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Civil War encampment this weekend



Photos submitted by Deb Martin

Survivors of the 15th Mass reunited in 1909 at Gettysburg.

BY GUS STEEVES
TIMES CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – Webster will be invading Dudley this weekend, as the 15th Mass sets up camp on the Black Tavern and Grange properties.

As you might guess, it's not real, but a Civil war encampment commemorating the area's soldiers who fought in the Battle of Ball's Bluff 157 years ago this month. Many of the participants, including organizer Maurice Healey of Webster and Deb Martin of Brookfield, had ancestors in the 15th Mass then, and some will actually be acting as them.

Martin, for example, prides herself on being "Private Auggie" (Augustus Potter) of Company F, who was wounded four times during the war — twice at Gettysburg — before being captured at Petersburg. She said the Confederates were shipping him to the notorious Andersonville Prison, but released him as part of a prisoner swap before he got there.

"They were such patriots and so proud of what

they did, they didn't go back [for treatment]," she said.

Healey said his great-great-grandfather was also taken prisoner at one point, but he wasn't so lucky. He ended up in Mayo Prison, Virginia, a converted tobacco warehouse, "in the same clothes for four months" before being traded. Healey said they sent him there in a cattle car that had just been used to drop off pigs and hadn't been cleaned.

"They often traded 100 privates for four captains, or something like that," Healey said.

Regarding Ball's Bluff itself, Healey said the battle killed about half of the 15th's more than 650 men, largely because of a mistake. The regiment crossed the Potomac River early in the morning of Oct. 21, 1861, after a scouting detail led by Captain Philbrick saw what he thought were Confederate tents. When they attacked, the tents proved to only be corn stalks, and the Rebels surprised them and

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Decision to raze Woodward passes

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TIMES CORRESPONDENT

At the Oxford Town Meeting on Oct. 3, the debate was intense for the demolition needed for Woodward School. The Old Woodward School, located at 670 Main St., North Oxford, is resounded to be in such disrepair that the decision to tear it down was brought up to the town residents.

"The building is too far gone," said Department of Public Works Director Sean Divoll.

"The roof is leaking, the floors are buckled, and walls are coming down" states Divoll to the residents in attendance.

The article stated the need to raise, by taxation, the funds of \$50,000 to demolish the building. The total cost would be \$100,000, but newly appointed Town Manager Jennifer Callahan states that she is looking for different ways to raise the other \$50,000. There is a government grant that will help to pay for half the cost to demolish blighted buildings states Callahan. Many residents stood up against the destruction of such an historic building. The Woodward school was called a "footprint" of the town and "we should be

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Wildfires part of natural world explains Caney

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

The 2018 wildfire season on the western United States was a dangerous one leading to over 6,700 fire in California alone. Firefighters from across the country turned out to help control the flames and prevent damage to private property and for the fourth season in a row a local fire professional was among them.

Jesse Caney is no stranger to firefighting. After all he is a long-time member of the Dudley Fire Department helping with structure fires in the local area for years. He's also a conservation specialist who started his career five years ago taking a variety of seasonal jobs in fire management. Today he works with the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife in Massachusetts, but this

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Courtesy Photo

Jesse Caney

Dudley crafting recreational marijuana bylaw

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

DUDLEY — While neighboring Charlton continues to debate the future of recreational marijuana the town Dudley is thinking ahead to their own upcoming discussion on the topic as a temporary moratorium is nearing expiration.

In May 2017, the town voted to freeze recreational marijuana businesses. The hope was that the state would provide clarification on taxation and other aspects of such businesses after the commonwealth legalized recreational pot in 2016. According to Town Administrator Greg Balukonis the time is coming when Dudley will

need to put its own regulations in place, so they are prepared if and when such businesses begin to arrive in Dudley.

"The town planner and I have been working on an adult marijuana bylaw to go before town meeting in October. We've also been working with town counsel. You'll remember there was a moratorium that was put in place by a vote at town meeting and that will expire in November so it's in the town's best interest to have a bylaw in place," Balukonis said.

The town administrator expects that a policy will come forward during the Oct. 24 annual town meeting with a public hearing slated for this month.

Balukonis didn't go into too much detail about the policy during the Oct. 1 meeting of the Board of Selectmen, but did say the policy sets a clear path for recreational marijuana businesses that want to call Dudley home.

"The bylaw is pretty standard. If you've heard of what other communities have done there's a quota based on the number of retail package store licenses that the community has so the number of marijuana retail establishments is based upon that. Secondly, they will be restricted by special permit only to certain zones so that people who are worried about

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Harris explores the roots of American music

BY GUS STEEVES
TIMES CORRESPONDENT

WEBSTER — Except for a few shows and artists, most of mainstream music on the radio today leans heavily toward electric instruments. But if conga drummer Craig Harris is right, that might be changing, with the rise in popularity of older styles involving banjo, guitar and fiddle.

That's "old-time country music," and its descendants, including modern bluegrass. Ironically, he notes drums weren't traditionally part of it.

"I get the most evil looks when I walk in," he admitted recently. "I've been very fortunate to put my voice in this music because it's not a drum-

mer's music. I have to play it as a jazz drummer, listening to what other people are doing." That generally means he's playing with the melody, not the rhythm.

Harris, a Chicopee resident and retired teacher who recently started an online bluegrass radio show based in Washington DC, has been a bluegrass drummer for decades and is author of a few books on music history. He was speaking to a small audience at the Kelly Library regarding his latest title, "Bluegrass, Newgrass, Old-time, and Americana Music," introducing and interspersing

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Gus Steeves photos

Craig Harris' hands improvise a beat for an Alison Krauss song.

Gion officially bids farewell

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

DUDLEY — Dudley Board of Selectmen officially bid farewell to Highway Superintendent Dan Gion on Monday, Oct. 1, the final Board of Selectmen meeting before Gion's departure on Oct. 11.

Gion announced earlier this year he would retire after nearly 40 years with the town. Gion has spent most of his career working his way up the ladder

and called his time in Dudley rewarding and fulfilling.

"It's been a nice ride, 39 years. I enjoyed my time working for the town of Dudley. This town has been good to me and afforded me a good living. I didn't get rich, but I'm not poor," Gion said in his farewell. "We've had some good guys and a couple of characters here and there as well. We've always had guys who go above and beyond the line of duty and we still have a couple

guys like that in the department."

Gion also thanked the police chief, fire chief and highway employees for their continued support and for working with him to help provide for the town of Dudley in an effective manner. He also bid a fond farewell to the selectmen and town administrator as well as Administrative Secretary Michelle Jarvis for the last time as a town employee.

"The selectmen have always had the

confidence in me. They've never micro-managed me and that's a big thing. They've always let me do my job," Gion said. "I've worked with a few town administrators over the years and I've got to say (Greg) Balukonis is probably the best one so far. He's built up the highway department budget where we can actually do something now."

Gion received universal praise from

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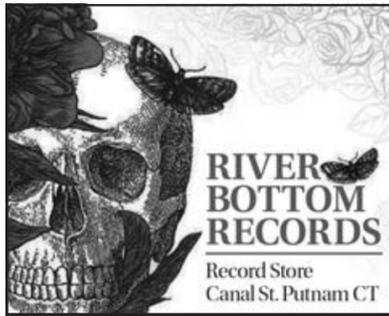
FRIENDS BOOK SALE

Stock up on great reads for those cool evenings by the fireplace! Our Friends of the Pearle L. Crawford Library Fall Book Sale takes place Friday, October 12 from 10-5 and Saturday, October 13 from 10-2. There is a Friends Member Preview on Thursday, October 11

from 5-8 (you may join at the door). Booksellers are welcome on Friday and Saturday only. The sale features a wide selection of hardcover and paperback fiction for adults and teens, children's books, and loads of nonfiction. Whatever your taste, there is something for everyone!

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BREAKFAST
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Check your battery. There is nothing worse than your car not starting on a snowy winter morning. Most batteries need to be replaced every 4-6 years. **Inspect the cooling system.** The cooling system of your vehicle is like the circulation system. It must flow clean and easy to prevent damage to the engine. In New England we need a proper mix of water and anti-freeze to protect the engine. Make sure the concentration is correct and that the fluid is clean. Now is a great time to have your car prepared for the adverse conditions it will face over the coming months. Our techs can check the cranking power of your battery and determine if it is time for a new one. They can flush your cooling system and make sure it is ready for the cold. They can even help get the right tires at the right price. **We can service all makes and models so make your appointments now.** See why Place Motor is the Right Place since 1923.

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CARTOONING WORKSHOP
On Saturday, Oct. 20, 11 a.m.-noon at Pearle Crawford Library, Dudley: create your own cartoons using professional tips and techniques as cartoonist Jerry Craft shows you how to express yourself through drawing. Jerry Craft is an award-winning cartoonist and creator of "Mama's Boyz," a syndicated comic strip he began over 15 years ago. There is nothing Jerry enjoys more than sharing his expertise with others, and this workshop features plenty of hands-on opportunities for drawing enthusiasts. We will supply paper and pencils; just bring your imagination. There is no charge for participants. Registration is encouraged but walk-ins are welcome if space allows.

BREAKFAST BUFFET
Your breakfast favorites will be served including eggs, pancakes, French toast, corned beef hash, fresh baked pastries and much more! Sunday, October 14, 7:30 -10:00 am at United Church of Christ, Fed., 4 Church Street, Webster. Adults: \$9, Children (12 and Under) \$4.

ROAST TURKEY DINNER
On Saturday, Oct. 20, 5:00 pm and 6:15 pm, the First Congregational Church of Dudley, 135 Center Road. is having a roast turkey dinner. The menu will include: roast turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, turnip, butternut squash, and cranberry sauce. Dessert will be apple nobly cake. Servings will be at 5:00 pm AND 6:15 pm. Adults: \$12, Preteens: \$6. Children 5 and under FREE. Handicapped accessible. For reservations CALL 508-943-7320, When prompted press *2. Leave the time of the seating you want, your name, telephone # and the number in your party. Call backs will only be made if there is a question about your reservation. We look forward to seeing you!

BOOKS AND BAKE SALE
The Friends of the Oxford Free Public Library Fall Book & Bake Sale is for book lovers, dessert lovers and bargain hunters alike. Thousands of hard and softcover books in all genres, for all age groups, will be on sale Thursday, Oct. 18 from noon to 7 p.m.; Friday, Oct. 19 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Saturday, Oct. 20 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Large print books, CDs, and DVDs will also be available. Homemade baked goods too! The Friends request NO DEALERS PLEASE!!

You can support the Friends and the Library with your donations of CLEAN, gently read books and media. Donations can be left downstairs during current library hours.

The Oxford Free Public Library, at 339 Main St. in Oxford Center, is a member of the C/W MARS network and is open to all residents of Massachusetts. The Friends of the Library are volunteers who support the Library with fundraising and promotional activities. Hours and library news can be found at <http://oxfordmapubliclibrary.org>

FACEBOOK ADS
On Thursday, Oct. 18, 6-7:30 p.m. The Webster Dudley Business Alliance will host a seminar for all local businesses, How to Run Effective Facebook Ads at the Gladys E. Kelly Library, 2 Lake St., Webster. The program will be presented by Darek Chojnacki, a Worcester SCORE mentor, owner of Green Tree Insurance and a business coaching and consulting company Business Runway. Free for WDBA members, \$10 all others.

POLICE LOGS

Webster Police Department

MONDAY OCTOBER 1
2:27 a.m.: EMS request (Brandon Road) arrest, no further information provided.

6:43 p.m.: MV crash (West Main Street) arrest: Daryl W. Levasseur, age 61 of 8 Village Way #4, Dudley: OUI-liquor third offense; negligent operation of MV.

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 3
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New England's Most Haunted
The Black Tavern Historical Society of Dudley will present an evening with Tom D'Agostino, well-known paranormal researcher, on Thursday, Oct. 18 at 7pm in the Tavern barn at 138 Center Road, Dudley. The program is free and open to all.

SPLASH OF PANACHE
St. Joseph Women's Club is sponsoring a SPLASH OF PANACHE VENDOR EVENT on Sunday, Nov. 4 at Point Breeze Restaurant. Hours are from noon to 5 pm. Many vendors will be on hand to start your holiday shopping or something to pamper you. Once again there will be a Lottery Raffle, Special Raffle, Attendance prize, Appetizers and much more. Tickets for the event are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. For ticket information please contact Kathy Sirard 508-943-0173 or Felicia Kolodziejczak 508-943-6591.

EE-HAW! A HOE DOWN!
The Oxford Senior Center, 323 Main St. is holding a Country Western Hoedown Saturday, Nov. 3 3-5 p.m. Come dressed in your finest western duds and enjoy DJ Justin, snacks, beverages and a photo booth! Please preregister (for planning purposes). \$2 donation requested.

GIVING TREE
It's Giving Tree Time! If you live in Webster or Dudley and need help getting Santa to your house, sign up for the Giving Tree. If your child is 12 years old or younger and lives with you, you are eligible to sign up. Sign up will be on Oct. 16, 18, 23, 25 and 30 and Nov. 1, 6, 8, 13 and 15 from 9-11 a.m., no appointment necessary. This year we will have evening hours from 6-8 p.m. on Oct. 16, 23 and 30 and Nov. 6 and 13 in the church office. You must bring the child's birth certificate to sign up and your ID to pick up. No exceptions. First come, first served, available until our limit is reached or Nov. 15. During morning hours, come to Food Share located at the back of United Church of Christ, Fed. on Main Street in Webster. During evening hours, come to the church office located at 4 Church St. in Webster.

CRAFT & TAG SALE
A Community Craft and Tag Sale is planned Saturday, Oct. 13 9:00-1:00pm at Zion Lutheran Church, 70 Main Street, Oxford; Rain or Shine. Rent a space and sell your stuff! Fee for one 10x10 outdoor space \$20. 25% net proceeds to benefit local food pantries. To reserve a space, contact Laura Eliason: Email: laura.eliason@nemoves.com or Call/text: (508) 250-7227.

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Tutors wanted: Literacy Volunteers returns to library

BY GUS STEEVES
TIMES CORRESPONDENT

WEBSTER – Literacy Volunteers is revamping its efforts in town.

Starting next week, the organization is holding its first class in years for new tutors – six sessions running Oct. 23, 25, Nov. 1, 8, 15 and 20 to train more people to help address the needs of Webster’s foreign language population.

“The wait is finally over, because we’ve been waiting for the new Webster library to open,” said Executive Director Holly Christo.

Although the group has continuously had clients in town during the library project, many of them met their tutors in Dudley library and elsewhere, “and some will probably continue to meet there,” she noted. But the new library’s facilities, particularly the study rooms, are ideal for one-on-one literacy work, while the meeting rooms are big enough to host tutor trainings and more general literacy classes like those held in Southbridge for years.

Christo said she doesn’t have any particular goal for number of new tutors or students, because it’s not yet clear how

much need there is in town. But she’s sure “there are many people seeking services who do not have reliable transportation to Southbridge.”

Tutor Rena Klebart, who’s also a Library Trustee, was one of those trained in Southbridge. She’s had two students so far, a young man who needed short-term help to get his citizenship, and her current one, a young woman she’s tutored for four years. The two highlight the widely different people seeking literacy help. He already had fairly advanced reading skills, while she’s a fluent speaker but wanted reading help to be able to pass her GED. Klebart said she expects that to come soon.

Over the years, though, what Klebart found was a bit of a surprise. Tutoring is not really about tutoring in the long term.

“My initial expectation was ‘This is a person who wants to learn more about reading,’ but I didn’t expect to see the relationship we developed,” she said. “I’ll be sad to see it end. At this point, the question is, is this more a relationship than a tutoring session?” She answered her own question with

a yes, noting new tutors will quickly see that it’s not like teaching a school class. The exchange goes both ways, and “what you learn from your student is almost more than what you give.” To emphasize that, she noted she and her student recently admitted they probably would not have even said hi to each other on the street were it not for the tutoring relationship because they came “from very different worlds.”

Webster has many such “worlds” within it. Traditional students in the school system speak dozens of languages, and its state Report Card identifies 114 kids (6.1 percent of the total) as being “English language learners.” Klebart said she thinks those students’ families and those involved with Head Start might be a source of Literacy Volunteer students as well.

According to www.city-data.com, in 2016, Webster had 1,329 foreign-born residents, a figure that’s lower than average in Massachusetts – 2.9 percent from Latin America, 2.5 percent from Africa, and 2.4 percent from Europe. The website does not indicate how many of those immigrants aren’t English-literate, but some almost certainly are.

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“On my first day [there], this past Tuesday, I had a new student come in seeking services,” Christo noted.

According to the Literacy Volunteers of Massachusetts website, tutors generally meet with their student two hours a week for nine to 12 months after being trained, with support, including teaching materials if needed, from the organization’s staff. The only requirement is for the person to have a “high school diploma or its equivalent.”

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

Come walk to help a neighbor in need

Community members, organizations and businesses are invited to participate in the Oxford Ecumenical Council CROP Hunger Walk. The 5K walk, which travels along roads in Oxford, will be held Sunday, Oct. 21. This fund-raising effort, sponsored by the Oxford Ecumenical Council, raises money for our neighbors who are hungry in this world of plenty. One portion of the funds raised goes to Church World Service to support the work of eliminating hunger in the world. The other portion goes to support the Oxford Ecumenical Food Shelf in their mission to assist our neighbors in need in the community of Oxford.

This is the 43rd Annual CROP Walk sponsored by the Oxford Ecumenical Council!

The Ecumenical Council has decided to make a few changes to the CROP Walk format in order to increase public awareness of the need for food both within the community of Oxford and the world at large. It has decided to open the CROP Walk to all community members. If you are a member of a civic organization, know a workplace that would be interested in being involved or are part of other groups (including groups of friends or family) that would be interested in helping to raise public awareness, please contact Council president John Kneeland at 508-987-1062. Leave a message with your name & telephone number and he will

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The Oxford Food Shelf has been supplying groceries to families in need for over 40 years. In 2017, the Oxford Food Shelf distributed FREE groceries during 1,442 family visits. The family members included:

- 165 family members ages 0 to 4
- 1,104 family members ages 5 to 17
- 2,095 family members ages 18 to 64
- 517 family members ages 65 or older

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For more information, to register for or to donate to the CROP Walk, see the website <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/oxford-ma> or contact the phone number listed above. CROP Hunger Walks

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All registered voters will be able to vote before Election Day in Massachusetts. Early voting will begin on Oct. 22 and continue through Nov. 2.

To be eligible to vote in the Nov. 6 State Election, you must register to vote or make any necessary changes to your voter registration by Oct. 17.

In Dudley, early voting can be done in person at the Dudley Municipal Complex, 71 West Main St., Room 210 during the following dates and times:

Monday, Oct. 22 to Wednesday, Oct. 24; Monday, Oct. 29 to Wednesday, Oct. 31: 8:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 25 & Nov. 1: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. & 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Friday, October 26 & Nov. 2: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Registered voters also have the option to request an early voting ballot through the mail. Simply fill out an application and mail it to Dudley Town Clerk, 71

West Main St., Room 207, Dudley, MA 01571. The application can be found on the Secretary of the Commonwealth’s website: <http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele>.

On Tuesday, Nov. 6, the polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Dudley Senior Center, 71 West Main St. WEBSTER

Early Voting Notice
Early Voting will be in the Town Clerk’s Office during normal town hall business hours

Monday 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Friday 8:30 a.m. to noon.

OXFORD

Early voting will be conducted at Oxford Town Hall, 325 Main St.

Oct. 22-26 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Oct. 27 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Oct. 29-Nov. 2: 9 a.m.-*4:30 p.m. (by mail, *noon deadline).

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Are Real Estate Agents Still Needed?



REALTOR'S
REPORT

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I may be biased since it is my profession but I think the answer will always be yes. There has been a huge change over the years as to what the value of a Real Estate Agent is to the consumer. Before the internet the agents were the

only one with access to the inventory of homes and had a physical MLS book. Today we can search 100's of websites and pretty much find everything we need to know about a home with the photos, specs of the home and sometimes tours that make you feel like you have already physically toured the home. The challenge is not all this data is accurate so most consumers will get overwhelmed trying to figure out what the valid data sources are so it ends up being similar to where now the Real Estate agent can sort through the data

for the consumer to give them what is the valid and accurate data.

The other item of value that a Real Estate Professional brings to the table is the knowledge on the proper way to market the home to not only attract buyers but the ones that are right for the home. They know how to not make the house look nicer or even misleading to cause the wrong buyers to look at it but yet still market it to get the right buyers and the most money for the home. After you interview the agent that you plan on hiring you should feel

confident that they can do this or you should be interviewing more agents.

Lastly, Real Estate Agents are professional negotiators or at the least the good ones are. You should ask them when interviewing them about the training they do around negotiating and they should also be able to provide data showing they are selling homes quicker and for more money than the average agent which also shows their negotiation skills. There have been studies done showing that the top agents on average spend 40% of their

working days spending some part of that day in a training. If your agent is not doing this again I would suggest continuing to interview agents until you find one that does.

If an agent is not able to interpret the data for you, market your home and get you more money by hiring them, and if they are not a professional negotiator then you may possibly be better off just selling the home yourself and saving the money. However if the agent exhibits those qualities listed above then they will be worth more than you pay them.



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EVENTS

MUSIC & MOVEMENT STORYTIME
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Friday, October 12, 11:00-11:45

Nothing gets kids on their feet and having fun quite like songs, dance and silly stories. Deb Hudgins has been conducting children's programs that get kids up and moving since 1991. Join Deb for an Fabulous Fall Celebration!! No registration. Children under 12 must be accompanied by parent/guardian. Sponsored by Friends of the Library.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE

Thursday, October 11, 5:00-8:00
(Members only; no dealers please)
Friday, October 12, 10:00-5:00
Saturday, October 13, 10:00-2:00

CARTOONING WORKSHOP WITH JERRY CRAFT

Saturday, October 20, 11:00-12:00
Join award-winning syndicated cartoonist Jerry Craft as he shares his experiences as a professional cartoonist and illustrator. Then it's your turn to draw! Mr. Craft will give you step-by-step instruction on how you can use simple shapes to create your own cool comic book characters. For those ages 6 and older. Registration suggested but not required. Sponsored by Hugh W. and Harriet K. Crawford Endowment.

TEEN IMPROV WITH MEREDITH CHARLES

Thursdays, 3:45-4:45, November 8, December 13

PEARLE JAM CONCERT #4 ~ GREY WHISKER PICKERS

Thursday, October 18, 6:00
A blend of outright honky tonk with a dash of folk and some good ol' rock n' roll attitude. Born from the rich American tradition of making music around kitchen tables and front porches, The Grey Whisker Pickers are about friends and family getting together to make music and have fun. Free and no registration. Sponsored by the Hugh W. and Harriet K. Crawford Endowment.

Ongoing

POKEMON CLUB

Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30
Pokemon Fans! Children ages 7 to 14 welcome. Bring your Pokemon cards, Nintendo DS games, and anything else you would like to share. No registration. Parents are not required to attend but must stay in the building.

KNIT & CROCHET @ THE PEARLE

Fridays, 10:00-12:00
An informal fiber arts group offering the opportunity for people to get together bring a project to work on, or get help if needed. Knitters and all other fiber artists are welcome.

STORYTIMES

Tuesdays @ 10:30 for ages 1-3 years old
Thursdays @ 10:30 for ages 3-5 years old
Join Ms. Pam in the Story & Craft Room for songs, stories and crafts! No registration is required but parents/caregivers must be present for these programs.

Try your hand at improv with Meredith Charles-Out of The Box. No experience needed. Warning: you will laugh. A lot. Recommended for teens, tweens welcome. Meets in the Teen Room. Registration requested. Drop-ins encouraged!

SPOOKY SLIME NIGHT

Monday, October 15, 5:30-6:00
The Mad Science Lab is open for one night only! We'll make green slime and add some spooky items! Registration required. Recommended for ages 4+. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

LITTLE BUILDERS PLAYTIME

Fridays, October 19 & 26, 10:30-11:45
An informal, unstructured playtime for toddlers and their parents/caregivers. Colored, wooden & alphabet blocks, and DUPLOs are provided for play in the Story & Craft Room. No registration.

TECH TUESDAYS ARE BACK!

Tuesdays @ 10:30 & 2:30 by appointment
Need help navigating the Internet, setting up an email account, social media, or downloading an ebook or audiobook? Make an appointment for a one-on-one session with a staff member.

Please have a clear goal of what you would like to accomplish during your session and bring the device you would like help with.

CHAIR YOGA ~ FALL SESSION

Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30, October 3 through November 7
Chair yoga modifies some of the basic poses to make them more accommodating for those who gain strength from a seated, more stable position. This program is free and open to the public. No registration is required. Participants should dress comfortably. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

TAI CHI CLASS

Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30, October 3 through October 24
Open to mature teens and adults regardless of experience level. Wear loose, comfortable clothing, flat shoes with a back, and bring a bottle of water. Held in the Fels Community Room. Drop-in; no registration but space is limited to first 12 who sign in at the door. Sponsored by Friends of the Library.

LITTLE BUILDERS PLAYTIME

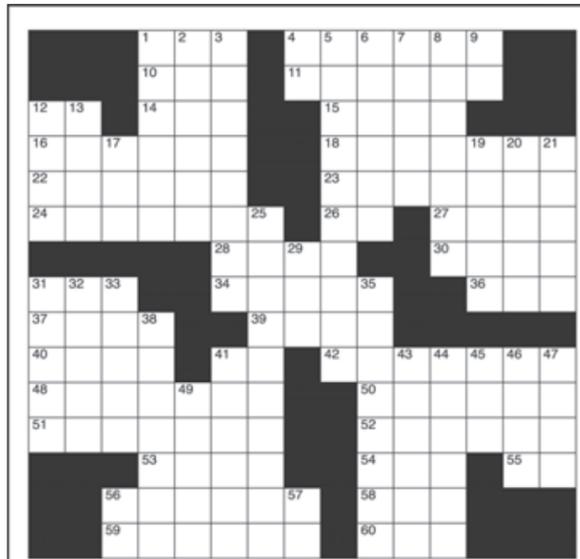
Fridays, September 28, October 19 & 26, 10:30-11:45
An informal, unstructured playtime for toddlers and their parents/caregivers. Colored, wooden & alphabet blocks, and DUPLOs are provided for play in the Story & Craft Room. No registration.

