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Rockets tie Douglas, even season record

AUBURN — There has been quite some symmetry to the season had by Auburn High's boys' varsity soccer team. Following a 1-1 draw with Douglas High on Wednesday, Nov. 4 at Memorial Field, the Rockets' record stands at an even 2-2-2.

Auburn is scheduled to face Uxbridge High twice next week: Nov. 16 at home and Nov. 16 at Uxbridge. Both contests are scheduled to start at 3 p.m.

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The Auburn High and Douglas High boys' varsity soccer teams played to a 1-1 stalemate last Wednesday, Nov. 4.



Curfew enacted in response to escalating COVID cases

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

REGION — Alarmed by a recent statewide spike in COVID-19 cases, Gov. Charlie Baker announced new restrictions last week.

Across the state, new COVID-19 cases have increased by 278 percent since Labor Day, with hospitalizations up by 145 percent. The newly adopted safety measures,

which went into effect on Nov. 6, are meant to enable schools and businesses to stay open statewide.

"If we don't ramp up the fight to disrupt rising trends, we will have a serious problem on our hands," Baker said. "Everyone wants to continue to work, shop, and go to school safely."

As part of the newly announced restrictions

and guidance, the Baker Administration issued a revised stay-at-home order instructing residents to remain home between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. Residents are allowed to leave their homes during this time for work, errands and groceries, health-related travel, and emergency travel.

Additionally, Baker issued a new executive

order that requires the early closure of certain businesses and activities each night at 9:30 p.m.

"The 9:30 p.m. closure requirement is aligned with the stay-at-home advisory, and together the two new initiatives are designed to further limit activities that could lead to COVID-19 transmission," read a statement released by the Governor's office.

Effective Nov. 6, the following businesses and activities must close to the public each day between the hours of 9:30 p.m. and 5 a.m.

Restaurants (in-person dining must cease at 9:30 p.m. nightly, although takeout and delivery may continue for food and non-alcoholic beverages)

Liquor stores and other retail establishments that sell alcohol must cease alcohol sales at 9:30 p.m.

Adult-use marijuana sales must cease at 9:30 p.m. (not including medical marijuana)

Theaters, movie theaters, and all performance venues

Youth and adult amateur sports activities

Golf facilities

Recreational boating and boating businesses

Outdoor recreational experiences

Casinos and horse tracks/simulcast facilities

Driving and flight schools

Zoos, botanical gardens, wildlife reserves, nature centers

Close-contact personal services

Gyms, fitness centers, and health clubs

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The Governor also signed an updated order requiring residents to wear face coverings in all public places, even when they are able to maintain six feet of distance from others. The revised order still allows an exception for residents who cannot wear a face covering due to a medical or disabling condition. Employees and students must provide proof of such a condition.

Additionally, Baker signed an updated order

restricting gatherings. Indoor gatherings at private residences are limited to 10 people, and outdoor gatherings at private residences are limited to 25 people.

The limit on gatherings held in public spaces and at event venues remains the same. The new order also requires that all gatherings (regardless of size or location) must end and disperse by 9:30 p.m.

Additionally, the new gatherings order requires that organizers of events report known positive COVID-19 cases to the local health department in that community. Organizers must also cooperate with all efforts to ensure contact tracing.

The gatherings order authorizes continued enforcement by local health and police departments. Fines for violating the gatherings order will be \$500 for each person above the limit at a particular gathering.

For more information on the state's latest COVID-19 guidance, visit www.mass.gov.

Bay Path welcomes new faculty members



Sarah Grant



Silvia Medina



Leslie Taylor

CHARLTON — The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy is pleased to welcome three newly appointed faculty members as adjunct faculty: Sarah Grant, MSN, MBA Health Care Systems, RN; Silvia Medina, MSN Ed, RN; Leslie Taylor, BSN, RN

Sarah Grant, MSN, MBA, RN of Charlton, has been named adjunct faculty, a role she assumed on Jan. 15. Grant is an experienced case manager, nursing supervisor, and Director of Nursing Services. This year she completed her dual degree Master of Science in Nursing and Master of Business Administration : Nursing Leadership in Health Care Systems at Grand Canyon University where she also obtained her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree in 2017. Her academic progression in nursing started at MassBay Community College for

Practical Nursing in 2007 and Quinsigamond Community College for her Associates Degree in Nursing (2015).

