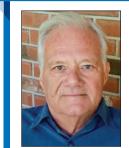


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Vote Norman LeBlanc Jr. for Oxford Board of Selectmen

As a life-long resident of Oxford, I am grateful for all the opportunities the town has offered me and my family over the years, and I want to continue to give back to the community in which I am proud to be a resident.

For over 30 years I have served on various town committees: **Housing Authority** Zoning Board of Appeal **Planning Board** Chairman of the Master Plan Committee Master Plan Implementation Committee

Oxford is positioned for a bright future. If elected, I will continue to work with other town officials, as well as citizens, to proactively address issues that impact the residents and the community to ensure a safe and prosperous town for our current and future generations.

I appreciate your support and vote on Tuesday, November 16th, 2021

Paid for by Norman LeBlanc Jr.

Northbridge shakes off slow start, gets past battling Bartlett

BY NICK ETHIER SPORTS EDITOR

WEBSTER — Kristin Strazzulla, head coach of the Northbridge High girls' varsity soccer team, may not have been pleased with the way the Rams opened up versus Bartlett High on Wednesday, Oct. 6 — and a good percentage of that was because of the way the Indians battled — but in the end she was happy with the way Northbridge regained composure.

The "kick in the butt," as Strazzulla aptly called it, gave Bartlett a 1-0 lead in the game's 21st minute, but the Rams scored the final four goals for a 4-1 victory.

"It was not our best game, but I told the girls at halftime that a good team needs to figure out how to win when they're playing badly," Strazzulla said. "I think that they came together as a team and figured out how to win. In the second half they played more simply and hard.

"To Bartlett's credit, they played really tough today," Strazzulla contin-ued. "Playing them and knowing that they [only



Nick Ethier

Bartlett's Dawanee Phanthavong races past a Northbridge defender and controls the ball with MDAR burnt it because it was 'hot.' The genetics for her right foot.

have one winl this season. I wouldn't have known that. I thought that their attitude and effort in the first half was fantastic." On the first goal,

the Indians' Annika Stockhaus sent an awesome through-ball down to Megan Tucker, who took a couple of touches as she approached the net. Tucker then ripped a shot that went in, giving Bartlett a 1-0 lead.

At that point Strazzulla Turn To SOCCER page A14

Marijuana Cultivation Overlay District heads back to voters

> **BY JASON BLEAU** CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY - A pair of local farmers are hoping to see a different result later this month, when Dudley seeks to establish a cannabis overlay district at the fall annual town meeting.

Angel Farms on Corbin Road is owned by Lynne and Robert Doherty and was the center of a bylaw changed proposed earlier this year that would have allowed the farm to produce cannabis and sell the product to marketers for processing and sale. However, while the article received a majority vote of support in May it did not receive the required two thirds majority to pass. The Doherty's have worked with the planning board to bring the matter back to the town in the form of a landowner's petition seeking the establishment of a Marijuana Cultivation Overlay District.

Since the Doherty's purchased the land in 2018 with the intent of continuing to use the old diary farm property for agriculture they have struggled to meet the requirement of the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources as they sought to enter the hemp market. Lynne Doherty discussed their situation with the Dudley Economic Development Commission in late September hoping to receive backing and advice from the commission to help gain support for the upcoming vote.

We grew hemp in 2019. That was our first crop. the hemp crops are so all over the map that you start off with something that's innocuous, that's literally hemp, then based on maybe the weather or it could be anything we don't know exactly what could be affecting it. Long story short they burnt the whole crop. That was a whole summer's work gone. So, in 2020 we decided we were going to do some research," Doherty said, later adding that their 2020 crop, grown from seeds received from a western Massachusetts hemp farmer, was also burnt. "One strain passed. They matured early. We didn't know what it was, but it passed - We got something out of it. By the end of the season we had plants the size of Christmas trees. They were beautiful and everyone said 'wow, how awesome is this?' and then MDAR came and tested them, and they all failed and so we had to burn that whole crop. Their 2021 crop was also a failure but more due to environmental factors as the abundance of rain prevented their new crops from growing properly. All this has left the Doherty's frustrated as they try to establish their own farm in town growing a modern commodity. So, with hemp becoming such a struggle, the couple has turned to cannabis as their crop of choice. 'We're trying to be farmers. We're trying really hard. We wanted to keep that place a farm when we bought the place. We told the woman that we were going to keep it a farm and we're doing our best to do that, however we're starting to see the writing on the walls with the hemp. It's just not going to happen. So, we were approached to grow cannabis. Essentially that's what we've been doing because even though last year's crop was supposed to test below 0.3 percent, we had plants that tested 0.33 percent, and they burnt them. We give up. Hemp isn't happening, but we really

Dudley police arrest stabbing suspect

BY JASON BLEAU CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY -Dudley, Southbridge and Massachusetts State Police assisted in locating the suspect involved in an attempted murder in Dudley on Tues, Oct. 5 which Dudley Police Wojnar Chief Steve believes was an isolated personal incident.

According to police

Sgt. Marek Karlowicz, Officers Keith Remillard, and Luis Pacheco, were dispatched to an address on Dudley-Southbridge Road at around 10:50 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 5 for reports of a stabbing incident. Joined by Dudley EMA personnel and members of the Webster Police Department, first responders found two residents, a 19-year-old

St. Joseph School hosts

reports, Dudley Police female and a 39-year-old male. The male, whose name has been withheld from reports, had knife wounds to his arm, face, neck and chest. According to Chief Wojnar the victim was transported to a hospital and, as of this writing, was said to be in stable condition.

"Obviously, it was a very seriously situation. Officers and EMS personnel provided aid to the victim. One of my officers, Luis Pacheco, was actually able to drive the ambulance so that the EMTs could work on the victim because he was in pretty rough shape. They worked together to get him up to UMass quickly and probably resulted in saving his life because he had a lot of blood loss. That was very good work," Wojnar said.

Initial investigation at the scene indicated that the attack occurred while both residents were asleep in bed. The suspect had entered the home without permission

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St. Joseph School First Grade student Anna Wozniak proudly displays her pet turtle, Shelvin. Anna brought her turtle to school to receive a special blessing during the "Blessing of the Animals" in honor of St. Francis of Assisi.

WEBSTER On Wednesday, Oct. 6, St. Joseph School students and families came together to mark the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi with their pets' blessing. St. Francis of Assisi was a 13th-century friar and preacher known as the patron saint of animals and the environment. In honor of his memory and St. Francis' love for all of God's creations, families bring their pets to church for a special ceremony referred to as the "Blessing of the Animals."

The celebration is always a memorable event for the St. Joseph School students because they have the unique opportunity to share their pets with friends and faculty. This year, children and parents gathered on the Basilica steps with their pets, which were blessed by St. Joseph Basilica Associate Pastor, Rev. Anthony Kazarnowicz

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Breast Cancer awareness How physical activity can help in the fight against breast cancer

Breast cancer is a complex disease that affects millions of women across the globe each year. Though the American Cancer Society reports that only about 4 women reduce their risk sedentary activity, and percent of women diagnosed with breast cancer in the United States are under age 40, women of all ages can take steps to protect themselves against this deadly disease. Exercise benefits women in myriad ways, and that includes lowering their risk for breast cancer. The ACS notes that researchers are increasingly linking exercise to a reduced risk for breast cancer. Though the reasons behind that link remain unclear, some theorize that the

positive effects of exercise on body weight, inflammation, hormones, and energy balance could be why regular breast cancer physical activity helps for breast cancer.

Body weight and breast cancer

lower women's risk for breast cancer.

Being sedentary and

Exercise is a not a that could be another reason why women who are physically active have a lower risk for breast cancer. The ACS notes that more than one study has linked sitting time to a higher risk of various diseases, including breast cancer. Researchers with the ACS analyzed data from 77,462 women, who they followed for an average of 15.8 years. None of the participants had cancer when the study started, but researchers found that women who sat for six or more hours



The National Cancer Institute reports that being obese after menopause can significantly increase a woman's risk for breast cancer. In addition, the ACS attributes the rise in hormone receptor-positive breast cancers to an increased prevalence of excessive body weight. Routine exercise is a highly effective way to lose weight and keep weight off, which in turn could

per day during their free time had a 10 percent greater risk for invasive breast cancer than women who sat for less than three hours per day during free time.

Does physical activity really reduce breast cancer risk?

The human body is complex, and a host of factors, including those like age that women have no control over, can

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women to reduce their risk for breast cancer. In fact, the Breast Cancer Research Foundation estimates that one-third of all breast cancer cases could be prevented with positive lifestyle choices that help women maintain a healthy weight, including exercise.