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LEGO CLUB

Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30
No registration required. Drop in. Build and play! Recommended for ages 5+. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

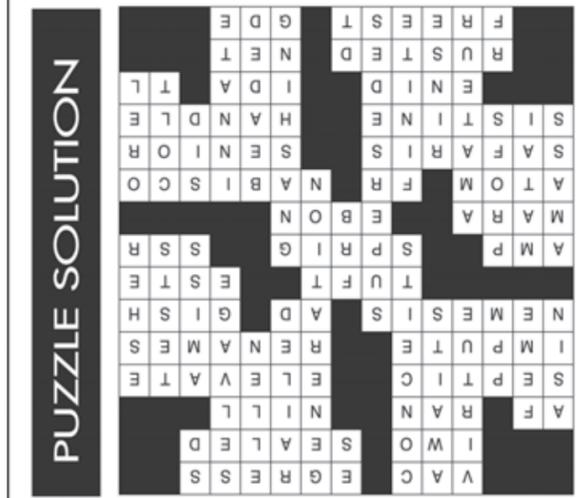


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Type of cleaner (abbr.)
- 4. Going out
- 10. __ Jima, WWII battlefield
- 11. Closed
- 12. Air Force
- 14. Moved swiftly
- 15. Will not (obsolete)
- 16. Type of tank
- 18. Raise
- 22. Represent
- 23. Gives a new moniker
- 24. Adversary
- 26. Anno Domini
- 27. Lillian __, actress
- 28. Bunch of something
- 30. This (Spanish)
- 31. A guitarist uses one
- 34. Small stem bearing leaves
- 36. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 37. Actress Rooney
- 39. Dark brown or black
- 40. Matter
- 41. Atomic number 87 (abbr.)
- 42. Food company
- 48. Trips to see wildlife
- 50. Elderly
- 51. Famed chapel
- 52. Something to grab
- 53. City in Oklahoma
- 54. Muckraking journalist Tarbell
- 55. Thallium
- 56. Corroded
- 58. A Brooklyn NBA'er
- 59. Most liberated
- 60. Google certification (abbr.)

CLUES DOWN

- 1. High moral behavior
- 2. Expects
- 3. Fanciful notions
- 4. Spanish be
- 5. All the people of approximately the same age
- 6. Berated
- 7. Trailblazing comedienne
- 8. Fabric edge
- 9. South Dakota
- 12. Amazon ID number
- 13. A wife (law)
- 17. Printing speed measurement
- 19. Wrong
- 20. Exams
- 21. Outlying suburb of London
- 25. Replaces
- 29. Prints money
- 31. Accumulate
- 32. New Zealand conifer
- 33. College teachers
- 35. A way of grating
- 38. Novice
- 41. Having limits
- 43. Shining with jewels or sequins
- 44. Existing at birth but not hereditary
- 45. __ Caesar, comedian
- 46. A young male horse under the age of four
- 47. Russian industrial city
- 49. Wash off
- 56. Radio frequency
- 57. Delirium tremens



IPG third quarter prelims lowers than projected

The Oxford-based IPG Photonics Corporation had an unforgiving third quarter, according to preliminary results, with the company naming geopolitical, macroeconomic, and tariff challenges as a cause. According to results given to Worcester Business Journal, the company announced it expects revenue for the third quarter, which ended on September 30, to be approximately \$355 million

to \$356 million, below the \$360 million to \$390 million guidance range IPG provided at the end of July.

IPG Photonics cited foreign currency headwinds as a factor, which they said reduced revenue by approximately \$5 million relative to the exchange rates assumed in third quarter guidance. IPG expects third quarter earnings per diluted share to be \$1.83 to \$1.87, including a tax benefit of approximately \$0.15 related to discrete items, versus guidance of \$1.80 to \$2.05 per share.

"The global geopolitical and macroeconomic environment remained challenging as we progressed through the third quarter," said Dr. Valentin Gapontsev, IPG Photonics' chief executive officer. "These tariff and trade-related head-

winds were the primary driver of weaker than expected performance for our business in China and Europe."

As IPG Photonics' quarter-end financial review is not complete, these preliminary results are subject to adjustments.

"The book-to-bill ratio during the third quarter was very slightly below 1.0," continued Gapontsev. "As a result of these factors, we believe full year revenue growth may be below the 7% to 9% range we provided on July 31, 2018."

Gapontsev added that the company will update their full year outlook when they report third quarter 2018 results before the market opens on Tuesday, October 30.

IPG Photonics Corporation produces high-power fiber lasers and amplifiers used primarily in materials processing and other diverse applications. The company's mission is to make its fiber laser technology the tool of choice in mass production. IPG is headquartered in Oxford and has more than 25 facilities worldwide.

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Take the Oreo tasting challenging at OPL

KIMBERLY MASCHI
TIMES CORRESPONDENT

Come try all the wacky types of Oreos! Decide which is the best and which ones are the worst. Can any flavor really beat double stuffed? Have you tried the kettle corn, or strawberry shortcake?

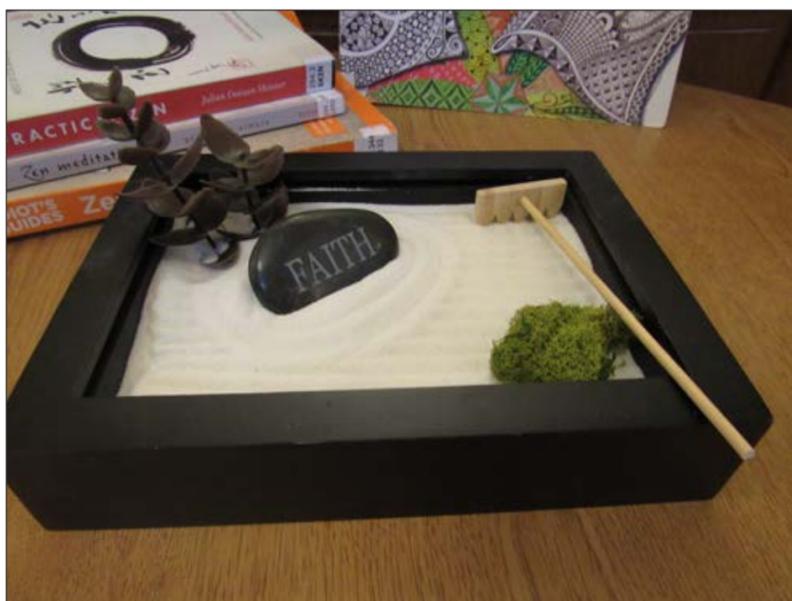
There are so many different flavors to try, you be the judge. On Thursday, Oct. 11 at 4, 7th through 12th grade students, homeschooled welcomed as well, are invited to join in on the taste test challenge at the Oxford Public Library. Come over right after the long school day and take a break with friends over Oreos and milk! Enjoy the fall day outside on the front lawn of the library with this event and come back again on Oct. 24 for the next project!

Need to relax and unwind? Find serenity in the smooth sand of a desk top garden. Teens are welcome to come and make a Zen Garden at 4 in the meeting room of the library. Pour the fine-grained sand and assemble rocks and flora however you wish. Rake different spiral designs as you contemplate deeply over homework, activities, and your amazing future. This event requires sign up; sign-up sheets are at the front desk. Bring your friends and have a soothing good time. The Oxford Library is always having fun activities for kids big and small. If you have an idea or



suggestions about what the local library can do for you, join the teen advisory board!

The teen advisory board is a great way to get your voice out into the community. Design programs, work on special projects, and help the library plan future events and services for the teens in the community. Bonus! This will look great on college applications! You can pick up a Teen Advisory Board Application at the front desk of the library, everyone is welcome from



Kim Maschi photos

Zen gardens and quiet décor are calm retreats for teens at Oxford Public Library

grades 6-12. This is a great way to help your local library truly know what teens need and want in their community.

The Oxford Public Library has the

Teen Zone and programs to bring the community closer together. Please join the TAB (Teen Advisory Board) today to secure your spot.

Governor candidates explain differences

By Jerry Carton
Stonebridge Correspondent
Election Day is drawing near and the two candidates for the state's top job differ on a series of major issues important to voters.

Governor Charlie Baker, who defeated then Attorney General Martha Coakley four years ago is seeking a second term. The governor says his administration has created over 180,000 new jobs during the last four years with more people employed state wide than at any time in the last 20 years and the state's unemployment average is at 3.5% because of his policies. Baker said household incomes have risen "dramatically with every demographic group seeing increases in take home pay."

Baker adds, "thanks to pro-growth leadership, Massachusetts was named the most innovative state in the country and the Commonwealth has attracted major business investment."

Baker highlighted his education record by saying "the Commonwealth has increased support for local public schools by over half a billion dollars, bringing educational investments to a record level."

Baker pointed to the Commonwealth Commitment program "which leverages our state's community colleges and the UMass system and allows students to pursue a four year degree for less than \$30,000."

He noted the state's secondary school students "continue to finish first in the National Assessment of Educational Progress Exam in English and math. The Commonwealth has the highest graduation rate and lowest dropout rate ever."

The governor said he signed a first-in-the-nation law which limits new prescriptions to seven days to fight the opioid crisis "and invests more resources in prevention, education and recovery." Baker said the state has invested more than \$200 million "across

state government to combat substance misuse, a 70-percent increase since 2015. He said he's proposed new legislation to stiffen penalties "for drug dealers whose actions lead to fatalities."

Baker said his administration has increased state aid to cities and towns every year since he took office in 2015.

He boasted the August sales tax weekend has become permanent under his leadership.

Opposing Baker as the Democratic nominee is Jay Gonzalez who served as Secretary of Administration and Finance between 2009 and 2013 under then Governor Deval Patrick and served as well as chair of the state's Health Connector. He defeated Bob Massie in the September primary.

Gonzalez is touting his experience "providing health insurance coverage for low-income residents, helping cities and towns build new schools and fire stations and managing the

state budget...during the Great Recession."

He said he oversaw the implementation of Massachusetts' health care reform and chaired the state's Board of Early Education and Care.

"The income gap here in Massachusetts is one of the worst in the country and is growing. That's why I support raising the minimum wage and paid medical and family leave," he said.

He added, "women must have equal career opportunities and equal pay and workplaces free from discrimination and harassment."

"President Trump," he said, "has disparaged and discriminated against people of different ethnicities, backgrounds, religious beliefs, and gender. His unconstitutional Muslim travel bans and increased raids to detain and deport immigrants have been particularly harsh and fear provoking for immigrant communities across Massachusetts."

Gonzalez said he strongly supports early childhood education.

"These early investments in our children pay dividends on multiple levels and across generations. Working families deserve our best efforts to support their children getting the start they need toward academic and career success and to support their own workforce participation and economic prosperity."

Gonzalez backs reforming the state's 1993 school funding formula.

"We need," he said "to end the opioid epidemic, the most serious public health crisis of our time. No more tragic deaths from overdoses. No more lives ruined by addiction. No more families torn apart. We need people of all ages to be educated about the dangerously addictive nature of opioids and the existence of alternatives for managing pain."

Painting luncheon benefits auxiliary

WEBSTER — Harrington Auxiliary invites anyone with a penchant for art to participate in a special "Easy Art Painting" and lunch event on Thursday, Oct. 18 at Point Breeze Restaurant in Webster. The event takes place from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Award-winning artist Loretta Medeiros will guide participants in a simple painting project on tiles.

Medeiros attended the Boston Museum of Fine Arts on a scholarship while in high school. She has taken courses at Southeastern Massachusetts University, Worcester Art Museum and has participated in workshops with Timothy Clark, at Arts Pro-Temp and with Russian Impressionist master painter Nancy Seamons-Crookston.

Medeiros is best known for her landscapes, still life and scratchboard paintings and has designed and painted theatrical sets at a local theatre. She orchestrates the use of colors in her work, concentrating on light, values and shapes that bring the painting to life on the canvas.

Medeiros teaches painting classes at her studio, Primas L'Artiste Studio, and at Hitchcock Academy

in Brimfield. She also teaches at Workshop 13 in Ware and the Arts Center East in Vernon, CT. In 2016, she received an award at the Academic Artists National Show; in 2017, she won the President's award at the annual Monson Art Show and is a member of Academic Artists.

Workshop attendees have two luncheon choices: chicken Marsala or baked haddock. The cost is \$20. All supplies are included. You do not have to be a member of the Auxiliary to attend.

Call the Volunteer office to register or for more information, (508) 765-6472 or email khibbard@harringtonhospital.org.

Harrington Auxiliary, established in 1932, is a

non-profit organization of dedicated and impassioned volunteers whose mission is to support and enhance the excellent services provided by the Harrington HealthCare System.

Annual job fair planned

The annual veterans' job fair held in partnership with the MassHire Worcester Career Center and the Southbridge Career Center; part of the American Job Center Network is scheduled Friday, Nov 16.

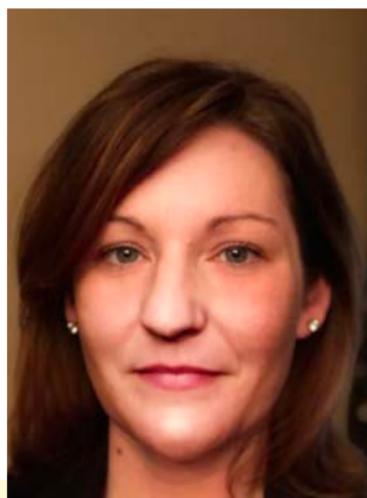
Wanting to be as centrally located as possible, this year the job fair will be held at the Auburn Webster Lodge of Elks #2118, 754 Southbridge St., Auburn from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Veterans will be admitted at 10 a.m., the general public will be admitted beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Already signed up are more than 40 companies including several in health care, transportation, warehouse and distribution, manufacturing, security, law enforcement, human services, telecommunication, banking, customer service, administrative, clerical, engineering, retail, sales and more.

Veterans' services representatives will also be on hand and may be contacted ahead of time: Bill Ryan at (508) 373-7620 or Mike Petrella at (508) 765-6430.



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Apple Festival welcomes fall in Dudley

Every year the Dudley Grange welcomes in the fall with a festival focusing on one of the most popular fruits of the season, apples. As the sister event to the Grange's annual Strawberry Festival, the Apple Festival might be a bit smaller, but it still proved to be a big draw for 2018 as a complementary event to the nearby Black Tavern Craft Fair. Music, apple-based treats and more made for a fun afternoon at the Grange continuing an annual tradition that stands the test of time.



Jason Bleau photos

Kathy Maxwell and Doug Myer, both of Oxford, enjoy homemade apple crisp



Visitors to the annual Apple Festival could, of course, buy apples while exploring.



Annie's Mike's Honey for Charlton offered a different natural flavor



A pair of clowns were on hand to add colorful fun



One of the biggest draws of any event at the Dudley Grange is the famous hand cut French fries

WLA receives Janet Malser grant

The Webster Lake Association was recently awarded a grant of \$13,800.00 from the Janet Malser Humanities Trust for restoration work at Webster Lake.

The WLA would like to thank the Janet Malser Trust.

The grant will be used to reconnect Pout Pond to the main lake. Pout Pond is a 4.23 acre pond located within the western section of Webster Lake. Pout Pond has historically served as a direct inlet into Lake Chargogga goggmancha uggagoggchaubunagungamaugg, with a culvert connecting the pond to the watershed.

Currently, the water connectivity between the two waterbodies has halted due to an accumulation of nuisance emergent vegetation and organic matter buildup along the Pout Pond side of the culvert. Due to a growing concern regarding water flow, dissolved oxygen

levels, fish connectivity, and flood retention capabilities, this culvert has been labeled high priority and hydro-raking is proposed to restore this area.

Along with the Janet Malser Humanities Trust Grant's generous grant, WLA will be expensing \$5,000 for a total project cost of \$18,800. The expectation is to restore the historically balanced ecosystem that has prevailed in past years, such as restored water movement, creating healthy fauna and flora (aquatic animals and plants), which in turn will resume recreational activity such as boating, fishing and wildlife viewing.

The support of local organizations, such as the Janet Malser Humanities Trust Grant, enables the WLA to continue its work towards preserving this regionally unique resource as a pristine legacy for future generations.

The Overlook opens respiratory therapy unit

CHARLTON — Masonic Health System of Massachusetts is proud to announce the opening of a new Respiratory Clinical Program on The Overlook Campus. The respiratory services are available to qualifying Overlook residents and the greater community. The program will service patients, discharged from chronic and acute care hospitals, typically with diagnosis of respiratory failure, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) or congestive heart failure (CHF).

The medical oversight for the program is being provided by Dr. Plutarco E. Castellanos of Massachusetts Lung and Allergy, in conjunction with a respiratory therapist. Dr. Castellanos is a board certified Internist with a subspecialty board certification in pulmonary disease and critical care medicine.

The entire Overlook clinical team has received extensive training on respiratory disease management and treatment protocols.

Robert Engell, nursing home administrator for The Overlook Health and Rehabilitation Center expressed enthusiasm for the new program.

"This uniquely specialized service meets a tremendous need in the community and enables The Overlook to further distinguish itself as a provider of choice to clinically complex patients," said Engell.

Those interested in more information may contact the admissions office of The Overlook at 508-434-2243. Current hospital patients with a respiratory diagnosis requiring rehabilitation —should be sure to ask the hospital provider for a referral to The Overlook.

Final Questions: end of life planning

Have you thought about what you want your last days to be like? Have you told anyone or taken any actions to make sure this happens? Join us for a time of resource-sharing, conversation and planning. Bring your friends and extended family.

On Saturday, Oct. 20 11:00 am-2:00 pm at the United Church of Christ, Federated, 4 Church St., Webster.

Our speakers will be: Nancy Noonan, RN, OCN, CHPN, director of hospice and palliative care at Central Massachusetts Hospice, a division of the VNA of Southern Worcester County; Roland Malboeuf, funeral home owner and director; Kersti Hopkins, social worker and VNA; and Rev. Ann Gibert, pastor of United Church of Christ, Federated.

Parking is available along Church Street and in the town hall lot. There is additional parking in a lot off Negus Street, around the corner from the church.

"End of Life is everyone's business – start the conversation"

Dudley establishes new veteran section in Corbin Cemetery

On September 24 the Dudley Town Administrator, Greg Balukonis and the Dudley Board of Selectmen approved a parcel of land at the Corbin Cemetery to be used exclusively for cremated remains of veterans and their spouses.

On October 4, the first veteran to be interred in this new Veterans Section was Henry A. Maska, U.S. Army Vietnam veteran, who was given full military honors by the Webster-Dudley Veterans Council Honor Guard.

The approval of this land was an intense cooperative effort of Richard Majercik of Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home who is an Army veteran himself; Stephen Rogerson, Veterans Services Officer for the town of Dudley and an Army veteran; Michelle Jervis, liaison within the town of Dudley and lastly, Dennis Tremblay, caretaker of the Corbin Cemetery.

For additional information on how to obtain a space in this Veterans Section, please contact Jervis at (508) 949-8001 or Rogerson at (508) 949-8010.

LEARNING

Oxford Middle School announces students of the month



5th grade
Fifth grades students of the month are: Kyra krasinskas; Rosy Krantz; Cassidy Burke; Gwen Gustafson; and Brynn Nieber.



6th grade
Sixth grade students of the month are: John Sullivan; Gianna LaRose; Milon Sneed; Jameson Burke; Matthew Twombly; and Samantha Pretty.

Officer Friendly visits Mason Road School



Courtesy Photo

Dudley Police Chief Steven Wojnar is meeting with one of the kindergarten classes at Mason Road School.

Dudley Police Chief Steve Wojnar officially kicked off the program known as "Officer Friendly" at the Mason Road School. For those unfamiliar with this program, the Chief visits the school from time to time throughout the year having lunch and informally interacting with the students at the school.

These early visits serve as a day of introduction with the first grade and kindergarten classes. He met the children, explained his job and police work in general, and provided a few safety tips. The goal of this program is to minimize the fear and apprehension children may have about the police. Unfortunately, at a young age, many children only know police through negative experiences. By meeting with the

children in a casual manner, the program tries to provide students with a positive image of police officers and an overall understanding of police work.

Chief Wojnar has participated in this program for approximately 20 years and truly enjoys the time spent with the children.

The Dudley Police wish to thank Principal Jennifer Desto and her staff for working with the Chief, School Resource Officer Meggas, and the other officers on this and many programs at the school. They also wish to thank Superintendent Nash and all the principals from each of the Dudley Schools for their assistance and dedication to promoting the various initiatives throughout the years.



Courtesy photos

7th Grade
Seventh grade students of the month are: Lillian Cybula; Natalie Hayes; Kaila Donahue Seely; Mackenzie Masters; Genesis Rivera; Andrew Shultz; and Jakob Emilyta.

DA talks trauma with educators at Safe School Summit

WORCESTER — Trauma experts presented to about 175 educators, law enforcement and social service agency officials from across Worcester County about childhood trauma at Worcester County District Attorney Joseph D. Early Jr.'s Safe School Summit on Wednesday, Oct. 3.

Early kicked off the Summit at Worcester Technical High School by announcing that his Community Outreach program has officially presented to more than 500,000 people during the 11 years he has been in office.

"We are at schools, senior centers and events almost every day, in all 60 cities and towns across Worcester County, making presentations on topics including bullying, internet safety, scams and fraud, drugs and alcohol, and texting and driving," Early said. "I'm proud to say our collective audience has reached 500,000. I'd like to thank my Community Outreach Team that works so hard every day and our partners that work with us on prevention efforts."

The Safe School Summit, which has been held by Early's office annually for the last 11 years,

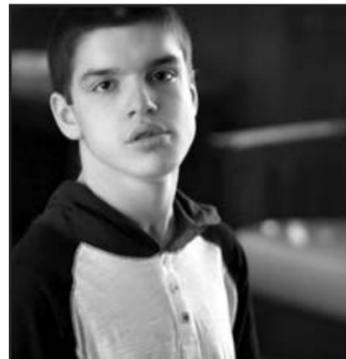
brings educators and others who work with children together to address a variety of safety topics. This year, the daylong summit focused on child-

hood trauma. Trauma can be any event or situation that overwhelms a child's ability to cope. It is estimated that one in four students have been exposed to a traumatic event. This trauma interferes with a child's ability to learn and affects behavior.

"Successfully dealing with children who have experienced trauma has the potential to improve lives and save our children from a life of misery," Early said. "Unfortunately, we can't prevent all childhood trauma, but we can identify when young people are suffering, and we can address the problem, right the ship and give them the best chance of success."

Presenters included Jessica L. Griffin and Genevieve Kane-Howse of UMass Medical School's Child Trauma Training Center, who talked about identifying students who have suffered trauma. Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy Cruz and Edward Jacobs from his office presented as well about how law enforcement and educators can work with a trauma-informed approach to help children exposed to violence. Finally, Lisa Baron from the Center for Trauma Care in Schools presented strategies for educators to create a trauma-informed classroom.

Friday's Child



David: Age 16
Registration #3530

David is a sweet and easygoing young man of Caucasian descent. He interacts well with the adults in his life and enjoys exploring his environment in many ways; his favorite being through sense of touch. David is on the Autism spectrum and benefits from tactile experiences that include knocking over objects to hear how they sound and banging toys together to examine how it feels. Some of David's other favorite activities include swinging on swings and riding his bike. David is mainly non-verbal but knows some sign language and uses picture exchange communication (PEC) as well. David needs some assistance with daily living activities but others he has mastered. David is well liked by all of his caretakers and they feel that he has enormous potential, as he is learning new skills all of the time. David attends a specialized school and receives extra support to assist with academic needs.

Hi! My name is David and my wish is to find a forever family who will always believe in my potential!

Legally freed for adoption, David will do well in a family of any constellation, as an only child or with older siblings. However, his social worker would prefer a family that has knowledge about children on the Autism spectrum. David's ideal family will be open to providing constant supervision and also be a strong advocate for David throughout his life. David has the ability to grow, learn and thrive under the guidance of a patient and loving family that will help him to reach his full potential.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Marsh: we have a choice

To the Editor:
This year, we have a choice for State Senate in the Worcester/Norfolk District. We can either re-elect incumbent Ryan Fattman, or hand the reins to Thomas M. Merolli. I want to take a few moments to point out a few local issues in Oxford that I believe Tom Merolli would be a champion for.

More people in town want a high-quality and improved public education system than those who want their taxes cut. In May Oxford had to vote on a Prop. 2.5 override for the education budget which was defeated by a narrower margin than on previous occasions. Tom has pledged to aggressively work to implement the recommendation of the Foundation Budget Review Commission and ensure that the Commonwealth pays its fair share towards public education so that Oxford does not have to take up another override request for education for a long time.

The former MosCoffian's building on Dolge Ct/Old Webster Rd has been a blight on the community, abandoned and causing residents' property values to plummet. Tom has pledged to use his leverage as a Senator to help fund clean-up efforts, and with his help, I believe its demolition could be moved along much more smoothly.

Lowe's Pond over on Pond Street used to be a swimmable pond years ago, but over a decade ago, the EPA declared it

to be polluted with phosphorus, and to this day it still has not been cleaned up. Residents in that area are angry and frustrated that no progress has been made. As a State Senator, I believe that Tom will make good on his pledge to be a good steward of the environment, and not only assist with the cleanup from the Commonwealth, but aggressively work to eradicate similar issues when they start so that never again will any of our natural resources be polluted for over a decade before action is taken.

