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### Webster selectmen approve Oct. 18 Town Meeting warrant

BY GUS STEEVES

WEBSTER - While most of the 11-item warrant looks routine, a couple items going to the Oct. 18 Fall Annual Town Meeting might spark some debate, or at least questions. Most of them are zoning related.

Town Planner Ann Morgan said her department has started attempting to clean up some confusing aspects of the zoning rules. One is language that now says front setbacks must be "an average of your neighbors within 300 feet.'

While that was designed with the goal of making sure "whatever's built is consistent within the context of that neighborhood," Morgan said it has prompted the Building Department to cite many people in certain areas, because it conflicts with the building code. That forces them to seek relief from the Zoning Board.

Similarly, many near the lake have seen issues with the deceptively simple term "enclosing wall," and Morgan aims to clarify that by replacing it with the nearest "structure." That, she said, would cover "anything that involve[s] footings," but doesn't necessarily have walls, and excludes stairs, patios, driveways and landscaping.

"People have gotten very creative in how they approach development," by adding carports, decks and sheds that encroach within the minimum setback from neighbors' properties, she observed.

Such issues go back decades, with some only-partly built subdivisions dating to the 1930s. Several lots beyond where Cooper Road dead-ends at a trail are a good example, Morgan noted.

Accountant Tim Bell brought up another quirky issue. When he bought on the lake, he said he was told the "front" yard was the lakeshore.

"That's the first time I've heard that," Morgan replied, noting the Building Code always treats front as the roadside.

That led into Article 8, which seeks to make minor edits to the frontage bylaw to clarify that it doesn't apply to mixed-use properties, she said. The rule currently states no residential building can be built if the lot has less than 50 feet on a public or private way.

The width will remain, and Article 9 tweaks the Table of Dimensional Regulations to state that 50-foot figure, plus that two-family homes require a lot of at least 12,000 square feet plus 6,000 square feet per unit thereafter.

Article 10 might look familiar. It seeks up to \$25,000 to match a state historical grant to update the town's historical survey, with funds from Stabilization. Interim Ton Administrator Greg Balukonis said there's about \$2.8 million in that account now.

Historical Commission Chair Ted Avlas (who is also Moderator) said his board proposed a similar article last spring, but there was no money.

Morgan noted the last survey was in 2000, and before

"Between 1979 and 2000, it was a sad state of affairs how many historical resources went by the wayside,'

Article 6 also seeks to address that historical blight, by creating an Urban Center Housing Tax Increment Financing district straddling the Webster/Dudley Line and centered on Stevens Mill. For details, see related

Similarly, Article 11, the warrant's conclusion, has already been a bone of contention for residents of Loveland Road, a private way along the lake. For some time, most of its property owners have wanted to pave the stretch from #21-37 under the town's fairly new private road repair bylaw. But owners of #33, Dr Cathleen Godzik and Gail Arsenault, have objected on environmental and other grounds.



Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Webster held its annual Greek Festival during a weather-perfect weekend. Hundreds came out to enjoy delicious Greek food and pastries, to watch the wonderful Greek Dance Troupe and to relish in delightful fellowship with the community at large. After a year of COVID during which we have socially distanced from one another, and after last year's Drive Thru Festival, it was a real celebration to be back in person enjoying a wonderful ethnic weekend in Webster. The Saints Constantine and Helen Family thanks all those who came to their festival!

### Webster, Dudley target Stevens Mill redevelopment

WNER SEEKS TO CREATE A TIF district

BY GUS STEEVES CORRESPONDENT

WEBSTER - If town meetings in Webster and Dudley approve it next month, an uncommon proposal aims to start the renovation process near Stevens Mill in both towns.

Termed an Urban Center Housing Tax Increment Financing District, the idea is to enable the various property owners in that area to seek tax breaks of up to 20 years to renovate or expand their properties. Under the law, the break only applies to the additional taxes such new development would

pay their base taxes. The towns would negotiate with each owner individually, and each TIF could last up to 20 years.

Voters in Webster will see it Oct. 18 as Article 6.

"This is a great historic district that stretches across the French River,' said Luke Mitchell, a senior project manager for VHB who presented the plans Sept 13. "All told, it's about 61 tax par-

They're a mixture of commercial and residential lots, with a few now vacant - some as open space, some due to the tornado. About 70 residential units now exist there, and the district's core project, Stevens Mill, aims to convert that vacant industrial site into 156 more, owner John Gomfert said. Eighty will be one-bedroom, the

### Car show to benefit family of fallen Worcester officer



Police

geared towards bringing together the local community and benefitting the family of a Worcester Police Officer who lost his life earlier this year. The First Annual DudleyPoliceDepartment

**CORRESPONDENT** 

debuted a new annual

event on Sunday, Sept. 12

DUDLEY - The Dudley

Department

Car Show was held in the parking lot of Shepherd Hill Regional High School bringing classic and modern show cars to town for all to see with

Turn To WARRANT page A4 More than 80 cars lined up in the Shepherd Hill Regional High School parking lot for the first Turn To CAR SHOWpage A10

# Bartlett football tangles with Sutton



SUTTON — The end result was a loss, but as the game continued the Bartlett High varsity football team showed more fight and put up a more even battle versus Sutton High on Friday, Sept. 17.

The Indians lost, 38-6, but the second half score was a mere 8-6 advantage in the Sammies' favor.

Sutton's Briant Johnson was a force in the first half, finding enough room in Bartlett's defense to run for 103 yards (on eight carries) with two touchdowns and two two-point conversions. The Sammies also scored touchdowns on a pick-six by Cam Bergeron and a five-yard

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Bartlett defenders Sean Baca (21), Christopher Adjei (2) and Darrion Sheppherd (33) gang up to tackle Sutton's Javen

# A gift of cans





Our focus for 2021 became "What CAN we do locally to make an impact against hunger?" and "How CAN we get food to those in need?" A goal was set to collect 150 cans of pasta such as Spaghettios, Beefaroni, Raviolios for the Oxford Ecumenical Food Shelf.Over four weeks, parishioners, friends of both congregations and the residents of Reconciliation House responded generously. On September 12, during a ministry moment, Zion's children presented some of these gifts in their wagons and shopping carts. It is so exciting to share the good news that 402 cans were collected! Any Oxford family or non-resident member of an Oxford church who needs grocery assistance is welcome at the Food Shelf, 4 Maple Rd., Oxford, every Thursday from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Grocery distribution includes non-perishable food, produce, dairy, breads, meat and some personal care items. Please wear a mask during your visit.







### Grange celebrates the prolific apple Oct. 2

DUDLEY - If you're near Nichols College on Saturday, Oct. 2, stop by Dudley Grange for some apple crisp.

That's the day the Grange is hosting its annual celebration of all things apple – the Apple Festival. While food will certainly be a centerpiece of the event, people will likely eat most of it while enjoying live music from the RI Old Time Fiddlers or Webster's Grev Whisker Pickers, perusing the offerings of various crafters and local non-profits, playing kids' games, exploring the fire department's "smoke house" or the petting zoo, or several other activities.

"October is a wonderful time to have a festival," said Grange member Ken Gillon, one of the organizers.

To him, it bookends the school year well – now, school's starting, while the Grange's June Strawberry Festival (cancelled this year due to Covid) nor-

Furthermore, it works into the Grange's raison d'etre - to promote agriculture and celebrate seasonality.

'The apple Festival is fairly new [about 15 years old], but we're attempting to revive other, older traditions," added his wife Karen Gillon.

In Grange records, there are references to a Dudley Hill harvest fair "off and on since the 40s," regularly in the 1960s and '70s, and even possibly reaching back to the early 1900s, she said.

"The reason we do it is because of how it feels," she said. "Seeing people mingling while listening to Grey Whisker Pickers is a throwback to community festivals of the past."

As usual, that day also features the Black Tavern Craft Fair across the street, and there's always a lot of cross-pollination between the two.

Curiously enough, cross-pollination is what brought us the roughly 20,000



since appies cannot seii-poilinate like some fruit can.

According to Barrie Juniper, writing for American Scientist at (https://www. americanscientist.org/article/the-mysterious-origin-of-the-sweet-apple),

DNA studies trace the earliest apple species to the Americas around 60 million years ago (MYA), and some distinct, basically-inedible crabapple species are still wild here. In the guts of large herbivores like bears, they slowly migrated to the Tien Shan Range of central Asia and gradually evolved into what we'd recognize as an apple by about 10 MYA. After the last ice age, though, many of those herbivores went extinct, leaving the apples in their valley refuges until humans came along.

"The [edible sweet] apples we know today were primarily not developed through a long process of selection and propagation of seeds ... but rather through hybridization and grafting," stated botanist Robert Spengler, as quoted at Science Daily in 2019 (https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2019/05/190527094118.htm).

"... It's not 'properly' domesticated, which is why we often end up with a crabapple tree when we plant an apple

Despite that quirk of nature, the apple has become a plant citizen of almost

distinct apple varieties in the world, every continent on Earth due to trading, originally on the lamed 511k Road. For thousands of years, people have enjoyed the fruit ripe from the tree or cooked in countless forms, featured it in myth, wrote songs and poems about it, and even demonized it (as being a symbol of evil because the seeds form a pentagram when it's cut in half the right way).

Oct. 2 will definitely have none of the latter. Over the years, the Festival has featured various events that might return someday, including a Meadow Muffin Contest, car shows, food competitions between local Democrats and Republicans, a Corn Queen, clowns and stiltwalkers. This year, indoor activities (that is, getting the crisp, for the most part) will be subject to covid rules, including masks and distancing.

It's happening rain or shine, and the Grange is still looking for volunteers for some duties.

We want to offer an opportunity to youth to gain experience in leadership and community service," Ken Gillon said, noting they already have some kids from Shepherd Hill coming and any age can volunteer.

Those interested should call Karen at 508-341-6289.

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

\* \* Friday's Child



Age 15

Hi! My name is Lariah and I want to be a cosmetologist when I grow up.

Lariah is a kind teen of African American descent. She enjoys watching TV and doing crafts and loves to be pampered! Getting her nails and hair done are some of her favorite activities. She would love to be part of a family that could help her style and maintain her natural hair. Lariah is an engaging, happy girl who is often described as strong-willed.

Legally free for adoption, Lariah would do best with at least one female in her new family or a twomom family with no other children. A single mom family would also be considered if she has expe-rience working with or parenting children with trauma. Lariah's new family should have knowledge of and be

willing to learn about Lariah's culture, including foods and personal care. In addition, La-riah needs positive praise, love, affection, consistency, and a structured home life. Her new family will need to help Lariah maintain contact with her siblings whenever she decides that she is ready to see them. She would also welcome a visiting resource who would visit with her weekly at her program in western MA.