Routine physical activity can be a significant weapon in women's arsenal as they continue their efforts to prevent and overcome breast cancer.







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Adult Programming

Indoor Movie Night - Third Thursday of the month, next on October 21st at 6:00PM

Join us monthly on the third Thursday of each month as we show a new release film. We'll make theatre-style popcorn for you to enjoy! The film selection changes each month, call the Library for this month's title: 508-949-3880.

Book Discussion Group - October 11th 6:30PM

The Gladys E. Kelly Public Library Adult Book Discussion Group meets at 6:30 pm. New members are always welcome! Next month's book discussion will be on Monday, October 11th at 6:30PM the meeting will take place via Zoom, and will be about the book A Call to Action by Jimmy Carter. Stop by the library, or reach out by phone to 508-949-3880, or by email to ehale@cwmars. org for inquiries.

Spirits of New England with Dustin Pari – October 18th 6:30-8:00PM

Dustin Pari, a paranormal investigator and speaker with 25 years experience researching the unknown, will be presenting a talk about the legends, lore, and paranormal happenings he has seen and investigated across New England. Dustin is known for his wacky and slightly offbeat sense of humor, which helps to balance the light and dark material that can make up the paranormal world. This lecture brings a great bit of local history colored with some chilling tales of the supernatural! No registration required.

Holiday Harvest - November 9th 6:00-8:00PM

Join us November 9 at 6:00 PM to celebrate the holiday season with a lovely eye-catching three table display. Elements include how to construct a fun, colorful buffet, tablescaping techniques 101, healthful recipes handouts, easy wine and spirit recommendations, cheeseboard primer, and easy entertaining ideas. There will be samplings of fine chocolate, Klassic Harvest Bark, a



DUDLEY — The Dudley Police Department reported only one arrest during the week of Oct. 1-8.

Jeffery A. Sprague, age 40, of Leicester was arrested on Oct. 7 in connection with a warrant.

festive virgin beverage and more. Space is limited, so call the library at 508-949-3880 to sign up, or email webstercirculation@gmail.com!

Fall Concert Series - Claudia Schmidt - November 13th 2:00PM

Claudia Schmidt has been perfecting her craft of performing for almost four decades. It is a quirky and wonderful hodge-podge (her word!) of music, poetry, story, laughter. drama, and celebrating the moment. Work in clubs, theaters, festivals, TV, radio has added depth and dimension, and since she has always included her original work along with very personal versions of the work of others, what you get is a unique look at the world from someone who says what she sees with clarity. humor, and wonder. The San Francisco Bay Guardian said: Schmidt's shows are a lot like falling in love. You never know what's going to happen next, chances are it's going to be wonderful, every moment is burned into your memory and you know you'll never be the same again." More succinctly, Garrison Keiilor said "when Claudia sings a song, it stays sung"

Children's Adult and Young Programming

Monster Marionettes with Brad Shur Saturday, October 30th 10:30-11:30AM

Come and create your very own puppet creature! Participants will learn how to use paper and strings to create their very own puppet and bring it to life. To celebrate Halloween, we'll be exploring our favorite monsters and not too spooky characters as inspiration for these robust performing objects.

Masks are required for everyone in the Children's Room over the age of 2 years. Disposable masks will be available.

Fall into Reading at the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library - October 11th through December 20th

From October 11 to December 20, sign up at: gladyskellylibrary.beanstack.org, or download the Beanstack app on iOS or Android. Join this fun reading program for kids 0-12. Earn digital badges as you log reading, earn digital badges for attending library events, earn book prizes by reading! Read 10 hours to complete the program. This new online reading platform has an app that is easy to download and use. Along with the web, you can also ask for a paper version. Questions? Contact Andrew at atai@cwmars.org.

Drop in Paint Hour – Mondays from 3:30-4:30PM

It's Time to break out the paintbrushes! With a variety of paints and paper available, bring your artist of any age



to join in the fun.

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LEGO Club - Tuesdays from 3:30-4:30PM

LEGO Club is back, and we're so excited to have you build with us again. Stop by the storytime room every Tuesday at 3:30 to freeplay with our BUCKETLOADS of LEGOs or try out our weekly challenge!

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Songs and Stories Storytime -Wednesdays at 10AM

Join Miss Emily Wednesday mornings at 10am (starting Sept. 1st!) to read books, sing songs, and do rhyme games. Meet other children and caregivers at this community event. After stories, this community event. After stories, catch up with other community mem-bers over a simple craft. This Storytime Bobola is best for children 0-5, but all ages are

years. Disposable masks will be available.

STEAM Kids - Thursdays from 3:30-4:30PM

Join Miss Emily in a weekly STEAM event. That is... Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics! Each week there will be a new project to tackle from slime making and catapult challenges, to board game development and bath bombs. Every week contains some take home element!

These events are best for children 7-12, but siblings are always welcome. Some events may have a limited number of places, in this case children between 7-12 will have preference. Caregivers must remain for the duration of the event.

Masks are required for everyone in the children's room over the age of 2 years. Disposable masks will be available.

Dudley Woman's Club seeking sponsors for Pocketbook Bingo!

DUDLEY — Become a sponsor for the DWC's newest fall fundraiser -Pocketbook Bingo!. It will be held at Point Breeze Restaurant, Webster, on Nov. 7 at 3 p.m. Help make this a success by becoming a sponsor for a \$100 donation! You will be recognized and promoted in several ways — on the DWC's event website, tabletop and banner advertising at the event, in our press releases and on Social

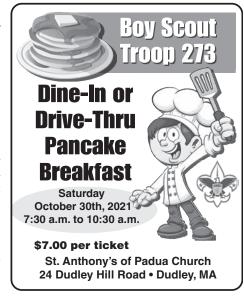
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St. Andrew welcome! Masks are required for everyone in the children's room over the age of 2 drive-thru dinners

DUDLEY - St Andrew Bobola Parish. 54 West Main St., Dudley, will be holding its final 2021 Drive Thru Polish Dinner Sale on Saturday, Oct. 23 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and 4:30-6:30 p.m. Dinners are \$15 and include 1 cheese and 1 cabbage pierogi, a golabek, kielbasa and kapusta. Take out only. Additional frozen Polish food can also be purchased! So come get your dinners, enjoy a great meal and help support our small church!



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\$330,000, 16 Green St, Liu, Tut K, to Jacquez, Greisy A.

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\$400,000, 172 Charlton St, Martinelli, Rocco J, and Martinelli, Jean M, to Grignon, Lisa, and Grignon, Scott.

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\$366,000, 130 Millbury Rd, Crewe, Kathleen A, to Tremblay, Russell E.

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\$570,000, 1005 Treasure Island Rd #1005, Barkey, Pamela J, to Boothe, Alan J. \$425,000, 8 Pinewood Dr, Turning Point Invs LLC, to Bourogaa, Youssef. \$365,000, 68 Poland St, Claudio, Stacy L, and Claudio, Andrew L, to Kendall,

Brian A. \$362,000, 16 Emerald Ave, Heath, Robert M, and Heath, Maureen T, to Diaz-

Loor, Guillermo E. \$350,000, 511 School St, Cote, Amanda, and Cote, Chad, to Alvarado, Elizabeth.

\$290,000, 6 Little League Ln, Flowers, Thelma P, to Fitzgerald, Matthew. \$90,000, Killdeer Island Rd #85R, Russo, Robert J, to Lecuyer, Eric M, and Joyce, Robbin.

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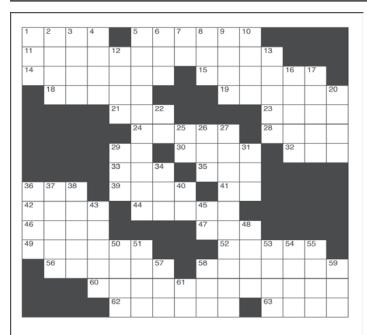
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Please refer to the Town website for information on the current zone being flushed at: http://www.webster-ma.gov under Water Department.

For further information please feel free to contact the Webster Water Department at 508-949-3861.

Thank You.





CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Flat-topped hill
- 5. Move upward
- 11. Admiration
- 14. It's useful for serving food
- 15. Kidnap
- 18. One of the Greek Muses
- 19. A type of media
- 21. Sunscreen rating
- 23. Former Michigan coach Brady
- 24. German town devastated
- in WW2
- 28. Gasteyer and Ortiz are two
- 29. Leave
- 30. Forearm bone
- 32. Very fast airplane
- 33. Helps little firms
- 62. Doctrines 35. Defunct economic organization 63. Footwear

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Where wrestlers work
- 2. Dueling sword
- 3. Practice fight
- 4. Genus of clams
- 5. Fear of heights
- 6. What some tell their dog
- 7. The Golden State
- 8. When you expect to get there
- 9. Pointed ends
- 10. Extinct flightless bird
- 12. Feeds
- 13. Nape of neck 16. Descendant
- 17. Small boats found in Turkey
- 20. To avoid the risk of
- 22. Athlete with no contract (abbr.)
- 25. 13th letter of the
- Greek alphabet
- 26. Brew
- 27. Feeling of anxiety
- 29. Young girls group
- 36. Popular musical awards show 37. Bumpkins

31. Perform on stage

38. One who acts on another's behalf

34. White clerical vestment

36. Science-based students

organization (abbr.)

41. Indicates position

52. Hebrew prophet

56. They help you drink

42. Beverage containers

46. Science accreditation

organization (abbr.)

49. Group of elected officials

39. Feels ill

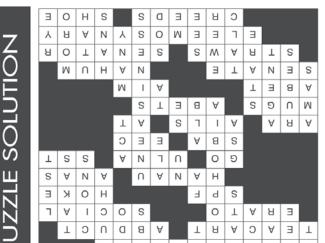
44. Assists

47. Purpose

58. Lawmaker

60. Charitable

- 40. Direction
- 43. Look at with fixed eyes 45. One who helps professors (abbr.)
- 48. A large number of
- 50. Type of powder
- 51. Large jug
- Christian Anderson, 53.
- children's author
- 54. American state
- 55. Muslim inhabitant of the
- Philippines 57. Witness
- 58. Landscapers lay it
- 59. Type of bread
- 61. Of I



Local churches gather for blessing of the animals

WEBSTER - On Saturday, Oct. 9, members of Zion Lutheran Church, Oxford, and Church of the Reconciliation, Webster, worshiped in Zion's outdoor chapel with the creatures they love best, their pets.

Pastor Michael Bastian, who serves as the minister of both congregations, offered hands on blessings to eighteen dogs and two cats, as he spoke their names. Special music was offered by Jonathan and Caitlyn Costello and many songbirds made the service richer with their chirping. Pet owners received certificates of blessing inscribed with animals' names.

Included among the menagerie of beloved critters were two large dogs who accompanied the Bastians when they flew to the United States from Germany, a puppy who was welcomed into his family only two days before the service, and a large black and white dog named Oreo. During the CoVid pandemic many of us took comfort from our pets and, certainly, this blessing recognizes animals as integral parts in our families. Our pets bless us too, with unconditional love, a gift from God.

This celebration was especially meaningful to Jenna Foy who rescued a young Dutch Shepherd as a companion for her older dog. Jenna organized this service to coincide with celebrations of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals and the environment. PAWS Cat Shelter CT, and East Coast Canine Rescue Inc. were the recipients of a generous collection of cat and dog treats and food given by the pet parents.



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NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to Mass General Laws Chapter 105A, the contents of the following space: D63 (Magdalena Pater) located at 144 Schofield Avenue, Dudley, MA will be sold to satisfy, the owners lien of Storage Plus. Sale date is Wednesday October 20, 2021@2:00 PM, Inspection between 1:30PM and 2:00PM on October 20, 2021. Sealed bids must be hand delivered by 2:00PM on October 20, 2021. All goods must be purchased by cash as is, including a \$50.00 refundable cash deposit, and must be removed within 48 hours of sale. Owner has the right to bid to protect his lien and to withdraw any unit upon settlement by the obligated party up for sale. For further information or to make an appointment, call (508)949-8818. October 7, 2021 October 14, 2021

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 SMS Enterprise LLC, to Patch of Land Lending, LLC, dated April 27, 2018, and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 58757 at Page 127, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from Patch of Land Lending, LLC, to Normandy Capital Trust, dated May 9, 2018, recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 58830, Page 361; and by a confirmatory assignment from Patch of Land Lending, LLC, to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB as Trustee for Normandy Capital Trust, dated June 9, 2021, recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 65635, Page 22, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 1:00 P.M. on the 25th day of October 2021 at 364 Main Street, Oxford, MA 01540, all and singular the premises described in said

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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 dollars (\$5,000) 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 Demerle Hoeger LLP, 10 City Square, 4th Floor, Boston, MA 02129 within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. In the event of an error in this publication, the description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control.

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

> Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB as Trustee for Normandy Capital Trust, Present holder of said mortgage, By its Attorneys, Demerle Hoeger LLP 10 City Square, 4th Floor Boston, MA 02129 (617) 337-4444

September 1, 2021 September 8, 2021 September 15, 2021

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. WO21C0447CA **CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME**

In the matter of: Joanna Strycharz A Petition to Change Name of Adult

has been filed by Joanna Strycharz of Webster MA requesting that the court enter a Decree

changing their name to: Joanne M Strycharz

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Worcester Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/19/2021. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court. Date: September 22, 2021

Stephanie K. Fattman Register of Probate

October 15, 2021

TOWN OF DUDLEY **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Please take notice that: George P Goulas & Jennifer J Goulas

Have applied to the Zoning Board of Appeals to vary the terms of the Zoning By-Laws Section: Section 2.03.02 Use by District Chart

Location: Fish Road Lot 3

In the following respect: To allow the petitions to apply for a special permit which will allow a residential dwelling in an industrial zone.

The Public Hearing will be held on November 4, 2021 @ 7:00pm at the Town Hall, room 321, at which time you may be heard relative to this Public Hearing. Please contact Amanda Jacobson at 508-949-8012 or building@dudleyma. gov to attend the meeting. George Slingo, Chairman Zoning Board of Appeals October 15, 2021 October 22, 2021

LEGALS

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court** Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 Docket No. WO21P3220PM **CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF** PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO G.L.c. 190B, § 5-304 & § 5-405 In the matter of: **Tristan Javier Cruz** Of: Webster, MA RESPONDENT

(Person to be Protected/Minor) To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Iliana Guivas of Webster, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Tristan Javier Cruz is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that Iliana Guivas of Webster, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve Without Surety on the bond. The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 10/26/2021. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

Date: September 28, 2021

Stephanie K. Fattman Register of Probate

October 15, 2021

(SEAL)

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF Campanella a/k/a Lauri Campanella a/k/a Lauri Lynette Cucchi

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act: 50 U.S.C. c. 50 § 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 L. Campanella to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Security Atlantic Mortgage Co. Inc., dated August 29, 2007, and recorded 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 abovementioned 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 November 15, 2021 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the grounds of noncompliance with the Act. Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of said Court on October 1, 2021.

Attest: Deborah J. Patterson Recorder

October 15, 2021

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 Scott Roseen and Karen Roseen to Household Finance Corporation II, dated April 1, 2003 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 29550, Page 155 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage DLJ Mortgage Capital, Inc. is the present holder by Assignment from Household Finance Corporation II to U.S. Bank Trust, N.A. as trustee for LSF8 Master participation Trust dated September 11, 2014 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 52797, Page 325, and Assignment from U.S. Bank Trust, N.A. as trustee for LSF8 Master participation Trust to DLJ Mortgage Capital, Inc. dated April 3, 2017 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 61008, Page 371, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 11 Dalessandro Avenue a/k/a 11 D'Alessandro Avenue, Dudley, MA 01571 will be sold at a Public Auction at 1:00 PM on November 3, 2021, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land with the buildings thereon of every nature and description and all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, situated on the westerly side of D'Alessandro Avenue, in Dudley, Worcester County, Massachusetts, and being Lot #15 on Plan of Lots surveyed for Stanley Deren et al, Dudley, Mass., dated August 28, 1952, drawn by Henry A. Racicot, Engr., and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 184, Plan 13, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the southeasterly corner thereof, at a stake on the westerly line of said D'Alessandro Avenue, said stake being at the northeasterly corner of Lot #16 as shown on the aforesaid Plan; Thence North 82 Deg. 18' West by the northerly line of said Lot #16 for a distance of ninety-eight and seventy-three hundredths (98.73) feet to a stake at land of John Ruda, Jr., Thence North 6 Deg. 18' East by land of said Ruda a distance of eightythree and sixty-five hundredths (83.65) feet to a stake at the southwesterly corner of Lot #14 on said plan. Thence South 81 Deg. 19' East by the southerly line of said Lot #14 a distance of one hundred and fifty hundredths (100.50) feet to a stake on the westerly line of said D'Alessandro Avenue; Thence South 7 Deg. 39' West by the westerly line of said D'Alessandro Avenue, a distance of eighty-two (82) feet to the point of beginning. Subject to the following restrictions: 1. No building or part of a building shall be erected or maintained thereon with thirty (30) feet of the street line. 2. No house shall be built thereon at a less cost than six thousand and 00/100 (6,000.00) dollars. 3. The premises and any building thereon shall be used for trade or manufacture but for residential purposes only;

4. No stable shall be erected thereon and no horses, cattle, swine, or poultry shall be kept on the premises. Subject also to the rights of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company and the Worcester County Electric Company to erect and maintain poles and wires, as recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Book 3359, Page 56 and in Book 3489, Page 407. Being the same property conveyed from Henry R. Gelineau, not stated to Scott Roseen and Karen Roseen, husband and wife/T/B/E by Deed recorded 5/29/1998, in Book 20005, at Page 130, in the Register's Office of Worcester County, Massachusetts.