All of these are good reasons to support Tom, and I haven't even gotten to the central reason why I support him. As a former candidate myself, as a public servant, as a voter, and as a constituent, I value more than platform, more than party, more than anything else, how effectively an elected official can communicate with and respond to those he serves. In this crucial metric, Tom wins, hands down! Ever since this race began, he has been giving his private phone number to everyone he's met. I didn't even do that during my BOS campaign, making Tom Merolli a more accessible candidate than I was!

I endorse Tom Merolli for State Senate, because Tom's values are Oxford's values. So please, lend him your support. Vote for Tom on November 6th!

ANDREW MARSH
OXFORD

Klebart: celebration

To the Editor:
On Saturday, Sept. 29, Webster celebrated the grand opening of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library. It was a day of celebration and thanks. So many townspeople and businesses supported the library project; some with money, some with time and effort. All of their contributions, whether big or small, made the library a true community project.

Leading that effort was, of course, Senator Richard Moore; without his perseverance and his guidance Webster would not have received the amount of grant money awarded by the Massachusetts Board of Library

Commissioners (MBLC). Traditionally, the MBLC grant awards have amounted to 50 percent of the building cost; but with assistance from Senator Moore's office Webster received a grant totaling 75 percent (an amount unheard of).

It is with sincere gratitude that we thank Senator Moore and all of the townspeople of Webster for their contributions to the library.

It is a wonderful time to take pride in our town and our townspeople!

RENA KLEBART, CHAIRPERSON
BUILDING COMMITTEE FOR THE
GLADYS E. KELLY LIBRARY

Mencken's Garden



IN THAT
GREAT
TIME
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PATRICK
MOON

In the early '70s I wandered into the oddest saloon in Baltimore not even knowing that it was a saloon. The Peabody Bookstore had a non-descript entrance, and opening the cellar door with its old-fashioned door jingle enveloped me in the smell of old books. That musty odor heightened my book lust; perhaps the bookstore held printed treasures at a bargain price: illustrations from the likes of Arthur Rackham or N C Wyeth or artful bookmaking that embraced classics in embossed leather! As I wandered through the tight aisles, two young women entered and moved with purpose to the end of the store. They disappeared through a doorway hidden behind the click and sway of ceiling to floor beads. I heard faint laughter, and followed my curiosity.

A narrow hall suddenly opened into a room that was dark enough for atmosphere, but lit so that small tables and chairs appeared like islands...in front of a bar! My eyes adjusted to the near empty space. Each dimly lit wall was covered with photographs, posters, animal heads, and cartoon caricatures.

I walked to a huge rectangular photo and stared at the visage of H. L. Mencken. He was drinking at the bar, beer mug in hand, and convulsed in laughter. Mencken was a reporter and journalist for the Baltimore Sun papers most of his life, proudest of being called a newspaperman, in addition to being an author, scholar, magazine editor and a social critic read throughout the nation. Most journalists could tell you the day they met Mencken through an essay or a book. He was that impressive.

The wall was covered in Mencken memorabilia. He was a close friend of a Who's Who of artists, writers and musicians of the '20s through the '40s. Their faces in the many photos on the wall were sometimes unfamiliar, but not the names: Sinclair Lewis, Ben Hecht, Eddie Cantor, Clarence Darrow, Theodore Dreiser, James T. Farrell, Ayn Rand, T.S. Eliot, Dashiell Hammett, F. Scott Fitzgerald. Some of these artists insisted that anyone who spent time with Mencken knew something not readily apparent in his invective-laden writing: he was one of the smartest, friendliest, and most interesting conversationalists that they had ever met. Despite his devotion to uncensored self-expression, there was a generous, polite and often sentimental Mencken.

He offended everyone at some time or another, proudly, as he felt obligated to spotlight graft and hypocrisy wherever he found it. He was a humorist at heart,

starting from the day, as a precocious young reader, he fell under the spell of Huckleberry Finn. On any one page of his essays or articles you could be laughing uproariously one minute as he skewered hypocritical politicians, and a paragraph later horrified as his rapier wit cut one of your heroes to shreds. You could feel the joy of his engagement with a subject and his command of language. Many still regard him as one of the greatest writers of journalistic prose in the 20th Century.

At this point, most writers would pull a few of his quotable bon mots and give you a taste of his charm and vitriol. This is always a failure. You must read him. But give him an opening into your life and he will surprise you. Alistair Cooke's The Vintage Mencken is a generous sampling of pieces chosen by one journalist who came under his tutelage. For my money, William Manchester's On H. L. Mencken, Disturber of the Peace is more insightful than the many biographies published on Mencken over the years. You meet him prodding, debunking, and charming...and his joy at being alive is contagious.

At about the same time that I discovered the Peabody Bookstore, I joined a handful of "searchers" for a weekend encounter group sponsored by the University of Maryland School of Social Work. Mencken had written into his will that certain groups could use his home at 1524 Hollis St. for meetings. He had lived at this family address for most of his life. We students would spend two days in Mencken's living room learning to trust each other and encounter our own reluctance to "see ourselves as others see us." Mencken would have enjoyed the spectacle of personal confrontation...and strangers struggling to put tenderness under honesty? That was the veneer of civility stripped from the predatory ape! Intrigue of the highest order! The irony of social work in his living room was not lost on me.

With his brother, August, Mencken invested time and energy in the backyard garden. I wandered out there during a break and admired the hand-built brick wall embedded with tiles. He gardened into the last year of his life. Now think of this: he had a stroke in 1948 and he was never able to read or write again up to his death in 1956. He could not make sense of written words! How did this wordsmith survive? Words and language were central to his being. He had lived to write and converse and

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Dispose of those unwanted drugs with us



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WOJNAR

I wanted to take this opportunity to inform the residents of Dudley that on Saturday, Oct. 27 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. I wanted to provide some information to people once again on this event.

The Drug Take Back has been held several times over the years in Dudley. The last took place this past April. A large quantity of prescription medications and medical sharps were taken in at that time. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked. This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. 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 due to these drugs. Studies show that most of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now 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. Fortunately, 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, officials from Harrington Hospital have once again generously offered their assistance to dispose of medical sharps (needles, etc.) on this same day. Collection bins will be on hand to properly and safely dispose of these items as well.

A number of these programs will take place on this same day 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, bring your medications to the Dudley Police Department located inside the Dudley Municipal complex at 71 West Main St., Dudley. We thank everyone in advance for their participation in this worthwhile program.

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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LETTERS

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We don't have a set limit, but if you keep it around 600 words or so, you're going to have a better chance at seeing all your words in print.

If you want to write a bit longer about a particular issue, maybe a guest Your Turn column is your cup of tea. If you do that, try to keep it between 700-800 words.

Remember, libelous remarks and/or personal attacks are a no-no and could lead to your letter not being published.

So, what are you waiting for? Start writing!

Black Tavern hosts annual craft fair



Cecelia Bray, owner of Hatchet Hill Farm Sugarhouse, shows her products to customers at the Black Tavern Craft Fair

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

DUDLEY – The Black Tavern on Center Road is one of the town’s most cherished historical sites. The beloved landmark hosts educational programs every year and it maintained through donations and fundraisers organized by the Black Tavern Historical Society with the organization’s biggest fundraiser being the annual craft fair.

Every fall the Black Tavern’s lawn comes to life as the tavern plays host to one of the area’s most popular and largest craft fairs in conjunctions with the Dudley Grange’s Apple Festival held across the street on the town common. In 2018, the fair hit the six-year mark with more than 40 vendors on hand to offer up unique goods for those who stopped by for the experience. According to Linda Bazinet, the chair of the Black Tavern Historical Society, this is more than double the number of vendors that helped kick off the first craft fair all those years ago and the event just keeps growing and growing.

“We hope to see this keep growing. People keep calling us to be a part of this and as a result we have a large assortment of crafts. We want to keep it growing and add new things every year,” Bazinet said. “It’s one of our major fundraisers.

This and membership are our main ways to raise money for all the projects that we have and the programs that we offer.”

The craft fair draws around \$1,000 for the Black Tavern every year with that money helping provide educational programs and maintain the historical tavern which also plays host to a series of other events and town meetings over the course of any given year.

It’s not just a big event for the Black Tavern either. The crafters also see it as a great place to showcase their goods with a historic backdrop. Cecelia Bray who owns Hatchet Hill Farm Sugarhouse in Union, CT and makes maple-based good including syrup and candy has been a part of the event since its inception and calls it one of the most successful craft fairs she has been a part of during that time.

“We’ve been in this same spot since we started, and we ask for this spot every year. I was amazed driving up the road today and seeing all the different vendors. Obviously, it’s a very popular fair,” Bray said. “We’ve seen this grow every year and we have a lot of repeat customers that come to see us year in and year out. We do maybe ten craft fairs a year but this one we’ve watched grow from day one and its amazing how many vendors are here

today.”

Wayne Yacino of Oxford crafts lifelike wood carvings of animals and has also been a part of the Black Tavern Craft Fair for its entire run so far. He said he enjoys craft fairs in general because it’s a great place to show his art, but the Black Tavern fair is always special.

“I love these kinds of shows and meeting people. You like the response that people get. Everyone loves to see the work people put into these things. I enjoy it and I love the Black Tavern,” Yacino said.

Even six years in Bazinet said the Black Tavern Historical Society is amazed and grateful at how far the craft fair has come and it still continues to grow to offer something new every year. The fair shows no signs of slowing down and Bazinet said they hope the tradition will continue for another six years and beyond.

“We love to see this and every year we hope to make it bigger and bigger,” said Bazinet. “We’ve grown from just the tavern property to now have vendors on the common and this year we have several crafters from Old Sturbridge Village showing their original crafts so we just continue to grow.”



A crafter from Old Sturbridge Village shows his skills at the Black Tavern Craft Fair



Customers examine local hand made products inside the Black Tavern barn

Fr. Moreno embraces role in St. Anthony Community

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

DUDLEY — St. Anthony of Padua Church has had a new leader for the last few months with Fr. Daniel Moreno stepping in as administrator of the church earlier this year.

After serving with the Diocese of Worcester for eight years Fr. Daniel spent two years in Webster before being informed in May he would officially take over as administrator of St. Anthony’s on June 1. The promotion is a full-circle experience for the young faith leader as he had visited St. Anthony in the past and found it to be a wonderful facility and one he hoped to lead someday.

Fr. Daniel said St. Anthony is among his favorite religious figures and that he is honored to join a church with such a tight knit community of believers.

“I’m very devout of St. Anthony. I love the Franciscan community. That was going to be my first option in my religious life, but because of other situations I didn’t join them. I think here it’s about the people. They make you feel at home. It’s a community. It’s a family and a group of friends and people who want to walk with me. It’s very nice,” Fr. Daniel said.

Fr. Daniel said he was happy to join the church but acknowledged the pressure was heavy because it was the first time he was put in an administrative role for a parish. He admitted he got off to a rocky start just trying to respect the religious teachings he was charged with passing down, but it was the parish community that inspired him to open up and speak from his heart.

“At the very beginning I was very tense. I was so nervous because I wasn’t going to be under the supervision of another priest. I think when you pray and when you listen to people and walk with them and work together it makes things easier. You start working to assist them and to minister them and find your way. You don’t get lost in ideals. My goal is to work with the community and bring them back to this church,” Fr. Daniel said. “I was tending to be very focused on the paper and not preaching from my heart. People started telling me to just share my faith and tell it from my heart. That’s what I started to do, and I think people are



Jason Bleau Photo

Father Daniel Moreno, administrator of St. Anthony of Padua Church

responding to that. We grow with each other and learn with each other. I’m just here to share my faith, my belief and my love in Jesus Christ.”

Fr. Daniel said he would like to see the St. Anthony community grow. He wants to see people embrace the church, even if that relationship is less religious and more personal.

“You have to be convinced of what your following and I’m completely convinced I’m following the teachings of Jesus Christ. My purpose is to become Jesus Christ for the people here. I think he was very clear in the Gospel. He was not asking people what their beliefs are. He was ministering with love and tenderness and with compassion. That’s another way to attract people,” Fr. Daniel said. “My purpose is not to convert others and change their lives. It’s to demonstrate through my life the life of Jesus Christ and if they want to follow him they are welcome and if not, I’m going to walk with them and respect them and be part of the community. That’s what a community is supposed to do.”

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Tear soaked tap shoes



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I signed my son Jase up for tap lessons at a local dance studio. Jase is ten years old, loves to wear hats, and is non-verbal with autism. He loves to tap. He taps everything in sight. Naturally, I thought it would be a good idea to put him into tap class. Makes sense, right?

I knew he liked it right away. He would come home and practice his shuffle-step, and his squish the bug routine without me even having to ask. He comes close to saying "shuffle-step" when he does the move, which is amazing. He has such a hard time trying to communicate that utilizing motion with sound seems to help him through his apraxia. It is very cool to see him enjoy something so much.

If you are a parent of someone with autism, then you know the happiness and joy you feel when you find something that makes your child happy and willing to learn more about. But, we also know how everything can change in an instant.

Jase does tumble right after tap. It is great for his body to get all the pressure from the gym mats. He loves to roll around and do somersaults, so I was shocked when he stood up

and bolted from the classroom. He ran straight into a ballet class and opened a random door I have never even noticed before. He tore the door open and there was a staircase. Jase feels an immense need to know everything about a building he walks into. He must explore every long hallway, every room, every closet, and stairs are his favorite. In this circumstance, it is not an appropriate behavior. This was a dance studio, not his own home, or home of a family member. I could not allow him to go up the stairs. I blocked his way and stated it was time to go back to class. He fell to the ground, screamed, and bit down on his hand.

Self-harm is one of the ways my son communicates. He can't tell you how mad he is, and deep down he doesn't want to hurt anyone else, so he hurts himself. I tried to block the biting, and ignore the behavior, and slowly direct him back to class. But it was too late, I lost him. He found a staircase and now we were an immense disruption to everyone around us. In a cramped dance studio, with little ballerinas around, already feeling so out of place everywhere we go, it's hard to gather up your thoughts and act accordingly. Safety is first. I blocked his way from getting to anyone else so of course, he attacked me. He got his arms around my waist and squeezed. I couldn't breathe, but he did release me. I then lowered myself in an attempt to gain

his attention back and show him that I am here for him. He got his arms around my neck and things became dangerous. I froze. I freeze completely any time he does something like this. I won't pry him off of me, I won't fight against him. He does eventually let me go. He doesn't mean to hurt me or anyone else, but he can't communicate so he lashes out.

I decided that dance was over for him, and it was time for him to be removed from the situation. I picked him up in the pouring rain and carried him out to my car. His aide stayed with him while I went back in since my daughter Charlotte was still in class. I made sure to not lock eyes with any other dance moms. I don't know what they were thinking, I didn't care.

That's a lie. I did care. I was hoping that they would not feel sorry for us. That they would just know that this kind of thing happens and I got it under control. I have it all under control. I gathered up all our belongings, sat down in a chair, and began crying hysterically.

Yup. Control. All under control.

I couldn't help it. It just all came pouring out. It was exhausting and it makes me think that this one moment is what every day will be like. As a parent of autism, when a day like this happens it can send me into a whirlwind of despair. It makes me feel like I've done



Kim Maschi photo

Shoes can become symbolic.

everything wrong. I tried desperately to keep my sobbing quiet. I knew if anyone even spoke to me, I, myself, would have an absolute and complete meltdown.

I collected myself just in time to get my daughter dressed and to the car to go home. My son's aide asked me what we were going to do. I said we will be right back at dance class next week.

We do not give up. He had a bad day, and every day we return he will try to go to that door and explore those stairs, until eventually he will not feel the need as strongly. We don't stop a good thing just because we have a hard time with it.

I know he likes his dance classes, I know he has a good time, and I know he wants to keep going. What got in his way was not his fault.

And I realized that I have changed in one big way. I saw through my frustration, fear, and tears that I needed help. I called my son's ABA services coordinator and I asked her for help. I told her what happened. I asked what I did wrong, what I can differently next time, and then I asked her to just come. I cannot do this alone. When I try, it is not good for me or for Jase.

I need help with my son, and that's okay.

Can you count on a bountiful investment 'Harvest'?

We're officially in autumn – the season when we bring in what we planted in the spring. But the concept of planting and gathering isn't confined to agriculture. In fact, it can be used in many walks of life, including investing. So what can you do to help work toward a successful investment "harvest"?

Here is (not quite) a bushel of ideas: Plant the right "seeds." When farmers plant specific crops, they know about what to expect – how long it will take for them to grow, how much yield they'll produce, and so on. When you invest, you too need to plant "seeds" by choosing investments that are designed to help meet your goals. For example, to accumulate enough money for a comfortable retirement, you will probably need to own a reasonable percentage of growth-oriented vehicles, such as stocks – you generally can't expect the type of growth you need by investing solely in fixed-income investments, such as bonds and certificates of deposit.

Nurture your "crops." Agricultural

workers are diligent about cultivating their crops through proper irrigation, fertilization and weed control. And if you want to keep your investment portfolio healthy, you also must find ways to nurture it. First of all, you will need to keep adding new dollars regularly, because the larger your overall investment base, the more you can expand its growth potential. But you might also need to do some "weeding" of your own, because over the years, you may have purchased some investments that, for one reason or another, are now no longer suitable for your needs. If that's the case, you might be better off by selling these investments and using the proceeds for new ones that could fill gaps in your portfolio.

Diversify. Farmers may plant a mix of crops: corn, soybeans, flax, legumes,



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fruits, and so on. Consequently, if one crop fails, it won't sink the farmer's entire business. As an investor, you, too, need to diversify, because if you only own one type of asset class, and a financial downturn

hits that asset, your portfolio can take a big hit. But spreading your dollars among stocks, bonds, cash and other investments can help reduce the impact of market volatility on your holdings. (However, diversification can't guarantee profits or protect against all losses.)

Thus far, we've looked at ideas on how you can create a healthy investment crop. But once it's time to actually start harvesting your portfolio – that is, once you begin liquidating parts of it to support yourself during your retirement years – you also need to act care-

fully. Specifically, you need to establish a withdrawal rate that's appropriate for your situation, based on your age, lifestyle, income sources and other factors. You could be retired for two or three decades, so it's essential you don't withdraw so much during your early years of retirement that you risk outliving your money. A financial professional can help you determine the rate that's right for you.

The agricultural harvest season only lasts a few weeks. But doing a good job of growing and managing your investment crop can help you reap the rewards far into the future.

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Baseball memorabilia

It's October, and that means it's time for the Major League Baseball playoffs and the World Series. Local fans have been treated to a Red Sox record breaking season with 108 wins. Closer to home, Worcester has been celebrating the Red Sox AAA affiliate's plans to move to the city. We are fortunate to live in an area rich with history of all kinds. Baseball is no exception.

Worcester had a professional baseball team from 1880 to 1882. Although they've been referred to as the Ruby Legs or the Brown Stockings, there are no contemporary sources from the time with the team using those names.

It appears they were just called the Worcesters. Lee Richmond was finishing his studies at Brown University while pitching for the Worcesters. On June 12, 1880, he pitched the first perfect game in baseball at the Worcester Agricultural Fairgrounds. In 1883, the National League replaced the Worcesters with the Philadelphia Quakers.

What Baseball Almanac considers to be the most important baseball poem of all times is said to have been written in Worcester by Ernest Thayer. "Casey at the Bat" first appeared in the San Francisco Chronicle on June 3, 1888. Around the same time, The Worcester Grays were also playing baseball in the Atlantic League.

The Worcester Busters played at Boulevard Park in Worcester. They were affiliated with the New England League from 1906 to 1915, according to baseball-reference.com. They became part of the Eastern League during



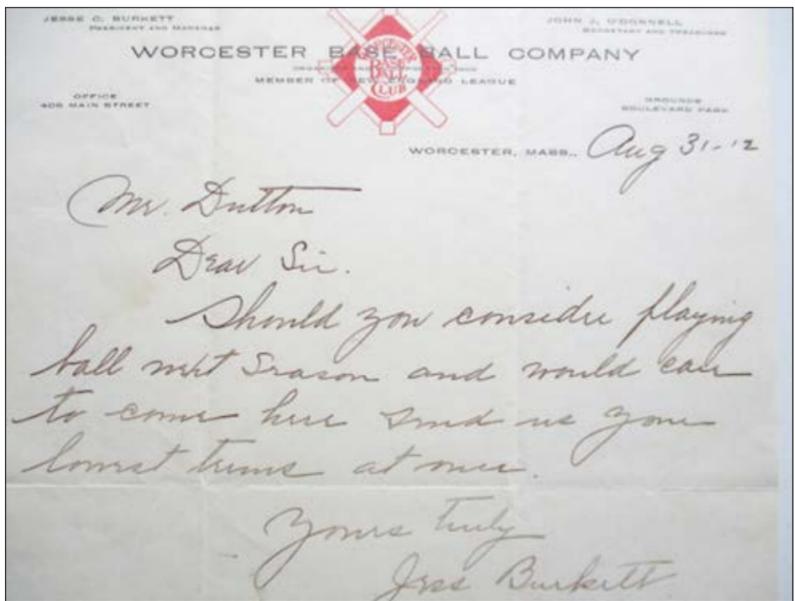
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1916 and 1917. Two Hall of Famers managed the team. Jesse Burkett was in charge while they were in the New England League. "Sliding Billy Hamilton" coached during 1916. Hamilton is credited with having stolen 937 bases.

Another Hall of Famer also managed a Worcester team. The Boston Globe reported that Casey Stengel was the player manager for the Worcester Panthers, a farm team of the Boston Braves, in 1925.

Ted Williams is believed to have hit his first major league home run during an exhibition game at Holy Cross College in 1939. Jack Barry, who became a part of Connie Mack's famous \$100,000 infield in 1908, played at Holy Cross and returned to manage the team after his playing days.

With our rich history, it's no surprise that important pieces of baseball memorabilia turn up in local estates and homes regularly. Most people first think of baseball cards and some can be very valuable. The player on the card is the primary factor in the value. The other is the condition. A "common" (not a star) player's card from the 1952 set may be worth a couple dollars in fair condition. In contrast, a Mickey Mantle rookie card that graded 9 out of 10 sold for \$2.8 million this year. We've had a collection of lesser condition 1950s and '60s baseball cards sell for over \$25,000 at one of our auctions. If you have unopened old packs, it may be best to leave them unopened. Collectors will pay a premium for them.



Worcester once had a professional baseball team.

There are many other types of valuable antique and vintage baseball memorabilia including bats, uniforms, photographs, programs, posters and ephemera. We'll go into extra innings in my next column, which will be about more local baseball history and different types of valuable baseball memorabilia.

We'll be running an estate sale in Auburn on Oct. 13 and 14. My "Evaluating your antiques" on Oct. 15 is now full. Our important live multi-es-

tate antique and collectibles auction will be held on October 25. I'll be at the Winchendon History and Cultural Center's antique appraisal event on Oct. 28 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. See www.centralmassauctions.com for details on these and other upcoming events.

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SPORTS

Wolverines blank Bartlett to get back on winning track



Following the blocking of Romeo Soto (11), Troy Johnson of Bartlett runs the ball.

Jason McKay photos



Romeo Soto of Bartlett sees in opening in Leicester's defense while carrying the ball.



Bartlett's Troy Johnson uses some key blocking to rush the ball down the field.



Bartlett's Erik Kunkel reaches out in an attempt to intercept Leicester's pass.

BY DEAN P. ST. LAURENT
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

LEICESTER — Bryce Gosselin scored a pair of first half touchdowns to propel the Leicester High varsity football team to a 20-0 win over Bartlett High on Friday, Oct. 5.

"He is legit," praised Leicester head coach Tim Griffiths of Gosselin. "The kid is a good football player. Everyone is in uniform, but he is a football player. We are happy for him."

Leicester's junior running back started the scoring with a seven-yard touchdown run with 7:36 left in the first quarter. The Wolverines started the game aggressively, pounding the rock in between the tackles until Gosselin sprung loose and into the end zone.

Gosselin also scored a 10-yard touchdown on a power rush with 10:10 left in the second quarter.

Leicester went into halftime with a 12-0 lead, but Bartlett came out of the half and gave the Wolverines' defense all they could handle. Led by senior running back Troy Johnson, the Indians drove down the field on a seven-minute drive and into the red zone.

"Troy is a good runner, the line blocked it up, the backs blocked it up and we were basically running a couple of plays," explained Bartlett head coach Dane Laboissonniere. "We basically stayed physical and were able to move the ball very well with it."

Despite moving the ball methodically down the field to open the half, Bartlett's long drive came to a stall inside the red zone. On a fourth-and-two, Indians' quarterback Romeo Soto rolled to the right and was

sacked for a turnover on downs by Leicester junior linebacker Elijah Pye.

This was one of three times Bartlett drove into the red zone and came away pointless.

"We have to finish drives and block it up better," explained Laboissonniere, whose team dropped to 2-3. "We have to not make crucial mistakes, one was a penalty, one was a turnover and the other one we just got stopped. We have to cash in on those possessions to win the ball game."

The fourth down sack was a huge momentum swing for the Wolverines and the turning point in the game.

"It was huge because they had momentum," explained Griffiths. "We were flat tonight, I thought the Bartlett kids played really hard, probably played a little bit harder than we did. We just had a little more talent than them, which ended up being the difference, but we had a couple turnovers. That stop at the end of the third quarter was the key of the game."

Leicester ended the scoring with a 47-yard passing touchdown from Dan Mero to Jeffrey Puchalski in the fourth quarter with 5:58 remaining.

Leicester was 1-3 coming into the game and on a three-game losing streak, but they were able to get back on track with a complete performance on offense and defense.

Puchalski and Jamison Metcalf each added interceptions for the Wolverines.

"We needed a win to feel good about ourselves," explained Griffiths. "I can't remember the last time Leicester has lost three games in a row."



Players break away from Bartlett head coach Dane Laboissonniere and head back to the field to run a play.

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SPORTS

Effort is evident in Rams' loss to Groton-Dunstable



Shepherd Hill's Nick Diamond runs up to the ball to hit his free kick.