#### Who Can Adopt?

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

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

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



### Local veterans remember 9/11

DUDLEY — On Saturday, Sept. 11, the town of Dudley remembered the 20th Anniversary of the tragic events that took nearly 3,000 lives due to terrorist attacks on the Twin Towers in New York City, the Pentagon and in Shanksville, Pa. This was also a day tinged with renewed anger and grief in response to the heinous bombing at the Kabul Airport, Afghanistan on Aug. 26, which claimed a further thirteen lives of our brave military members who on a mission to safeguard civilian lives.

Most of us remember exactly where they were and what they were doing when the events of 9/11 first started. We can all agree that this was one of the worst days in our country's history; however, it was also a day of national pride and hope that brought together Americans of all backgrounds.

Nobody needs to remind the men and women of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the meaning of 9/11 and the aftermath. The military was increased with the influx of patriotic men and women who were willing to fight for the freedom we have always enjoyed in the United States. This is, as we all know, the way that Americans respond to a threat to our Republic since even before the American Revolution, where our Country was born.

Much has changed since the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, but few American institutions have changed as much as the military.

The type of wars that this professional, all-volunteer military—especially the Army—has been fighting are counterinsurgency campaigns, waged in towns and villages, in which junior officers had to assume as much initiative as commanders, and in which all soldiers, even junior enlisted personnel, needed to be as attentive to community relations as to combat.

The families of those soldiers who were killed in a bomb attack in

Afghanistan on August 26, 2021 while defending the Kabul Airport are in our prayers today. May we all bow our heads and silently say a prayer for these brave military soldiers.

The Pentagon has identified these military personnel as:

Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Rylee McCollum, 20, Jackson, Wyo.

Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Jared Schmitz, 20, of Wentzville, Mo.

Marine Corps Lance Cpl. David Espinoza, 20, of Rio Bravo, Texas

Navy Hospital Corpsman Max Soviak, 22, of Berlin Heights, Ohio

Marine Corps Cpl. Hunter Lopez, 22, of Indio, Calif.

Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Kareem Nikoui, 20, of Norco, Calif.

Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Darin Taylor Hoover, 31, of Utah

Marine Corps Cpl. Daegan William-Tyeler Page, 23, of Omaha Army Staff Sgt. Ryan Knauss, 23, of

Corryton, Tenn. Marine Corps Sgt. Johanny Rosario,

25, Lawrence, Mass. Marine Corps Cpl. Humberto

Sanchez, 22, Logansport, Ind. Marine Corps Sgt. Nicole Gee, 23, of

Roseville, Calif. Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Dylan R.

Merola, 20, of Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.

Rep. Joseph McKenna offered heartfelt comments on the commemoration of the anniversary of the events of 9/11. He offered a brief talk of pride for the military, gratitude for the bravery of the military mission and he touched also on the display of oneness of our community such as was evident countrywide following 9/11. The attending officials included the Webster Fire Department, Webster Police Department, Veterans Council, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, Town and State Government Representatives as well as concerned citizens of Webster and Dudley.

After the speech delivered by our Veterans Services Officer, Stephen



Stephen Rogerson delivers his speech during Dudley's Sept. 11 ceremony.

Rogerson, Representative McKenna took the podium a second time to express that he was moved by the words spoken by VFW Commander Rogerson. He shared the thought that it is now 20 years after the attack and the brave soldiers who were taken on August 26, 2021 at the airport in Kabul were only babies during the carnage. It was at this time also, that Representative McKenna announced to the crowd the appointment of VFW Post 654 Commander Rogerson to the position of VFW National Aide-de-Camp to Commander-in-Chief Fritz Mehelcic. This is an rare honor as only one person per State receives this distinction.

The appointment came as a complete surprise to Commander Rogerson who was not aware that the VFW District 8 Commander, Joseph McMahon had even nominated him for the appointment. The Massachusetts State Commander also recommended him for this appointment due to his outstanding service to Post 654 as well as for his commitment to veterans within the State of Massachusetts. Commander Rogerson is a well-known VA accredited Veterans Services Officer in the surrounding area. This is quite a feather in our cap for all of our efforts for the veterans of Webster and Dudley. It is very heartwarming to reach this level on a National scale.

If you know of a veteran who is in need of assistance, please be sure to refer him/her to a Veteran's Services Officer such as Stephen Rogerson, Dudley Veteran's Services Officer 508-949-8010.

#### WEBSTER TIMES **ACCURACY WATCH:**

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# DUDLEY

DUDLEY — The Dudley Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of Sept. 10-16.

A 56-year-old male whose name has been withheld from publication was taken into protective custody during a domestic incident on Sept. 13.

Peter Szczotka, age 33, of Webster was arrested on Sept. 14 for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol, Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, and Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended License.

Carina D. Allen-Parkhurst, age 33, of Dudley was arrested on Sept. 15 in connection with an out of agency warrant.

Lukas Lorenczyk, age 31, of Webster was arrested on Sept. 15 in connection with an out of agency warrant.

George G. Axtell, age 24, of Dudley was arrested on Sept. 15 in connection with an out of agency warrant.

#### Local high school golf results

Bay Path 169, Assabet 194 — Playing on their home course of Heritage Country Club, the Bay Path golf team defeated the Aztecs. The Minutemen's Evan O'Malley and Jason Kozlowski were medalists with matching 40s on the par-35 layout.

Tantasqua 176, Shepherd Hill 191 — Hemlock Ridge hosted the Warriors and Rams in a golf matchup. Shepherd Hill's Will Reece (3-over par 39) was the medalist, but behind Tantasqua's Nate Wright (41) the Warriors won and improved to

Bay Path 162, Keefe Tech 201 Seniors Brandon Mertocci (37) and Evan O'Malley (39) were the golfers who most helped Bay Path to victory in a match played at Heritage Country Club.

#### WEBSTER POLICE LOG

WEBSTER — The Webster Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of Sept. 12-18.

A 30-year-old female from Worcester whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Sept. 13 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Househeold Member and Assault & Battery with a Dangerous Weapon.

Beronica Castillo, age 27, of Webster was arrested on Sept. 13 for Unarmed Robbery, Assault & Battery with a Dangerous Weapon, Assault & Battery, and Disorderly Conduct.

Janice M. Duffy, age 52, of Webster was arrested on Sept. 13 in connection with A 27-year-old male from Webster was issued a summons in lieu of arrest on Sept.

13 for Vandalization of Property. Jonas M. Pierce, age 25, of Worcester was arrested during the same incident in connection with a warrant.

Javier Reyes Otero, age 37, of Webster was arrested on Sept. 13 for Trafficking in More than 10 Grams of Fentanyl, Possession of a Class B Drug, Conspiracy to Violate Drug Law, and Possession of a Class E Drug, Caitlyn Leigh Lambert, age 27, of Southbridge was arrested during the same incident for Conspiracy to Violate Drug Law and Trafficking in More Than 10 Grams of Fentanyl. A 26-year-old female from Southbridge was issued a summons in lieu of arrest for Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle.

James E. Giroux, age 60, of Dudley was arrested on Sept. 13 for Failure to Stop for Police, a Motor Vehicle Lights Violation, Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol (second offense), Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended License (subsequent offense), Resisting Arrest, Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, Disturbing the Peace, Disorderly Conduct, Assault & Battery on a Police Officer, and Destruction of Property Valued at More Than \$1,200.

Daniel Jose Colon, age 26, of Webster was arrested on Sept. 15 in connection with

Justin Leroy Speights, age 24, of Webster was arrested on Sept. 16 for Probable Cause from Another Agency.

Luz M. Gabino, age 62, of Webster was arrested on Sept. 17 in connection with multiple warrants.

A 25-year-old male from Webster whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Sept. 17 for Assault with a Dangerous Weapon, Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member, Assault & Battery with a Dangerous Weapon, Possession of a Class A Drug with Intent to Distribute, Possession of a Feeding Device for a Large Capacity Firearm, Felony Possession of a Firearm, Carrying a Firearm Without a License, Possession of Ammunition with an FID Card, and Strangulation or Suffocation.



#### TOWN OF WEBSTER WATER DEPARTMENT

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#### **HYDRANT FLUSHING NOTICE**

Starting on September 21 2021, the Webster Water Department will begin flushing hydrants throughout the Town and continue until completed. Flushing of hydrants will be conducted during normal business hours in most areas. We expect the program to be completed within 6 to 8 weeks.

During flushing operations, you may notice dirty or discolored water. Please do not be alarmed, this is normal and does not pose a health risk. Please check your water before using to avoid this situation.

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

For further information please feel free to contact the Webster Water Department

at 508-949-3861.

Thank You.





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# All Saints Academy welcomes back students and staff

Saints Academy opened its doors for the 2021-2022 academic year on Aug. 25, welcoming back students and staff, both new and "old," in grades 1-8. Preschool and Kindergarten students arrived the following Monday for their first

New students and staff were not the only additions to the Academy, which also welcomed a new pastor, Rev. Javier Julio, of St. Louis Church replacing the retired Rev. William Sanders. Father Javier celebrated the Opening of School Mass with concelebrant, Rev. Adam Reid of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church on Sept. 7, but this was not his first introduction to

already been greeted by Father Javier with 'highfives" during the first week of school as they entered the building. In fact, Father Javier opened the doors to the church and hall offering the air-conditioned spaces as a respite from the heat wave in the early days of school. fourth graders were especially fortunate to spend one-on-one time with the new pastor, who told them, "Welcome to God's House and this is your House too! You are welcome anytime." He also shared with the class that he had wanted to be a priest since he was a little boy in his home country of Columbia. He said that

Many students had

he would walk around blessing everyone that he met.