Silvia Medina, MSN Ed, RN of Blackstone, has been named adjunct faculty, a role she assumed on Sept. 1. Medina is an experienced home care nurse who is fluent in English, Creole, and Portuguese. She completed her Master of Science in Nursing Education this year at Western Governors University (WGU), her Bachelor of Science in Nursing also at WGU in 2010, and was a Dean's lister at the Atlantic Union College in 2007 where she earned her Associates Degree in Nursing. Her experience also includes rehabilitation nursing and acute care at Kindred Hospital where she precepted newly hired nurses.

Leslie Taylor, BSN, RN of Spencer, has been named adjunct faculty, a role she assumed on March 6. Taylor is a candidate for Master of Science in Forensic Nursing at Fitchburg State University where she also obtained her Bachelor of Science in

Nursing degree in 2017, Magna Cum Laude. She is enrolled in Certification in Simulation at St. Anselm College. She obtained her Associates Degree in Nursing at Quinsigamond Community College in 2002. Taylor is a Peri anesthesia nurse at UMass Memorial Hospital. She provided clinical instruction to senior nursing students at Anna Maria College in Paxton and at Becker College in Worcester. Since 2009, she has been with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health as a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner: Consultant.

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Debt exclusion article goes down to defeat

BY JASON BLEAU
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON — Charlton citizens turned out in droves on Election Day 2020 to the tune of 8,137 ballots cast, with the majority of voters putting their support behind incumbent presidential candidate Donald Trump and voting down a proposed debt exclusion to fund a new public safety building.

In a vote of 4,042 to 3,708, Charlton voters shot down the debt exclusion question for a second time which would have allowed for a funding mechanism to build a new multi-use public safety complex on Masonic Home Road that would serve as home to the fire and police departments. A significant public campaign touting the need for the facility to replace the 62-year-old fire departments and

29-year-old police department has been active for much of 2020 including a capital campaign that, as of writing, had raised \$367,500 to offset the cost of the facility. A "yes" vote would have added the \$25.1 million price tag to the tax base as a temporary expense but now town officials and the building committee must regroup to decide how to approach the project without the debt exclusion.

The vote is actually the second time Charlton has decided against the debt exclusion. While voters supported the project during the May 2019 annual Town Meeting, the original request for a debt exclusion was defeated in a special election in August of that year. In July of 2020, the Board of Selectmen unanimously placed the debt exclusion on the presidential ballot after the building

committee had come forward with more precise presentations, square footage and a reduce price tag as well as the news of the capital campaign. The goal of putting the question before voters for a second time was to get a larger sample size to voice their opinions on the matter during one of the most active presidential elections of our time. The results showed only a noticeable increase in voter percentage in favor of the project, but not enough to approve the question. Compared to the 1,351 registered voters that turned out in August where the 890 to 491 decision saw on 36 percent support the project, the Election Day vote was much closer where 8,137 voters cast their ballot and 45 percent supported the question. In the months and weeks leading up to Election Day the

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FALL / WINTER

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4 factors to consider to maintain winter safety

Many changes are to be expected as fall gives way to winter. Temperatures drop for much of the country, and depending on where one lives, snow, wind and ice are to be expected.

As beautiful as snow-covered landscapes can be, winter presents unique hazards, notably slippery roads and surfaces. Chilly temperatures also can put people at risk if they spend prolonged periods outdoors unprotected.

According to the insurance company Carsurance, more than 156,000 crashes occur annually due to icy roads. Roughly 17 percent of all vehicle crashes happen in winter conditions. Winter hazards are not exclusive to driving, however. That means winter safety involves a consideration of a host of factors.

1. CHANGING VISIBILITY

While slippery sur-

faces may contribute to some accidents, visibility can quickly change with winter weather. Blowing snow can contribute to whiteout conditions. In addition, fog can be hazardous to drivers, aviators and mariners and contributes to thousands of travel accidents every year, advises the National Weather Service. It's important to slow down, leave plenty of distance, use your low-beam headlights, and recognize when it may be safest to pull over, such as when visibility is significantly compromised.

2. SNOW REMOVAL

Shoveling snow or using a snowblower are common wintertime activities. Yet strenuous levels of activity in cold temperatures could put people at risk of heart attack, particularly if they are not acclimated to physical activity. Always warm up prior to shoveling snow to prepare the body for exer-

cise. Go slowly and take frequent breaks. Avoid twisting and tossing snow over your shoulder, which can contribute to back injuries.

3. CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING

Winter weather means turning up the heat or doing more indoor cooking. Carbon monoxide is produced through the burning of fuel in various forms, including stoves, engines, gas ranges, portable generators, and grills. The National Safety Council says carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas that can go undetected as it builds up in enclosed spaces. Never warm up the car inside of a contained garage. Do not use portable flameless chemical heaters indoors, and have furnaces, water heaters and other fuel-burning appliances checked and serviced by a qualified technician annually. Be sure that carbon monoxide alarms

are on every floor of the home, and take it seriously if the alarm goes off.

4. BLACK ICE

Black ice is a common winter foe. Black ice forms when temperatures rise above freezing during the day, melting any snow on the ground and causing surfaces to become wet. If the tem-

perature drops once more while the ground is wet, a thin, transparent sheet of ice can form. Black ice also may occur if moisture in the air condenses and forms dew or fog, and then the temperature drops below freezing, says the National Weather Service. Black ice gets its name because it looks black on asphalt roads. However, it also

can form on sidewalks and overpasses, or spots shaded by trees or other objects. Slowing down and exercising extreme caution are essential.

Winter is a beautiful season. But it can be just as hazardous as it is awe-inspiring. Taking steps to stay safe in unpredictable conditions is a necessity each winter.



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Gobi retains Senate seat



Courtesy

Sen. Anne Gobi captured reelection last week.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

REGION – Republican challenger Steven Hall exceeded his election performance from 2018 last week, but it still wasn’t enough to unseat Sen. Anne Gobi.

In the Nov. 3 rematch between the candidates, Sen. Gobi held on for a 53-47 victory (44,894 votes to 40,061).

Hall, who lives in Sturbridge, has made significant inroads with voters throughout the district since his 55-45 defeat two years ago. But despite a robust campaign effort and strong momentum heading into Election Day, he fell just short of his elusive goal of serving the Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire, and Middlesex Senate District.

“Congratulations to Senator Gobi on her successful victory,” read a statement issued by Hall, a small business owner, author, nursing home administrator, and truck operator. “For my voters, I am deeply honored for your support. For my volunteers, a special thanks to all of you who worked tirelessly for a cause you and I believed in. I will never forget your efforts and your friendship.”

Gobi once again defended her hometown of Spencer, receiving 3,736 votes (59 percent). She also narrowly topped Hall in his hometown, Sturbridge, by a count of 3,081-2,768.

After securing her fourth term, Senator Gobi is focused on assisting people in all phases of the COVID-19 recovery effort. She currently chairs the Senate Higher Education Committee and the Environment, Natural Resources, and Agriculture Committee. “Thank you for the honor to continue to serve you in the State Senate,” Gobi said. “A special thanks to my family and friends that held signs over the course of the campaign, and to all who helped out on Election Day, including our election workers and police.”

Looking ahead, Gobi knows the urgency that is needed to help save lives and careers.

“COVID-19 has affected lives and livelihoods. We will be feeling the effects of this pandemic for years to come,” Gobi said in an interview ahead of the election. “Our state revenue continues to decline, as we are facing some of the highest unemployment numbers we have seen in decades.”

Added Gobi, “The coronavirus has brought with it a great deal of mental distress caused by isolation, food insecurity, housing insecurity, and the anxiety that comes with them. I am proud to have advocated for additional funding for behavioral and mental health services.”

Gobi has also seen the devastation of the virus in the western part of the state. At the Holyoke Soldiers’ Home, 76 veterans lost their lives during the early part of the pandemic. Several probes and reports have indicated that the COVID-19 outbreak at the facility was caused by major failures in policies and decisions at the leadership level.

As a member of a special oversight committee, Gobi is committed to getting answers for veterans and their families on what went wrong in Holyoke – and how to better serve our aging veterans’ healthcare needs.

Gobi has also honed a comprehensive strategy to help the region recover from the pandemic and ensure long-term sustainability. Students, educators, manufacturers, small businesses, and local farmers will form the linchpin of Gobi’s plan.



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Election officials report success of safety measures

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

REGION – It was a major challenge to safely handle a record-setting number of voters amid a worsening COVID-19 situation, but local election officials were pleased with the results.

Months of planning were required from officials and volunteers to ensure a safe environment for all voters. From adding new parking and social distancing regulations at town halls, to installing protective shields and partitions, officials were ready to handle large crowds. Masks, hand sanitizers, disinfectant sprays, and hand wipes also joined the ranks of Election Day safety tools employed throughout the area.

In Leicester, which saw an impressive 80.7 percent voter turnout, Town Clerk Deborah Davis and her team worked hard since the summer to be ready for Nov. 3. Shields bearing the Leicester town seal were purchased for all precinct tables, as well as dividers between the workers. Additionally, sanitizing stations were set up for voters and employees entering and exiting the building.