Jason McKay photos

Alexander Laws of Shepherd Hill approaches a loose ball to get it out of his team's defensive zone.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY — Despite playing in a driving rain that had soaked all his players to their core, Shepherd Hill Regional boys' varsity soccer head coach Tim Cormier wished halftime had never happened in the Rams' game with Groton-Dunstable Regional on Tuesday, Oct. 2 at Richard Carmignani Memorial Field.

Shepherd Hill (0-8), which hasn't led in a game all season, was locked in a 2-2 tie with the Crusaders when intermission hit. The Rams were playing aggressively despite the conditions and carried the play for much of the half, prompting a member of the Groton-Dunstable coaching staff to point out that Shepherd Hill was playing as if they wanted the game more than his own players.

Cormier knew his players were playing like they knew a victory was within their grasp.

"The guys were definitely feeling it," the first-year coach said. "They were excited. The bench was excited, the reserves were excited. I almost wished halftime didn't exist and we could have kept going because there is, obviously, a definite lull where you stop and then have to ramp it up again when the second half starts. At halftime, I didn't have to make a lot of changes. I told them to just keep doing what they were doing."

Unfortunately for Cormier and the Rams, halftime happened, after which Groton-Dunstable scored four unanswered goals to notch a 6-2 victory.

"Once [Groton-Dunstable] scored in the second half...well, with the season we're having, it's hard not to be like,

'oh, here we go again.'" Cormier said. "Sooner or later it's going to happen; we're going to battle back, we're going to get a lead, we're going to hang onto it and we're going to win, because we're not rolling over. It's a mindset. We're building a mindset with these players. I want to win for them."

Five minutes after the 2-2-3 Crusaders had jumped in front 1-0 on a goal by David Alvarez — in just the third minute — Shepherd Hill tied the game, 1-1, on a free kick by sophomore midfielder Matvey Zhuk. Zhuk's free kick came from 20 yards out and got past Groton-Dunstable goalkeeper Alex Newman.

"It was a curving ball, going away from [Newman]," Cormier said. "It had some pepper on it."

The Crusaders went back ahead, 2-1, in the 17th minute, Jeremy Keast scoring off an assist from Alvarez, who carried the ball in deep and then slid it over to Keast, who tucked it past Rams' goalie Jake Fortin.

Again Shepherd Hill rallied back to tie the game, 2-2, in the 26th minute, its second goal of the game coming on a penalty kick by sophomore captain Matt Nguyen. Nguyen was awarded the PK after teammate Andre Houston was dragged down from behind in the penalty box by a Crusaders' defender as he was making a push to the Groton-Dunstable goal.

"I was pleased that this week we scored a goal against Doherty and then two more against [Groton-Dunstable]," Cormier said. "Granted the goals against Groton weren't from the run of play, but both the PK and the free kick were earned by being aggressive and getting forward."



Shepherd Hill's Andre Houston, right, challenges for the ball with an opponent from Groton-Dunstable.

"The PK was set up by Andre on a good, good aggressive play," Cormier continued. "He forced the defender to make contact with him or let him go by. Sometimes you have to will it to happen. You have to decide that you're going to get in position and go. When you're scared to make the decision, that's when you pull up and you try to find something else. A lot of times you've just got to put your head down and make yourself get there. We did

that twice and we were rewarded."

The Rams received another fine effort in net from Fortin, a junior, who made eight saves in the game, one with his face on a point-blank shot from six yards out.

"The numbers don't suggest it, but Jake's a rock," Cormier said. "It's unfortunate his average isn't indicative of his effort. Nobody on the team faults Jake for where we stand; nobody at all."

Northbridge seniors shine early to help get past Pirates



Oxford's Megan Raymond keeps the ball firmly in the grasp of her stick while being pursued by a Northbridge defender.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

OXFORD — It wasn't Senior Day for the Northbridge High varsity field hockey team when it played at Oxford High on Wednesday, Oct. 3 — that will come later in the season at a home game — but a pair of the Rams' upperclassmen certainly made their presence felt in a 4-1 win over the Pirates.

Northbridge improved to 6-3-2 overall and 5-3-1

in the A Division of the Southern Worcester County League (SWCL) with the victory, while Oxford fell to 2-7-1 overall and 0-6-1 in league play with the loss.

Rams' senior Anna Shenian gave Northbridge a 1-0 lead less than two minutes into the game, but Oxford's Lyla Hunter — just an eighth grader — tied the game, 1-1, less than two minutes later.

Northbridge took the

lead for good, 2-1, with 15:13 left in the first half, Shenian teaming up with classmate Chloe Frabotta to put the ball in the back of the Oxford cage. The two players actually hit the ball simultaneously to send it into the net, but Shenian insisted Frabotta get credit for the goal. Shenian was awarded an assist on the play.

"It took a little bit for us to find our stride and have everyone get in

rhythm and get things going," Northbridge head coach Kerin Buma said of her team's start. "Once they found their rhythm they seemed to really work well together and go from there."

"This is a senior group. This group has seemed to really jell with one another," continued Buma, a 1996 NHS graduate and former member of the Rams' field hockey program. "They work together and there's a real sense of family; that helps with any team. They're a really good group to work with."

The Rams extended their lead to 3-1 with 1:52 left before intermission, sophomore Kayley Tivnan scoring on a nice spin-and-shoot move from right out in front of the Oxford goal. Northbridge closed out the scoring with 5:09 left in the game, junior Maddie Boermeester scoring off a penalty corner on a left-to-right shot from about 10 yards out.

Buma said she was particularly pleased with the play of her forwards — Shenian, Tivnan, Frabotta, Boermeester and junior Cassidy Gies — in the win over Oxford.

"Anna had a good game for us. She started off strong and got us off to an early goal," Buma said. "I think our forwards do a great job; they're always trying to find the back of the net."

Northbridge's success this season may be com-

ing from up front with its forwards, but the defensive end — backboneed by senior goalkeeper Jen Guilbeault — is important, too.

"It's a team effort. We tell the girls all the time, it doesn't matter where you are on the field. If you're a forward you're the first line of defense going back, if you're on defense you're the first line of offense going up," Buma explained. "It really takes all of them together to make the scoring happen. It's not just the forward's job to score; it's not just the defense's job to get the ball out of our end."

It took Northbridge a while last year — Buma's first as head coach after seven years as a Rams' assistant — to find its stride, but this year the team has started strong, the signature win in the season so far being a 1-0 win over perennial powerhouse Auburn High on the road in the rain.

"I'm pleased with how the girls are playing," Buma said. "I think we're rolling on all cylinders and if we keep playing like this I think we have a pretty good shot to make the postseason."

Lauren Drew, Oxford's second year head coach — who also played field hockey for Northbridge — was pleased with how her team played and felt like the final score of the game was not indicative of how competitive the contest was.

"Our game plan was to give them three things to remember when they think of the Oxford game: strong sticks; we never give up; and we've got the fundamentals to support our game," Drew said. "I think at the end we started to lose that a little, but I kept reminding them, don't give up. I told them just to go out there and work hard and that's exactly what they did."

"They really competed out here today. It was huge for us to score as early as we did because last year when we played them we didn't score until the last five minutes of the game," Drew added. "At that point the girls had already given up, so for the girls to compete the way they did today I was very proud of them and I told them that."

While many girls stood out for Oxford, the play of Hunter on offense and junior Sam Meech and sophomore Nickole Biedrzycki on defense was especially noticeable. Biedrzycki, the Pirates' goalkeeper, made seven saves in the game.

"Lyla was great; she really pushes the tempo for us on offense. Sam is very aggressive on defense and she works hard all the time. Nickole works hard, too, and is a very good goalie," Drew said. "I'm disappointed with the loss but I'm very proud of how my team played and the fact we gave them a game."

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Tea Tips

The daily English ritual of Tea Time may be more than a social break — in fact evidence suggests it may be just what the doctor ordered! The simple habit of sipping a cup of hot, steaming tea is being reexamined and is hailed as a cure all for many common ailments in addition to its role as a warm, comforting refreshment. The following information highlights the many ways tasty tea truly is terrific!

Homegrown Herbal Tea
Making tea from freshly harvested herbs not only retains the integrity of the brew, but offers the satisfaction of “home grown” goodness. Whether you’re picking plants from a backyard plot or plucking leaves from a windowsill pot, fresh herbs are an easy and affordable way to create your own signature teas. Some favorite herb tea choices include peppermint, lemon balm, chamomile, and lavender.

If you’re using fresh herbs, be sure to rub leaves to “bruise” them before brewing to release the flavors. For each cup of tea use about two heaping teaspoons of fresh leaves or flowers. Add six ounces of boiling water for each serving. Allow to steep for at least five minutes, strain and serve. Or, if you are purchasing dried herbs, simply use one tablespoon of dried herbs per cup of tea. Strain and enjoy.

Sip Up!: Tea is Good for What Ails You

It’s no secret sipping tea offers an array of terrific health benefits. From to easing arthritis pain, tea has been shown to possess impressive healing properties.

*A study funded by the Arthritis Foundation suggests drinking green tea may help ease rheumatoid arthritis. The tea’s benefits are attributed to a class of compounds called polyphenols,

which are abundant in tea made with fresh or green leaves.

* Here’s good news for allergy sufferers. A recent study reveals a compound in green tea may help inhibit aspects of the immune system response that produces symptoms of common allergens such as grass, pet dander, grass or mold!

*Did you know a sore throat can be relieved by using a strong, hot tea as a gargle? Simply brew the tea of choice, allow it to cool, and gargle once or twice a day during the cold and flu season. As a bonus, the natural, herbal gargle tastes great.

* Medical studies reveal green and black teas take center stage when it comes to boosting the immune system. Test-tube studies also suggest that the flavonoids in tea may have more antioxidant activity than certain better-known antioxidants like vitamins C and E.

*According to researchers at the University of Geneva in Switzerland, green tea is packed with caffeine and catechin polyphenols, substances proven to speed up the body’s calorie-burning ability. A study they performed showed drinking three cups of the ancient Japanese cure per day can rev up your metabolism as much as an average man walking 17 minutes!

*Studies reveal green and black tea contain fluoride and polyphenols that prevent plaque from sticking to your teeth? Studies show tea decreases the activity of the oral enzyme amylase, which is responsible for breaking down starch into sugar in the mouth. In addition, the tea plant naturally contains fluoride in its leaves which makes tooth enamel stronger and more resistant to



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acids. Tea also inhibits bacteria growth in the mouth.

*Sipping both black and green teas has been associated with a lower risk of heart disease. It’s been speculated that the antioxidant activity of chemicals in tea called flavonoids are at least partly responsible. Black and green teas each contain different flavonoids that appear to be beneficial to health.

Topical Tea Treatments
Drinking tea isn’t the only way to reap the benefits of the healing herbs. Here are some ways natural teas can take the place of commercial health and beauty aids.

Stress Reliever
Make up this green tea and oatmeal bath recipe from a New York City Day Spa, and you’ll be soaking in the lap of luxury for mere pennies! The popular treatment is a great stress buster for both men and women as the green tea tones your skin and helps you unwind after a stressful day, while the oatmeal serves as a soother for sensitive skin.

To make: Combine one half cup of loose green tea leaves (available at health stores) and one half cup rolled or instant oatmeal. Place the mixture in a muslin or cheesecloth bag to make a sachet. Then hang the bag from your bathtub spout with string or ribbon and let the warm water rush over it while filling the tub. Once steeped, remove the bag and enjoy a relaxing soak for 15 minutes or so.

Treat Tired Eyes
If late nights and little sleep are making your eyes puffy, this quick and easy treatment will erase the telltale signs

as well as a costly cream. Brew loose tea (try a calming herb, such as chamomile) and chill in the freezer until very cold but not frozen. Dip a cotton pad in the tea to saturate, wring out, and place on puffy areas. Lay back and keep pads on for at least 10 minutes.

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

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

Drama, Drama, Drama! at the Pearle

DUDLEY — Teen drama takes over the Pearle L. Crawford Library on Thursday, Oct. 11 at 3:45 pm. Meredith Charles, a professional drama teacher will be conducting a series of free teen improv workshops. All teens are welcome to join the fun, and no prior experience is required. Younger siblings are welcome.

Charles, who founded Drama Out of the Box, explains her method is to “encourage, motivate, and guide students. I never know exactly what will happen, as the participants are the players. I provide the structure and the facilitation, but the result comes from their ideas, thoughts and experiences.”

Improv can improve self-esteem and increase confidence. It can help teens become comfortable with public speak-



Meredith Charles

ing. Participants will also sharpen their listening and observation skills, and improve their decision-making skills. Teens can gain these skills through fun improv exercises and activities.

Future workshops will be held on Thursday, Nov. 8 at 3:45 pm and on Thursday, Dec. 13 at 3:45 pm. All workshops are free of charge. Registration is

requested but drop-ins are welcome. Workshops are held in the Teen Room at the Pearle L. Crawford Memorial Library, 40 Schofield Avenue, Dudley.

For more information, please call (508) 949-8021 x3. For more information about Meredith Charles, please visit www.dramaoutofthebox.com.

DCRSD puts focus on project-based learning

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

A new school year has begun and while students are continuing their education in the classroom the educators are continuing to learn outside of the classroom with professional development programs and other training exercises providing insight into new learning techniques and approaches on a yearly basis.

For this school year the focus of many of these workshops will be on project-based learning. During a recent meeting of the Dudley-Charlton Regional School Committee, STEAM Director Karen Ares presented details on the 2018-19 professional development plan explaining a special team has been set up to help lead the charge to utilizing project-based learning in the classroom.

“I formed a project-based learning implementation team which consists of about 35 teachers from each school. Basically, I’m training them and we’re going through really what it means to focus on project-based learning and how to develop a unit,” Ares told committee members. “The idea being that those teachers will take this message and do these same exercises with the staff at their building, be engaged and brainstorm what units they can work on this year.”

According to the Educators of America, project-based learning is a teaching method involving the use of real-world scenarios to allow students to gain knowledge and skills through

critical thinking and teamwork as well as self-management. Opposed to many other teaching styles, project-based learning is more hands on and focuses on application and decision making as well as research and interpersonal communication which, in turn, teaches students more practical applications of problem-solving skills. Numerous education organizations have encouraged schools to utilize this teaching method as a way of encouraging long-term growth and application of education among students nationwide.

On Oct. 5 the project-based learning team met with faculty and staff to pass down training they had received in the month of September and throughout the rest of the calendar year will continue to offer training opportunities for educators throughout the district. Ares said in January the focus will be put on creating building based teams to help guide each school in implementing project-based learning at different grade levels.

“They’ll be homing in and kind of finalizing their lessons getting ready for potential implementation in the spring. I think there’s going to be a lot of project-based learning going on. Everyone’s going to be focused in on what exactly they want to do. That’s the plan,” Ares said. “We have lots of excited teachers who are really embracing this. I also did a little miniature session this summer we had about six teachers who took their first little jump into it with some professional development. It’s very exciting. There’s different realms

Oxford Community Center brings new programs to public

KIMBERLY MASCHI
TIMES CORRESPONDENT

Learn personal safety techniques at the community center’s “Prepared, Not Scared for Life” event on Thursday, Oct. 25th from 6:15-7:30 pm.

Karen Spiewak, a first-degree black belt has designed a program to help teach self-preservation in these dangerous times. Spiewak will teach how to avoid dangerous situations, how to handle unavoidable circumstances, and teach skills to increase self-awareness. The class is meant to “build confidence and teach you the skills needed to lead a healthier, safer, and happier life.”

“It’s not only hands on, it is recognizing dangerous situations and reading them and avoiding them,” states Fitness Program Manager Shelley Lambert.

While adults learn how to defend themselves. The OCC is teaching kids to speak up and to speak out. The Right Brain Curriculum: Your Voice: Public Speaking for Kids is a new program where children from grades 2 through 5 will be aided and taught to speak in public. Public speaking is a huge fear among everyone, young and old. This class helps kids over come a fear of public speaking by engrossing them in a low-pressure environment. The class is on Tuesdays, Oct 9-Nov. 13 4:30-6:30pm.

Have you ever wondered what bene-

fits your can find from essential oils? The OCC is offering classes to teach local residents and beyond how to correctly use essential oils. Essential Oils 101 with Renee Moseley. Moseley learned how a little bit of lavender oil helped her and her family in their every day lives. Next classes are Friday, Oct. 12, 10:30-11:30 and Wednesday, Oct. 17 from 7:00-8:00pm.

The Oxford Community Center is dedicated to helping the public in numerous ways. They have fun activities for children of all ages. Their Silver Sneakers program is a wonderful way to stay active and in shape. The fitness center has a fully equipped gym and classes including, balance; using ballet bar techniques, tai-chi, and general balance exercises to stabilize the body, cycle, yoga, Group Power, PIYO, Tabata, and basic training classes to get you in shape and healthy.

On the second Saturday of each month the OCC also offers women’s wellness workshop; Lambert states “with the first 4 weeks we are working on wellness for the hips and urinary tract, and we will be going into focusing on mindfulness and stress reduction.”

To sign up for any classes you can call the Oxford Community Center at (508) 987-6002 or view them on Facebook or the towns website under recreation.

Harrington opens nominations for providers of the year

SOUTHBRIDGE — Nominations are now open for the community to vote for their favorite Harrington professional to win the 2018 Provider of the Year award.

A tradition since 2011, the award is given each fall to a physician who embodies several characteristics of a true and valued leader within the healthcare system.

New this year, Harrington will be offering two awards: one to an MD or DO, as well as one to a nurse practitioner or physician assistant.

Nominations can be submitted by visiting harringtonhospital.org/provideraward. Deadline is Oct. 31.

Nominees must embody the following characteristics: caring • collegial • quality • safety • leadership • cooper-

ation • integrity • flexible • diversity • available • reliable

Nominations will be judged on:
• Reasons why a provider was nominated;

• Number of nominations received;

• Active medical staff membership
Providers, employees, community members, patients, business owners, volunteers and board members of Harrington HealthCare System are eligible to submit nominations (one nomination per person).

Winners will be selected by a committee made up of the chief medical officer and medical staff president, as well as previous years’ winners.

The winner will be announced at Harrington’s Provider Recognition event on Nov. 28.



Deb Martin portrays her ancestor Augustus Potter during reenactments.



Reenactors of the 15th Mass were among those participating at the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Ball's Bluff in 2011.



Augustus Potter after the Civil War.

CIVIL WAR

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drove them back across the river.

According to Wikipedia, it was a series of errors by the Union leadership.

"A prominent US Senator in uniform, Colonel Edward Baker, tried to reinforce the Union troops, but failed to ensure that there were enough boats for the river crossings, which were then delayed. Baker was killed, and a newly-arrived Confederate unit routed the rest of [Brig. Gen. Charles Pomeroy] Stone's expedition."

The site states 223 Union soldiers were killed, 226 wounded and 553 captured, and "bodies floated downriver to Washington" and Mt. Vernon on sub-

sequent days. One of that battle's seriously wounded soldiers, a lieutenant, survived to become US Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes.

"The Slater Guards [Webster's part of the regiment] were one of the first companies to cross the Potomac to face the enemy," Healey said, noting very few members survived the war. Of 100 Slater Guards, "fewer than 10" returned home at war's end, and the battlefield cemetery in Maryland includes several Webster soldiers.

According to www.civilwarintheeast.com, the regiment also participated in the battles of Antietam, Gettysburg, the Wilderness, Spotsylvania Court House, Petersburg and Cold Harbor

before being mustered out in 1864. Surviving members were transferred to the 20th Mass, which was present when Gen. Robert E Lee surrendered at Appomattox in 1865.

To Martin, participation in the full-scale reenactment of the battle on its 150th anniversary in 2011 was one of her favorite moments as a reenactor.

"I've done the things I had in my heart to do" in uniform, she said, noting that was the only time the government has allowed reenactors on the field at Balls Bluff. Martin said she surprised many reenactors by her choice of portraying "Auggie."

"They thought I wanted to wear a hoop skirt and do some sewing, but I

didn't. I wanted to portray my ancestor," she said. Getting good information about him was difficult because many family members didn't keep it. But she did learn he lived in both Brookfield and West Brookfield.

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CANEY

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career allows him to continue to head out west to help crews fight off wildfires that ravage the region annually. It's a job and responsibility Caney takes very seriously.

"I really enjoy wildland firefighting not just for the aspect of getting out in the woods and getting to do hard work and enjoying it, but because I get to help individuals who aren't able to do that for other reasons because they're busy at their full time jobs and they're worried about a fire encroaching on their property," Caney said. "I find it fulfilling to go out to those fires and help those people. These people have to deal with a lot and their families loose so much. They also lose a lot of public recreation due to these fires so I'm happy to be able to go out and help the public lands, the private lands and all that. It's a blessing in my mind."

Caney called it a stressful job, but a fulfilling one that allows him to combine his passion for firefighting and conservation while also being a part of a very capable group of dedicated men and women. At time Caney and his fellow firefighters would work 16 to 24 hours shifts digging line and trying to control the flames and while the hours may be long the final result leaves them feeling like they helped make a difference.

"It's grueling work but when you see the end result and you see how you've come together as a crew and the progress you've made then you see that a fire has been contained you know you're the reason that fire is under control," Caney said. "Your crew spent days getting into it, fighting that fire direct and stopping that fire and that in and of itself is why I love doing it."

However, while Caney's job is to help prevent fires from destroying personal property he says he finds fighting wildfires to be fascinating as he also

has an understanding of how these fires are not only usually natural disasters more than manmade, but that they are necessary to a healthy ecosystem. He said these kinds of fires fascinate him because they bring so much destruction but also usher in a new beginning.

"With wildfires they move fast. That's one of the big things. A wind shift or a temperature drop, or a topographic change just automatically shifts how a fire behaves. It's amazing watching how a fire just starts to crawl through, the wind picks up and it hits a ridge and all of a sudden it moves faster than you can imagine," Caney said. "What's left after the fire is also intriguing. Not all fires are bad. I know people always believe that fires need to be put out and they're terrible and destructive and yes, there is a case for that. There are situations where fires need to be controlled, suppressed and put out. There are areas though where ecosystems actually benefit from fires. I find it fascinating that such a destructive force can actually

come by and create new birth. It introduces nutrients, creates new habitats for wildlife and it cleans up a forest."

Caney added that his employer, MassWildlife, actually has a progressive prescribed fire program that simulates low intensity fires and how they bring a rebirth to any area affected by the flames meaning that while his job is to put fires out he has also been educated to respect the important role wildfires play in the natural world.

During his time out west, Caney served with the Massachusetts Interagency Crew made up of a variety of individuals from the Department of Conservation and Recreation as well as forestry and fire professionals. He said many other local firefighters also joined him as well and Caney said he believes it important for people to know that state agencies and first responders from the commonwealth are always willing and able to help out their fellow Americans when duty calls.

HARRIS

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a look at decades of music evolution with several songs from various eras that included some audience participation.

These musical styles have roots in various places and centuries, including African and Caribbean rhythms and Scots-Irish fiddle work, pulled together by wandering Appalachian musicians in the 19th century and first recorded in the early 20th.

"It was the most dominant form of country and rural music in this country," Harris noted. "Then it all fell apart because the Depression hit and the coal industry fell apart" in the 1930s.

One of the early recorders and promoters was Ralph Peel of Bristol, TN who discovered the Carter family and Jimmy Rogers, whose style "became country music." Even that all-but-vanished for a while, swamped by Big Band jazz until the 1950s, while people like John Cohen (famously commemorated by the Grateful Dead's "Uncle John's Band") kept it alive under the radar.

Bluegrass, Harris said, is unique in the annals of music. While we generally don't know who first played other common styles, "with bluegrass, we do." That was a Kentuckian, Bill Monroe, who started recording in the 1930s with his brother, Charlie. They split in 1939, when Bill "wanted a music that wasn't all old-time country, which was all about dancing." Instead, he wanted to give it "harmony and virtuosity" and an image that was more refined than that of the hillbilly tradition at the time. Bill Monroe and the Bluegrass Boys came into being, but their name wouldn't become that of the musical style for more than 20 years.

"Everyone from Bill Monroe on approached this music with dignity and substance," Harris said.

Monroe's bandmates symbolized the change. Their first banjoist, who was known as Stringbean, was of the



Craig Harris

old mold, playing in a two-fingered "clawhammer" style and acting more in the tradition of banjoists as comedians. After he was murdered by would-be robbers and a second banjoist got drafted, the third one, Earl Scruggs, created a new three-finger style "that made the music come alive."

"That band was as important on that level as the Beatles were to rock and roll years later," Harris said.

Monroe, however, was hard to work

for, and his band had a rapidly changing membership, in part because he took credit for all songs regardless of who wrote them. They struggled financially, while Scruggs achieved stardom after he left because of his outreach to the folk community, colleges and other musicians, peaking in the late 1960s.

Harris said his personal involvement in bluegrass came in 1968, when he heard what he thought was a British song from the movie "The Ballad of Bonnie and Clyde," and ordered its single. What he received was the original Scruggs' bluegrass version of "Foggy Mountain Breakdown" from 1949.

"It wasn't all that new to me," because he'd watched "Beverly Hillbillies" and occasionally driven through the "Tobacco Roads" region of the upper South as a kid, he recalled. In the latter area, "I could flip on the radio and hear the hillbilly stations," something he never heard elsewhere. Later, when he started playing himself, he had an uncle who was part of the New York City folk scene, so he got the chance to play with many famous people.

"I figured out I'd better get real good so I wouldn't be chased away," he quipped.

One of the unique aspects of bluegrass was something he discovered while researching the book - many of its progenitors are still alive, and he got 140 hours of interviews with them.

"I couldn't have written this book five years from now," because many of them are in their 80s or 90s, he noted.

"This is such a vast music, such an amazing tradition, I could only touch the tip of the tradition [in the book], and in an hour, all you'll get is the tip of the tip of the tip," he said before playing a video montage featuring many of the most famous bluegrass and related musicians of the past century. Some of them are becoming household names, including Alison Krauss, Bela Fleck, Old Crow Medicine Show and others.