During the Opening Mass, Father Javier told the students he would pray for them and asked if they would do the same for him. But the students took their opportunity to formally welcome the new priest and wasted no time in letting him know who they were as they shared their hopes and dreams for the year with him in his new role. These hopes and dreams ranged from Fr. Javier visiting their classrooms and playing kickball with them at recess, to helping them grow in their faith. Then each class presented the pastor with a token

Mass ended with a



reminder for all to reflect on their personal growth, both spiritually and aca-

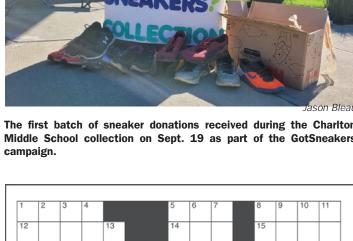
goals for themselves. The school has been able to reflect and rejoice demically, and set new in that sentiment too, All Saints Academy.

as this year marks the third consecutive year of increased enrollment at

### Shepherd Hill Music Parents launch GotSneakers fundraiser



The first batch of sneaker donations received during the Charlton Middle School collection on Sept. 19 as part of the GotSneakers



#### **CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. One of the four Vedas 5. Part of (abbr.)
- 8. At the peak
- 12. African antelope
- 14. Expression of satisfaction 15. Yankees' ace
- 16. Belittled
- 18. A baglike structure
- 19. Utah Jazz coach Snyder
- 20. Actress Tomei 21. Explosive
- 22. Formal for "on" 23. Cruelties
- 26. Country singer Brad
- 30. Make very happy 31. Binary compound of hydrogen 61. W. Indian trees
- with a metal
- 32. Albanian currency
- 33. Subatomic particle
- 29. No seats available

38. Popular Miller beer

35. Pounds per square inch

36. A way to launch an attack on

37. The lowest cardinal number

34. Type of salt

39, 007's creator

44. Railroad flare

47. Capable of reproduction

56. An embarrassing mistake

57. Pearl Jam's debut album

58. Denotes passerine birds

60. Midway between east and

50. Legendary Notre Dame coach

49. Indicates adjacent to

42. Emerging

46. Observed

51. Not wide

59. Stumble

62. You

63. Pigpen

southeast

64. Be aware of

#### **CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Crease
- 2. "Honey" actress Jessica 3. Broad volcanic crater
- 4. Product safety watchdog
- 5. Southern Colombian city 6. Part of a church
- 7. Perceptible by touch 8. Pronounce not guilty of
- criminal charges 9. Hairpiece
- 10. Variety acts
- 17. Went out with
- 24. Type of bread
- 26. Philosophy degree
- 27. Yes vote
- 11. "Mystic River" actor Sean
- 13. Remove salt
- 25. Popular Eagles song
- 40. Pokes holes in 41. Closest to
  - 42. Folk singer DiFranco 43. Rivne's former name 44. Flat ruler
  - 45. Lacking the means to do something
  - 47. Cockatoo 48. Dred Scott decision deliverer
  - 49. Explosion exclamation
  - 52. Canadian flyers
  - 53. Houston university 54. At some prior time
- 28. Passports and licenses are two 55. Red, swollen mark

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#### **BY JASON BLEAU** CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY/CHARLTON - The Shepherd Hill Music Parents Association have launched a new fundraiser for 2021 participating in the GotSneakers campaign which recycles old footwear by either reusing the materials or distributing them to kids in need.

Tara Robinson, a member of the Shepherd Hill Music Parents Association leading the local GotSneakers initiative, said the idea was brought up because the association, which works to help offset costs of equipment and activities for the high school's music students, needed a way to make up for lost revenue after numerous fundraisers were canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

We unfortunately, because of COVID, lost a lot of the funding that we would have gotten last year so we're trying to find ways to make up the difference. Someone mentioned the fundraiser and here we are," Robinson said. "We figured that it's easy, it doesn't cost us anything and all the schools can get involved. It's worth a shot. We'll see how it goes. If it helps us out, then every little bit we make helps offset the bills for the kids.

The collected officially kicked off in late August but collections at Shepherd Hill Regional High School and Charlton Middle School were held on Sept. 18 and 19, respectively. The fundraiser will continue with drop boxes at the schools and even plans to put a box at the local YMCA. The Parents Association is also willing to pick up donations as

"We recycle any kind of athleticswear in any condition. We send them in and if they're still usable they will redistribute them out to people who can wear them and if not, they get made into playground materials. The music parents will get money for each pair we send in. Depending on the condition and brand and all that we can get anywhere from 25 cents to \$7 for each pair of sneakers," said Robinson.

Those who would like more information or are interested in donating but aren't sure how or where to drop off shoes can email

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department.

#### Tara Robinson at shrsmusicparentsassoc@gmail.com. WARRANT

Participating by Zoom, Dr Godzik

argued Article 11 should be stricken

as a violation of MGL Chap. 40, sec. 32, which defines procedures for validating

Chair Randy Becker said he will get

town counsel to review it, but the origi-

nal proponents did file a petition demon-

strating the agreement of at least half of

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few - formal reports from committees

and such, plus a request to rescind mil-

lions in prior-year borrowing that's no

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from a June 2012 bond for Park Ave

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Gus Steeves can be reached at gus.

the road's linear footage to paving.

#### **Dudley**

\$575,000, 25 Susan Dr, Thompson, Michelle, and Thompson, James, to Saad, Jeffrey R, and Saad, Jillian R. \$465,000, 15 Noble St, Depot Road Charlton LLC, to Laporte, Christina M, and Grzyb, Andrew N.

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\$430,000, 680 Main St, Carter Estate Mgmt LLC, to Niejadlik, Michael, and Paille, Anthony. \$410,000, 3 Merriam District, Ritacco, Robert R, and

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Fulginiti, Sheila. \$260,000, 398 Main St, Bertrand, Maelee A, to Anderson,

Melanie, and Moroney, Michael. \$245,000, 22 Toria Heights Rd #22, Sullivan, Shannon S,

to Beauharnais, Catherine C. \$235,000, 19 Dana Dr, Truong, Ba, to Romero, Elizabeth \$125,000, 8 Old Depot Rd, Scarborough, Sandra J, to Dumouchel, Alison, and Dumouchel, Michael.

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\$952,500, 62 Bates Point Rd, Fitzgerald, Denis J, and Fitzgerald, Joan M, to Lynch, Michael D, and Lynch,

\$420,000, 11 Ash St, Stand, Danae, and Stand, Brandon, to Army, Patrick, and Tambolleo, Gina.

\$405,000, 13 Fairfield St, Gifford, Raymond P, and

Gifford, Jane M, to Schofield, Brian T.

\$375,000, 17 Mount Pleasant St, Aurore D Ozaniak RET, and Haggerty, Joanne L, to Flibbert LT, and Flibbert,

\$360,000, 17 Orchard Ave, Saad, Jeffrey R, to Marin, Ulises, and Marin, Yina L.

\$345,000, 25 Spring St, Polinski, Jason C, to Sturbridge Ventures LLC.

\$335,000, 305 Beacon Park #305, Thrasher, Rhett R, and Thrasher, Barbara L, to Ernst, Channa.

\$330,000, 11 Joyce St, F& Passos LLC, to Passos, Amanda J. and Passos. Iraima. \$303,000, 32 West Ave, Chesley, Susan, and Chesley,

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Ann spent two years living in an RV while traveling the country with her husband and three children. In preparation for their journey they sold or gave away 90% of what thev owned. She has years of experience with frugal living, homeschooling, plant-based cooking, traveling, and environmentalism.

Registration is required for this virtual program. Registered participants will be sent a link to the Zoom event 24 hours before the program.

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#### DEB'S SING AND SWING Thursday, October 10:30AM-11:15AM

This is a 45 minute interactive program featuring singing, guitar music, dancing, rhythm instruments, stories and variety of fun props, including a parachute, beanbags, scarves, and pom poms. These programs are theme-based, and cover everything from holidays and seasons to dinosaurs and bugs!

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SONGBIRDS OF THE NORTHEAST

October 21 Thursday, 6:30PM-7:45PM

Join naturalist John Root for a power point presentation featuring both photographs and recordings of our region's songbirds. The role of song in these birds' lives as well as their diet, social behavior, and other adaptations for survival are discussed. Participants also learn how to provide attractive habitat for songbirds. Questions and comments are welcome throughout the presentation, which is open to all ages.

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#### CRICUT CLASS

October Saturday, 10:00AM-1:00PM

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Bring your laptop, cricut machine, tools, and glue with you. The other materials you need will be provided!

Free; Registration Required.

## St. Joseph School hosts Catholic Women's Conference

WEBSTER — On Saturday, Sept. 11, the Worcester Catholic Women's Conference took place at St. Joseph School in the Richard A. Nowak Gymnasium and the Daniel & Catherine Ivascyn Parish & Performing Arts Center. More than 360 women from the Diocese of Worcester and beyond, plus 25 vendors, attended the event themed, "Joan up with the armor of God," paying tribute to St. Joan of Arc. The goal of the ladies in attendance was to rediscover and renew their faith.

Bishop Robert McManus opened the conference with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament followed by the benediction and praying of the rosary. Then, throughout the day, speakers took to the stage to encourage attendees to fight the evil in the world today. Nationally known guest speakers included threetime World Police Olympics boxing champion, former U.S.A. middleweight kickboxing champion, and retired veteran of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Jesse Romero. His exciting style strengthened and fortified the crowd with a more profound love for God. In addition, retired Colonel from the United States Army, and active missionary sister and superior of the Little Workers of the Sacred Hearts community in Washington, D.C., Sister Deirdre Byrne, addressed the conference. She told of providing medical care for Mother Teresa, being an army doctor and a missionary in Sudan, Haiti, Iraq, and Palestine, her deployment in Afghanistan, and being at the Twin Towers on September 11th, 2001. Above all, she stressed that the worst atrocity she has seen is the atrocity in a mother's womb - abortion. Fr. David Gunter, MIC, who has been following a call to travel across the country to spread the devotion to Our Lady of Fatima, also spoke. He called for putting on God's armor (Eph. 6:10-17). In addition, Mary Rice Hasson, the Director of the Catholic Women's Forum, a network of Catholic professional women and scholars seeking to amplify the voice of Catholic women, encouraged all to "Be the woman God created you

to be" and "do whatever he tells you."

She stressed that "The love of one woman can save souls."

Finally, the Bishop of Springfield, Bishop William Byrne, told how he met Mother Teresa when she was signing clerics' breviaries, and she told him, "Don't get in God's way." He then suggested to the crowd that they ask themselves at night, "Where did I get in God's way today?" and "Where will I be a conduit of his grace in the world?" In between the incredible and inspiring presentations, the energized conference attendees also had the opportunity to go



to confession and fellowship.

Bishop McManus celebrated the closing Mass at St. Joseph Basilica. During his homily, he emphasized that attempts to diminish the Catholic Church are widespread in the United States today. However, he stressed that we would not bend a knee to their agendas. It was a phenomenal and spiritually rejuvenating day for all who attended.