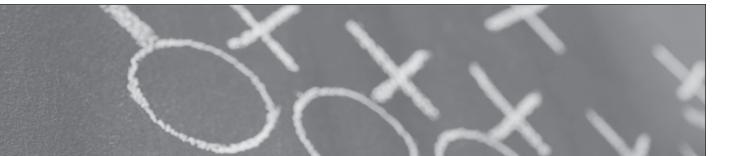
or mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 20005, Page 130.

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

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

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

DLJ Mortgage Capital, Inc. Korde & Associates, P.C. 900 Chelmsford Street Suite 3102 Lowell, MA 01851 (978) 256-1500 Roseen, Scott, 19-036572 October 8, 2021 October 15, 2021 October 22, 2021



THE TRIAL COURT Docket 20 SM 001612 ORDER OF NOTICE

TO: Paraskeve Stom, Individually and Personal Representative of the Estate Peter Chrysostom, Anna Gilantzis, Xenoulla Yantsides, Chryso Stom, Alice Holm, and Louisa Greco a/k/a Louisa Grecko

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

U.S. Bank Trust, National Association, as Trustee of American Homeowner Preservation Trust Series AHP Servicing

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Oxford, numbered 28 Old Depot Road, given by Peter Chrysostom to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Encore Credit Corp., dated August 24, 2005, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 37223, Page 17, and now held by Plaintiff by assignment, 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 <u>11/15/2021</u> or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act. Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on 10/1/202.

Attest:

Deborah J. Patterson Recorder October 15, 2021

(SEAL)

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT Docket 20 SM 00117 ORDER OF NOTICE

TO: Gregory L. Campanella; Lauri L. Our team can't cover a slant pattern.

But they can tackle cancer.

Cancer is more than a battle. It's your battle. To fight it, you need your own team. One focused on your specific cancer. At Day Kimball, that team consists of some of the most talented pros in cancer care. From oncologists to nurse navigators to nutrition experts and family counselors, they're on your side throughout this fight. And through our partnership with other major cancer hospitals, we're equipped with a range of therapies and treatments you only find in the big leagues. So maybe we don't know an endzone from a hash mark. But we know our opponent.

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"You can't win an argument"

A famous quote of unknown origin says, "A man convinced against his will, is of the same opinion still."

A year ago, I talked to my good friend in Los Angeles, and he told me about two of his friends who stopped talking to him: they blocked his phone calls and text messages.

He was upset; He knew them for over twenty years; they stopped talking to him because of too many heated political arguments. He ended the conversation by telling me he was done with their friendship forever.

Recently, I've been flipping through the book "How to Win Friends and Influence People" by Dale Carnegie.

I read the book in college, and for a time, I practiced the principles therein. I remember them working fabulously for me. Over time, I forgot some of the valuable lessons, and eventually, they fell out of practice.

I don't know about you, but since 2015, I've heard of many political arguments ruining long-established friendships. I'm embarrassed to admit that I, too, have become entangled in many of these types of discussions; I've learned some hard lessons.

Dale Carnegie says in his book, "You can't win an argument; you can't because if you lose it, you lose it; and if you win it, vou lose it.'

How is that possible? How can you win an argument and still lose?

Of course, you can win an argument. You can shoot holes in your friend's viewpoint and burn all their logic to the ground. You can show them facts and figures and walk away feeling like you just won a significant debate, thinking proudly to yourself, "I showed them a thing or two!" What you don't realize is that you lost.

Benjamin Franklin said, "if you argue, rankle, and contradict, you may achieve a victory sometimes, but it will be an empty victory because you will never get your opponent's goodwill."

What's more important? Keeping your friendship intact or POSITIVELY boosting your ego?

SPEAKING As the old saying goes, "you don't know what MOORE you've got till it's gone." Some of us have to learn the hard way; I know I have.

TOBY

I've lost friends due to arguing, but I never intended it to be that way. I guess that's called "unintended consequences." I think about them a lot and wish I would have just asked them how their family was doing or what was new in their life.

Carnegie goes on to say, in the next chapter, "the surest way to make somebody an enemy is to tell them they're wrong...if you tell someone they're wrong, do you make them want to agree with you?

Never! For you have struck a direct blow at their intelligence, judgment, pride, and self-respect...It will never make them want to change their mind.'

It's hard to hear something you disagree with but is it really worth the fight? Not every disagreement has to become an argument. There are ways of winning someone to your way of thinking but it doesn't happen by arguing.

You probably didn't become friends with that person because you agree with their politics, so why would you end it because you disagree with their politics?

Back to my friend in Los Angeles; the other

day one of the two friends who stopped talking to him called and tried to rekindle their friendship. He asked me, "how should I respond?" I replied, "What do you think you should do?"

He said that he was going to forgive him and allow the friendship to move forward. He added, "if I don't forgive him and instead hold a grudge, you could interpret that as hatred; I don't want to carry that type of energy inside of me.'

Some of us may not be so lucky as to have a good friend call us back after blocking us, but if they do, try and remember Dale Carnegie's advice, "You can't win an argument."

Enjoy the beauty and science behind fall color

The brilliant fall color in our landscapes is a magical transformation that happens each year. And the science behind it is just as intriguing.

Each fall as the days shorten our deciduous trees and

shrubs begin this transformation. The plants produce less of the chlorophyll that gives leaves their normal green color. The existing chlorophyll starts breaking down, revealing the underlying pigments of yellow, red or orange.

The carotenoid and xanthophyll pigments assist the chlorophyll in capturing light and producing sugar during the growing season. The beta-carotene contributes to the orange and orange-yellow fall color. Lutein is the most prominent xanthophyll pigment producing bright yellow fall color. There are over 80 different pigments in these two categories contributing to the variations in fall color.

The tanins in leaves contribute to the golden and brown fall colors. These are thought to discourage animals and insect pests from feeding



GARDEN MOMENTS MELINDA **MYERS**

on the leaves and help defend the plants against disease organisms.

At the same time, these plants begin to create an abscission layer between the leaf and stem. This barrier prevents the sugars produced in the leaves from moving down into the roots for storage.

Purple and red fall color, from the anthocyanin foliar pigments, is produced when sugars build up and are trapped in the leaves. This results in brilliant red and purplish-red fall color. Some of these pigments are present during the growing season and can be seen in new growth and mature leaves of some plants. These add color to the garden, help protect the plant cells from high light damage, and may discourage animals and insects from dining on

out a hard frost mean more sugar and better red, orange, and purple fall color. Sufficient soil moisture helps keep the leaf color bright for a longer period of time. Leaf color fades, turns brown and leaves drop from the tree more quickly during dry fall weather.

Fall foliage is not restricted to deciduous trees and shrubs. The leaves of many of our favorite perennials also turn brilliant colors in the fall.

Solomon's seal and hosta leaves turn a beautiful yellow, echoing the fall flowers of witchhazel and yellow leaves of ginkgo and quaking aspen. The delicate heartshaped leaves of barrenwort, botanically known as Epimedium, turn red in fall. Some of the leaves drop in fall like most trees and shrubs. Others will persist through winter and drop as new leaves and flowers appear in spring.

Perennial geranium and Bergenia leaves turn reddish-purple in fall. Both will persist, adding color to the winter and early spring garden. Brighten up the fall landscape with the fine



Melinda Myers

Each fall as the days shorten, deciduous shrubs and trees like this Arctic Jade Korean Maple begin their transformation as the plants produce less chlorophyll.

if and how intensely the

texture and amber-gold fall foliage of Angelina sedum and willow amsonia.

The fluffy white seed heads of our native little bluestem complement the coppery-red fall color that persists throughout the winter.

Genetics determine

color will be expressed. Consider fall color when adding plants to the landscape. Then provide proper care to keep them healthy and looking their best throughout the year.