"We have a beautiful tapestry of sound in this world," Harris added.

POT BYLAW

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businesses opening up in their neighborhood will know that's not going to happen. There are further restrictions related to schools, churches, public offices and such. The third thing we looked at is that there will be no on premises consumption (at the stores)," Balukonis said.

With Charlton currently in the midst of a controversial debate about the sale and production of recreational marijuana in the town's borders, Selectman Jonathan Ruda asked the town administrator in Dudley is learning from that situation in how it is approaching its own policy. Balukonis said they have been watching that debate unfold and it has been considered.

"That's why we're working closely with town counsel rather than doing it on the fly. Our town counsel has a lot of experience working with these things and working with a number of communities where they've seen where mistakes have been made," said Balukonis.

The policy designates the Planning Board as the entity in charge of special permits for recreational marijuana businesses. Selectmen urged any citizens with any opinions on this bylaw, either positive or negative, to attend upcoming meetings and be part of the conversation.

Financial aid help planned at Bartlett

Parents and students are invited to attend a free presentation on college financing. Families can now apply much earlier for financial aid. The seminar will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 24 at 6 pm in the Bartlett High School auditorium. The presentation will be given by financial aid expert, Laurie Peltier. An overview of the new financial aid process, including types of financial aid, how to apply, and determining financing options for your family will be provided. All Bartlett students, but especially juniors and seniors and their parents/guardians are strongly encouraged to attend this event. For more information please contact Kim Dobro in the BHS School Department at 508 943-8552 ext. 34023

GION

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selectmen, some calling him a valuable asset to Dudley and some, like Selectman Steve Sullivan, calling him a friend.

"Everybody knows how I feel about Danny. I've said it a thousand times.

He's been my friend since before I became a selectman he'll be my friend long after I'm no longer a selectman. Danny's department answers the call on anything," Sullivan said. "You can't even begin to scratch the surface of how they've done more with less and nothing,"

Gion's temporary successor, Vincent

Polletta, was named in September receiving a promotion for foreman. With that promotion, a new foreman had to be hired. Selectmen named Stanly Golinski, who will celebrate his nineteenth year working for the town in November as the selected candidate after several in-house applicants came forward for the job.

WOODWARD

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protecting and maintaining our historical buildings instead of letting them become this bad.”

The Board of Selectman, DPW, and town manager agree that steps must be taken to ensure this does not happen to another building again.

“This building is too far gone.” stated Divoll and the cost to repair would be \$2 million. Businesses have not bid to take over the building to turn it into much needed elder care in North Oxford, or any other sort of business. Divoll stated in order to make the building more approachable to companies, a road would need to be built and it would disrupt the baseball field and fire department located in front of the school. After lengthy discussions over any other way the building could be saved, it was finally passed by a small margin.

Special education reserve fund, fire house health and safety upgrades, other post-employment benefits (OPEB), and funeral cost for firefighters and police officers who pass away in the performance of duties all passed quickly and unanimously. Amendments for zoning by-laws and zoning map amendments passed with no issues. Discussion arose with Article 8, a charter amendment that would remove the residency requirement for all town managers.

Many in the town believe that the manager of

Oxford should live in Oxford. The consensus was that if the town manager lives in town, that manager should be affected by the decisions he or she makes. Many residents believe the town manager would care for and fight harder for a town that he or she resides in, rather than living in a nearby town. This would also ensure that the town manager would stay in place longer and the job would not be a stepping stone in their career path, but a real commitment. The rebuttal was brought up by some members of the Board of Selectman.

The board of selectman were looking for this to pass in order to “expand the pool of candidates” they want the best person for the job, and having a residency requirement could mean losing a very well-suited candidate to someone else. Both sides had suitable arguments but the article was defeated.

Early voting for the Nov. 6th general election will be held at the Oxford Town Hall at 325 Main St. on Monday Oct. 22 to Friday Oct. 26 from 9:00am to 1:00 pm. Extended hours on Oct. 27th from 9:00am to 1:00 pm and Monday Oct. 29th to Friday, Nov. 2nd 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. On Nov. 6 the polls will open from 7:00am to 8:00pm at your regular polling places that are at either the A.M. Chaffee School or the Oxford Middle School. If you have any questions please call the Town Clerk’s Office at (508)987-6032 or e-mail Lkelley@town.oxford.ma.us

MOON

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now the letters on a page were as hieroglyphics!

Part of the answer was friends. William Manchester resigned his Sun paper job and spent the last year of Mencken’s life reading to him. Manchester read him the newspaper, the works of Conrad and Twain, whatever Mencken wanted. This was the kind of loyalty he inspired. And there in the center of the backyard brick wall, Mencken had cemented the iconic death mask of Ludwig von Beethoven. Mencken loved music all of his life, played the piano with gusto, and Alfred Knopf, the publisher, had given him the gift a record player. When words failed, music still spoke. He particularly loved the musicals of Gilbert and Sullivan, both the music and the wordplay. Manchester wrote that they

would often end the day listening to music. Two decades after Mencken’s death, the Voyager spacecraft would rocket into the cosmos with a gold plated recording of sounds. Etched onto the surface were the words: “To the makers of music – all worlds, all times.” The grace of Beethoven’s Fifth Symphony would serve in part as Earth’s introduction to intelligent beings elsewhere. Mencken would have understood.

OK, OK...I can’t resist. One quote. From the Baltimore Evening Sun, July 26, 1920:

“As democracy is perfected, the office of the President represents, more and more closely, the inner soul of the people. On some great and glorious day, the plain folks of the land will reach their heart’s desire at last, and the White House will be occupied by a downright fool and complete narcissistic moron.”

I forgot to mention that he was prescient too.

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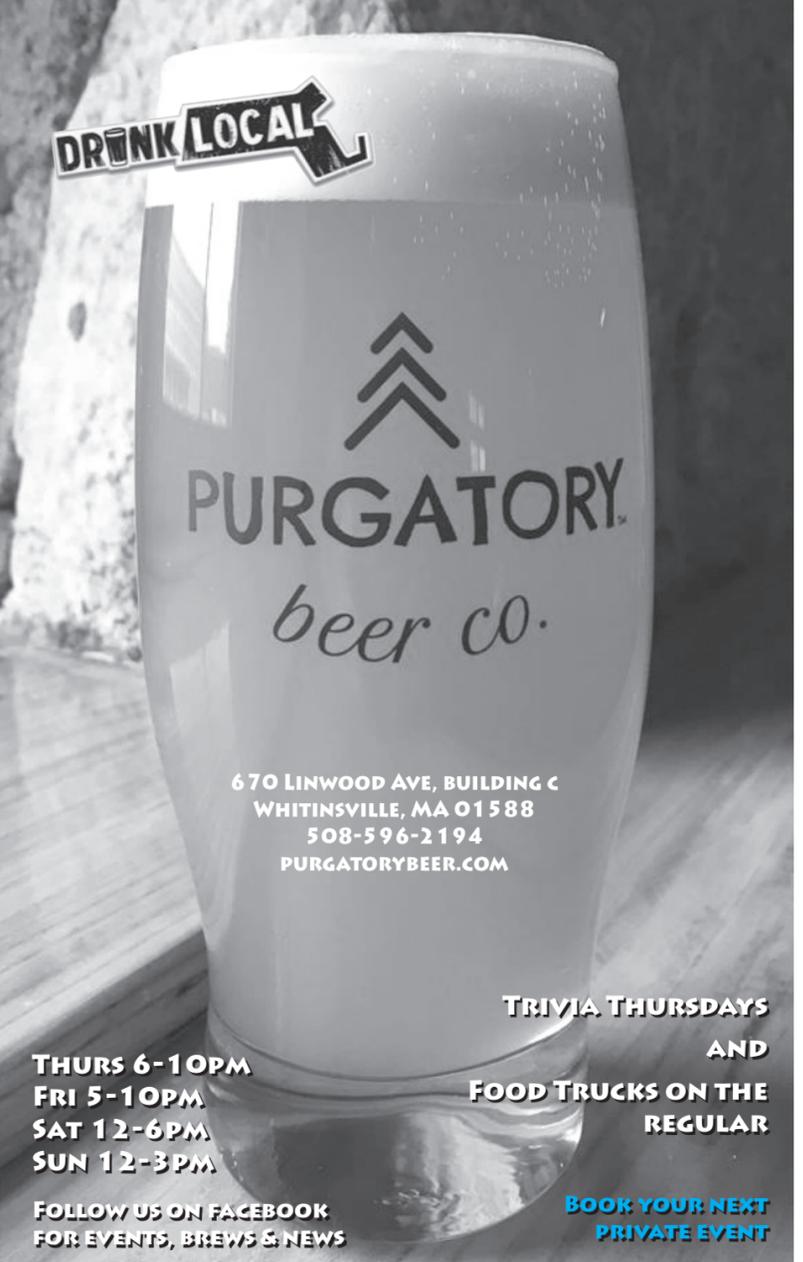
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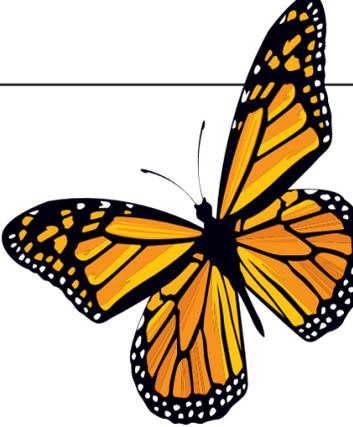
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OBITUARIES

Richard W. Wright, 78



WEBSTER - Richard W. Wright age 78 died Saturday October 4, 2018 at Harrington Memorial Hospital, Southbridge, MA. He was the husband of the late Theresa A. (Maurice) Wright who died September 22, 2018. He leaves his three daughters; Kelly and her husband Juan Saucedo of North Oxford, Mandy and her husband Nick Chomes of Northbridge, Jody and her husband Bill Perkins of Uxbridge. Richard also leaves eleven grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. His brothers and sisters predeceased him. He was born

in Whitinsville, MA son of the late John W. Wright and Caroline (Sweet) Wright and lived in Webster for the past 20 years, prior to that living in Northbridge. He was a supervisor at Corrugated Paper in Westborough. Richard was an avid Red Sox fan and enjoyed quality time with his family. Calling hours were held Tuesday, October 9, 2018 from 11 am - 1 pm in the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster with graveside services and burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Webster. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle

Rose M. Beauregard, 90



THOMPSON - Rose M. Beauregard, 90, of Thompson Hill Road, passed away peacefully on Saturday October 6, 2018. She was the loving wife of the late William H. Beauregard, Jr. Born in Putnam, she was the daughter of the late Cataldo and Anna (Ricci) Pronto. Rose was employed by the Marianapolis Preparatory School and worked in the kitchen. She was a life-long member of Saint Joseph Church in North Grosvenordale. Rose enjoyed cooking, flower gardening and spending time with her six dogs Laddie, Bella, Primo, Bum Bum, Capo and Molly. She enjoyed life and lived to spend time with her family and was a devoted wife and mother. Rose leaves behind five daughters, Dianne Beauregard of Brooklyn, Sister Donna Rose Beauregard of the Sisters

of the Lady of the Garden in Rhode Island, Cynthia Gazzara and husband Paul of Thompson, Deborah Franco of Oxford; three grandchildren, Anthony, Aaron and Fallon; five great grandchildren, Adrianna, Ava, Autum, Aidan, and Jordin and many nieces and nephews. Rose was predeceased by her loving husband, William Beauregard in 1993, enjoying 46 years of marriage; her daughter, Beverly Suss; brother, Nicholas Pronto; and two sisters, Rita Caplette and Gloria Ogden. Rose will be greatly missed by her entire family. "Mommy you will always be with us forever and always." Relatives and friends are invited to a gravesite service on Saturday October 13, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in the Saint Joseph Garden of Peace, Old Worcester Rd., Webster, MA 01570. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

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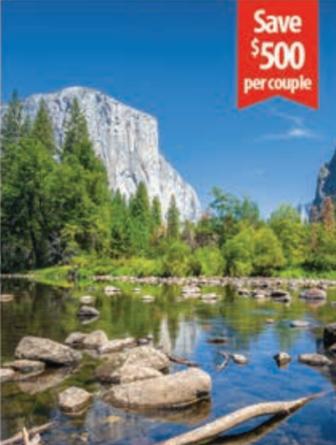
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Charles "Chucky" Nelson Gale Vittum II, 45



OXFORD - Charles "Chucky" Nelson Gale Vittum II, 45, died unexpectedly on Saturday, September 29, 2018. He is survived by two sons, Geoffrey Johnson and Charles Nelson Gale Vittum III; his mother, Linda C. (Gove) Vittum; sister Tammy G. Bunday and her husband Jason; two aunts, Louise Thorpe and Kathryn Bruen; an uncle, Charles Gove; a birth sister, and many loved cousins, nephews, nieces, and friends. He was predeceased by his father Charles Nelson Gale Vittum, Sr. who died in 1995, and his former wife, Melissa Brodeur who died in 2017. He was born in Culver City, CA, son of the

late Charles Nelson Gale Vittum Sr., and lived most of his life in Oxford, Webster, and Pompano Beach, FL.

Chucky loved writing poetry, cooking, and was very artistic. He loved animals and took special pride in his dogs. He will be remembered by his family as a very generous man who helped many people throughout his life.

Memorial calling hours were Friday, October 5, 2018, from 6-8 p.m. at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to assist Chucky's son, "Little Chucky," through the Fund for Charles N. G. Vittum III, c/o of bankHometown, 31 Sutton Avenue, Oxford, MA 01540. paradisfuneralhome.com

Lucille M. Stelmach, 93



D U D L E Y / OXFORD- Lucille M. (Fournier) Stelmach, 93, passed away peacefully on Monday, October 1, 2018 at Webster Manor with her family at her side. Her husband, Chester P. Stelmach died in 1995.

She leaves a daughter, Christine J. Toye and her husband Bill of North Carolina, and a son, Jan P. Stelmach and his wife Kim of Auburn, 4 grandsons, 8 great grandchildren, a brother, George Fournier of California and a sister, Jeanne Stelmach of Oxford.

Lucille was born in Southbridge,

November 25, 1924 a daughter of the late Lucien and Olive (L'Homme) Fournier and lived in Dudley over 40 years, prior to moving to Oxford several years ago.

There are no calling hours. A Graveside Service will be at a later date in St. Joseph Garden of Peace Cemetery in Webster.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial contributions may be made to: Hospice of Western and Central MA, 1325 Springfield St., Suite 12, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

The ROBERT J. MILLER FUNERAL HOME and LAKE CHAPEL, 366 School St., Webster is assisting the family with arrangements.

To leave a condolence on line, please visit: RJMillerfunerals.net

Dorothy "Dottie" Ohrn



OXFORD - Dorothy "Dottie" (Gengel) Ohrn, died after a short illness surrounded by her family, leaving behind 93 years of great stories, lots of laughter and much wisdom.

She was born in Worcester in 1925 to George T. and Anna J. (Kennedy) Gengel. She is survived by her five best friends who also happen to be her daughters, Linde Dupuis and her husband Robert of Webster, Karla Albuquerque and her husband Paul, Dottie Charbonneau, Martha Ohrn, and Sandra Coghlan and her husband Mark, all of Oxford; an her son-in-law, Walter Cimochoowski. In addition, she is survived by seven grandchildren, Darcie Macedo, Andrew Dupuis, Brad Charbonneau, Ali Charbonneau, Kellie Rivers, Ross Coghlan, and Chelsea Nicolazzo; eleven great-grandchildren, Zachary, Gage, Alexis, Grayson, Noah, Brayden, Cole, Arianna, Bella, Sadie Jo, and Sophia, and another great-granddaughter due in the spring; and several nieces and nephews. Dottie was predeceased by her husband of 31 years, Milton

Ohrn who died in 1986; three brothers, George, Joseph, and Bernard Gengel; her grandson Joseph Dupuis; and her son-in-law, Robert Charbonneau.

Dottie was a resident of Oxford for 63 years. She was the former owner and operator of the Whistle Stop Lounge in Oxford for many years. Dottie loved any adventure and as a teen, drove her 1931 Model A Ford Roadster to California and back. She never turned away a stray animal - domesticated or wild - that came to her door. She was happy to feed them. Some went on their way, most stayed. She enjoyed time spent with her family who will miss her dearly. Casino trips, playing Keno, and her cats Theo and Winston brought her great joy.

Dottie's nature has always been to help others, and for those wishing to honor her memory, the family asks that you do a good deed for someone else. Her family wishes to thank the Overlook VNA for their kindness and care they provided.

In keeping with the wishes of Dottie, services will be private. Memorial contributions in memory of her niece Britney Gengel who perished in the 2010 Haitian Earthquake may be made to Be Like Brit, 66 Pullman St., Worcester, MA 01606. Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements. paradisfuneralhome.com

Jason Paul Lavallee, 46



WORCESTER - Jason Paul "Jay" Lavallee, 46, died Monday, October 1, 2018 at Saint Vincent Hospital with family at his side.

He leaves his parents, James J. and Jeanne (Choiniere) Lavallee of Worcester; 5 brothers, James R. Lavallee and his wife Sarah of Webster, Joseph M. Barone and his wife Kimberly of Rutland, Nicholas L. Bastardo and his wife Schaniece, Eric R. Lavallee and John C. Thibeault, all of Worcester; a sister, Amy M. Pelkey and her companion Matthew of Baton Rouge, LA; 19 nephews and nieces; 1 grand-nephew, 2 grand-nieces, aunts,

uncles and cousins.

He was born in Webster and lived most of his life in Worcester.

Mr. Lavallee was a machine operator at Norton Company for 10 years. He was a member of Sacred Heart-Saint Catherine of Sweden Church.

A memorial Mass will be held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, October 13, in Sacred Heart-Saint Catherine of Sweden Church, 600 Cambridge Street. There are no calling hours. Donations in his name may be made to Sacred Heart-Saint Catherine of Sweden Church, 600 Cambridge St., Worcester, MA 01610. Arrangements are under the direction of Sitkowski & Malboeuf Funeral Home, 340 School St., Webster. www.sitkowski-malboeuf.com

Frances L. (Plouffe) Moroz, 74



Frances L. (Plouffe) Moroz, 74, of Dudley MA passed Wednesday October 3, 2018 peacefully at Rose Monahan Hospice surrounded by her loved ones. Frances is survived by her husband of 47 years Chester R Moroz Sr, her 7 children Wayne Morvan and wife Julie, Gary Morvan Jr., Michelle Adams, Frank P. LeBeau Jr., Chester R. Moroz Jr, Catherine Ceccarelli and husband Brian, and William Moroz and wife Jill. Also survived by her sis-

ter-in-law Charlotte Plouffe, 16 Grand Children, 10 Great Grand Children and several nieces and nephews. Frances was predeceased by her sister Donalda Plouffe, four brothers Albert, Donald, Everett, and Paul. Frances was born in Whitinsville MA, daughter to the late Charles and Irene (Lozier) Plouffe. Frances has lived in Dudley for the last 44 years where she enjoyed camping, archery, fishing and crocheting.

Services were held on Tuesday October 9th at 4pm in Bartel Funeral Home & Chapel at 33 Schofield Ave Dudley. Calling hours were Tuesday October 9, 2018 from 2pm-4pm www.bartelfuneralhome.com

Jose Luis Perez, 68

WORCESTER- Jose Luis Perez age 68 died Friday, September 28, 2018 at St. Vincent Hospital, Worcester. He was the husband of the late Carmen (Trinidad) Perez. He leaves a son Joseph W. Vasquez of Walden, NY. He was born in Yuaco, Puerto Rica son of the late Antonio Perez and

Aurea (Irizarry) Perez. A celebration of life was held Saturday October 6, 2018 from 12 noon- 2 pm in the 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.

Nancy M. Kingsbury, 79

SOUTHBRIDGE- Nancy M. Kingsbury, 79, of Highland St., passed away on Wednesday, Oct. 3rd, in UMass Memorial Hospital, University Campus, Worcester, after an illness.

She leaves her two sons, Scott J. Dunn and his wife Deborah of Gilmanton, NH and Gregory A. Dunn and his wife Michelle of Dudley; three daughters, Marcia A. Hashem and her husband Mohamad of Sturbridge, Kelley L. Dunn of Southbridge and Cathy S. Peach and her husband Michael, Sr. of Southbridge; twelve grandchildren, Katie, Kris, Nour, Alia, Raja, Zena, Kayla, Jamie, Sean, Tabitha, Rebecca, and Michael, Jr; and eight great grandchildren. She was predeceased by two brothers, Warren E. Kingsbury and Walter "Bud" Kingsbury as well as two half siblings, Frank Kingsbury and Lillian Kenyon.

Nancy was born in Southbridge the

daughter of Walter and Marguerite (Cardineau) Kingsbury.

She worked for Southbridge Savings Bank for 20 years in Customer Service prior to retiring. Nancy was known for her great sense of humor and enjoyed shopping, word games on her iPad and going to exercise classes at the Sturbridge Senior Center. Her greatest love was her family. Nancy cherished her time spent with her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and her two beloved cats.

A Memorial Mass for Nancy was held on Saturday, Oct. 6th at 10:00am in St. Joseph's Church, 10 H. Putnum Rd. Ext., Charlton. Burial will be private. There were no calling hours.

Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, is directing the arrangements. www.morrillfuneralhome.com

Paul Nicholous Derany, Jr., 53



WEBSTER- Paul Nicholous Derany, Jr., 53, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, October 2, 2018 at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester.

He leaves his wife of 35 years, Pamela C. (Schena) Derany, a son, Paul N. Derany, III and his wife Brandi of Charlton, 5 grandchildren; Madison and Hailey McNamara, Kaydence, Nicholous and Brayden Derany and 2 nieces; Kayla and Jennifer Tarabay.

Paul was born in Cambridge, son of the late Paul N. and Alexandra (Hatem) Derany, Sr. and was also predeceased by a sister, Helen M. Zoghaib who died in 2004.

He worked as a precision injection

molder.

Paul enjoyed golfing and doing projects around the house, but his real joy was being with his family, especially his grandchildren, who will truly miss him.

Calling hours were Saturday, October 6, 2018 from 10 am-12 noon in the ROBERT J. MILLER FUNERAL HOME and LAKE CHAPEL, 366 School St., Webster followed by a Funeral Service at 12 (Noon) in the funeral home. Burial was in Mt. Zion Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial Contributions in Paul's name may be made to: Brain Injury Association of MA., 30 Lyman St., Suite#10, Westborough, MA. 01581.

To leave a message of condolence, or share a memory of Paul, please visit: R-JMillerfunerals.net

Joseph L. Gerhard, Jr. 91



DULEY/ AUBURN - Joseph L. Gerhard Jr. 91, long time resident of Dudley passed away peacefully on Thursday October 4th at Brookdale Assisted Living in Auburn where he resided over the last 5 years. He was born in Providence, RI. Son of Joseph L. Gerhard and Annie I. (Maguire) Gerhard.

He was predeceased by his wife of 63 years, Catherine T. (Markey) Gerhard. He leaves 6 sons and their families: Joseph L. Gerhard III and his wife Katie of New Haven, CT, John P. Gerhard and his wife Patty of Manchester, CT, Dr. Robert T. Gerhard and his wife Joan of Halifax, Ma, Mark J. Gerhard and Angela Nichting-Brunelle of Springfield, Ma., Paul J. Gerhard and his wife Kathleen of Dudley, Ma and Glenn M. Gerhard and his wife Tammy of Manchester, CT., As well as 18 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his brother, Rev. John P. Gerhard, O.P., his brother George Gerhard and a sister Angela (Gerhard) Shea, wife of the late Dr. Charles E. Shea, Jr.

He was a Navy veteran of WWII, serving aboard a carrier in the Pacific. In 1949 he graduated from Providence College with a degree in Chemistry. He joined the Cranston Print Works Co. in 1950 as a chemist in their Webster, Ma. Facility. He held many supervisory and managerial positions there, eventually joining their Corporate Offices providing Technical direction to the three operating plants in Webster, Ma, Cranston RI and Fletcher, NC., He retired in September 1990.

His family would like to extend their sincere appreciation for the excellent care and compassion provided by Worcester Home Care in coordination with JHC Hospice.

Calling hours were 5 to 8 pm Monday Oct. 8, 2018 at Bartel Funeral Home & Chapel 33 Schofield Avenue Dudley .

With a Funeral Mass Tuesday Oct. 9th at 10 AM at St. Anthony of Padua, Dudley Hill Road, Dudley, Ma. www.bartelfuneralhome.com

Karl "Mitch" E. Mitchell, 85



OXFORD - Karl "Mitch" E. Mitchell, 85, died Tuesday, October 2, 2018, at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester. He was predeceased by his former wife and mother of his children, Janet T.

Mitchell; his second wife, Dolores Mitchell; and his third wife, Joyce Mitchell. He is survived by seven children, Donna M. LaLiberty and her husband Barry of Leominster, Charlene A. Bryant and her husband Ron of Worcester, Kevin P. Mitchell and his wife Jane of Greene, ME, Pamela J. Jansson and her husband Joel of Dudley, Sharon L. Boyda and her husband Jack of Oxford, Jo-Ann L. Murphy and her husband Robert of Dudley, and Joseph L. Mitchell and his wife Gina of Worcester; a brother, Dwight Mitchell of Dudley; six sisters, Katherine King of Charlton, Ruth DeFoe of Webster, Rosalyn Beaudette of Oxford, Marlene Butler of Charlton, Claudia Blauvelt of Charlton, and Ella Polinski of Leicester; 19 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and many nephews and nieces. He was predeceased by a brother, John Mitchell; a sister, Annabelle King; and two grandchildren. Mitch was born in Worcester, son of the late Archibald L. and Alma (Konkol) Mitchell, was raised in Auburn and lived most of his life in Oxford. He was a U.S. Air Force

veteran of the Korean War.