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

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

**Book Discussion Group** – September 20th 6:30PM

The Gladys E. Public Library Adult Book Discussion Group meets at 6:30 pm on the third Monday of the month. New members are always welcome! Next month's book discussion will be on Monday, September 20th at 6:30PM the meeting will take place via Zoom, and will be about the book A Woman of No Importance by Sonia Purnell. Stop by the library, or reach out by phone to 508-949-3880, or by email to ehale@ cwmars.org for inquiries.

Fall Concert Series: The Promise is Hope – October 9th 2:00PM

"Folk that makes you feel stuff" is exactly what Ash & Eric L'Esperance (spouses & band mates) set out to create through their collaborative project, The Promise is Hope. Their music marries two distinctly talented songwriters whose sound draws from the deep and vast well of the roots music tradition.

Ashley's airy and intoxicating tone (think Alison Krauss) blends beautifully with Eric's sweet, deep voice (think Cat Stevens). The two artists complement each other in every respect, as with one voice they take their listeners on an exploration of the deep mysteries within nature and human relationships. With tightly woven harmonies, two acoustic guitars, and intimate songwriting, the pair presents a beautifully moving, inspired & connected live set. PopMatters says, "It is folk music, but folk that doesn't find any quick or easy comparisons. Instead, it might be said that the L'Esperances have found their unique path within the storied

tradition." Concert is scheduled to be held outside, but will happen in the Library Community Room in case of rain. Please bring a chair or blanket if the concert is being held out-

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

Dustin Pari, a paranormal investigator and speaker with 25 years experience researching the unknown, will be presenting a talk about the legends, lore, and paranormal happenings he has seen and investigated across New England. Dustin is known for his wacky and slightly offbeat sense of humor, which helps to balance the light and dark material that can make up the paranormal world. This lecture brings a great bit of local history colored with some chilling tales

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Drop in Paint Hour Mondays from 3:30-

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

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

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

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

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

Songs and Stories Storytime – Wednesdays at 10AM

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

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

**STEAM** Kids Thursdays starting September 23rd from 3:30-4:30PM

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

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

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

## Dudley FD offers a look inside SAFE Trailer



Dudley Assistant Fire Chief Paul Konieczny explains how the kitchen safety segment of the **Dudley Fire Department SAFE Trailer works.** 

BY JASON BLEAU

DUDLEY - Many have probably been to local events and thought little of the Dudley Fire Department SAFE Trailer that makes appearances throughout the region on an annual basis. However, this trailer is an important tool for local first responders

to connect with young locals and teach them about fire safety practices and how to respond to emergencies in the home.

The SAFE Trailer made its latest public appearance during Dudley's Bike Rodeo on Saturday, Sept. 11, where Paul Konieczny gave the Stonebridge Press a tour of the trailer and some insight into how it is used to teach fire safety.

"We were fortunate enough to get this off a FEMA grant years ago. Since then, we are utilizing this as events such as the Bike Rodeo, the Apple Festival, events at the local elementary school, town as well," Konieczny said. "The intent of this is we want to make sure

that the students that come in are aware of all different safety procedures and practices in the kitchen, in the bedroom, in a heavy smoke situation and things like

The trailer is equipped with several different rooms providing different scenarios for kids to understand how to respond in a fire situation, either before or when something was to happen. The first room is a kitchen where stove top safety is taught including how to respond to a stove fire and how to properly place pots on a stove without creating a safety hazard. On the second-floor kids learn not to touch hot doorknobs and are shown the benefits of smoke detectors while they are asleep. There's also a balcony outside the second floor

as well as enrichment programs.

involved and celebrate our 14th club year!

to kids to climbs out of as a practice for leaving a building. The third room on the lower floor is built to resemble a living room and is where smoke, simulated through a fog machine-like device, is pumped in as kids are taught how to respond. This is probably the most important lesson the SAFE Trailer provides.

"The students will see that the smoke rises to the ceiling and in order to get out they need to get down low underneath the smoke. The intent in to get low and go," said Konieczny. "This is a perfect illustration about what will happen when your home or building fills with smoke and what will happen a lot of times when we're at school a teacher is with us, or a family member comes in and even those adults realize how quick

Dudley Womans Club meets Oct. 14

DUDLEY — Bring a friend and celebrate the continuation of our 14th year!

The Dudley Woman's Club (DWC) formed in 2008 by a handful of women remains committed to the betterment of our communities. Through its volunteer services,

the DWC supports many local charities, provides services to local veterans and local needy children. Monthly club meetings provide members with social time

Please join us for our October 2021 meeting, as we celebrate Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Del Bachand of Pinkhippie.org wil share information about

Knitted Knockers and other BCA programs. Meeting starts with social time at 6:30

p.m., Thursday, Oct. 14 in the Senior Center of the Dudley Town Hall . Meeting

For more information, please email DudleyWomansClub@gmail.com or visit

and how thick the smoke comes. This is the best illustration we can give you without putting you in an actual fire. This illustration of the smoke is probably the highlight of this and helps people recognize that in that situation they have to get out.'

The SAFE Trailer makes appearances at almost every local public event and has also been used by local elementary schools and Nichols College to teach fire safety to students. So next time you find yourself enjoying a local community get-together be sure to keep an eye out for one of the most important tools in local public safety to training local youth how to be safe and react if they find themselves in a fire situation.

### Local students named to Dean's List 1 at MCPHS University

BOSTON — MCPHS University is pleased to announce the students who have been named to the Dean's List for

the Spring 2021 semester: Andy Nguyen is a native of Webster, and is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Medical and Molecular Biology degree. Andy will graduate from the Boston,

Massachusetts campus in 2024. \* David da Silva is a native of Webster, and is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Premedical Health Studies degree. David will graduate from the Boston,

Massachusetts campus in 2023. Hannah Vartanian is a native of Webster, and is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Premedical Health Studies degree. Hannah will graduate from the Boston, Massachusetts campus in 2023.

The Dean's List recognizes those students with a full-time course load who have achieved outstanding scholarship with a 3.5 GPA or higher for the academ-

The mission of MCPHS University is to prepare graduates to advance health

and serve communities worldwide through excellence, innovation, and collaboration in teaching, practice, scholarship, and research. Founded in 1823. MCPHS University is the oldest institution of higher education in the City of Boston. In addition to the original Boston campus, the University has campuses in Worcester, Massachusetts, and Manchester, New Hampshire, as well

as robust online learning options. University The currently offers more than 100 unique baccalaureate, masters, and doctoral degree programs and certificates covering a variety of health-related fields and profes-

#### begins at 7 p.m. For DWC 's October's giving project, members are asked to donate gently used bras for the "Bra Recycler." In addition, bring your already bejeweled and bedazzled bras to model your creations for our members and guests to vote for "Best in Show!" our website: http://DudleyWomansClub.org. Come join us, bring a friend, get

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#### **DWC KICKS OFF 14TH YEAR**

Recently, the Dudley Woman's Club met at Woodstock's Roseland Park to kick off its 14th year! Elaine Gould, our founder and former president, presented a donation from friends and family in celebration of her birthday and 60th wedding anniversary! Pat Bullen won our September basket raffle! The upcoming club year's monthly meeting agendas, giving projects and 2021-2022 fundraisers were highlighted! New members were welcomed, and all members celebrated the beginning of another wonderful year!

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#### **EDITORIAL**

## The perfect time of year

"The wind is rising, and the air is wild with leaves. We have had our summer evenings; now for October eves!"

Poet Humbert Wolfe wrote those words about fall, and the first day of fall is here. Sept. 22 marked the first day it is socially acceptable to drink pumpkin and apple flavored coffee, doughnuts, bread and burn fall scented candles. Starbucks and Dunkin's have already unleashed the beast roughly two weeks

Pumpkin enthusiasts beware, however; on the flip side, there are several people who think it is too soon. A survey that posed the question, 'When is it ok to start drinking and eating pumpkin?' produced the following responses--'Right now!' 'First day of fall,' 'I always strive for after Labor Day but often start on July 12,' 'I'm waiting until Sept. 1,' and 'After zucchini season.'

It is true, there are more people in New England who are holding on to every last bit of summer than those looking forward to fall. To those people, we get it. Some people refuse to swap their flip flops for boots until the first snow fall.

The end of the summer season really isn't so bad. With fall comes hearty crock pot recipes, crisp evenings, sweaters, boots, homecoming and Halloween. The closer to Halloween we get, the closer to snow, which means the ski resorts will soon be open for businesses. Winter hiking is epic as well. What could be better?

Perhaps the best part about fall, however, is the foliage. The leaves are already changing and soon New England will be swarming with tourists, cameras in tow. Peak foliage in New England will hit during the last week of September through the first week of October.

The 2022 Old Farmer's Almanac comes with a winter warning: Prepare for a "Season of Shivers." This winter will be punctuated by positively bone-chilling, below-average temperatures across most of the United States.

Within the next four weeks temperatures will drop drastically, with some hot days still sprinkled in for balance. The good news is, there is still plenty of time to sneak in a few more summer hikes, a kayak on the lake, a few more barbecues or a day reading out on the hammock.

So whether you're still sipping pina coladas or drinking a pumpkin spiced latte while dreaming of jack-o-lanterns and the smell of wood stoves, this is the perfect time of year for you.

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

### Treating others the way God treats us

enemies. Do good to those who hate you. Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who spitefully use you. To him who strikes you on the one cheek, offer the other. From him who takes your cloak, do not withhold your either. Do to others as you would have them do to you. Don't love only those who love you, but love all people. Love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Be merciful just as

"Love

your

Wow! What radical words that make little sense from a worldly perspective. Why in the world should we love our enemies and do good to those who hate us? Why should we bless those who curse us and show mercy to others who don't show mercy on us? We live in a world which often teaches the exact opposite - to seek revenge when we are hurt, to hate those who hate us and to bitterly reject those who mistreat us.

your Father is merciful."

(Luke 6:27-36)

I recently read a beautiful true story about a man who tried to live out these words when he was mugged by a teen who was wielding a knife. After Mr. Diaz handed over his wallet to the mugger and watched the teen get ready to depart, he called out to the young robber, "Hey, wait a minute. You forgot something. If you're going to be robbing people for the rest of the night, you might as well take my coat to keep you warm.'

The robber looked at his victim holding out his coat with a confused look, with eyes that asked "What are you doing?" The victim replied: "If you're willing to risk your freedom for a few dollars, then I guess you must really need the money. I mean, all I wanted to do was get dinner and if you really want to join me ... hey, you're more than welcome.'

Well, the perplexed thief took up the offer and together they went to a nearby restaurant. When the bill arrived, Diaz told the teen, "Look, I guess you're going to have to pay this bill 'cause you have my money and I can't pay for it. But if you give me my wallet back, I'll gladly treat you."

