57285, Page 273; for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on April 26, 2018 at 11:00 AM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

A certain lot of land together with buildings thereon and appurtenances thereto belonging, located on Ridge Drive, in Dudley, Massachusetts being shown as Lot #10 on plan entitled "Subdivision Plan of Morse Realty & Development, Inc., Dudley, Mass., July 14, 1967, A.R. Klebart Eng'r" recorded in Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 312, Plan 63, together with 25 feet of the southerly portion of Lot #11 as it borders Lot #10 on said plan, and to which plan reference may be had for a more particular description.

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 3, 2013, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 51874, Page 367.

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.

Shechtman Halperin Savage, LLP
1080 Main Street
Pawtucket, RI 02860
Attorney for U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Trustee for the RMAC Trust Series 2016-CTT Present Holder of the Mortgage (401) 272-1400

March 30, 2018

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