Leicester also utilized election booths with sneeze guards, and traffic was coordinated in a one-way fashion to keep voters properly distanced. Moreover, the town relied on extra staff members and volunteers to clean voting booths throughout the day. All of the measures combined for a successful election, and voters were commended for their patience and cooperation.

“My office and my staff, as well as all the election

workers, did an excellent job implementing all of the regulations and precautions necessary to keep everyone as safe as possible,” Davis said. “Voters, when necessary, were reminded of social distancing. We had extra police officers on duty, and they did a fantastic job. Overall, we had a great turnout and very few complaints.”

Of a possible 7,987 registered voters, Leicester saw 6,449 residents cast a ballot this year. Similarly strong numbers were reported throughout the county, mirroring a significant rise across the state and nation.

In central Massachusetts, with several contested races in play, voters were determined to have their voices heard.

Spencer saw a 77 percent voter turnout. Interim Town Clerk Lisa Johnson inherited a daunting challenge after the unexpected resignation of former clerk Laura Torti this fall, and officials were thrilled with her preparations and execution on Election Day.

“We all had a very good night. Social distancing, masks, and flow went very well,” Johnson told the New Leader.

Increased voter turnout numbers were also reported throughout the Brookfields, as well as Sturbridge and Warren.

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Isabella likes going to school and she reports that she has many friends this year that she enjoys spending time with. Her favorite class is chorus

and she does well in school with extra supports.

Isabella really wants to be a part of a family and loves participating in all kinds of family gatherings. Isabella will do best in a patient family that can give her a lot of individualized attention. Her social worker is open to exploring families that consist of a single mother, two mothers, or a mother and a father. She will do best as an only child or with an older sister in the home. Isabella is legally freed for adoption.

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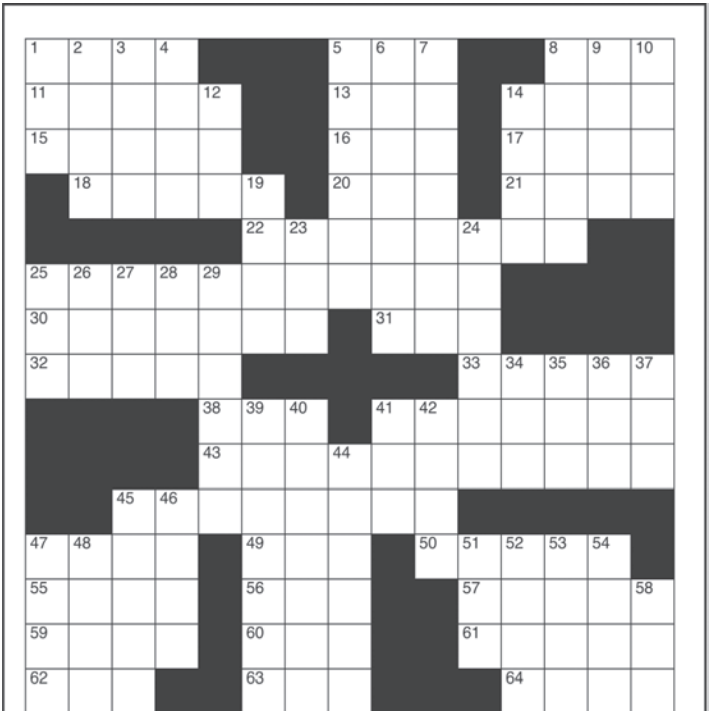
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5. Popular music style

8. Body part

11. Largely dry valleys

13. Brew

14. Ancient Greek sophist

15. Where rockers play

16. Human gene

17. One point east of northeast

18. Adversary

20. Small cask or barrel

21. About ear

22. Benign tumors

25. In a different way

30. One charged with a crime

31. Chinese principle underlying the universe

32. Long, narrow straps
33. Passover

38. Ottoman military commander

41. One who does not succeed

43. Data

45. 3D image

47. Whale ship captain

49. Japanese title

50. Made of wood

55. Yokel

56. Exercise system __-bo

57. Supreme being

59. Playing card with three spots

60. Hostelry

61. Spiritual leader

62. Single lens reflex

63. Time of the 90th meridian, used in the central U.S.

64. Thomas __, American cartoonist

CLUES DOWN

1. Shuttered airline

2. Swiss river

3. Port city in Yemen

4. It can be straight

5. Tennis player’s tool

6. Estranged

7. Garden archway

8. Assists

9. Grain crop

10. Millisecond

12. U.S. Founding Father Adams

14. Small, deerlike buffalo

19. Easily manageable

23. Male parent

24. Nearsightedness

25. Patriotic women

26. Decorate a cake with frosting

27. __ fi (slang)