The teen "didn't even think about it" and returned the wallet. "In the end," Diaz says. " I gave him \$20, because I



BEYOND THE Pews

By Fr. Luke A. VERONIS SAINTS CONSTANTINE AND HELEN GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH,

the teachings of Jesus! Now all might stories not end like this one, but it makes us realize that we never know what will happen

when we live out

the Golden Rule!

live in us, and

Why should we love, or forgive, or turn the other cheek, or be merciful? Because the source of Divine Love Itself, has entered our lives. Webster God has come to

> if His divine love lives within us, it knows no boundaries. This radical teaching of divine love separates Christianity from many other religions. The true mark of a follower of Jesus is to love all people with such radical, divine love, with a love that includes even our enemies. We love, though, not because we will receive something in return, like in the story above, but because it is in our nature to love, in our original nature that was created in God's image. We love because we were created in the image of our merciful, loving, and heavenly Father, whose unconditional embraces all!

> Although it may seem impossible to love those who have hurt us, including loving even our enemies, we must understand what agape love truly is. "Agape love," describes William Barclay, "implies an active feeling of benevolence towards another person; it means that no matter what a person does to us we will never allow ourselves to desire anything but his highest good; and we will deliberately go out of our way to be good and kind to him. In other words, it is obvious that such divine love is not something that necessarily comes from our feelings, but something that comes from our will. We may not want to do it but we must will to do it, and God will help us!"

This sounds impossible. How can we love our enemies? How can we do good to those who hate us, bless those who curse us, and forgive those who hurt us? Maybe we can't, but God can! God can forgive, love, and show mercy through us, and when we admit our own limitations, and humbly turn to Christ for help, then all becomes possible. From God's ocean of love comes the tiny drops of our own ability to love.

We receive the ability to love when the grace of Christ dwells richly in

Never forget that God does not want the death of a sinner (even though we may prefer this). He considers no one His enemy. "While we were still sinners," St. Paul writes, "Christ died for us" (Rom 5:8). God came to earth and died for the salvation of all people, including His enemies. This is the divine love he wants us to possess.

God calls us to a divine love which can transform enemies into friends, love which can heal a conscience that has become twisted, and give a soul its original beauty. Divine love forgives, heals and renews!

Think about it. If you try to hate your enemies, mistreat them, abuse them, offer them the kind of treatment they offer you, you will only intensify enmity. However, if you love them, bless them, and treat them well, the power of God may touch them and help them see their ill ways, thus transforming them into new people, even into friends. The original nature of humanity, before the fall, was to love. Our nature now, as children of God is once again to love.

I'll conclude with another beautiful story which shows us how the spirit of the Golden Rule of "doing to others, as you want them to do unto vou" will be the spirit that prevails into heaven

There was a man who died and was being taken to heaven by angels. First, though, the angels wanted to show him hell. So they took him to a place where there was a great bowl, so great that it was as big as a lake. The bowl was filled with a nutritious stew. All the way around the sides of this bowl were people. Emaciated, starving, miserable people. These people had long 12 foot spoons to eat the stew with, that were long enough to reach it from the shore. The trouble was, though, their spoons were too long to feed themselves. So here were all these pathetic people, cursing one another, suffering and moaning in agony, constantly trying to eat the food that was abundantly in front of them - all in vain.

Next, the angels took the man to heaven. To his surprise, he saw the same scene! There it was, a giant lake-like bowl of the same stew, surrounded by people with 12 foot

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### Lines on the road



CHIEF S CORNER **STEVE** 

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I receive a variety of driving related inquiries for this column. I was asked a question which applied to solid center lines on roads. What, if any, is the difference between one solid yellow center line and a double solid line? The

answer to this question is, they have the same meaning. Yellow center line dividers are in place to separate and designate travel lanes. Whether there are one or two lines, drivers are obligated to stay in their lane. Single center line markers can be present on some streets due to several factors, including road width, cost, etc. Double solid lines are most often present on state highways or main roads with sufficient width. Single or double lines will prohibit passing in both directions. Double center lane markers can be modified in some locations with "dashed" lines. These allows vehicles traveling in one direction to pass in those designated places. Those approaching from the other direction cannot pass, mainly due to a curve or view obstruction for those

The law outlines situations when center lines can be crossed. Mass General Laws Chapter 90, Section 1 allows for the crossing of solid center lines for making a left turn "into or from a private way." Section 5 also authorizes people to operate contrary to these markings when directed by a police officer or for road construction / equipment. According to this law, passing is allowed for a construction situation when it, "necessitates a departure from normal operational practices..." This plainly means there is no other way around the project. When passing under these allowed circumstances, it will still be the obligation of the passing driver to yield to oncoming traffic.

Any violations of these laws can result in a civil fine of at least \$100. It is important to pay attention to the road markings on streets. Solid center lane markers are in place to prohibit passing in dangerous areas. Operating vehicles, contrary to the rules in place, can result in a crash or injuries. Try to exercise due care, pay attention to markings and signs, and drive defen-

For those still seeking vaccination information, it can be found at www. dudleyma.gov or by calling 508-949-8036. Please continue moving forward with the "re-opening" of our state in a reasonable manner. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. During these challenging times, we, at the Dudley Police Department, greatly appreciate the support we receive from our community.

Thanks again for your questions and comments. Please send them to me at the Dudley Police Department, 71 West Main St., Dudley, MA 01571 or email at swojnar@dudleypolice.com. Opinions expressed in this weekly column are those of Chief Wojnar only and unless clearly noted, do not reflect the ideas or opinions of any other organization or citizen.

### <u>Letters to the</u> Editor

### **COVID** is no laughing matter

To the Editor:

One of the sad realities of the pandemic is that seemingly every expert has an idea of how best to deal with Covid-19 and its many variants, but none has the silver bullet. One man in the forefront is media darling Dr. Fauci. Love him or hate him, believe him or doubt him, he does have standing in the medical/scientific community. Though not a fan, I do respect his opinions and believe his motives to be true.

you don't happen to agree with Dr.

Fauci or the CDC's Dr. Rochelle Walensky, you can find a host of doctors with various specialties and expertise on the Internet. It is very likely that you will even find one who agrees with whatever preconceptions you might have.

If you are not swayed by scientists and medical experts and are prone to insomnia, you might have succumbed to the rantings of a late-night TV would be funny man. As reported in the Sept. 12 Worcester Telegram, Jimmy Kimmel, a bloviated late night talk show host, for no apparent reason other than he could, "...suggested that crowded hospitals should prioritize patients who have been vaccinated." Ever the slave to the laugh track, Kimmel opined, "Vaccinated person having a heart attack? Yes, come right on in. We'll take care of you. Unvaccinated guy who gobbed horse goo? Rest in peace, wheezy." Mr. Kimmel has no scientific training and no medical expertise that would qualify him to suggest triage protocol. In fact, Mr. Kimmel never finished college. He tried two, but finished none.

has a right to his opinion and, indeed, he does. That he sings his song from the leftist "progressive" songbook undoubtedly gets him a round of applause from his loyal fans, ABC and the Worcester Telegram. If someone on the other side of the political street had presumed to utter these words of so-called advice, the talking heads at CNN and MSNBC would be erupting.

At the most basic level, uncredentialed would-be comic's words are in poor taste. What sort of so-called comedian

Yes, you say, but he looks to a pandemic for a images of the emergency punch line? Nor is there much to be said for those live audience members who snickered along with the not funny Jimmy.

That he has a place in the market square of public opinion and fans among those afflicted with sleeping disorders is a sad indictment of the current state of humor. There used to genuinely funny people on TV. Johnny Carson and Red Skelton come to mind. Their heirs have turned their collective backs on humor in favor of scripted political attacks, and now dark

We should all agree, and God help us if we don't, that Covid-19 and its spawn are not a joking matter.

Need a late-night distraction? You might try the original Three Stooges as opposed to the three now on network

Thank you and be well,

RICHARD CLARK DUDLEY

# Fishing for tautog

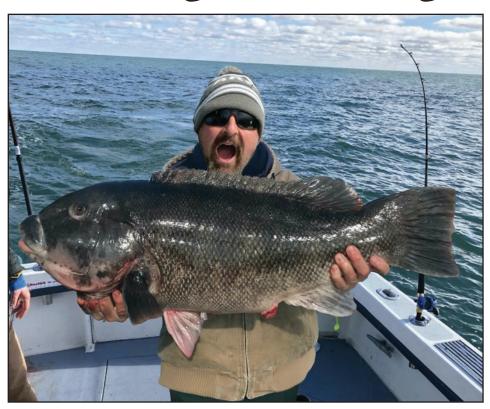


This week's picture shows a pile of fillets & a large tautog taken last week by this writer.

Saltwater fishing is starting to produce some nice fish on all fronts. This past week, this writer and Harry Salmon enjoyed a day on

the water catching seabass & Tautog. The seabass bite was slow, but the tautog fishing was fantastic. Fishing about a mile offshore from the Point Judith light house in 40 to 50 feet of water, we found some great tautog fishing. Using green crabs for bait that were cut in

half before placing them on the No. 3 circle hooks, proved to be the correct bait & hook for the days fishing. The late Steve Mercure taught this writer how to fish for tautog, and I am sure he was watching us fishing. Because the tide was running very fast, a 10-ounce weight was required to hold the bait on the bottom. Lowering the bait to the bottom and slightly bouncing the bait



World record tautog caught in Maryland, 28.5 pounds, by Scott Lenox.

off of the bottom, pro-

duced some fast fishing

tog was around seven

pounds, as this week's

picture shows, along

with numerous fil-

lets. The tautog fishing

on freshwater rods.

The largest

THE GREAT **OUTDOORS** RALPH

**TRUE** 

is only going to get better in the next few weeks. Green crabs now cost \$26 a gallon, which is enough for only a day of fishing for a couple of anglers if the action is good. There were a lot of shorts, but were still fun to catch. Tautog grow very slow and can live up to 40 years. This week's second picture shows Scott Lenox of Ocean City Maryland with his world record tautog. Seabass fishing around Block island on the South West ledge is still hot, but should improve closer to the Point Judith light house in the coming days & weeks.

Salmon fishing on the Salmon River in Upstate New York was still slow last week but the big run of Salmon is expected any day now. For the latest information, it is best to call Fat Nancy's Bait and Tackle shop for honest up to date fishing reports before driving to the Salmon River.