Melinda Myers is the author of more the color each plant than 20 gardening

Space Gardening. She hosts The Great "How Courses to Anything" Grow DVD series and the nationally-syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine.

the plants. Warm, sunny days followed by cool nights with-

tends to produce in fall, while weather and the plant's health influence

books, including The Midwest Gardener's Handbook and Small

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> **BRENDAN BERUBE** EDITOR

EDITORIAL We appreciate our local police

Support for police should not be political. Yet here we are. Over the past few days, we have thought a lot about our local police departments, and they truly deserve a shout out of appreciation. Reporters, editors and all of us in the media work very closely with our local officers. We could not do our jobs without their help.

What we have come to know is that police officers are democrats, republicans, independents or simply don't affiliate with any political party whatsoever. The current climate would lead you to believe that if you support police, you're affiliated with one party. This could not be further from the truth.

We see the police logs every week, we know how much stress our officers face on a daily basis, and to make things a bit more challenging, many of our local departments are short staffed.

Our police officers do so much more than we think. The day-to-day tasks do not come without some sort of stress, whether they are dealing with someone with a mental health issue, confiscating drugs, chasing someone who doesn't want to be caught and putting their lives at risk every single day. They are shouted at, assaulted, and disrespected daily. Sure, this comes with the job, however it doesn't mean that it should, or that it doesn't get taxing. Oftentimes it's the same culprits day in and day out they deal with, and we're not sure how they remain calm and professional while doing so, but for that we say thank vou

After an arrest, or any sort of incident, it doesn't end there. There are calls from family members, or those who were arrested, court dates, collecting written testimony and bei ing a part of some tough family situations as well. Responding to motor vehicle accidents that end in tragedy, or all of the other situations that we only see in movies, is actual real life to our officers. Just because we don't see what's happening every day in the lives of our police, doesn't mean that it's not happening. Of course, there are officers in other states and cities that abuse their power, however that is not the case in our smaller communities. Police reform is needed in those places and has been for decades, however we consider ourselves lucky to live in a place where our officers are all top notch. Many officers would agree that police reform is needed. Being a police officer is a career that has long been praised as a high honor, only to be filled with selfless brave women and men who simply want to keep our communities a better, safer place to live in. Follow our lead and show your local police they are appreciated. We see you, and we thank you.

VIEWPOINT

Using time wisely

Every day has 1,440 minutes. If we sleep eight hours a day, that leaves us awake 960 minutes a day. What do we do with those minutes? How do we pass the precious time that God gives us each day of our lives?

Of course, many of us may work eight hours or more each day, so that still leaves us with around 500 minutes, or eight hours each day to ourselves. How much of this time do we use to cultivate an intimate relationship with God?

Many of us spend hours and hours on the internet, watching TV, or on our phones? And how much time do we pass on social media, in superficial conversation, or in gossip and negative talk? Then there's the hours we give to our hobbies pleasure-seeking and activities.

In other words, each day God gives us a precious gift - 1,400 minutes of life. He then gives us the freedom to do whatever we want with that time. We should ask ourselves, "What are we doing to use that time wisely? Are we being good "stewards' or administrators of this sacred gift of time? What are we filling our minds and lives with each day, and what are we cultivating within our spirit?

We who profess a love for God - do we find 30 minutes a day for concentrated, intense prayer and conversation with Him? What about 20 minutes? Or even 15 minutes? Imagine, we are awake for 960 minutes a day, and many of us struggle to find even 15 minutes to stand before God and dwell in His presence.

Along with prayer, what about cultivating something holy and pure within our hearts? Through spiritual reading? In fellowship and conversations? In our actions with others? What do we do with the time given us? Do we dwell with God and cultivate His Spirit in our lives?

BEYOND THE PEWS By Fr. Luke A. Veronis SAINTS CONSTANTINE AND HELEN GREEK ORTHODOX

CHURCH, WEBSTER

story of the Farmer sowing seed into four types of soil. One soil is so hard that it doesn't even allow the seed to penetrate the ground. Another soil is shallow dirt with a layer of rock underneath it. The seed can penetrate this soil but then has no place for its roots to grow. With shallow roots, the young plant quickly withers. Weeds fill a third soil. Once again, the seed takes root and a plant of faith grows, but the weeds and thorns quickly strangle and kill the young plant. The fourth soil is rich, nutrient-filled dirt. Here, the seed not only takes root but bears a plant that offers fruit!

As Jesus tells this story, He wants his listeners to make the correlation between the type of soil needed for a seed to grow, and the type of heart needed to allow a seed of faith to flourish.

So, in the story the first seeds sown lands in hard soil. A hard and unresponsive heart might be a heart too full of superficial things - meaningless conversations, irrelevant and time-consuming actions, constant noise and plenty of busyness. By filling our lives with such things, we begin to live at a shallow level. The word of God, which is something serious and profound, cannot develop any roots in our soul if we don't take the time to meditate upon deep issues. If we don't allow roots of faith to develop, the essence of the good news will slowly fade away.

Another danger is

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

> with things contrary to God's ways.

How often I people hear say, "I just can't find time to or read pray the Bible every day... Sunday

morning is the only day I can sleep in, that's why I can't get to Church"... or other such time-related excuses for not helping the needy, visiting the lonely, or using our talents for the glory of God. Of course, we fool ourselves because we all have the same amount of time that the saints themselves had - 1,440 minutes every day. Our problem isn't time but priorities. We have other interests and desires that hold more importance than God, and thus we find no time for holy things!

In the story Jesus shares, some seeds of faith do fall into rich soil - into hearts ready to nurture and cultivate God's spirit within them. People with such hearts find time in the morning to pray to God. They make time throughout the day to read Holy Scripture and fill their minds with noble and good thoughts. They guard their conversations and actions so that they will be serious, meaningful and sacred. They pause throughout the day to connect with God. And they always end their day, thanking the Lord for the day that passed and asking for his mercy for their sins and shortcomings. Such people follow St. Paul's advice to the Christians in Philippi, "Whatever things are true, noble, just, pure, lovely, good, virtuous and praiseworthy, meditate on these things." Such hearts will bear abundant fruit.

Jesus Christ is trying to plant seeds of faith in

Drug Take Back planned Saturday



I wanted to take this opportunity to remind the residents of Dudley that on Saturday, Oct. 23 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Dudley Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public another opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially

dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. This has been a popular and much requested program in the past. Several people have inquired about this event recently, and I wanted to remind everyone once again of the details.

The Drug Take Back has been held several times over the years in Dudley. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked. This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health need. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses. Studies show that most of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, people are advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines-flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash-both pose potential safety and health hazards. Thanks to the effort of District Attorney Joseph Early's Office, we now have a permanent Drug Disposal Kiosk located in our Police Station lobby. These items can now be disposed of locally at any time during the year. Other communities have these kiosks at their police stations or other town buildings. If you are not from Dudley, be sure to check with your community for one of these disposal locations.

In addition to the prescription disposal, we will work with officials from Harrington Hospital to dispose of medical sharps (needles, etc.) on this same day. Collection bins will be on hand to dispose of these items properly and safely as well.

A number of these programs will take place on Oct. 23 in communities all over the area. If you are not a Dudley resident, please check with your local officials for a disposal site near you. In Dudley, your medications to The Dudley Police Department located inside the Dudley Municipal Complex at 71 West Main St., Dudley. Please take some time over the next week to check your medicine cabinets for old or unused medications and plan to drop them off for safe disposal. We thank everyone in advance for their participation in this worthwhile program. For those still seeking vaccination information, it can be found at www. dudleyma.gov or by calling 508-949-8036. Please continue moving forward with the "re-opening" of our state in a reasonable manner. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. During these challenging times, we, at the Dudley Police Department, greatly appreciate the support we receive from our community. 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. Opinions expressed in this weekly column are those of Chief Wojnar only and unless clearly noted, do not reflect the ideas or opinions of any other organization or citizen.

Jesus shares a beautiful story in the Bible that reminds us of the many obstacles which hinder us in our walk with God. The Gospel story describes the word of God as a seed that the Lord wants to plant in our hearts. Christ wants to cultivate within us His love, peace, joy, faith, and hope. Unfortunately, while he plants these seeds of faith within our hearts, much depends on the condition of our hearts to receive these seeds.

Jesus describes this

when our lives are so filled with cares, anxieties, and problems which make us forget God. Or maybe the opposite, where too many comforts and pleasures of life anesthetize us from the vigilant effort to nurture seeds of faith. As we enjoy pursuing these temporary comforts and pleasures, we often don't realize it but we no longer have time to cultivate the holy seeds of faith within our hearts, and even those seeds that have roots bear no concrete fruit in our lives. They get squeezed out by our daily, comfortable lifestyle.