Karl (with a "K") worked for the Department of Public Works in Oxford for 24 years, retiring as foreman in 1998. Previously, he worked for R.H. White in Auburn for many years. He was a member of the Oxford Fire Department retiring as Captain of Station 2, and worked on the ambulance and rescue squad. He was an auxiliary member of the Oxford Police Department and a member of the Civil Defense in Oxford. He was a member of the American Legion Post 58 in Oxford and a long-time member of the Oxford Memorial Honor Guard. He enjoyed candlepin bowling, working in his yard, and belonged to several bowling and pitch leagues in the area.

A funeral service was held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 10, 2018, at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. Military burial followed at North Cemetery in Oxford, with the Oxford Memorial Honor Guard participating. Calling hours were Tuesday, October 9, 2018, from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Oxford Memorial Honor Guard, c/o Terry Cummings, 9 Locust St., Oxford, MA 01540. paradisfuneralhome.com

LUNCH

OCTOBER 2018

Oxford Middle School

Served Daily: Grab & Go, Assorted Salads and Sandwiches
All meals served with vegetable, fruit and milk

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Honey-Lemon Chicken Chicken Patti Sandwich Soup of the Moment Sweet Potato Fries 	2 Macaroni & Cheese Personal Pizza Veggie Cup / Hummus Peas 	3 Tacos Quesadilla Rainbow Rice Broccoli & Dip 	4 Stuffed Crust Pizza Hot Dogs Tossed Salad 	5
8 	9 Breakfast for Lunch French Toast Sausage Link Or Personal Pizza Potato Puffs 	10 Tacos Quesadilla Soup of the Moment Veggie Cup / Hummus 	11 Chicken Alfredo Chicken Patti Sandwich Broccoli & Dip 	12 Stuffed Crust Pizza Hot Dogs Tossed Salad
15 Chicken Teriyaki Dippers Chicken Patti Sandwich Green Beans and Carrots Soup of the Moment 	16 Mozzarella Sticks With Dipping Sauce Personal Pizza Smiles Veggie Cup w/ Hummus 	17 Meatball Sub Sidewinder Tacos Steamed Corn 	18 Beef Steak Smokie Rib-B-Q Sandwich Three Bean Salad Carrot Coins 	19 Hot Dogs Stuffed Crust Pizza Tossed Salad
22 BBQ Chicken Mexican Casserole Butternut Carrot Soup Broccoli & Dip 	23 Breakfast for Lunch Waffles Sausage Link Personal Pizza Potato Puffs 	24 Mini Cheeseburger Pasta w/ Marinara Jersey Fresh Soup Veggie Cup w/ Hummus 	25 Roast Pork & Gravy Chicken Patti Sandwich Mashed Potato 	26 Stuffed Crust Pizza Hot Dogs Tossed Salad
29 Yogurt, Fruit & Cereal Chicken Patti Sandwich Soup of the Moment Potato Smiles Mexicali Corn 	30 Macaroni & Cheese Personal Pizza Peas & Carrots 	31 Happy Halloween Creepy Chicken Nuggets Carrot Fingers Dirt Pudding Ogre Oranges 		

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Served Daily: PB&J, Assorted Sandwiches and Salad
All Meals served with fruit , vegetable and milk
Munchie Lunch consists of a protein, grain and vegetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Yogurt, Fruit & Cereal lunch Pizza Stick Sweet Potato Fries 	2 Munchie Lunch Macaroni & Cheese Peas Veggie Cup w/ Hummus 	3 Munchie Lunch Cheese Quesadilla Rainbow Rice Broccoli & Dip 	4 Pizza Day Roasted Green Beans Emoji Smiles 	5
8 	9 Munchie Lunch Breakfast for Lunch French Toast Or Assorted Cereal Sausage Link Smiles 	10 Munchie Lunch Chicken Tacos Vegetable Cup & Hummus 	11 Munchie Lunch Chicken Alfredo Broccoli & Dip 	12 Pizza Stick Day Tossed Salad
15 Mini Calzone Yogurt, Fruit & Cereal Lunch Roasted Green Beans & Carrots 	16 Munchie Lunch Mozzarella Sticks with Dipping Sauce Potato Smiles 	17 Munchie Lunch Sidewinder Tacos Steamed Corn 	18 Munchie Lunch Cheeseburger Three Bean Salad Carrot Coins 	19 Pizza Day Tossed Salad Emoji Smiles
22 Yogurt, Fruit & Cereal Chicken Nuggets Potato Smiles Broccoli Trees w/ Ranch Dip 	23 Munchie Lunch Breakfast for Lunch Waffles Or Assorted Cereal Sausage Link 	24 Munchie Lunch Mini Corn Dog Nuggets Baked Beans 	25 Munchie Lunch Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup 	26 Pizza Stick Day Tossed Salad
29 Chicken Quesadilla Mexicali Corn 	30 Munchie Lunch Macaroni and Cheese Peas & Carrots 	31 Happy Halloween Creepy Chicken Nuggets Carrot Fingers Dirt Pudding Ogre Oranges 		

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DUDLEY - 5 Corbin Road! Welcome Home! Beautiful Tri-Level Home Set on 4.5 Acres! 9 Finished Rooms, 3-4 Bedrooms, 2 Full Baths! Huge Oak Cabinet Packed Kitchen w/Gorgeous Granite & Pella Sliders to Enormous Trex Deck & In-ground, Heated Pool! Dining Room w/Bay Window, Hardwoods, Wainscot & Crown Molding w/French Doors Leading to the Sunroom which has Heat & AC where You Can Enjoy Your Morning Coffee Watching the Wildlife Around Your Pond or Take a Walk Across the Bridge to Check on Your Blueberry Bushes! Fireplace Living Room w/Large Front Window, Custom Built-ins & Hardwoods! 3 Large Bdrms w/Lots of Closet Space! Office Could Be Easily Made into 4th Bdrm! Master has Private Balcony Over Looking the Pool! Master Bath has W/D Hookups, Double Vanity & Walk-in Closet! Finished Walk-Out Lower Level Would Make a Great Game Room! 2 Car Garage which Leads to Rest of Basement which Houses the Utilities, another W/D Hook-up and Storage! Too Many Updates to List Here! A Must See House! **\$459,900.00**

DUDLEY - 34 West Main St! 10 Rm, 3222' Antique Colonial! 87 Acre! Grand Entry Foyer! Fp'd Formal Liv Rm & Fp'd Library/Fam Rm w/Hrds! Formal Din Rm w/Hrds & Tall Bay Window! Appliance Eat-in Kit w/Isle & Walk-in Pantry! 1st Flr Laundry Rm! 1/2 Bath w/Dressing Rm! Grand Stairway to 2nd Flr! Spacious Fp'd Master Bdrm w/Hrds, Walk-in Closet & Full Bath! 2 Additional Bdrms w/Built-ins & Hrds! 1st Bdrm w/Access to Additional Full Bath! "Maids Quarters" w/Spacious Bdrm w/Hrds! Full Bath & Separate Stairway Access! 4 Bdrms, 3.5 Baths, 4 Fp'ds! Lower Level Finished Fam Rm w/Fp'd & Abundant Shelving & Storage! 2 Car Detached Garage w/Full Loft! Fenced Yard w/Circular Driveway! Commercial Zoned! **\$695,000.00**

OXFORD - 247 Main St! 10 Rm BUSINESS ZONED 2 Family! 4.6 Rm! Well Maintained! 4 Rms on First w/2 Half Baths! Perfect Office Location! 2nd Flr 3 Bdrm Apartment w/ Eat-in Kit, Dining Area, Liv Rm w/Hrds & Sun Rm! Full Bath! Oil Heat, New Furnace! Full Basement! Ample Parking! Handicap Ramp! 2 Car Detached Garage! **\$349,900.00**

WEBSTER - 24 Oakwood Dr! Custom 9 Rm Colonial! Spacious Center 1st Granite Kit w/Cherry Cabets! SS Appliances! Slider to Trex Deck! Din Rm w/Hrds! Den! Fp'd Liv Rm! 1/2 Bath! 2nd Level Master w/Full Bath w/Jacuzzi & Walk-in Shower! 4 Bdrms Total! 2nd Flr Tile Bath! C/Air! 32' Heat! Loft Office! **\$419,900.00**

OXFORD - 19 Woodlock St! 6 Rm Cape! Well Maintained! Level Lot! Knotty Pine Sunroom w/Slider to Stone Patio! Appliance Eat-in Kit! Liv Rm w/Hrds! Flr! 2 Spacious 1st Flr Bdrms w/Hrds! Full Bath! 2nd Flr 3rd Bdrm w/Hrds! Carpeted! Full Basement w/Laundry! Attached Garage w/Workshop! **\$229,900.00**



WEBSTER - 24 Emerald Ave! 2 Family! 5.5 Rms! 2,800 sqft! Each w/In-line Kit w/Pantry, Fam Rm, Liv Rm, 2.5 Bdrms! Washer/Dryer Hookups! Hrdwd Flrs! 2 Car Detached Garage! Insulated Windows! New Furnaces! Incredible Flat Yard! Lead Certificates! Well Maintained! **\$239,900.00**

THOMPSON - Quaddick Lake! 52 Breaults Landing! Western Exposure - Beautiful Sunsets! Huge Level Lot/Lawn to the Water - .88 Acres! Open Floor Plan! 4.5 Rm! Ranch! 2 Bdrms! 1.5 Baths! Appliances & Furnished! Ideal 2nd Home or Yr Round! LP Gas Heat & HW! Generator! **\$229,900.00**

DOUGLAS - 36 Cedar St! Badluck Pond (110Acre) aka Cedar Lake aka Laurel Lake! 2.74 Acres! 633' Waterfront! 471' Road Frontage! Beautiful Private Setting! 2836', 2688' Custom Cedar Ranch w/Hardwoods! Spectacular, Open, Fireplace, Cedar Cathedral Ceiling, Sky Lighted Great Room Highlights this Home! Custom Island Kit! Lake Facing Master! 2.5 Baths! All Closets are Cedar! 96' Screened Porch! Plus 3672' 2 Story Heated Boat House/Garage w/5 Rm Caretaker/In-Law Apartment w/2 Bathrooms! 5 Full + 2 Half Baths Total! Year Round Country Waterfront Retreat! **\$599,900.00**

AUBURN - 9 Lorna Dr! 2680' Split Entry! Appliances Oak Eat-in 1st Kit w/Corian Counters! Spacious Liv Rm w/Hrds! Sun Rm Cathedrals to Trex Deck! 3 Bdrms w/Hrds! Fp'd Fam Rm! 2 Full Baths! 4th Bdrm/Office! Laundry! C/Air & Vac! Professionally Landscaped, .46 Acre Lot! 2 Car Garage! **\$389,900.00**

WEBSTER - 32 Canille Rd! 9 Rm Cape w/Farmers Porch! Open Flr Plan! Applianced Kit! Din Area w/Slider to Deck! Fp'd Cathedral Liv Rm! Den or Din Rm! Full Bath! 2nd Flr Master Suite w/Master Bath! 2 Add Bdrms! 3 Baths Total! C/Air! LL Fam Rm! Garages! Irrigation! Shed! **\$349,900.00**

DUDLEY - 13 Pineview Rd! 7 Rm Colonial! Tiled Foyer! Kit w/Din Area & Slider to Composite Deck! Din Rm! Liv Rm! Den! 1/2 Bath w/Laundry! 2nd Flr w/Carpeted Bdrms & Full Bath! Master Walk-in Closet & Bath! Finished Lower Level w/Gas Fp'd! Patios! Fire Pit! Roof 2017! Attached 2 Car Garage! Town Services! **\$359,900.00**

DUDLEY - 9 Page Ln! Newly Renovated 6 Rm, 3 Bdrms, 2.5 Bath! Cape! 1 Acre! Lot! Cul-de-sac! Hrds! Throughout! Open Liv Rm, Kit & Din Area! SS Appliance! Granite Kit w/Isle! Slider to Composite Deck! 1st Flr Master w/Walk-in Closet & Master Bath! 2nd Flr w/2 Large Bdrms & Full Bath! Garage Under! **\$309,900.00**



SUTTON - 30 Jones Rd! Expandable 9 Rm, 2,150' Colonial! 5.31 Acres of Privacy! Long Circular Driv! New Granite Kit! Din, Liv & Fp'd Fam Rms w/Hrds! Yr Rd Sunroom w/Skylights! 3 Bdrms! 2.4' Master w/Bath! 2.5 Baths Total! 12x24 3 Season Porch! Wraparound Deck! 2 Car Garage! AC! **\$464,900.00**

THOMPSON - 854 Thompson Rd! 9 Rm Split! Beautiful, .63 Acre Lot! Applianced Granite Kit! Dining & Fp'd Liv Rm w/Hrds! 17x18 Cathedral Ceiling! Great Rm w/Tile Flr! 3/4 Bdrms, 3 w/Hrds! Fp'd Fam Rm! 1.5 Baths! 2 Car Garage! Recent Furnace! Lead Cert! Shed! **\$269,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE Access! 2-A Lakeview Rd! View of the Lake & Your Dock! Short Walk to the Shore! Young, "2009", Spacious 7 Room Split Entry Cape with ELEVATOR! Ideal for Handicapped, Wheelchair Bound or Not Wanting to do Stairs! From Ground Level to 1st Flr & On to the 2nd Flr! 750 lbs. Capacity! 1st Flr Open Flr Plan! Appliance Granite Kit w/Breakfast Bar, Din Area, Liv Rm All w/Gleaming Wood Laminate Flrs! 2 1st Flr Possible Bdrms/Master w/Ceiling Fans & Huge Dble Closets! 1st Flr Bath w/8" Vanity, Laundry & Linen Closets! 2nd Flr w/2 Spacious Bdrms w/Ceiling Fans & Dble Closets, Office & Full Bath! Lower Level w/Front & Back Opposite Side 12' Garage Doors! C/Air! Super Detached 30'x40' 2 Story Garage! 12x10 Drs! 12' 1st Flr Ceilings, 8' 2nd Flr Ceiling Height! 3 Car Lifts are Negotiable! Has It All! **\$399,900.00**

SHREWSBURY - 747 Grafton St! 8 Rm Cape! 5 Acres off Route 20! Great Business Location! House Needs Total Rehab! 1st Flr Consists of Eat-in Kit w/Built-in Hutch! Large Liv Rm! Master Bdrm w/Closet! Office! Full Bath! 2nd Flr Has 4 Bdrms w/Closets! Vinyl Windows! **\$198,500.00**

DUDLEY - 9 Progress Ave! 6 Rm Cape! Move In Ready! Applianced Eat-in Kit! Din & Liv Rms w/Hrds! 1st Flr Master w/Hrds & 2 Dble Closets & Ceiling Fan! 3 Season Porch! 1/2 Bath w/Laundry! 2nd Flr w/2 Bdrms w/Hrds & a Full Bath! Rooms! 2013! Town Services! Quick Close Possible! **\$249,900.00**



WEBSTER LAKE - 54 West Pt Rd! North Pond - Killdeer Isl - West Expo - Beautiful Lake Views & Sunsets! 2002 Built 6-Rm Colonial! Ideal 2nd Home or Yr Rd Living! Applianced Kit w/Center Isle! Lake Facing Din Rm w/Panoramic Water Views & Recent Wood Flr! Lake Facing Liv Rm w/LP Gas Fp'd, Recent Wood Flr & French Door to Deck! 1st Flr Laundry & Full Bath! 2nd Flr w/2 Spacious Bdrms! Lake Facing Master Suite w/Fantastic Lake Views, Fp'd, French Dr to its Deck, Dressing/Office Area & Full Bath w/Whirlpool Tub! 2nd Full Bath off the Hall! Huge Lake Facing Walk-out Lower Level w/Gas Stove & Slider to Stone Patio is Ready for "Finishing"! Additional Lakeside Deck! Dock! **\$559,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE - 60 Bates Point Rd! Middle Pond! Absolute Prime 52' Level Waterfront Lot w/Western Expo! Beautiful Sunsets! Panoramic Lake Views! 8 Rms, 3 Bdrms, 2 Baths, AC'd, Ranch! Custom SS Applianced Granite Kit! Din Rm w/Hrds & Slider to Waterfront Deck w/Awning! Lake Facing Fp'd Liv Rm w/Cathedral, Skylight & Hrds! Comfortable Master Bdrm! Fp'd Lower Level Fam Rm! 2 Car Garage! **\$729,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE - 209 Beacon Park! -1280' Townhouse! 5 Rooms! Spectacular Sandy Beach! Fantastic Lakeside Pool! Applianced Kitchen! Carpeted Dining Rm & Fireplace Living Rooms! 2 Spacious Bedrooms! Master Bath! 2.5 Updated Tile Baths! Central Air! Garage! **\$239,000.00**

WEBSTER LAKE - 130 Killdeer Island - North Pond! West Expo - Beautiful Sunsets! 6 Rm 3 Season Home! Add Heat & Use Yr Round! Great Potential! 4 Bdrms w/Hrds, 2 Lake Facing! Fp'd Liv Rm w/Lake Views! Spacious Kit & Dining Area! 2 Baths! 55' of Sandy Beach! **\$475,000.00**

WEBSTER LAKE - 7 Point Pleasant Ave! Panoramic Lake Views! Eastern Expo! Super Sunsets! 9,000' Level! 2,300' Custom Contemp Colonial! Built 2015! Like New! Open Flr Plan! Custom Granite Kit w/Island! Stainless Appliances, Gas Range, Soft Close Cabinets & Recessed Lights! Spectacular Lake Facing Great Rm, Stone Gas Fp'd, Surrounded by Custom Cabinetry, Recessed Lights & Ceiling Fan! Dining Area w/Custom Ceiling! Full Bath w/Granite Vanity & Custom Tile Shower! Laundry Rm! "Wood Look" The Floors throughout the First Floor! 2nd Flr Features 3 Comfortable Bdrms w/Being Waterfront! Lake Facing Master w/Slider to Deck, Hrds, Recessed Lighting, Walk-in Closet & Bdrm Access! Lake Facing Bdrm w/Hrds, Dble Closet & Door to Deck! 3rd Bdrm w/Hrds & Dble Closet! Full Bath w/Dble Granite Vanity & Tile Flr! C/Air! Gas Heat! 2x6x2 2 Story Detached Garage! Deck! Get Packing! **\$785,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE - 15 South Point Rd! Waterfront Lot! Middle Pond - Panoramic Views! Conservation Approval! Build Your Dream! 100' of Shoreline! 53.94' Road Frontage! Land Area 8,147! Town Services Available! 2 Docks! Lots on Webster Lake a Rarity, Don't Let this Slip by without Your Consideration! **\$199,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE - 812 Beacon Park! WATERVIEW! 1280' 5 Rm Townhouse! Lake Facing! Recently Applianced! Galley Kit! Fp'd Liv Rm w/Smart TV & Hrds! Master Bath w/Whirlpool Tub, Separate Shower & Bidet! 1.5 Baths! Fp'd Fam Rm! C/Air! Gas Heat! Trex Deck! Recent Windows/Doors! Garage! 2 Boat Slips! Heated Pool, Sandy Beach! **\$284,900.00**



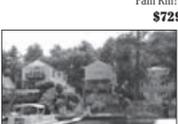
WEBSTER LAKE - 202 Killdeer Island Rd! Panoramic View of North Pond! Natural Sandy Shoreline! Complete Rebuild Since 2002! Custom Center Island Applianced Granite Kitchen w/Walk-in Pantry, Recessed Lighting, Hardwoods & 1/2 Bath! Open Floor Plan! Dining Rm w/Window Seat, 2 Closets & Hardwoods! 19'x19' Lake Facing Living Rm w/Hardwoods & 2 Sliders to Deck w/Recent Awning! Upstairs to 4 Bedrooms or 3 Plus Office! Lake Facing Master w/Cathedral Ceiling, Walk-in Closet & Master Bath w/Tile Floor, Huge Corner Shower w/Seat, Double Linen Closet! Full Bath! Halfway Laundry Closet! Lake Facing Walk-out Lower Level Family Room, 2 Sliders to Patio! Full Bath! 3.5 Baths Total! 4 Zone Heat & 2 Zone C/Air only 2 Years Old! Start Packing! **\$649,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE - 8 Reid Smith Cove Road! Panoramic Lake Views! West Expo! Super Sunsets! 5,698' Lot! Gently Sloping! 2,254' Custom Contemp Cape, Built 09 as 2nd Home, Like New! Open Flr Plan! Spectacular Lake Facing Great Rm w/7' Ceiling, Recessed Lights, Sliders to Trex Deck, Stone Gas Fp'd, Surround Sound & Gleaming Hrds! Granite Kit w/Isle, SS Appliances, Soft Close Cabinets, Hrds & Recessed Lights! 1st Flr Master w/Tile Bath, Whirlpool Tub/Shower, Dble, Sink & Linen Closet! Upstairs Sitting Area Overlooking Great Rm w/Lake Views! Hrdwd Hll to 2 Bdrms w/Recessed Lights, Ceiling Fans & Dble Closets! Full Bath & Linen Closet! Lower Level Walkout Fam Rm w/Tile Flr, 10' Ceilings, Recessed Lights, Ceiling Fans, Stone Gas Fp'd, Surround Sound, Wet Bar & Slider! Full Bath w/Tile Flr! Utility Rm w/Laundry & Storage! Nice Docks! Get Packing! **\$724,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE - 810 Beacon Park! 5 Rms, 1,100' Garden Unit! Fantastic Lake Views! 2 Bdrms! Master Bath! 2 Full Baths! Brand New Heat & AC Unit! Applianced! Din Rm w/Bay Window! Large Covered Patio & Manicured Courtyard! Garage! Lakeside Pool! Sandy Beach! Best Seat for July 4th Fireworks! **\$259,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE - 104 Treasure Island! 1,974' Townhouse! Oak Cabinet Kit w/Breakfast Counter! Formal Din Rm! Fp'd Liv Rm! Screened Porch! 1st Flr Master w/Walk-in Closet & Bath! 2.5 Bath! 2nd Level w/2nd Master Bdrm & Bath! Recent C/Air! Attached Garage! 2 Boat Slips! Heated Pool! Sandy Beach! **\$324,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE - 602 Treasure Isl! Oak Cabinet Kit w/Breakfast Counter! Formal Din Rm! Fp'd Liv Rm! Screened Porch! 1st Flr Master w/Walk-in Closet & Bath! 2.5 Bath! 2nd Level w/2nd Master Bdrm & Bath! Recent C/Air! Attached Garage! 2 Boat Slips! Heated Pool! Sandy Beach! **\$334,900.00**



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CALENDAR

Friday October 12

CENTER OF HOPE EVENT: On Friday Oct. 12 Center of Hope Foundation hosts a wine tasting and live auction at Point Breeze Restaurant, 114 Point Breeze Road, Webster beginning at 6 p.m. with the tasting and the auction at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$50 per person at the door; \$85 per couple if purchased by Oct. 8. Contact Pauline Davis (508) 764-4085 for tickets or information.

BOOK SALE: Stock up on great reads for those cool evenings by the fireplace! Our Friends of the Pearle L. Crawford Library Fall Book Sale takes place Friday, October 12 from 10-5 and Saturday, October 13 from 10-2. There is a Friends Member Preview on Thursday, October 11 from 5-8 (you may join at the door). For more information, please call the library at 508-949-8021. To learn more about becoming a Friend of the Library, please visit our Friends page at www.crawfordlibrary.org.

Saturday October 13

BREAKFAST: Oxford Masonic Lodge hosts a breakfast Saturday, Oct. 13 7-11

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MEAT RAFFLE: at TSKK, 21 Harris St. Webster beginning at 2 p.m. The proceeds help the club do local projects.

Sunday October 14

JAZZ BRUNCH: The United Way of Webster and Dudley will host its 9th annual Jazz Brunch at Point Breeze Restaurant on the lake in Webster on Sunday Oct. 14. The event will be held from 11am-2pm and features a wonderful brunch buffet and great live music. Tickets (\$25) can be purchased at Webster First Federal Credit Union's Webster & Dudley branches, Cornerstone Bank Webster branch and at Sam & Evelyn Parnas CPA office 175

eggs, pancakes, French toast, corned beef hash, fresh baked pastries and much more! Sunday, October 14, 7:30 -10:00 am at United Church of Christ, Fed., 4 Church Street, Webster. Adults: \$9, Children (12 and Under) \$4.

Thursday October 18

New England's Most Haunted: The Black Tavern Historical Society of Dudley will present an evening with Tom D'Agostino, well-known paranormal researcher, on Thursday, Oct. 18 at 7pm in the Tavern barn at 138 Center Road, Dudley. The program is free and open to all.

Thursday-Saturday October 18, 19 & 20

BOOKS AND BAKE SALE: The Friends of the Oxford Free Public Library Fall Book & Bake Sale is for book lovers, dessert lovers and bargain hunters alike. Thousands of hard and softcover books in all genres, for all age groups, will be on sale Thursday, Oct. 18 from noon to 7 p.m.; Friday, Oct. 19 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Saturday, Oct. 20 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the library, 339 Main St. Donations accepted. Also a variety of fresh made baked goods.

Saturday October 20

RUMMAGE SALE: Grace Episcopal Church, 270 Main St, Oxford will hold its annual fall Rummage Sale on Saturday, Oct. 20 from 9 AM to 1 PM in the parish hall. Paper grocery bags are supplied. Bags filled with clothing and bric-a-brac will be \$5 per bag. A few larger items will be priced individually at inexpensive, reasonable prices. A free hearty lunch will be available and as well as a bountiful bake table. Tours of our beautiful sanctuary on request.

CARTOONING WORKSHOP: On Saturday, Oct. 20, 11 a.m.-noon at Pearle Crawford Library, Dudley: create your own cartoons using professional tips and techniques as cartoonist Jerry Craft shows you how to express yourself through drawing. Craft is an award-winning cartoonist and creator of "Mama's Boyz," a syndicated comic strip he began over 15 years ago. There is no charge for participants. Registration is encouraged but walk-ins are welcome if space allows.