Anglers continue to chase Bonito and False albacore, along the shores of Narragansett Bay. This past week, while fishing near the point Judith Light, we observed many boats trolling and casting small lures into schools of the above-mentioned fish. We did not see many anglers catching these hard

fighting fish. but I am sure they caught a few. I was surprised that no Kayaks were being used by anglers that fly fish or spin cast. Even the larger boats that normally have anglers fly fishing, were nowhere to be seen. The bay is loaded with bait fish from small bunker, silversides, and mummies, to mention a few. At the boat ramp, fish were breaking everywhere, chasing bait fish.

Climate change is for real and is affecting the way of life for the fishing industry. Reports of winter flounder being close to extinction in Rhode Island waters because of the warming waters may be somewhat to blame, but over fishing did not help the species. Lobsters are also heading out to cooler waters. With the loss of anglers catching flounder, they have been replaced by the seabass, which have exploded in population because of warming waters. The down side of the seabass explosion is that they are eating small lobsters, crabs, and other bait fish causing a big change to the ecosystem. Large commercial draggers fishing day and night in Narragansett Bay may need to be regulated a bit better in the future if we want to see things improve.

The Quabbin Reservoir has been giving up some nice lake trout as my brother Ken and his son Mark found out a couple of weeks ago. They often rent one of the boats that are available for hire, but they observed numerous private boats being launched by anglers the day they were there. It is too bad boat restrictions are so strict. Washing boats by a certified company, and paying a big price to clean them every time you plan to fish the Quabbin, if you fished another body of water prior to your next visit is a big deterrent. The pair caught numerous lake trout and a couple of smallmouth bass that were impressive.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them **Rods Bending!** 

# Readers Share Favorite Tips and Tricks

As summer winds down and we prep for the cooler weather, readers are taking time out from their busy days to share tips and tricks they've discovered! From organizing drawers to freezing fresh produce, the following hints from readers are sure to help make everyday tasks a little easier!

And remember readers, send in your favorite helpful hint and you could win Dinner for Two at the Publick House in Sturbridge.

The seasonal scents of candle tarts and enjoying outside fire pits are just two of the simple pleasures of Fall. Thankfully, this savvy reader came up with helpful ideas for

I enjoy burning wax tarts but when they have finished melting I then would try to pour the melted wax into a can before disposing of it but always made a mess. Now after the wax has cooled off and hardened I put it in the freezer for a few hours & it easily pops right out.

I save my toilet paper and paper towel rolls. With the toilet paper rolls - I roll up newspaper & put it in the roll. With the paper towel roll I stuff it with my shredded paper and then stuff each end with crumbled up newspaper, used tissue or paper towel. This makes great fire starters for a fire pit or a wood

Lisa Auger Douglas, MA

Thanks to this reader's tip to cut prep time in half, a favorite restaurant dish is sure to be served up at home more often!:

Here is my tip to making eggplant parmesan at a moment's notice. Whether you grow eggplant in your garden or purchase it this is a time saver for making yummy eggplant parm. Simply prep and fry your eggplant slices based on your favorite recipe. Fry as many eggplants as you want then place them on paper towel lined cookie sheets to absorb excess oil. Remove the paper towels after a few minutes and place the eggplant in a single layer



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**KAREN** TRAINOR

on cookie sheets. Once the eggplant has cooled put cookie sheets into the freezer and once solid just put the eggplant in freezer bags. When you're ready to make your meal simply remove eggplant from the freezer, layer your ingredients and bake as normal. I add an extra 5 minutes to the baking time. DO NOT DEFROST eggplant.

Sue Lewandowski North Brookfield, MA

This reader takes recvcling to a new level with this clever tip to use packaging waste to organize drawers:

The plastic trays that cookies come in make the best drawer organizers. They come in different sizes and help to store several items. I use the long rectangular ones to store pens, markers,

pencils, etc. The smaller, square ones store paper clips, pins, tacks, etc. Just place inside your desk drawer. Or use them in your bedroom to store jewelry, makeup, nail files and polish, etc. They are easily replaced when necessary, and are

H.H. Holland, MA

Fall lawn and garden chores can result in an encounter with poison ivy – luckily a reader shares an old "Indian remedy" to encourage healing and relieve the itch:

For Poison Ivy: Boil a good sized bunch of "sweet" fern (it has rounded leaves rather than pointed). pack them into a large pot. Make it as strong as possible. When cool, dab on sores. It relieves the itch too. This came from my mother-in-law who is 97 and a farm girl. It is an old Indian remedy and it works!

Linda Pratt Rutland, MA

Soup season is offi-

reader found a way that even those who are lactose intolerant can enjoy a thick, rich bowl of chowder:

If you are using almond milk to make chowder because you are lactose intolerant, and find that the chowder is rather thin, try this. Add about 1/4 cup of lactose free Cremora after it is cooked. It will be rich and delicious. By the way, store the Cremora in the refrigerator in the summer. I found out the hard way that little red ants think it is delicious.

Carol McPherson Spencer, MA

Prize Winner

Congratulations to Linda Pratt of Rutland, who offered the home remedy to treat poison ivy above. Her name was drawn for a three course dinner for two at Publick House in Sturbridge.

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

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

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

## Latest antique news

According to the local dealers I spoke with, the September Brimfield show was a success. One told me that two large sales at the beginning of their show more than covered their expenses. Beyond this great local news, there has also been plenty of other antique related news from across the country.

National news begins with the sale of a 286piece collection of rare antique portraits by

some of the first Black photographers. According to NPR, in 1975, Larry West found a portrait of an African American person in a box of daguerreotypes in a New York antique store. NPR said that "his collection of 286 objects dating from the 1840s to about 1925, which includes daguerreotypes and other early types of photographic works" was sold to the Smithsonian after multiple museums competed for the collection. NPR reported that "daguerreotypes were widely popular in the 1840s and 1850s and it's estimated that 3 to 5



COLLECTIBLES & ESTATES WAYNE TUISKULA

Further West, Al Capone's favorite gun and other personal effects are headed to auction in California. Capone was referred to as "Public Enemy No. 1" after the "Valentine's Day Massacre" where seven rival bootleggers were killed. However, his granddaughters who are auctioning his belongings remember him differently. Diane Capone described him as "very loving, very devoted to family, very generous." One of the items to be auctioned is a letter Al Capone wrote to his son Albert "Sonny" Capone. Capone called Sonny the "son of my heart" in a let-

the United States. But

only 30,000 to 40,000

still exist." Further,

there are only a

small percentage of

daguerreotypes from

African American

photography studios.

contained 40 of these

rare daguerreotypes.

The collection will

be displayed at the

Smithsonian through

collection

West's

million were made in ter he wrote while serving an 11-year term in Alcatraz for tax evasion. Other items being offered include "diamond-encrusted jewelry with [Capone's] initials, family photographs and his favorite handgun." According to the AP, the highlight of the sale is "the Colt .45-caliber pistol Capone always carried with him and used several times to protect himself." Diane Capone was unsure if the gun was involved in any crimes.

> In other news, the Iowa Hawk Eye reported that Jim Sonneville started collecting Coke bottles after one of his sons found a bottle while working on a construction site. He gave the bottle to his dad who became more curious about its origins. He continued buying bottles and now has around 1,200 in his collection. Sonneville hopes to add a rare Hutchinson bottle to his collection. Charles Hutchinson of Chicago, IL patented the bottle that became popular in the 1880s. A Hutchinson Coca Cola bottle sold at auction for \$7,000 in 2014. Much better than a 5 cent deposit.

Our online estate auction with 1950s and 1960s Corvettes, boat motors, tools and other estate items is now open for bidding. Our next multi-estate online auction will begin next month and end in early November. I'll be presenting on antiques and collectibles on Saturday, Oct. 30 at FinnFunn Weekend in Troy, New Hampshire. My "Evaluating your antiques" night class will take place on November 10th at Bay Path Evening School in Charlton, Mass., and on Saturday, Nov. 13, I'll also be appraising items virtually for the Townsend, Mass. Historical Society. Please visit our website for more details on upcoming events: https:// centralmassauctions.com.

Contact us at: Wayne Tuiskula Auctioneer/ Central Mass Appraiser Auctions for Antique Auctions, Estate Sales and Appraisal Services www.centralmassauctions.com (508-612-6111) info@ centralmassauctions.com



# **OBITUARIES**

#### Harold W. Cusson, 78



Southbridge Harold W. Cusson, 78, passed away on Tuesday, Sept. 14th, in his home after a long illness.

leaves his He wife of 46 years, Linda B. (Regimbal) Cusson; two broth-

ers, Joseph Cusson of Naples, FL and Robert Cusson of Douglas; two sisters, Suzanne Lavallee of Webster and Lynda Robinson of Oxford; many nieces and nephews and extended family. His son, Ricky W. Cusson died in 2015. He was also predeceased by his brother, Leonard Cusson. He was born in Athol the son of the late Joseph R. and Pearl E. (Swanson) Cusson. Harry was a US Air Force Veteran of the Vietnam War and was a recipient of the Purple Heart Medal.

Harry was a custom cabinet maker

and worked for **Brunarhans Cabinets** Woodstock, CT for 8 years, retir-ing several years ago. He previously owned and operated H & L Woodworks in Southbridge for many years. Harry

enjoyed taking road trips and was an avid poker player. He was also an avid Boston Red Sox and New England Patriots fan. Most of all he enjoyed spending time with his family.

Harry's funeral services and burial in New Notre Dame Cemetery, Southbridge, will be private. There are no calling hours.

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

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#### Allison G. Gevry, 92



DUDLEY – Allison (Birmingham) Gevry, 92, died peacefully in her sleep Sunday, September 12, 2021 after an illness. Her husband of 68 years, Bernard J. Gevry, died in 2018.

She leaves a daughter, Marilyn Alston and her husband Philip of Webster; a son, Bernard R. "Skip" Gevry and his wife Susan of Dudley; 4 grandchildren; a great grandson; nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her sister Virginia

Allison was also blessed with 2 step daughters, Pamela C. Bachand and her husband James of Webster, and Mary L. Steger and her husband Helmut of Friendship, Maine; 4 step grandchildren; 6 step great-grandchildren; and 7 step great-great-grandchildren.

She was born on October 25, 1928 in Webster, a daughter of Edward and Grace (Rothwell) Birmingham. Allison graduated from Bartlett High School

in 1946 where she was the captain of the varsity basketball team. She also played semi-pro basketball and softball after high school. She lived in Dudley

Allison was a homemaker and also worked as a bookkeeper at local businesses. Her life centered on family. She was a member of Saint Anthony of Padua Church and enjoyed family gatherings, traveling and watching sports, especially those that involved Barrett, Tyler, Kaitlin and Samantha.