Remember, we each have 1,440 minutes in each day. Think of the countless ways we fill so many minutes of every day with shallow things, with temporary pursuits battle of the heart in his of pleasure and comfort,

the soil of our souls. How receptive are our hearts? Are we the hard soil, that doesn't even allow the seed to penetrate our hearts? Are we shallow soil that allows no deep roots to develop? Are our souls too occupied with the cares, pleasures and comforts of life, which choke the roots and never allow them to develop? Or are we the good soil, prepared to receive the word of God and allowing this word to grow and bear abundant fruit in our lives?

We each have 1,440 minutes every day. Let us use our time wisely, cultivating the soil of our soul and allowing the seeds of God to take root, to become a strong plant, and to bear rich and plentiful fruit in our lives that will glorify God's name!

Keep working toward lifetime goals

As the years go by, many of your short-term plans may change. But you'll always need to focus on three lifetime goals: planning for retirement, preparing for the unexpected and creating an estate plan. What steps should you take to meet these goals?

Let's start with retirement. Throughout your career, you'll need to put away money for a retirement that could last two or three decades. So, you'll want to contribute enough to your IRA and 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan to provide for your income needs in retirement. And you'll want to fund these accounts with a reasonable percentage of growth-oriented investments, based on your comfort with risk and how long you have to invest.

But planning for retirement involves more than just a general commitment to save and invest. You'll also need to envision your retirement lifestyle. Will you travel extensively or stay close to home, pursuing your hobbies? Or are you thinking about relocating or spending part of the year in a vacation home? Your retirement aspirations will help determine how much money you'll ultimately need to live the lifestyle you desire.

And finally, once you are retired, you'll have to ensure you don't outlive your resources. Consequently, as you begin taking money from your retirement accounts and investment portfolio, you'll want to establish a sustainable withdrawal rate - one that lets you enjoy your retirement while accommodating the inevitable ups and downs of the financial markets.

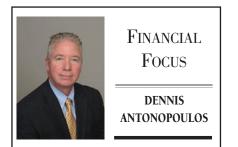
Now, let's move to the second lifetime goal: planning for the unexpected. Even if you budget carefully, you may not always be prepared for unplanned costs, such as a needed home improvement. If your cash flow can't meet these expenses, you might be forced to dip into your long-term investments, possibly leading to taxes, penalties and fewer funds left for retirement. That's why it's a good idea to maintain an emergency fund containing three to six months' worth of living expenses, with the money held

in a liquid, low-risk account.

Of course, more serious unexpected events can also occur. If something were to happen to you, could your family members maintain their lifestyle? Could the mortgage still be paid? Could your children continue with their higher education plans? It's essential that you maintain sufficient life insurance to meet these needs.

The last lifetime goal – creating an estate plan - is meant to achieve multiple aims. For example, you may want to name someone to make financial and medical decisions on your behalf should you become incapacitated. If you have children, it is important to name a guardian should something happen to you. It's also necessary to keep your beneficiary designations up to date. And you may want to leave something to charitable groups.

To meet all these objectives, and possibly even more, you'll need to work with a legal professional to create the necessary documents and arrangements, such as a durable power of attorney, a will, a living trust and so on. You



may also need the help of your financial advisor to review your beneficiaries and to balance your estate and legacy goals with your other financial objectives.

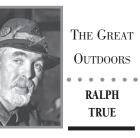
Life is full of twists and turns, and you may change your own course along the way. But no matter which roads you follow, you'll still need to achieve the three lifetime goals we've discussed - so keep working toward them.

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The season of hunting and fishing

The month of October brings all forms of hunting and fishing activities for sportsmen. Waterfowl opened this past Monday, Oct. 11, and Pheasant hunting opens this Saturday. If that is not enough for you, deer hunting opens on the 18th of this month, and Massachusetts has started to stock trout in the usual places. Saltwater fishing is also exploding with action both in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. There are a lot of hard decisions to make, but whatever you chose, the time spent in the outdoors with family and friends is priceless. The fall colors on trees also adds to the experiences in the outdoors.

This past Thursday, this writer decided to take advantage of the great weather, fishing for tautog in Rhode Island. After catching a limit of tautog, we decided to head out to deeper water in search of some seabass. A lot of seabass were caught but many were just under size. After a couple hours of fishing in deeper water, we spotted a couple of stripers floating on the surface of the water.



Soon, many more stripers in the 20-to-26-inch class were floating by the boat. I knew immediately that a dragger was responsible for the dead stripers. I have seen it before. They catch to many fish and they sort out the fish that they can keep and discard the rest. What a waste. Recreational anglers face stricter fishing regulations annually, and this type of waste continues. It just makes you sick!

More sightings of bear are being reported by archers that have cameras out to catch a few photos of deer in the areas that they hunt. If you are hunting deer during the shotgun deer season. it would be wise to purchase a bear permit for only \$5. It is a small price to pay to harvest a black bear.

It did not take long for the surplus deer permits for zone 9 to be sold out

recently. Like maybe six minutes! The sales opened at 9 a.m. and more than 1,300 were gone by 9:06 a.m.! Archery deer season opens on Oct. 18 in zones 1-9. The heavy foliage continues to hamper bird hunting, at a couple of hunting preserves, but will not be gone for this Saturdays opening day in Massachusetts!

This is the time of year that bee stings increase, because they seem to become more aggressive as the cooler weather arrives. Yellowjacket bees often make nests in the ground, making many people unaware that they are there. Wasps are also capable of nasty bites, and can leave the person or persons unaware of the danger they pose to humans. For some humans an EpiPen is a lifesaving tool injecting medication for a bee sting, and is carried by many people to counter act the serious effects of bee stings or spider bites.

Salmon fishing in upstate New York's famous Salmon River is starting to improve, with numerous anglers returning with some great stories on their



This week's picture shows a young German shorthair pointer ready for the opening of the upland bird hunting season.

fishing experience. It is only going to get better.

Mass. Fish & Wildlife has released their new license fee increases for the next five years. For complete rundown а on all the new increases, go to their Web site. They did not change much from their earlier proposals. The fees will gradually increase over five years. No action on the sportsman's proposal to allow any one that wants to hunt with a crossbow to do so. Many bowhunters have gone to the neighboring state of Rhode Island to hunt deer, where crossbows are legal!

The Whitinsville Fish & Game Club is planning a ham & bean supper on Nov. 13, starting at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$12 each. You can buy the tickets at the club or purchase them online. Only tickets will be 85 sold. Don't miss out on this great evening with friends and a ham & bean supper. More clubs are also planning suppers in the valley. Stay tuned!

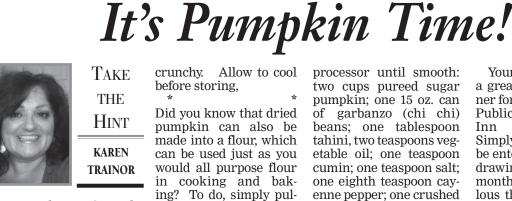
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Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

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

Read on for some pumpkin tips, tricks and ideas:

Choosing a proper pumpkin for your table is important. Pumpkins should be mature and firm, with taut skin and a nice orange hue. Select pumpkins that feel solid and are heavy for their size. If still growing on the vine, look for stems that are solidly attached to the pumpkin. A gener-



preserve them. Several preservmethods of ing pumpkins are used. Freezing cooked, pureed pumpkin is a favored way to preserve the taste and texture of pumpkin. Sugar or pie pumpkins are ideal candidates for freezing as the pulp is thicker and firmer. To easily prepare a pumpkin for pureeing, simply place the whole fruit in the microwave for about a minute or so to soften the skin. This will make the pumpkin much easier to peel. Cut the pumpkin in large slices, peel the skin and remove the strings and seeds. Then cut the slices into smaller pieces. Boil the pumpkin pieces until tender, then mash or process the pumpkin pulp until it forms a smooth, thick puree. Those who are considering home canning pumpkin should be advised pumpkin puree cannot be canned due to its thickness, and although some people successfully can chunked slices of the pulp, it is safer to avoid the risk altogether. Pumpkin can also be dried, which was a favored method of the colonists. Drying pumpkin must be done carefully in order to kill all the germs that would make it spoil. Here's how to do it the old fashioned way: Split the pumpkin in half and remove the seeds. Remove the skin and cut the fruit into thin slices. Steam for about six minutes. Spread on a tray and dry in the sun (it will take at least two days, and it will take about two days. If flies are a problem, cover with netting. Pumpkin needs to be dried in hot sun so that it dries quickly before it spoils.

crunchy. Allow to cool before storing,

Did you know that dried pumpkin can also be made into a flour, which can be used just as you would all purpose flour in cooking and baking? To do, simply pulverize the dry pumpkin in a food processor.