ROAST TURKEY DINNER: On Saturday, Oct. 20, serving at 5:00 pm and 6:15 pm, the First Congregational Church of Dudley, 135 Center Road. is having a roast turkey dinner. Adults: \$12, Preteens: \$6. Children 5 and under FREE. Handicapped accessible. For reservations CALL 508-943-7320, When prompted press *2. Leave the time of the seating you want, your name, telephone # and the number in your party. Call backs will only be made if there is a question about your reservation.

Sunday October 21

FALL FEST & TRUNK & TREAT: Dudley PTO will host Fall Fest with Trunk & Treat on Sunday Oct. 21 from 2-5 p.m. at 16 School St. Wear your costumes, come on out and enjoy trunk or treat, scarecrow making station, pie eating contest, bounce house, 1K Mummy Monster dash, pumpkin decorating station (pumpkins available for purchase at event), balloon animals, and more. Food concessions will be available.

Thursday October 25

SPOOKTACULAR: On Thursday, Oct. 25, the town of Dudley will host their first Spooktacular Halloween event from 5:00 to 7:15 p.m. It is hoped this will become an annual event. 5:00pm: Halloween parade steps off at the Crawford Library parking lot (40 Schofield Ave.) and will proceed to the Town Hall via Brandon Road with a police escort. 5:00-6:30: Outdoor activities at Town Hall include an inflatable haunted house, a fire pit, and s'mores. Indoor activities include hot dogs, beverages and other treats as well as crafts for kids. 6:30-7:15pm: Dr. Junglestein's Halloween Spooktacular Puppet Show; Jungle Jim's balloon magic; Thriller dance challenge; Mummy balloon wrap extravaganza; and Ghostbusters training. For more information, call the Selectmen's office at 508-949-8001 or the Library at 508-949-8021. Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen and the Pearle L. Crawford Memorial Library.

Saturday October 27

HALLOWEEN BARKTACULAR On Saturday, Oct. 27 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Camp Marshall, 92 McCormick Road, Spencer a Halloween event to benefit Second Chance is planned. Indoor and outdoor event activities including costume contest and trick-or-treating for kids and pets, haunted hayrides, pony rides, indoor Kid Zone with carnival games, bouncy castle, Walk 'N Wag pledge raising trail walk with scavenger hunt, doggie games and contests, music, food & craft vendors and other Halloween fun for families and pets. Special featured events include indoor RC racetrack sponsored by Turn4 HobbyTown, guest appearance by the Pike's Adam Webster, CGC certification by 4 Paws Academy and agility 'Try Its'. FREE ADMISSION! Families and pets are welcome!

HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS: Douglas Orchard & Farm at 36 Locust St., Douglas is hosting Halloween Happenings Saturday Oct. 27 with a variety of events 1 to 6:30 p.m. Dress in costume and come enjoy the following: 1 pm: Cider Demonstration; 2 pm: Oxen Plowing; 3 pm: "Ghosts and Spirits" talk with Merlin; 4 pm Trick or Treat Scavenger Hunt; and at 5 pm: Rock Band: Thin Ice 3.0. There will be pumpkin decorating and the alpacas will be out!

HERE & THERE → Local Events, Arts, and Entertainment Listings

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10

ZOMBIE DOLL CRAFT CLASS
7-9 p.m.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

7:30 p.m.
AND SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21 AT 2:00 p.m.
The Theatre Guild of North Brookfield presents **BYE BYE BIRDIE** in the North Brookfield Elementary School Auditorium
\$15 for adults; \$10 for seniors and children under 12
For tickets call Joe at 508-331-9031

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

KLEM'S 13th ANNUAL DOG COSTUME CONTEST
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
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2nd ANNUAL AMERICAN LEGION WOMEN'S AUXILIARY CRAFT FAIR
9 am - 2 pm
Full hall of crafters, raffles, and more!
American Legion Gaudette Kirk
Post 138
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

A NIGHT OF SPIRIT WITH MARKUS
6-8 p.m.
Join us as Markus Harrington delivers messages from loved ones that have passed (spirit.) Light refreshments will be served. Seating is limited so do not wait to register.
\$55.00 per person or 2 for \$100.00
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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25

PUMPKIN CARVING WORKSHOP
6-8 p.m.
Create your own pumpkin masterpiece.

Class includes pumpkin and all materials.
\$40.00 paid in advance. Class size is limited so you must pre-register. Under 18 welcome if accompanied by an adult. No participants under 13 please. You are welcome to bring your own adult beverage (over 21 only)
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SATURDAY AND SUNDAY OCTOBER 27 AND 28

CASTLEBERRY FALL CRAFT FESTIVAL AT STURBRIDGE
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Over 125 booths of Juried American-made arts, crafts, specialty foods and music.
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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
ALBANIAN KITCHEN AND BAZAAR
Bake table featuring traditional Albanian favorites.
Albanian-style café with a variety of food items to dine in or take out. Theme baskets, this 'n' that table, handmade jewelry, and illustrated children's books by Ruth Sanderson
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126 Morris St., Southbridge, MA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

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7:00 p.m. register
7:30 p.m. start up
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Chepachet, RI
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100 GENERAL

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110 NOVENAS

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN (Never known to fail). Oh most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this my necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein, you are my mother, Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart, succor me in this necessity. There are none that can withstand your call. Oh, show me herein, you are my mother. Oh, Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. (3 times) Holy Mary I place this cause in your hands (3 times). Sweet Mother I pray for this cause in your hands. (3 times). Holy Spirit, resolve all problems, light all roads so that I can attain my goal. You gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me in all instances of my life, you are with me. I want this short prayer to thank you for all things as you confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you even in spite of material things. I wish to be with you in eternal glory. Thank you for your mercy toward me and mine. The person must say this prayer three consecutive days. After three days the request will be granted. This prayer must be published after the prayer is granted. Thank you. N.F.L.

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130 YARD SALES

DEADLINE FOR YARD SALE SUBMISSIONS IS NOON MONDAY FOR ALL MASS. WEEKLY PAPERS
Deadline subject to change due to holidays
Call for more info

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130 YARD SALES

GARAGE SALE Saturday, Oct. 13, 39 Blueberry Hill, Webster, Mass., 9am-2pm, RAIN or SHINE, Furniture/home decor/crafts, NEW and gently used clothing.

MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE Kitchen utensils, pots and pans, sporting goods, household furnishings, furniture, cigar boxes, electric typewriter, and much more! Saturday, Oct. 13th, 8am-2pm, **269 Cook Hill Road, Danielson, CT**

200 GEN. BUSINESS

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ROUTE 169 ANTIQUES: 884 Worcester St., Southbridge MA. Looking To Purchase Antiques And Collectibles Single Items Or Entire Estates. We Buy It All And Also Do On-Site Estate Sales And Estate Auction. We are now accepting dealers for our multi-dealer group shop. Call Mike Anytime (774)230-1662.

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WANTED: Full-time carpenter, framing & finish experience, license preferred. Webster Contact LG Properties at 508-461-9019 between 8am-12noon

325 PROFESSIONAL HELP WANTED

The Town of Dudley is seeking to hire a full time **Mechanic for the Highway Department.** This position requires a valid CDL Class B License with air brake endorsement and a hoisting engineers Class 2B license. Must own tools to work on a variety of vehicles and heavy equipment. Welding experience needed, body work and repairs a plus. All applications need to be submitted to the Board of Selectmen office by 10/22/2018. A complete job description can be obtained by calling 508-949-8001.

BASED IN North Brookfield: Home Every Night. Class A Driver And/Or General Mechanic For 18-Wheel Trailer Trucks
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400 SERVICES

442 LICENSED DAY CARE

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490 SNOW PLOWING

Quinebaug Mobile Home Park is accepting sealed bids for all residents' driveways for 2018-2019 winter season. For further info call K. Scheffer at 860-935-0340. Bid must be received by Nov. 1. QPark, PO Box 104, Quinebaug, CT 06262

500 REAL ESTATE

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546 CEMETERY LOTS

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WORCESTER COUNTY MEMORIAL PARK: Paxton, MA, Garden of Heritage. Plot 535C 1-2, Asking \$3,000. (508) 248-7750

576 VACATION RESOURCES

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Automotive

700 AUTOMOTIVE

725 AUTOMOBILES

1970 CHEVROLET IMPALA CUSTOM. 350 C.I. 2 barrel carb, dual exhaust, protecto plate, well-maintained car, have owned for 14 years. \$10,500 or best offer. 774-312-4620 Kevin.

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2012 TOYOTA RAV4- 79,000 miles. Well-maintained, 3rd row seats, black, one-owner. \$11,000. 508-688-7

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 Scott A. Armstrong and Elizabeth M. Armstrong to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Drew Mortgage Associates, Inc., its successors and assigns, dated June 30, 2004 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 34008, Page 120, subsequently assigned to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 44247, Page 77, subsequently assigned to U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee for the RMAC Trust, Series 2016-CTT by Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 57889, Page 258 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 October 19, 2018 at 86 Birch Island Road, Webster, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

The land with the buildings thereon in the Town of Webster, County of Worcester, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, on the northerly side of Birch Island Road, being shown as Lots 62, 63, 64, and 65 on a plan of land entitled "Plan of Lots owned by The Narrows Land Co., Webster, Mass., dated June 9, 1923 by B.A. Wakefield C.E., Plan No. 2" recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 41, Plan 1, to which plan reference is made for a more particular description thereof. Lot 62, 63 and 64 on Plan Book 41, Plan 1: Being the same premises conveyed by Donna M. Leria to the above named grantors by deed dated March 29, 2000 and recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 22495, Page 350. Lot 65 on Plan Book 41, Plan 1: Being the same premises conveyed by Vernon L. Wilson, Jr. to the above named grantors by deed dated November 18, 1999 and recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 22405, Page 367.

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

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, not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee for the RMAC Trust, Series 2016-CTT

Present Holder of said Mortgage,

By Its Attorneys,
ORLANS PC
PO Box 540540
Waltham, MA 02454
Phone: (781) 790-7800
18-007131

September 28, 2018

October 5, 2018

October 12, 2018

WEBSTER HOUSING AUTHORITY DISPOSITION OF PICKUP TRUCK

The WHA will be accepting sealed bids for its used 2001 F250 pickup truck with plow. Specs and instructions for bidders are available at 10 Golden Heights, Webster, MA or by calling 508-943-1634. Vehicle can be inspected on Oct 11; bids due Oct 18 by 3pm. WHA reserves the right to reject any and all bids if in its best interest; all awards are subject to the approval of its Board of Commissioners.

October 5, 2018

October 12, 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 Brenda E. McCarthy AKA/NKA Brenda E. McCarthy-Trayah to GMAC Mortgage Corporation, dated November 24, 1998 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 20725, Page 55, subsequently assigned to Green Tree Servicing LLC by GMAC Mortgage LLC, successor by merger to GMAC Mortgage Corporation by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 51468, Page 282 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 October 26, 2018 at 6 Wysocki Drive, Unit 20, Dudley, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

Unit No. 20 in Phase III of Stonegate condominiums, Dudley, Worcester County, Massachusetts, a condominium created pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 183A, by Master Deed dated June 2, 1986 and recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 9497, Page 150, which Unit contains 1,020 square feet and is shown on the floor plans filed with said Master Deed and on a copy of a portion of said plans attached to Unit Deed recorded in said Deeds in Book 10393, Page 351, to which was affixed the verified statement of a registered architect in the form required by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 183A, Section 9. Said Unit is conveyed together with an undivided 1.76 percent interest in the common areas and facilities described in said Master Deed. Said Unit is conveyed subject to and with the benefit of: 1. An exclusive right and easement in the following "Limited Common Areas and Facilities" as designated in the Master Deed. 2. The provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 183A, as the same may be amended from time to time, the floor plans, the Master Deed, the Stonegate Condominium Trust under Declaration of Trust dated June 2, 1986 and recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 9497, Page 183, the By-Laws contained therein, and any rules and regulations from time to time promulgated pursuant thereto, including without limitation the provisions for assessment of common charges, and all rights, easements, covenants and conditions of record set forth or referred to in the Master Deed as completely as if each were fully set forth herein. The Unit is to be used solely for residential purposes. For my title reference see Book 12379, Page 1.

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

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.

Ditech Financial LLC fka Green Tree Servicing LLC

Present Holder of said Mortgage,

By Its Attorneys,
ORLANS PC
PO Box 540540
Waltham, MA 02454
Phone: (781) 790-7800
16-007988

October 5, 2018

October 12, 2018

October 19, 2018

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS 18E0107PP WORCESTER, SS PROBATE COURT

To Christina Zisk of Webster in the County of Worcester and to all other persons interested.

A petition has been presented to said Court by Janis Oehmann of Washington-DC, Nancy Radzik of San Francisco CA and Joyce Pagonis of Tewksbury in the County of Middlesex representing that they hold as tenant in common undivided part or share of certain land lying in Douglas/Webster in said County Worcester and briefly described as follows:

The land in the northeasterly part of said Webster and partly in Douglas, Worcester County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, consisting of three tracts of wood land bounded and described as follows, to wit:

FIRST TRACT: A tract of wood land situated in the northeasterly part of said Webster bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at the Northeasterly corner of said lot at stake and stones; THENCE S. 2 degrees E., 190 1/2 rods by land formerly of Reuben Dudley to stake and stones; THENCE N. 81 degrees W., 44 4/10 rods by land now or formerly of S. Slater & Sons, Inc. to stake and stones;

THENCE N. 7 degrees W. 190 1/2 rods by land now or formerly of said S. Slater & Sons, Inc. and land formerly of said Reuben Dudley to stake and stones;

THENCE S. 86 degrees E. 18 rods by land formerly of said Dudley to stake and stones;

THENCE N. 81 degrees E. 8 1/10 rods by land formerly of said Dudley to the point of beginning.

Containing 42 acres, more or less, and being that tract of land known as the Tourtelotte Lot and conveyed by Reuben Dudley to Guy Dudley by deed dated January 26, 1903 and recorded at Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Book 1740, Page 78.

SECOND TRACT: A tract of wood land situated in the northeasterly part of said Webster and bounded as follows:

BEGINNING at the Northeasterly corner thereof at stake and stones on or near the line between Webster and Douglas and being the northeasterly angle of the tract hereby conveyed;

THENCE S. 6 degrees E., 190 1/10 rods on said Douglas Town line to stake and stones; THENCE N. 81 degrees W., 44 4/10 rods by land now or formerly of S. Slater & Sons, Inc., to stake and stones, being the southeasterly angle of Lot No.1 as herein conveyed;

THENCE N. 2 degrees W., 190 1/2 rods by said Lot No. 1 as herein conveyed to stake and stone being the northeasterly angle of said Lot No. 1; THENCE N. 81 degrees E., 10 9/10 rods by land formerly of said Reuben Dudley to stake and stones;

THENCE S. 83 degrees E., 15 3/10 rods by land formerly of said Dudley to the point of beginning. Containing 42 acres, more or less, and being that tract of land known as the Inman Lot and conveyed by Reuben Dudley to Guy Dudley by deed dated January 26, 1903 and recorded at Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Book 1740, Page 78.

THIRD TRACT: A certain tract of wood land situated in the northwesterly part of the Town of Douglas and bounded as follows:

BEGINNING at the northwesterly corner thereof at stake and stones at land formerly of said Reuben Dudley and known as the Knowlton Lot;

THENCE S. 87 degrees E., 35 rods 4 links by land formerly of said Dudley to stake and stones at land formerly of Charles A. Sigourney;

THENCE S. 20 degrees 40' E., 90 1/2 rods by land formerly of said Sigourney to stake and stones at land of one Pickering;

THENCE N. 87 degrees W. 35 1/2 rods by land of said Pickering to stake and stones at land formerly of said Dudley and being the southeasterly corner of tract No. 2 as herein conveyed;

THENCE N. 20 degrees 40' W., 90 1/2 rods by tract No. 2 as herein conveyed to the point of beginning.

Containing 20 acres, more or less and being the same tract of land conveyed by Lucinda R. Davis to Reuben Dudley by deed dated December 28, 1881 and recorded at Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Book 1112, Page 129, however, otherwise the same may be bounded or described.

"We hereby convey and assign to the grantees, their heirs or assigns, all our rights in and to a certain right of action against anyone trespassing or for a tort for trespassing committed by him in outing and carrying away certain lumber or wood from the premises".

Being the same premises conveyed to George L. Place by deed of Lucy W. Jones dated July 24, 1939 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry

of Deeds in Book 2751, Page 124.

Being the same premises conveyed to Raymond Bonneau and Eva E. Bonneau by George L. Place by deed dated January 5, 1949 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 3167, Page 109.

BEING the same premises conveyed to Joseph F. Wladyslawski and Sophie E. Wladyslawski, husband and wife, as tenants by the entirety, a one half undivided interest; and to Anthony J. Mikolajczak and Regina T. Mikolajczak, husband and wife, as tenants, by the entirety, a one-half undivided interest, all of Webster, Worcester County by deed of Raymond Bonneau and Eva E. Bonneau dated September 14, 1956 and recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 3806, Page 439.

Executed as a Sealed Instrument this 20th day of March, 2008

Regina T. Mikolajczak

setting forth that their desires that - all - the aforesaid described part - of said land may be sold at private sale for not less than \$100,000.00 dollars, and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof.

If you desire to object thereto your or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Worcester before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the twenty-third day of October 2018, the return day of this citation.

Witness, Leilah A. Keamy, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this fifth day of September 2018.

Stephanie K. Fattman

Register of Probate

October 5, 2018

October 12, 2018

October 19, 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. WO18P3195EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate of:

Clayton C. Harris, Sr.

Date of Death: 09/19/2018

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Charles F. Proctor** of **Oxford MA**

requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Charles F. Proctor of Oxford 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 10/23/2018.**

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: September 27, 2018

Stephanie K. Fattman,

Register of Probate

October 12, 2018

LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by David Gallant, Jr. to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting solely as nominee for Fremont Investment & Loan, dated September 12, 2006 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 39759, Page 369 of which mortgage HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Trustee for Fremont Home Loan Trust 2006-E, Mortgage-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-E is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Fremont Investment & Loan to HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Trustee for Fremont Home Loan Trust 2006-E, Mortgage-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-E dated October 12, 2015 recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 54475, Page 395, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 3 Dresser Hill Road, Dudley, MA 01571 will be sold at a Public Auction at 4:00 PM on November 15, 2018, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land on the eastern side of Dresser Hill Road in the northern part of Dudley near Charlton line and bound and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a drill hole in a stone wall on the easterly side of the 1933 Worcester County highway layout of Dresser Hill Road, at the northerly corner of tract, said point being 149.35 feet northerly of a Worcester County Highway bound opposite station 137.15;

THENCE N. 72° 50' 13" E. along said stone wall and land, now or formerly of Richard Lavigne, a distance of one hundred sixty-seven and two one hundredths (167.02) feet to an iron pipe;

THENCE N. 72° 31' 50" E. along said stone wall and Lavigne, a distance of one hundred eighty-six and eighty-seven one hundredths (186.87) feet to an iron pipe in a corner of walls;

THENCE S. 26° 00' 22" E. along a stone wall and land of Theresa Giroux, a distance of three hundred forty-two and ten one hundredths (342.10) feet to an iron pipe;

THENCE S. 80° 48' 19" W. along land of Charles K. Wood, now or formerly, a distance of two hundred eight and eight one hundredths (208.08) feet to an iron pipe;

THENCE S. 83° 01' 45" W. along land of Charles K. Wood, now or formerly, a distance of two hundred three and forty-one hundredths (203.41) feet to a stake;

THENCE S. 81° 59' 43" W. along land of Charles K. Wood, now or formerly, a distance of ninety-two and thirty-one hundredths (92.31) feet to an iron pipe on the easterly side of Dresser Hill Road;

THENCE running northerly along the easterly side of Dresser Hill Road, on a curve to the right, having a radius of nine hundred seventy and zero one hundredths (970.00) feet and a length of one hundred twenty-three and ninety-three one hundredths (123.93) feet to a Worcester County Highway Bound;

THENCE N. 3° 56' 45" E. along the easterly side of Dresser Hill Road, a distance of one hundred forty-nine and thirty-five one hundredths (149.35) feet to the drill hole at the point of beginning.

CONTAINING an area of 2.962 acres. BEING the same premises as shown on the plan of land in Dudley, Massachusetts, Surveyed for William Smith, Robert F. Para, Land Surveyor, dated June 23, 1981 and recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in book 479, page 82.

SAID premises being about 2.962 acres of so much of the northerly portion of the farm of Charles K. Wood and is on the easterly side of Dresser Hill Road, otherwise known as Route

31 and being a portion of the premises conveyed to Elida Wood and Charles K. Wood by the following deeds in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds: Book 2869, Page 552, dated October 7, 1942, Book 4639, Page 273 dated January 7, 1966, Book 6561, Page 84 dated August 22, 1978.

There is mentioned a supposed right of cutting and drying peat, if it is in force and effect, but the statement and recital, shall not be a renewal, thereof, in a deed from Charles S. Wood to Martin A. Obenawr dated March 10, 1891 and recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Book 1345, Page 424. However, there is on record an affidavit which indicates a non-user and/or abandonment for at least 46 years with respect to such alleged right of cutting and drying peat executed by Elida Wood on September 7, 1978 and recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, which indicate no trace on the entire one hundred ten (110) acres where peat might have been cut and dried, and recorded in Book 6561, page 90.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 39759, Page 366.

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: Cash, 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 in cash or 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 01851 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.

HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Trustee for Fremont Home Loan Trust 2006-E, Mortgage-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-E

Korde & Associates, P.C.
900 Chelmsford Street
Suite 3102
Lowell, MA 01851
(978) 256-1500
Gallant, David, 13-010690
October 12, 2018
October 19, 2018
October 26, 2018

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 61 Poland Street, Webster, MA
By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Leonard J. Melanson to Citizens Bank of Massachusetts and now held by Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as Trustee of Stanwich Mortgage Loan Trust A, said mortgage dated September 30, 2006 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 40070, Page 173, said mortgage was assigned from Citizens Bank, N.A. F/K/A RBS Citizens, N.A., F/K/A Citizens Bank, N.A., S/B/M to Citizens Bank of Massachusetts to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as Trustee of Stanwich Mortgage Loan Trust A by assignment dated October 3, 2016 and recorded with said Registry in Book 56752, Page 174; for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on November 8, 2018 at 1:00 PM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises

described in said mortgage, to wit:
A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED AT LOT 2, POLAND STREET, WEBSTER, WORCESTER COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: LOT 2 ON A PLAN OF LAND ENTITLED PLAN OF LAND IN WEBSTER, MASSACHUSETTS PREPARED BY B&R SURVEY, INC. DATED APRIL 7, 2005 AND RECORDED IN THE WORCESTER DISTRICT REGISTRY OF DEEDS ON MAY 16, 2005 IN PLAN BOOK 825, PLAN 92 CONTAINING 16, 022 SQUARE FEET MORE OR LESS. BEING THE SAME PREMISES CONVEYED TO PATRIOT HOMES, INC. BY DEED OF NEAL STEVENS AND ELIZABETH M. STEVENS FKA ELIZABETH M. MALINOWSKI DATED MAY 26, 2005, AND RECORDED WITH THE WORCESTER DISTRICT REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN BOOK 36971, PAGE 200.

BEING ALL OF THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY CONVEYED TO LEONARD J. MELANSON FROM PATRIOT HOMES, INC. BY DEED DATED 01/31/2006 AND RECORDED 02/01/2006 IN BOOK 38320, PAGE 372 IN THE LAND RECORDS OF Worcester COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS.

Permanent Parcel Number: 12 C 11-1
The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated January 31, 2006 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 38320, Page 372.

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

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

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Brock & Scott, PLLC
1080 Main Street, Suite 200
Pawtucket, RI 02860
Attorney for Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as trustee of Stanwich Mortgage Loan Trust A
Present Holder of the Mortgage
(401) 217-8701

October 12, 2018

October 19, 2018

October 26, 2018

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Division
Docket No. WO18P3129EA
Estate of:

Shirley Rekowski

Also Known As:

Shirley A. Rekowski

Date of Death: August 9, 2018

INFORMAL PROBATE

PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Jacqueline Arpin** of **N. Grosvenordale CT** Petitioner **Gerald Arpin** of **N. Grosvenordale CT** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Jacqueline Arpin of **N. Grosvenordale CT** **Gerald Arpin** of **N. Grosvenordale CT** 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.