A memorial Mass for Allison and Bernard will be held on Saturday October 16 at 11:00am in Saint Anthony of Padua Church, 24 Dudley Hill Road, Dudley. (Please meet at the church.) Masks should be worn. Burial will be private.

Donations in her name may be made to Care Central VNA & Hospice, P.O. Box 368, Webster, MA 01570.

Arrangements are under the direction of Scanlon Funeral Service, 38 East Main Street, Webster.

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#### CAR SHOW

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the proceeds benefitting the family of Office Emmanuel "Manny" Familia of the Worcester Police Department who passed away on June 4 after attempting to save a drowning teen at Green Hill Park in Worcester. Dudley Officer Luis Pacheco said the event was Dudley's way of giving back while also seeking to become more involved with the public by offering a new potential community tradition.

This is a pure benefit, not for profit car show for Officer Familia. We wanted to do this to get more involved with the town. We don't do too many events and we're trying to fix that, and we figured we could put on a benefit show for a great cause," Pacheco said. "I think this was a great turnout especially for a first car show. Usually for the first one you don't see more than 20 or 25 cars and we had over 80 vehicles here so we couldn't be happier. This is the first of what we hope will be an annual event and if we can continue to do benefits, hopefully not for fallen officers which obviously isn't an enjoyable thing, but if we can continue to do this to benefit

can look forward to each year." The format of a car show was cho-

different causes it will be something we

sen because Officer Pacheco himself has experience helping organize such events and similar shows have proven successful I the past. The debut car show brought in \$4,700 for the Familia family. The event was sponsored by Rampco Construction and Dunkin Donuts of Dudley while Best Auto Body, UniBank, and EGC Incorporated of Dudley also made donations to the cause. While many members of the public stopped by the enjoy the show, many officers from departments throughout the region did as well and for Officer Pacheco that is evidence of just how close the bond of brotherhood is between those in law enforcement.

"There are members here from other departments, including the Worcester Police Department. It's a very heartfelt message to show that if we don't personally know you, we are still one big family as police officers. It's a sad and tragic loss but we're glad that we can come together to make something like this happen," Officer Pacheco said.

A second car show event has already been confirmed for and undisclosed date in 2022.

and bring it to the mouth of another. Then someone else would scoop up stew

Let us all begin treating others the

### Daniel G. O'Halloran, 72



OXFORD - Daniel O'Halloran, 72, of Plantation Road, Wednesday, died September 15, 2021, at the Rose Monahan Hospice Residence in Worcester. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Donna M. (Phillipo) O'Halloran of Oxford; two

sons, Jason D. O'Halloran and his wife Hayleigh of Oxford, and Justin D. O'Halloran of Oxford; his brother, Michael O'Halloran and his wife Paula of Arizona; his sister, June King and her husband Wayne of Millbury; two grandchildren, Teagan P. O'Halloran and Ryan J. O'Halloran, both of Oxford; two uncles, Earl Skeean and Denis Skeean, both of Oxford; and many nephews and nieces. He was born in Worcester, son of the late George F. and B. June (Dupont) O'Halloran, and lived most of his life in Oxford. He was predeceased by his brother Mark O'Halloran. He graduated from Oxford High School in 1966 and attended Worcester Vocational Technical School. He was a U.S. Army Veteran of the Vietnam War.

Mr. O'Halloran was a licensed Optician throughout his life.

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began his career at American Optical in Southbridge and later owned Southbridge Opticians also in Southbridge. was the Veteran's Agent for the town of Oxford for 19 years, retiring in 2019. He



was a life member of the V.F.W. Post 5663 in Oxford. Mr. O'Halloran's passions included cars and motorcycles. He always loved riding his Harley. He also enjoyed building model cars and reading. He was very proud of his work with the Veterans in Oxford with whom he worked with for nearly two decades.

Calling hours were Monday, September 20, 2021, from 5-8 p.m. at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. A service was be held on Tuesday, September 21, 2021, at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home followed by a Mass at 10 a.m. at St. Roch's Church, 332 Main St., Oxford. Burial with military honors will follow at St. Roch's Cemetery in Oxford. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Veteran's Inc., 69 Grove St., Worcester, MA 01605.

# Determined to persevere

On the road to accomplish your dream, you're going to have plenty of opportunities give up.

You may have to try many times, but when the going gets tough, that's when you need to find determination and perseverance.

Accomplishing dreams requires great strength. If you haven't been toughened up by life already, pursuing a dream will do the trick.

Determination perseverance don't come naturally. They're born out of failure. They come from defeat and must be cultivated from within. When things don't go the way you plan, and you refuse to give up, determination arises, and a new fire will spark inside of you that gives you the power to persevere.

You'll think of new ways, travel down different paths, reinvent yourself, develop unique ideas, and vow to become successful no matter the odds. It is down this path some must travel for ultimate victory.

Victory doesn't come easy and usually never does. If it does come easy, it won't mean as much to you, and maybe you ought to set a higher goal.

George Washington, first president, and the leader of the Continental Army who defeated the British, the most powerful military in that time, said, "the harder the conflict, the greater the triumph.

Maybe you've had to accomplishing your dream. Don't worry; you're not alone. Many great people have traveled

down this road  $\overline{a}$ nd have still secured Positively their success. SPEAKING

Remove all doubt, fill yourself with thoughts of victory as you prepare vourself for the ultimate battle.

This is a time to learn a lesson from George Washington's experience in the American Revolutionary War. No doubt Washington

wondered if victory against the British was possible. They had more financing, experience, education. American colonists were mainly poor farmers and many without shoes. Washington was facing near-impossible odds.

Washington knew that it was of the highest priority to keep New York City from falling to the British. Washington spent much time preparing for a bloody battle in New York that he expected would come in the summer of Sure enough, in August

of 1776, the British invaded the city, and it didn't go well. Washington watched from a distance as a regiment from Marvland repeatedly charged the British in a suicidal attempt to buy time for Washington's escape.

It was still a few weeks before Washington completely lost control of New York. He bitterly wept as he watched his last garrison burn to the ground.

An average person would have given up and surrendered, but Washington wasn't an average person. He found determination and prepared to persevere.

"Perseverance

spirit have done wonders in all ages," said Washington.

It was then that Washington began to plan what he called his "Grand Strategy" to retake New York in the hopes of defeating the British once and for all. In 1778, New York was still under British occupation, and taking it back had become Washington's obsession.

If you're determined to accomplish your dream, you'll need to become obsessed. Allow Nothing to get in your way as you wait patiently for your decisive move.

For five Washington waited to implement his "Grand Strategy." In 1781, he was begrudgingly convinced to employ his strategy in Virginia instead of New

For many reasons, his 'Grand Strategy" wasn't going to work in New York, but it could

in Virginia. Although Washington badly wanted New York, he recognized that the ultimate goal was to win the war against the British rather than re-taking New York.

Sometimes you'll need to reassess your dream. Is it about taking back New York, or is it about winning the war?

October In Washington employed his "Grand Strategy' and won a decisive victory over the British in Virginia, forcing British surrender.

Many people in history have faced impossible odds and found the determination and perseverance to succeed; you can do the same! I believe you're capable of great victories!

### **PEWS**

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long spoons. Yet something was different here - all these people were smiling, happy, and healthy looking! As he tried to observe the difference between heaven and hell, he noticed that in heaven, each person would scoop up the stew, and feed it to the other.

The angels smiled and said, "Here in the Kingdom of Heaven, everyone treats many losses on the path others the way they want to be treated. Here, all the people have learned the way of divine love."

way we want to be treated!

# Fall landscape care to keep plants and pollinators healthy

As the weather and gardens transition from summer to fall, it is time to adjust your maintenance practices to ensure and beauty of your landscape. Proper fall care will increase winter survival, support pollinators, and reduce your future work-



especially important for new plantings and moisture-loving plants. Don't overlook established trees during extended dry periods. Drought conditions stress these key landscape plants, making them more susceptible to life threatening insects and disease.

Leave healthy perennials stand for winter. Many provide homes for pollinators and other beneficial insects and some seeds provide food for songbirds. You'll enjoy the added texture and motion in your winter garden and the songbirds that stop by to dine.

Do remove diseased plant debris and those infested with plant-damaging insects. Removing these from the garden reduces the source of future infestations which means healthier plants with less



GARDEN Moments **MELINDA MYERS** 

required. Contact your local municipality for guidance on disposing of pest infested plant debris.

This is also a good time to remove any small to medium sized dead or diseased branches from shrubs and

small trees. A saw, like Corona's seven-inch RazorTooth folding saw is perfect for this size job. The blade tucks into the handle for safe transport and the smaller size makes it easy to tuck into vour tool belt or bucket. Disinfect the blade with rubbing alcohol or a disinfectant spray between cuts when pruning diseased plant material.

Don't rake leaves to the curb this fall. Put them to use in the garden as mulch on the soil surface to help suppress weeds, conserve moisture, and improve the soil as they decompose. Leaves also provide insulation and winter protection for a variety of beneficial insects and toads.

Continue weeding the garden. Cooler temperatures and a shorter to-do list make it easier to squeeze in more time

pest management for this task. Removing unwanted plants from the garden reduces competition with desirable plants for water and nutrients. Eliminating weeds before they set seed means fewer weeds for you to pull next year.

Continue cutting the lawn as long as it continues to grow. Leave clippings on the lawn to add nutrients, moisture, and organic matter to the soil. A season's worth of clippings is equal to one fertilizer application.

Don't rake fall leaves off the lawn. Just mow over them as you cut the grass and accomplish two tasks in one. As long as the leaf pieces are the size of a quarter or smaller, they'll break down, adding organic matter to the soil and not harm the grass. Make a second pass with the mower if needed to cut the leaves down in size.

After your last cut, clean and winterize your mower. Remove and sharpen the blades so you are ready for next season. Consider investing in an extra set of blades so you can change them throughout the mowing season. Sharp blades make a cleaner cut for a better-looking lawn that requires less water and a mower that uses less fuel.

Setting aside a bit of time this fall to prepare your garden for winter will



A seven-inch RazorTooth folding saw is perfect for removing small or medium sized dead or diseased branches from shrubs and small trees in the fall.

result in less replacement and pruning of winter damaged plants.

Melinda Myers has written numerous books, including Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series and nationally-syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and was commissioned by Corona Tools for her expertise to write this article. Myers' Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

# Despite dominant second half, Bay Path can only tie Bulldogs



Nick Ethier

Bay Path's Madison Nolin settles the ball with a slightly elevated left foot.