Pumpkin Seeds: Many traditions Halloween include gathering the seeds from a carved Jack-O-Lantern to toast in a warm oven. The snack is both healthy and delicious, and the addition of spices gives the humble treat a flavorful punch. Plus, roasting up a batch of pumpkin seeds is not only an annual treat, it's a great way to use up every bit of the vegetable: To properly toast pumpkin seeds, remove all pulp and clean strings from the seeds. Place seeds in a bowl and stir in melted butter or olive oil and salt to coat the seeds. Spread seeds on a cookie sheet and bake in a 275 degree oven for about an hour or until the seeds are golden brown and crisp. Avoid overcooking as seeds can become hard and tough. Prefer crisper seeds? Prior to toasting boil the seeds in salted water for about ten minutes, drain and prepare for roasting. Pumpkin seeds:

processor until smooth: two cups pureed sugar pumpkin; one 15 oz. can of garbanzo (chi chi) beans; one tablespoon tahini, two teaspoons vegetable oil; one teaspoon cumin; one teaspoon salt; one eighth teaspoon cayenne pepper; one crushed garlic clove, and three tablespoons of water. Adjust thickness by adding a little water if it is too thick. Makes two cups. Serve with pita bread or crackers.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House - Contest has resumed!

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

best helpful hints!

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

* * Friday's Child * *

al rule to test for maturity is to scratch the skin slightly with a fingernail. A mature pumpkin will resist scratching.

Keep in mind when choosing pumpkins that the variety you select should fit your need. For example, if you desire a pumpkin for pie, a medium sugar pumpkin, which is typically small and sweet with a dark orange color, is the best choice. For carving, look for well rounded pumpkins that have good color with stem intact. Pumpkins earmarked as Jack-O-Lanterns are usually larger and contain too many strings and seeds to be practical for pie making.

Preserving and Preparing Pumpkins: Pumpkins can be successfully stored for up to six months, as long as conditions are favorable. Storage temperature should not exceed 50 degrees and should be stored in a dry, frost free environment.

Whole pumpkins keep better if picked leaving two inches of the stem on the fruit. Dry them in the sun for a few days before storing. For safety's sake, wipe pumpkins down with a common disinfectant such as Lysol before storing. Whole pumpkins should not be allowed to touch each other in storage. And be sure to keep an eye out for rot spots that may form. Any pumpkins that are found to be decaying should be promptly removed from the storage area.

If you want to store pumpkins beyond several months, you will need to

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Or, you can dry pumpkin quicker and easier in the oven or microwave; here's how to do it in the microwave, which is the fastest method:

Arrange thin slices on a microwave safe tray or glass pie plate. You must leave space between the slices so air can circulate around them. Cook on high for 15 to 20 minutes. Check the pumpkin; if it is not crispy; cook again for five minutes, and continue until dried slices are the

Pumpkin Sprouts: Pumpkin seeds can even be sprouted to use on sandwiches and in salads. Pumpkin seeds are a healthy snack as they are over 30 percent protein and are high in and oil-soluble vitamins A, D, and E. In addition, pumpkin seeds are rich in iron zinc and magnesium.

To sprout pumpkin seeds, place the seeds in a glass jar (Mason jars are ideal) and cover with water just to cover. Secure a piece of cheesecloth over the top with a rubber band. Soak seeds overnight. The next day, drain the water out and place the jar in dark area that is room temperature. Rinse the seeds in the jar at least four times a day. After a few days, you should see the seeds sprouting. Rinse them again and place the jar in the sun for a day or so until tiny leaves form. They are now ready to use as a tasty garnish or salad addition.

Pumpkin Hummus: Pureed sugar pumpkin adds just the right flavor to this hummus. To do:

Mix together in a food



Dasanee Age 14

Hi! My name is Dasanee and I am a talented singer and dancer!

Dasanee is an active teen of African American descent. She is reserved, quiet, and shy at first, but once she gets to know you, she becomes very outgoing and talkative. Dasanee is naturally athletic and she enjoys staying very active. Some of her favorite activities include playing soccer and basketball, swimming, and jumping on her trampoline. She is also musically inclined and is starting to recognize this newfound talent. She recently started taking trumpet lessons and knows

how to play the piano and sing.

Legally freed for adoption, Dasanee would do well in a two-parent family that can provide her with the affection, stability, and structure she needs to thrive. She would very much love for there to be other children in the home, and possibly some pets. Interested families must be willing to help Dasanee maintain her relationship and visits with her brother and aunt.

Who Can Adopt?

Can you provide the guidance, love and stability that a child needs? If you're at least 18 years old, have a stable source of income, and room in your heart, you may be a perfect match to adopt a waiting child. Adoptive parents can be single, married, or partnered; experienced or not; renters or homeowners; LGBTQ singles and couples.

The process to adopt a child from foster care requires training, interviews, and home visits to determine if adoption is right for you, and if so, to help connect you with a child or sibling group that your family will be a good match for.

To learn more about adoption from foster care, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at 617-964-6273 or visit www.mareinc.org. The sooner you call, the sooner a waiting child will have a permanent place to call home.



OBITUARIES

Marjorie C. Standrowicz, 93



DUDLEY – Marjorie C. (Arel) Standrowicz, 93, died Monday, October 4, 2021 surrounded by her loving family. Her husband of 57 years, Raymond E. Standrowicz, died in 2012. She leaves a son,

Steven P. Standrowicz and his wife Donna of Hermosa Beach, CA; 2 daughters, Cheryl A. Kopas and her husband Jan of Worcester, and Lisa J. Lavoie and her husband Brian of Dudley; 6 grandchildren, Garrett and Chad Standrowicz, Jan Adam and Anthony Kopas, and Katie and Eric Lavoie; 2 great-grandsons, Merek and Micah Standrowicz; 2 sisters, Hazel Grzyb of Dudley and Susan Greenberg of Manhattan Beach, CA; many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her son Michael R. Standrowicz in 2020, by her 2 brothers Raymond and Maurice "Moe" Arel and by her 2 sisters, Carolyn LeBoeuf and Lillian Sarasin.

She was born on October 20, 1927 in Sheldon Springs, Vermont, the daughter of Stewart and Cecile (Demar) Arel. When she was 14, her family moved to Southbridge and she graduated from Saint Mary's High School there. She then resided in Dudley.

Mrs. Standrowicz was a homemaker and her life centered on her family, especially the grandchildren and great-grandsons. She belonged to Saint Anthony of Padua Church. She was a member of several pitch leagues and loved playing bingo and visiting the casino.

Her funeral was held Thursday, October 7, from the Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster, with a Mass at 10:00 AM in Saint Anthony of Padua Church, 24 Dudley Hill Road. Burial was in Saint Joseph Garden of Peace, Webster. Visitation was held from 5:00 to 8:00 on Wednesday, October 6, in the funeral home. Donations in her memory may be made to either St. Anthony of Padua Church, 24 Dudley Hill Road, Dudley, MA 01571 or to the Webster Senior Center, Church Street, Webster, MA 01570.

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WEBSTER - Rita V. (Alim) Zalewski, 92, died Friday, October 8, 2021 in Harrington Healthcare at Hubbard. Her husband of 49 years, Francis T. Zalewski, died in 1999.

She leaves 2 sons, William F. Zalewski and his wife Sue, and David A. Zalewski and his wife Kathleen, all of Dudley; a daughter, Karen J. Oliver and her husband George of Milwaukee, WI; a daughter-in-law, Diane Zalewski of Webster; 7 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her son Paul M. Zalewski in 2011 and by her brother Romeo Alim.

Born on March 1, 1929 in North Grosvenordale, CT the daughter of Riza and Maryanne (Deslauriers) Alim, she grew up there and moved to Webster at the time of her marriage in 1950. She

Rita V. Zalewski, 92

graduated from St. Joseph High School in North Grosvenordale in 1947.

Mrs. Zalewski was a homemaker. After raising her children she worked at the former Big D for 10 years before retiring to care for her grandchildren.

She was a communicant of Saint Louis Church and liked sewing, crafts and social gatherings. Her priority was always her family.

Her funeral will be held on Thursday, October 14, from the Sitkowski, Malboeuf and Hickey Funeral Home, 340 School Street, with a Mass at 11:00 AM in Saint Louis Church, 14 Lake Street. Burial will be in Saint Joseph Garden of Peace. Visitation will be from 9:30 to 10:30 AM in the funeral home Thursday prior to the Mass. Donations in her name may be made to All Saints Academy, 48 Negus Street, Webster, MA 01570.