October 12, 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. WO18P3224EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate of:

Mary J Guy

Date of Death: 06/01/2017

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Brenda M Dion of Oxford MA**

requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that

Brenda M Dion of Oxford 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 11/13/2018**. 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: October 01, 2018
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate

October 12, 2018

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 MA 01570. pursuant to the provisions of G.L.c. 255, Section 39A, that on 27 Oct 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: 2009 Make: Honda Model: Civic Registration#/State: UnReg VIN: 2HGFA16839H328002

Name and address of vehicle owner: Jonathan Zenquis 240 School St Webster MA 01570

by: Frank A Czechowski Jr Dated: 5 Oct 2018 This notice has been given under the provisions of G.L.c. 255, Section 39A

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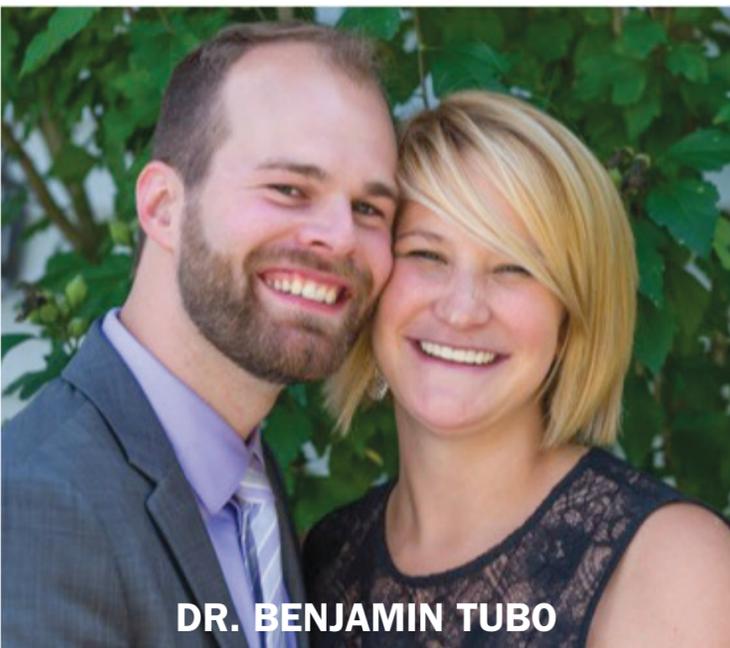
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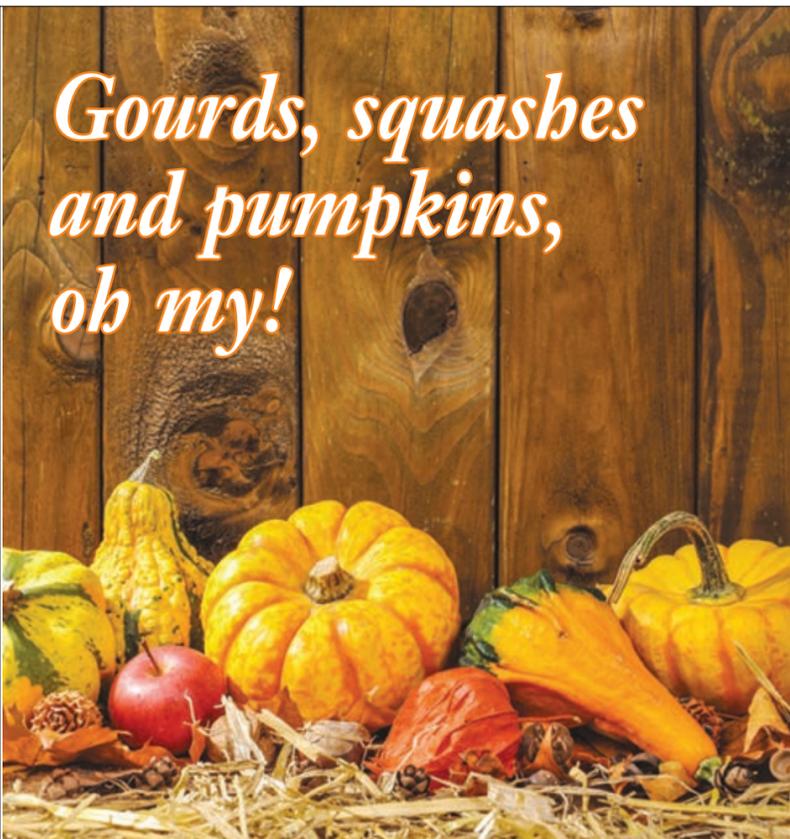
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Gourds, squashes
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Halloween takes place during a time of year characterized by earthen-colored chrysanthemums, leaf-lined walkways and crisp autumn air. As colorful as the costumes children wear for trick-or-treating this time of year, and the scores of pumpkins, gourds and squashes on display only add to that colorful melange. The Cucurbitaceae family may be best known for pumpkins, squash and gourds, but there actually are 800 species that belong to this family. While they share many of the same properties, these fruits each have their own unique attributes. The main differences between squashes, gourds and pumpkins is their intended purposes — whether they're ornamental or edible.

SQUASH

Squashes come in summer and winter varieties. Winter ones do not actually grow in the winter; in fact, they're harvested in late summer and early fall, but the name references the hard shell casing that protects the tender pulp inside. Zucchini are summer squash because their outer flesh is tender, while butternut, acorn, spaghetti, and hubbard

squashes are winter squashes because they feature a tough skin. Even though it takes some effort to crack that shell, the dense, nutrient-rich flesh inside is well worth the workout.

GOURDS

Gourds are essentially ornamental squashes; they aren't cultivated for eating. Instead they are bred to look beautiful and unique in autumn centerpieces. Types of gourds include autumn wing gourd, warted gourds, turban gourds, and bottle gourds. Each gourd is unique in its shape and color.

PUMPKINS

Pumpkins come in ornamental and edible varieties. Even though all pumpkins can be consumed, some taste better than others. Small pumpkins tend to be decorative because, according to Nutritious Life, they do not have enough meat inside to make them worthy of cooking. However, sugar pumpkins are best for baking and cooking favorite recipes, states the resource Pumpkin Nook.

The festive hues and flavors of squashes, gourds and pumpkins are one more thing that makes Halloween and autumn special.

AUTUMN

Simple ways to stay fit all year long

Many people find it easier to maintain their beach bodies during summer than they do throughout the rest of the year. Summer weather encourages people to get off the couch and enjoy the great outdoors, and many people prefer to eat lighter meals during the summer to combat the heat and humidity.

But once the dog days of summer give way to autumn, the motivation to stay in beach shape tends to wane. Couple that dwindling motivation with the tendency to eat larger, heartier meals as the weather gets colder, and it's easy to see why so many people gain weight over the last several months of the year and into the new year. But maintaining a healthy weight year-round promotes long-term health and reduces a person's risk for various ailments and diseases, including heart disease and diabetes. The following are a handful of strategies men and women can employ as they try to turn their beach bodies into the bodies they see in the mirror all year long.

- **Keep setting goals.** As winter heads toward spring, many people set short-term goals to motivate them to get back into beach shape. That's a highly effective strategy that need not be exclusive to late winter. Setting short-term fit-



Joining an exercise group is one way men and women can stay motivated and maintain healthy weights year-round.

ness and dietary goals throughout the year can keep you from falling back into bad habits. Tie your goals into the season to increase your chances for success. For example, resolve to run outdoors or cycle a certain number of miles each week in autumn, when the weather is still conducive to physical

activity and the scenery is idyllic. When winter arrives and exercising outdoors is no longer viable, commit to attending a few fitness classes per week at your gym.

- **Switch up your workout routine every few weeks.** Boredom also can affect people's ability to maintain healthy weights year-round. Adhering to

the same exercise routine for months on end can grow tedious. The body can even grow accustomed to the same workout routine, meaning you won't be getting as much out of your exercise sessions as you might if you switch things up. If you find your daily workouts taking a turn toward the mundane, switch up

your routine by changing exercises or signing up for classes that interest you.

- **Find healthy seasonal foods.** Many people prefer to buy locally sourced and/or in-season foods, recognizing the positive impact that such dietary habits can have on the environment. That com-

mitment to buying healthy, locally grown foods can be tested as the seasons change and the offerings at your local market change along with them. Educate yourself about which foods are in-season in your area throughout the year, opting for the most nutritious foods you can find. Buying in-season foods saves you money, and you will also feel good about staying on a nutritious, eco-friendly track.

- **Join an exercise group or sports league.** The buddy system is an effective way to stay committed to a fitness regimen, but if you cannot find a friend or family member to brave cold winter treks to the gym with you, then consider joining an exercise group or competitive sports league. As summer turns to autumn, join a road runner's club to motivate you to run. When harsh weather makes running outdoors too difficult, sign up for a winter sports league. Such groups or leagues get you off the couch and provide great opportunities to meet like-minded men and women who have made their own commitments to staying fit.

Staying fit all year long is a challenge for many people. But maintaining that beach body even after summer has come and gone need not be so difficult.

Factors to consider when choosing and applying mulch



Homeowners may associate mulch with springtime lawn and garden care, but mulching in fall can benefit a lawn as well. According to the Morton Arboretum in Illinois, mulch protects roots against extreme temperatures, and not just those associated with summer heat waves.

Mulch is often connected with its ability to help soil retain moisture during especially warm times of the year, when mulch promotes strong roots that can help lawns and plants survive periods of extreme heat. But when applied in the fall, mulch also inhibits freezing and thawing in winter, reducing the likelihood that plants will be injured.

While applying mulch in fall can be beneficial to lawns, homeowners should first consider a few factors.

- **Timing:** The Morton Arboretum notes that mulch being applied as winter protection should not be applied too early in the fall, as doing so may delay the soil freezing process. Homeowners should wait until after a hard frost in the fall to apply winter mulch. In many places, hard frost will not appear until late fall.

- **Texture:** The Morton Arboretum recommends medium-textured mulch. Fine particles may pack down and retain moisture that will evaporate before it reaches the plant roots. Materials that are too coarse may be incapable of holding sufficient amounts of water to benefit the soil.

- **Nutrients:** Humus is an organic component of soil that forms when leaves and other plant materials decompose. Organic mulches provide humus and decompose over time, adding nutrients into the soil. The Morton Arboretum recommends that homeowners use organic mulch that was composted or treated prior to application so any weeds, insects or microorganisms are killed.

- **Application:** Correct application of the mulch is essential. Applying too much mulch can adversely affect lawns, plants and soil. In addition, excessive application can cause decay and make lawns and plants more vulnerable to disease. Homeowners uncertain about when and how to apply mulch in the fall can consult with a lawn care professional to devise a plan that ensures their lawns and gardens hold up against winter weather.

Mulch may be widely associated with spring lawn care, but applying mulch in the fall can benefit lawns and gardens as well.

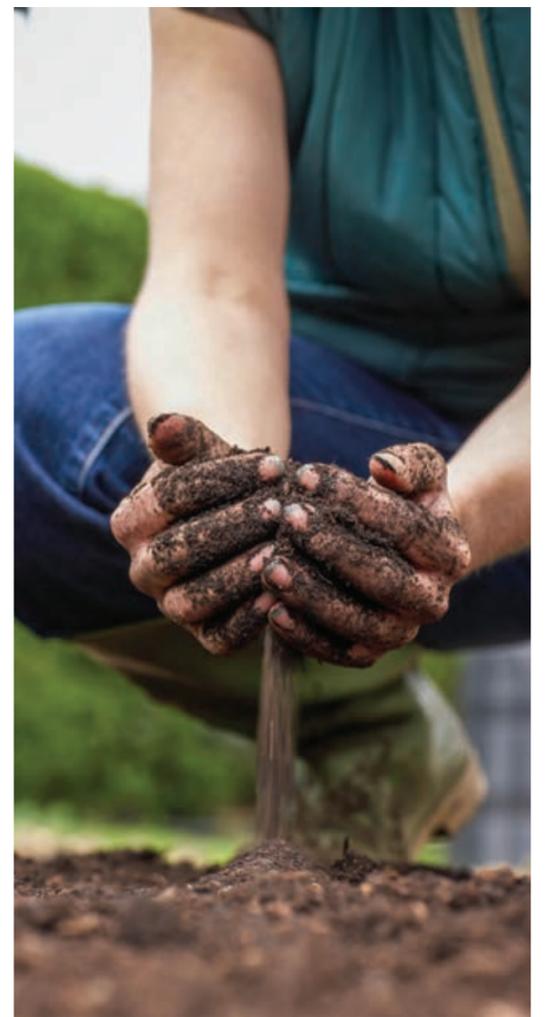
Fall lawn care tips

Spring and summer may be the seasons most often associated with landscaping and lawn care, but tending to lawns and gardens is a year-round job. If lawn and garden responsibilities dip considerably in winter, then fall is the last significant chance before the new year that homeowners will have to address the landscaping around their homes.

Fall lawn care differs from spring and summer lawn care, even if the warm temperatures of summer linger into autumn. Homeowners who want their lawns to thrive year-round can take advantage of the welcoming weather of fall to address any existing or potential issues.

- **Keep mowing,** but adjust how you mow. It's important that homeowners continue to mow their lawns so long as grass is growing. But as fall transitions into winter, lower the blades so the grass is cut shorter while remaining mindful that no blade of grass should ever be trimmed by more than one-third. Lowering the blades will allow more sunlight to reach the grass in the months ahead.

- **Remove leaves as they fall.** Much like apple-picking and foliage, raking leaves is synonymous with fall. Some homeowners may wait to pick up a rake until all of the trees on their properties are bare. However, allowing fallen leaves to sit on the ground for extended periods of time can have an adverse effect on grass. Leaves left to sit on the lawn may ultimately suffocate the grass by forming an impenetrable wall that deprives the lawn of sunlight and oxygen. The result is dead grass and possibly even fungal disease. Leaves may not need to be raked every day, but homeowners should periodically rake and remove leaves from their grass, even if there are plenty left to fall still



hanging on the trees.

- **Repair bald spots.** Summer exacts a toll on lawns in various ways, and even homeowners with green thumbs may end up with a lawn filled with bald spots come September. Autumn is a great time to repair these bald spots. Lawn repair mixes like Scotts® PatchMaster contain mulch, seed and fertilizer to repair bald spots, which can begin to recover in as little as seven days. Before applying such products, remove dead grass and loosen the top few inches of soil. Follow any additional manufacturer instructions as well.

- **Aerate the turf.** Aerating reduces soil compacting, facilitating

the delivery of fertilizer and water to a lawn's roots. While many homeowners, and particularly those who take pride in tending to their own lawns, can successfully aerate their own turf, it's best to first have soil tested so you know which amendments to add after the ground has been aerated. Gardening centers and home improvement stores sell soil testing kits that measure the pH of soil, but homeowners who want to test for nutrients or heavy metals in their soil may need to send their samples to a lab for further testing.

Fall lawn care provides a great reason to spend some time in the yard before the arrival of winter.

AUTUMN

12 fun facts about autumn

The cool, crisp days of autumn have arrived. As fall foliage creates a colorful display and kids frolic in leaf piles on the lawn, you may want to pay some mind to a few lesser known facts about this beloved time of year. Autumn may call to mind Halloween and the return of school, but there are other factors that make this season unique.

1. The first day of autumn is known as the autumnal equinox. On this day, the number of hours of daylight and darkness are equal. This is because the sun is aligned with the center of the Earth between the north and south of the planet. The other equinox occurs in the spring, which arrives in the third week of March in the Northern hemisphere.

2. In Greek mythology, autumn was a time when Persephone, the daughter of Demeter, was abducted by Hades, the god-king of the underworld. During this time, Demeter, the goddess of the harvest, was distraught and the ground grew sparse and cold. When Persephone returned in the springtime, plants and life bloomed anew because of Demeter's happiness.

3. Those who live closest to the equator, which is the center of the planet, never experience the season of autumn. Around the equator, the temperature remains consistently warm.

4. Yellow, orange and variations thereof always reside in the pigmentation of tree leaves, but



they are just overpowered by the abundance of green from the chlorophyll in the leaves. Come autumn, however, when the sun weakens and days grow shorter, the amount of chlorophyll in leaves diminishes, allowing the other pigments in the leaves to show through.

5. Red and purple leaves are actually caused by the presence of sugars from sap that is trapped inside of the leaves.

6. Fall is a peak migration time for many species of birds. During

autumn, birds will fly to other areas as they seek more hospitable climates. The Arctic tern journeys about 11,000 miles each way for its annual migration. That is like going all the way across the United States about three and a half times.

7. Contrary to popular belief, squirrels who have spent the entire autumn collecting acorns and other foods do not hibernate for the winter. Rather, they spend the majority of their time in nests they built to shelter

them from harsh weather. When squirrels do come out in winter, they are usually tunneling under the snow to find the food they buried during the fall.

8. Several cultures have ancient traditions that coincide with autumn. For example, the Chinese celebrate the Moon Festival to give thanks for a successful summer harvest.

9. Halloween is a large part of autumn. The concept of wearing masks and costumes hails from

ancient Celtic tradition. The Celts believed ghosts roamed on Halloween, and people wore disguises to hide from the spirits.

10. You're bound to see pumpkins as part of autumn decor. The pumpkin was first named by the Greeks. They called this edible orange item "pepon," which means "large melon."

11. Evergreen trees will not lose their leaves like deciduous trees. Their leaves, also called needles, are covered with

a thick wax. This wax protects the inner components of the needles, preventing them from freezing.

12. Autumn also signals another colorful spectacle apart from the tree leaves. The aurora borealis, also known as the Northern Lights, tends to be visible this time of year. This is because geomagnetic storms are about twice as likely to occur during the fall thanks to cool evening weather.

The importance of clean gutters



Every autumn, trees and shrubs take on their brilliant display of reds, oranges, purples, and yellows that mark the end of the growing season. Fall foliage may make for ideal photo backdrops and scenic days in the countryside, but closer to home leaves may be more of a hindrance than an aesthetic pleasure.

The hundreds of leaves that adorn the maples, oaks and other trees near homes will eventually fall as autumn turns into winter. Some will float down to lawns, while others will get lodged in gutters and downspouts, posing problems that can cause substantial and potentially costly problems for homeowners.

Homeowners know that gutter cleaning is an important part of fall home maintenance, but they may not completely understand why. Gutter cleaning can be a messy and time-consuming proj-

ect, making it a project many homeowners are apt to put off. Waiting to clean gutters can lead to considerable problems, so it's best to tackle the job well in advance of the winter.

Gutters guide rainwater and runoff from the roof so it drains properly away from homes. When gutters are clogged with leaves, a number of problems can occur.

- **Leaks:** Water will take the path of least resistance. When clogged gutters do not allow the water to drain away properly, water will find other ways to the ground. It may work itself right into the walls and ceilings of the home. In addition to damaging walls and ceilings, moisture inside the home can promote mold growth. It also makes interior spaces more appealing to pests.

- **Excess weight:** Gutters are meant to hold the weight of travel-

ing water and not much more. Gutters filled with leaves and other debris can quickly become heavy. This stresses the entire gutter system and can cause the gutters to fall off of the home entirely.

- **Nesting areas:** Clogged gutters can serve as nesting areas for insects and birds. Mosquitoes and other insects lay eggs in pooling water. Gutters can quickly become breeding spots for harmful pests. Furthermore, birds may nest in gutters, creating unsightly messes and more damage. Seeds that sprout in clogged gutters can grow unchecked.

- **Ice-damming:** Left untreated, pooled water and leaves in gutters can freeze over. Blocked water can back up and push against the roof, lifting shingles and destroying the roof in the process.

- **Foundation trouble:** Clogged gutters also may contribute to flooded basements and cracked foundations. Leaking water will pool around the foundation, expanding when frozen and causing cracks in basement and crawlspace walls. It also can cause driveways and other cement areas around the home to sag and crack.

Gutter cleaning should be scheduled in the spring and fall of each year. Homeowners can hire gutter-cleaning services to handle the job or do the job themselves. Rinse the gutters with water from the hose afterward to ensure good runoff. Take the time to seal any leaks as well. This routine maintenance can save homeowners many headaches and prevent some very expensive repairs.

Various ways you can put pumpkins to use

Few items signal the fall harvest season more than the bright, orange pumpkins that dot fields and liven up displays outside of homes and businesses. Come fall, many pumpkins are turned into grinning jack-o-lanterns just in time for Halloween. But there are many other uses for pumpkins as well.

Pumpkins are believed to have originated in North America. Early Native Americans relied on pumpkins as a source of food that helped them survive long winters. Pumpkins could be roasted, baked, boiled, and dried, and they were eaten and used as medicine. Pumpkin blossoms were added to stews. The shells of the pumpkins could be dried and used as eating and storage vessels.

While pumpkins may now be symbolic of Halloween, the following are a handful of additional ways this versatile fruit can be put to use.

BEAUTY REGIMEN

Pumpkins contain a number of essential vitamins and minerals that can help replenish the skin. Pumpkin purée can be mixed with honey, aloe vera gel, olive oil, and a bit of cornmeal to create an exfoliating mask for the face or body. Pumpkin also can be used to rejuvenate dry or tired skin from cold weather.

Honey, pumpkin and yogurt can be mixed together and used to condition hair. Let the mixture sit for 15 to 20 minutes, and then wash it out and shampoo.

FOODS AND BEVERAGES

Pumpkin purée is the basis for many tasty, pumpkin-infused treats. Purée can be used in pies, cakes, muffins, breads, and many additional foods. Pumpkin purée also may be found in certain beverages, such as smoothies and shakes. A bit of spiced purée may appear as flavoring in teas and coffees.

Roasted pumpkin seeds make a healthy treat. Foodies suggest using the seeds from "sugar pumpkins" or the ones best for making pies. Boil the seeds for a few minutes before draining. Spray a baking sheet with non-stick spray and put the seeds in a single layer. Bake at 400 F for 20 minutes. Allow to cool and serve.

Pumpkin wines and beers are popular as well. There are many recipes for developing sweet, fermented beverages, which tend to be especially popular in the fall.



Pumpkins can be used as more than just tasty pie fillings.

The "guts" of the pumpkin can be simmered along with aromatics and other vegetables to create a vegetable stock perfect for soups and broths.

DECORATIONS

Pumpkins can also add to one's home décor during the fall. Pumpkins can be carved for Halloween displays, hollowed-out to hold tealights or simply left on tables and used as centerpieces. Larger pumpkins may be used as natural flower pots for mums or other seasonal floral displays. As the Native Americans once did, pumpkins can be hollowed-out and used as bowls to serve favorite soups and dips.

Use a hollowed, small pumpkin as a natural aromatic candle holder. Cut holes in the sides to vent the exhaust. Rub aromatic spices, such as cloves, nutmeg, allspice, cinnamon, and vanilla bean, on the inside of the pumpkin. Insert a beeswax candle in the bottom of the pumpkin and let it send inviting aromas into the air.

Pumpkins are a versatile fruit that can serve many purposes beyond just jack-o-lanterns and pies.

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HALLOWEEN BOASTS A RICH HISTORY



Costume-clad kids, bags of candy and jack-o'-lanterns are some indelible images associated with Halloween. Those images may forever be linked to this beloved, fun-filled holiday, which boasts a rich history that varies depending on where in the world you might be.

Celebrations around the world may

not mirror those in the United States, where trick-or-treating youngsters travel from house to house in search of candy. But true Halloween enthusiasts may be interested to learn the history of the holiday and how it has changed over the centuries.

El Dia de los Muertos

In parts of Mexico and Latin America, El Dia de los Muertos (The Day of the Dead) is celebrated each year in early November. The day is designed to honor the dead, who Day of the Dead celebrants believe return to their earthly homes each Halloween. Families may burn candles and incense in an effort to help their deceased relatives and ancestors find their way home.

Guy Fawkes Day

For many years, England had reason to celebrate around October 31, but those celebrations did not mirror the Halloween festivities familiar to those across the pond. While recent years have witnessed more and more Brits adopting the Americanized celebration of Halloween, for many the true holiday this time of year will always be Guy Fawkes Day. Celebrated on November 5, Guy Fawkes Day is a commemoration of the foiled Gunpowder Plot. Smithsonian notes that this was a failed attempt by disgruntled Catholics to blow up the British Parliament building while King James I was inside. Fireworks, parades

and bonfires marked Guy Fawkes Day celebrations, which in recent years have gradually begun to transform into something that more closely resembles American Halloween.

Samhain

History.com notes that Halloween can trace its origins to Ireland. But those origins did not involve giggling youngsters carrying plastic pumpkins around in search of candy. Halloween's origins can be traced to the Celtic festival of Samhain. Samhain was considered the Celtic New Year and was sacred to the ancient Irish. The festival was celebrated as the days became shorter, and offerings were left for the dead, who celebrants believed could cross over into the land of the living at this time. However, they also believed demonic spirits could follow such a path during Samhain, giving the festival the taste of the macabre that many still enjoy imparting on their Halloween celebrations today.

Halloween has a rich and interesting history that gals and ghouls from all walks of life might find interesting.

5 popular German foods to try this Oktoberfest

Oktoberfest is a popular celebration of German culture. While beer might garner the bulk of the attention during Oktoberfest, celebrants would be wise to sample German cuisine when hoisting their steins during this year's festivities.

The world's largest beer festival, Oktoberfest takes place in Munich, Germany, every year, typically beginning in late-September and extending into the first weekend in October. Oktoberfest celebrations in Germany have been held for more than 200 years, but those who cannot make it to Munich this year can still sample many of these delicious foods at their local Oktoberfest celebrations, or even find recipes and prepare them at home.

1. Spätzle: This dish is a combination of eggs, flour and salt and is often served as a side dish. Spätzle is similar to pasta

and typically accompanies meat dishes. Spätzle is popular outside of Germany as well, and some people may refer to it as a noodle while others call it a dumpling. Either way, it's delicious.

2. Maultaschen: This dish traces its origins to Swabia, a one-time duchy of medieval Germany located in the southwest region of the country. Maultaschen is reminiscent of ravioli because it consists of an outer layer of dough that may be filled with various foods, including minced meat, sauerkraut or spinach. Herbs and spices, including pepper and nutmeg, add to the flavor.

3. Fischbrötchen: Seafood might not be the first thing people expect to see on the menus at their favorite German restaurants, but this popular northern German dish popular is very flavorful. Essentially

a fish sandwich, fischbrötchen is often served with Bismarck herring or soured herring, but is sometimes served with other fish, including salmon. Onions, pickles, remoulade, and/or horseradish sauce are often added, making this a great selection for those planning to hoist a stein or two this Oktoberfest.

4. Schweinsbraten: Munich is located in the federal state of Bavaria, and this is a traditional Bavarian dish of roasted pork. In the days before refrigeration, Bavarians heavily salted or pickled this dish to preserve it, and it is still served this way. Another hearty selection, schweinsbraten is a good choice for those who plan to indulge in their favorite German beers this Oktoberfest.

5. Rouladen: Rouladen is a meat dish that typically consists of bacon, onions, mustard,



and pickles. These ingredients are wrapped together in beef or veal that is thinly sliced and then cooked together. Rouladen also might be served with venison or pork, but beef rouladen is the version most likely to be

found at Oktoberfest celebrations.

German cuisine is unique and flavorful and should be a part of anyone's Oktoberfest celebrations.

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