BY NICK ETHIER

CHARLTON — By all accounts the Bay Path Regional varsity girls' soccer team dominated second half competition against Monty Tech on Tuesday, Sept. 14 at George L. Fowler Memorial Field. The first half was a bit more even, and both teams were tied 1-1 at the break.

What followed was a one-sided show-down. The Minutemen produced 11 shots on net to the Bulldogs' two and earned more corner kicks (4-1) in the final 40 minutes.

But all Bay Path could do was salvage



Hannah Cavan of Bay Path plays the ball with her right foot in an attempt to keep it away from an attacking Gabriella Henshaw of Monty Tech.

a tie, as both teams scored once in the second half to produce a 2-2 final score.

"We dominated the second half," explained head coach Tammy Legere. "We just have to put it in the net, can't just shoot as hard as you want and think it's going to go in the net."

Legere noted that most of the Minutemen's shots were either high, wide or off posts.

It didn't help Bay Path's cause that Monty Tech keeper Abigail Kirrane was on top of her game in the second half. She made 10 saves in the half — 13 total — and some were of the spectacu-

lar variety.

"Definitely kept them in the game,"
Legere said of Kirrane's performance,
before adding what type of strategy
could have potentially worked better
against the aggressive keeper, who routinely ran up to and slid into the ball
before a Bay Path attacker could get to
it. "I think our touches were just a little
too hard. Take a little off of it, and you
know."

Bay Path took a 2-1 lead just two minutes into the second stanza. Following a corner kick, the ball caromed off multiple players before finding its way to Sophia Ballestracci. She was then able to head the ball through traffic, past Kirrane and into the net.

A few minutes later, a big Bay Path flurry nearly produced another goal or two. First, Kayla Nguyen targeted a shot into the upper left-hand corner of the goal, but Kirrane dove to her right for a sensational save. Then, Hailey Cournoyer clanged her shot off the post.

Unfortunately for the Minutemen, Monty Tech then tied the score with 15 minutes to go. Sophie Farr broke away from Bay Path's defense and went in alone on keeper Arianna Flores. Farr's shot then got past Flores for the equalizer.

Then, with the game in its final minute, Flores needed to make her lone save — oner of the punching variety on a strong line drive shot — to keep the game tied before the final whistle blew.

"I'm pretty happy. We just need to finish," Legere said of the many opportunities that couldn't translate into more goals. "Maybe feed the ball wider and then cross it, that way it's not so hard toward the net."

Bay Path opened the game's scoring in the 24th minute when Cournoyer sent a pass to Lillian Maglich via a nice through ball. Maglich ran up to the ball and one-touched it past Kirrane.

The Bulldogs found the equalizer in the 31st minute when Francesca Arsenault got to a loose ball first and looped one over goalie Olivia Bowes (six saves), who played in the first half for the Minutemen.

Legere wasn't thrilled with her team's first half of play.

"We're always sluggish in the first half of every game. That has to change," she said. "If they went out [and played like they did in] the second half in the first half, then it would have been a lot different game.

"It's not a loss. We'll take it for now," she added.

Both teams are now 1-1-1 following the result.



Bay Path's Hailey Cournoyer kicks the ball away from Monty Tech's Hailey Conway and down the field.



Ruby Pullen of Bay Path steps in between Monty Tech's Maryl Hooper and the ball to intercept a pass.

### **LEGALS**

#### TOWN OF DUDLEY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Please take notice that: Alfred Loconto. Have applied to the Zoning Board of Appeals to vary the terms of the Zoning Board By Laws Section:

Section 2.04.00 Density Regulations Location: 40 Hall Road

In the following respect: To allow the petitioner to apply for a variance on setbacks in IND13.

The Public Hearing wilt be held on October 7, 2021 @ 7:00pm at the Town Hall, room 321, at which time you may be heard relative to this Public Hearing.

Please contact Amanda Jacobson at 508-949-8012 or building@dudleyma. gov to attend the meeting. George Slingo, Chairman Zoning Board of Appeals September 17, 2021

### TOWN OF DUDLEY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS Please take notice that: Verde Organica

Please take notice that: Verde Organica LLC.

Have applied to the Zoning Board of Appeals to vary the terms of the Zoning Board By Laws Section: Section 2.04.00 Density Regulations

Location: 35-37 Chase Ave In the following respect: To allow the petitioners to apply for a variance of

building height in IND43 district.
The Public Hearing wilt be held on October 7, 2021 @ 7:00pm at the Town Hall, room 321, at which time

you may be heard relative to this Public Hearing.
Please contact Amanda Jacobson at 508-949-8012 or building@dudleyma.

gov to attend the meeting. George Slingo, Chairman Zoning Board of Appeals September 17, 2021 September 24, 2021

#### Webster Legal Posting

Articles 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16 from the May 10, 2021 Annual Town Meeting each received a positive vote at the May 10th Annual Town Meeting and an approval from the Attorney General's

Office.

Article 12 – To allow self-storage in district 5 by special permit.

Article 13 – To allow self-storage in district 5 by special permit (amending the table of use regulations).

Article 14 – Amend Zoning Bylaw Article

V. Section 650-28 of the zoning bylaws. Article 15 – Amend the zoning bylaws by removing references, within sewer and without sewer, from Districts 4 and 5.

Article 16– Amend the zoning bylaws by removing references, within sewer and without sewer, from Districts 4 and 5 in the bylaw section titled Legend. Complete copies of the articles are available in the Town Clerk' Office.

September 24, 2021 October 1, 2021

#### TOWN OF DUDLEY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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

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

Location: Fish Road Lot 2

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

The Public Hearing will be held on October 7, 2021@ 7:00pm at the Town Hall, room 321, at which time you may be heard relative to this Public Hearing.

Please contact Amanda Jacobson at

508-949-8012 or building@dudlevma. gov to attend the meeting.
George Slingo, Chairman
Zoning Board of Appeals
September 24, 2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Division
Docket No. WO21P2948EA
Estate of:
Cheryl Evelyn Bielik

Also Known As:

Cheryl
Date Of Death: July 03, 2021
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Carol Gogolinski of Douglas MA

a Will has been admitted to informal probate

Carol Gogolinski of Douglas MA

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

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

September 24, 2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family

Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. W021P2850EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate of:
Stella Louise Haskins
Also Know As:
Stella L Haskins
Date of Death: 02/02/2021

To all interested persons:

Petition for Formal Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by

Linda Vandale of Dudley MA

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

The Petitioner requests that: Linda Vandale of Dudley MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/05/2021.

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 10, 2021

Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate

September 24, 2021







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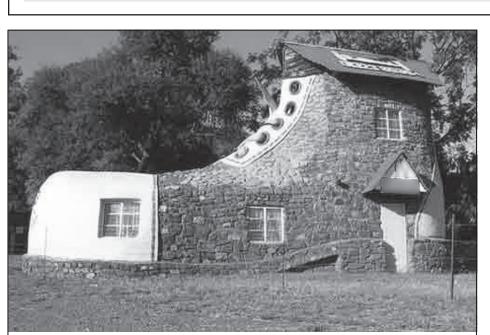
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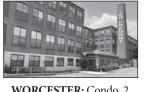
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for a 30-0 halftime lead. But the Indians came out a fired up bunch in the second half and were rewarded with their touchdown. Quarterback

Sean Baca (119 total passing yards) completed

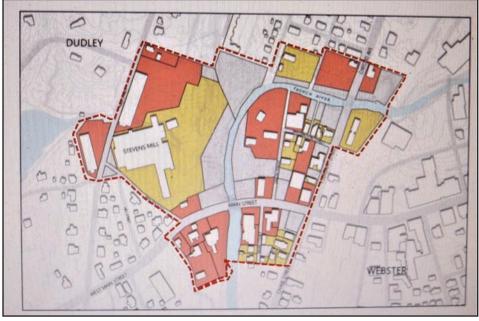
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four passes on the opening drive and co-captain Darrion Sheppherd capped it with a two-yard rushing score.

Sutton completed the scoring with Johnson finding the end zone for the third time.

Bartlett is now 0-2 on the young season.

At rigth: Quarterback Andrew Sanford of Bartlett rolls out before sending a pass over toward Christopher Adjei.



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On the map above, yellow is residential land, red is commercial and grey is vacant of either type or open space.

#### REDEVELOPMENT

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rest two-beds, with 16 as "low-moderate income" by state standards. It'll also include a pool and an event center.

Gomfert said he's done similar projects across the eastern US, with the closest being the River Mill in Thompson. From his experience, other owners see the changes in his building and it

'It's a slow process, but it's successful at the end of the day," he said.

According to Dudley town records, the main Stevens Mill building (there are 10, plus a pond and dam Gomfert said he did not buy) is assessed at just over \$1.1 million and has a "replacement value" of almost \$9.5 million – or just \$759,000 after depreciation. The page notes it's only 8 percent "good," and the last sale date - to "Stevens Mill Owner, LLC," which has no state corporate database entry – was in August 2020.

"I love seeing vacant old buildings," Gomfert said, adding he likes seeing his projects become a "catalyst" for other development.

Mitchell said the idea of a district was largely based on a CMRPC study that recommended the towns cooperate to renovate the area. But some inspiration came from standing on the Route 12

"If you look in either direction, you'll

see a stretch of the French River that has suffered from disinvestment and decline, really," he said. "The banks of the river are overgrown, and it's no longer an asset to the community.'

Without work, he added, "it could get worse.'

One goal, therefore, is to encourage property owners to clean up their river frontage. Another may be to extend the Riverwalk from downtown to this area. where it can connect to a similar trail coming north from Dudley.

Beyond those, Mitchell said he sees the project opening up "a lot of value for specific, strategic properties" and creating "a lot of great retail opportunities."

Selectmen had a few questions, including whether a traffic study's been done. Gomfert said yes, noting it "pointed out a few enhancement ... that we intend to do." Also, some were curious whether he intends to repair the raceway under the mill. He said it "piques my interest" and he's looking into whether it's feasible, but doesn't know much about such

There were no public questions. Selectmen approved putting it on the warrant unanimously after wondering if it's legal to have Town Meeting's vote be contingent on whether Dudley approves it. Webster votes first.

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





Bartlett's Christopher Adjei clutches onto the football for an interception versus Sutton.



Darrion Sheppherd of Bartlett rumbles past a Sutton defender while carrying the football.

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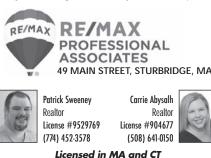
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