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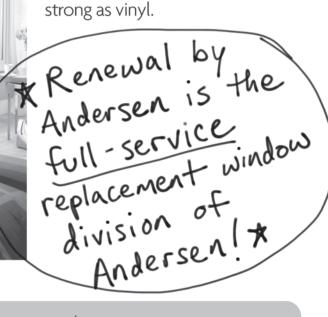
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Shepherd Hill hangs tough, shows progress in loss to Marlborough



Colleen Cumming of Shepherd Hill runs into a Marlborough clearing attempt and sends the ball back down the field.

sharp.

"She came back to us from Marianapolis and she played goalie for them," Brotherton said of Cashman,

who started the season as a defender for the Rams. "She did a great job tonight." Marlborough improved to 5-4 following its victory.



Shepherd Hill's Colleen Thomas turns the corner to generate space while maintaining pos-

BY NICK ETHIER SPORTS EDITOR

DUDLEY — For Amanda Brotherton, head coach of the Shepherd Hill Regional girls' varsity soccer team, the word of the evening was 'progress' after the Rams did battle with Marlborough High at Carmignani Memorial Field on Tuesday, Oct. 5.

That is because injury riddled Shepherd Hill has been taking its lumps this season. That included a 3-0 loss to the Panthers as the Rams dropped to 0-9.

"We've been very positive as a staff and progress is what we want. I don't care about the score at this point. I want to see progress," Brotherton began. "What we did from the first half to the

BLESSING

session of the ball.

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Pets included cats, dogs, guinea pigs, turtles, and fish. However, no matter how big or small the pets were, all the students were excited to show off their special friends.

According to the Web site, Catholic Concern for Animals, all pet lovers may conduct a blessing. They can recite a simple prayer, such as: "Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures. You called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air, and animals on the land. You inspired St. Francis to call all of them his brothers and sisters. We ask you to bless this pet. By the power of your love, enable it to live according to your plan. May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation. Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creatures! Amen.'

second half tonight was progress. They feel good about the progress they're making as a team and as a whole."

Marlborough led at halftime, 3-0, and was held scoreless with only four shots on frame over the duration of the second 40-minute half.

"We've been developing a lot this year," Brotherton said. "In the past we've had teams that have competed and been one game away from making it to districts. In the past we have tied Wachusett, beat Nashoba and things have changed. I think this is just a challenge for us as a coaching staff, something we're not used to, but the girls are young. I have one player who has played in a [varsity] Mid-Wach game before this season.

That player is junior Kat Alicea, who joined the varsity as a freshman in 2019. The Rams didn't play any Mid-Wach League games — a perennially tough league - in 2020 as games were competed in geographically compliant pods due to COVID-19.

Shepherd Hill also has just one senior, that being Micah Sanborn. And the defender had a busy night, as she was tasked with containing Marlborough star Ava VanBuskirk, an extremely fast forward with supreme foot skills.

"Completely happy with how she did, being able to mark her," Brotherton said of Sanborn's play. "[VanBuskirk] scored seven goals against us the first time we played them [a 7-2 loss]. We had a little bit of a goal coming into this game to limit her.

VanBuskirk scored twice, in the game's 23rd and 37th minutes, with teammate Lauren Lefebyre sandwich

ing her goal around those in the 33rd keeper Shaylan Cashman (11 saves) was Carly Bamford.

minute. Other than that, Shepherd Hill Shepherd Hill's Victoria Cravedi loads up her right leg to send the ball away from Marlborough's



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did not call a timeout in fact, she didn't say a word — and the Rams responded almost immediately. About 25 seconds following the Indians' Northbridge's goal, Karlee Battista serviced the ball into the box. Teammate Melissa Sabourin got to it just before keeper Camden Heenan could, depositing her shot into the net for the tying score.

"I really tried not to be as vocal as maybe I could have been because I was really looking for them to step up, so that was huge for us," Strazzulla said of tying the game in such quick fashion.

The Rams then took a 2-1 lead into the halftime break following Lily Allen's goal in the 30th minute. Battista took the corner kick that led to Allen's strike.

Strazzulla was then pleased with her team's play in the second half, as

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the Dudley EDC.

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succeed," Doherty told

Their new venture

eventually led to a poten-

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the Rams controlled the ball and limited Bartlett's chances.

"We went to four in the back and my senior captain, Caitlyn Mahoney, played center back and I felt like she took a little more control, switched the field of play and helped us spread out,' the coach explained.

Sienna Mastroianni scored in the 43rd minute after Jenna Malone made a nice play and shot on net, which resulted in a rebound. And Battista rounded out the scoring with a booming shot in the final minute. Hannah Direnzo (two saves), Madison Thibeault (one) and Natalie Zborowski (one) split time as goalies for the Rams.

The win boosted Northbridge's record to 5-4-1 as they prepare for a potential bid in the Division 4 State Tournament, where they are ranked 11th as of press time. The top 32 teams will play in States.

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through a less than ideal start and to come out in the second half. I think it shows a lot of character and I was pretty proud of them," Strazzulla said.

Meanwhile, Bartlett head coach Mike Moroney was also proud of his team's performance.

"I have a very thin roster and not a lot of subs, but every game that goes by they are learning everything that I have asked of them," he said. "I'm super proud of the way they played. They've given it all season long. I don't think the record shows what they have done."

Following the defeat, the Indians are now 1-10.

"They show up all the time. Win, lose or draw, it doesn't matter," said Moroney.

Heenan played well in net for the Indians, registering 15 saves.

A Bartlett teammate celebrates with Megan Tucker, right, who scored the Indians' goal versus Northbridge.

coming to town only a few years ago. Doherty acknowledged that cannabis is still a controversial subject but made her case that not only will the overlay district be good for their business, but good for Dudley as a whole. "I think cannabis still

is very polarizing. Either you're okay with it or you're totally not okay

Doherty said, later commenting on the mutual benefits the overlay district would bring. "What the town would get out of this is the revenue. It would give us money to help get our farm up and running because its Angels Farms, with an 's,' and the reason we called it that was

there. Cannabis is only going to be one piece. If we're allowed to grow the cannabis, we would also enter into one of those Community Host Agreements I believe with the selectmen which would allow the town to realize (roughly 3 percent) of the proceeds on a yearly basis. I'm not

get the approval to grow first, and I know the town will definitely realize proceeds from that.'

The overlay district is just one of several items set to be discussed during Dudley's annual fall town meeting scheduled for Monday, Oct. 25 at 7 p.m. at Shepherd Hill Regional High School.

ARREST

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or knowledge of either resident and attacked the victim with a knife. The suspect was named as 40-year-old Jeffrey Sprague of Leicester, who was reportedly the father of the female at the home who had intervened in the incident leading Sprague to flee the scene on foot. This resulted in a multi-day hunt for Sprague according to Chief Wojnar.

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"We got an identity on the suspect and began the search for that person. Det. James Annese came in an was able to pull all the information together and secure a warrant for the suspect. We had been looking for him actively for a couple of days and fortunately somebody spotted him on the morning of Thursday, Oct. 7, and we were able to take him into custody with the assistance of the State Police and the Southbridge Police," said

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the Chief.

Sprague was located at around 8:20 a.m. the morning of Oct. 7 riding a bike on Mill Road in Dudley. Dudley, Massachusetts State and Southbridge Police assisted in locating him at the Big Y Plaza in Southbridge. He faces charges of attempted murder, assault & battery with a dangerous weapon, home invasion, and breaking & entering in the nighttime for a felony. While this was a dis-

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turbing incident, Wojnar said it was an isolated incident and not a sign of growing violence in town.

"We certainly have had our share of incidents and we also assist Webster and other towns with different calls of this nature, so our officers are very good at knowing what the job is, being safe, securing things and getting information properly. I give them all the credit in the world," said the chief. "This wasn't a

random attack. It's unfortunate. All the parties knew each other, and it's considered a focused attack so it's not like people are running around committing offenses in town, but it's an example that you never know what can happen. It's probably good for people to beware of their surroundings and to be aware of people in their life that can be in crisis and try to direct them to help and services.'

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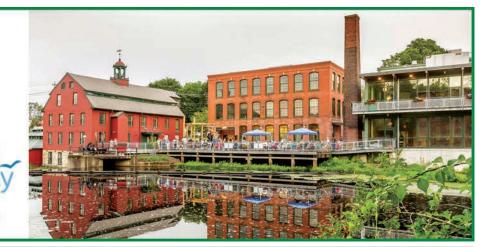
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