28. A joke rooted in wordplay
29. Attack violently

34. Keyboard key

35. __ juris: independent

36. Corporate executive (abbr.)

37. Adult female bird

39. Pertains to knowledge

40. Pashtoes

41. Prefixed title for Italian monks

42. To be fired from a gun

44. A way to position

45. __ process: produces ammonia

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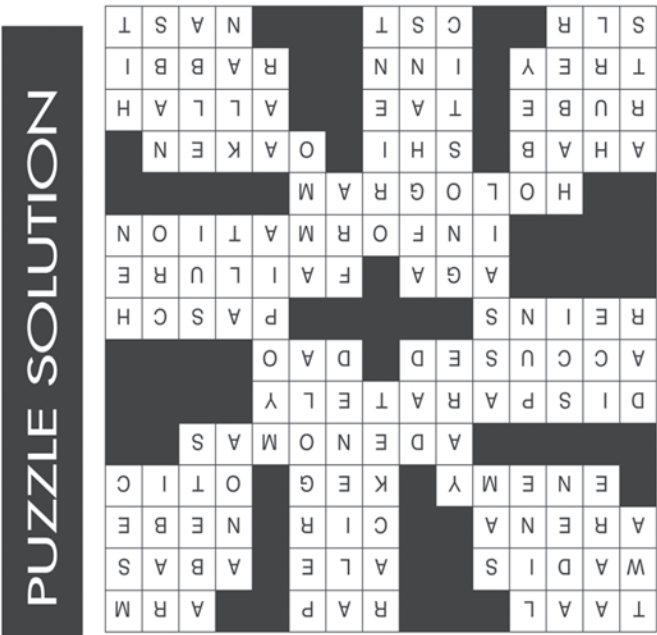
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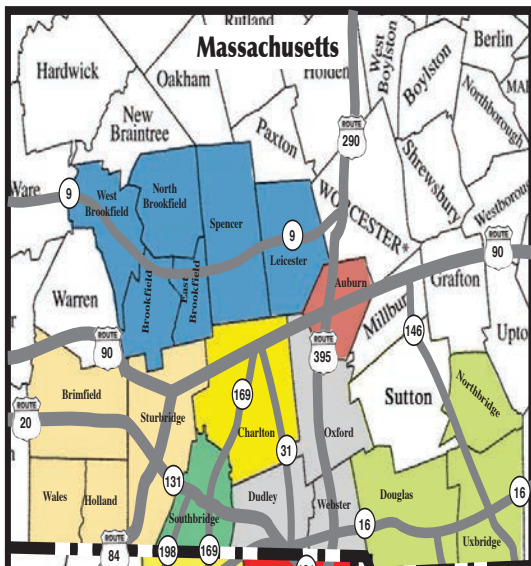
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Hitchcock Academy invites you to revisit the Mayflower

BRIMFIELD — Nov. 9 will mark the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the Mayflower on Cape Cod. It wasn't supposed to be there. On Nov. 17, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., genealogist and historian Dave Robison will conduct an online class through Hitchcock Academy, which will revisit the journey, discuss the conditions faced by its participants and consider the important legacy of that long ago voyage. After four centuries there is still a great deal to learn about what transpired on that ship.

The Mayflower was not the 17th century version of a cruise liner. It was a cargo ship and originally it was only supposed to carry half of the 102 settlers who left Portsmouth England for the New World. Due to the leaky nature of its sister ship, the Speedwell, all the voyagers were crowded onto the Mayflower, a ship estimated to be 80 feet long and 24 feet wide. Robison's class will examine the repercussions the leaky Speedwell had on the later departure of the Mayflower, which included traversing the Atlantic during hurricane season and arriving in the wrong place after 66 days at sea.

Amateur historians and Mayflower descendants may sign up for the class by visiting www.hitchcockacademy.org.



Participants will be sent an online meeting invitation containing a secure link for the presentation. History labels the Mayflower voyagers as Puritans, Pilgrims or Separatists which may make the experience otherworldly rather than relatable. Yet COVID 19 has left too many of us with the experience of

being limited by space for long stretches of time. Compound that with being seasick and cold and forced by circumstances to eat the same food every day for over two months. Food, which is not served hot or even cooked as rocky seas made it too risky for cooking fires.

Robison's class will also take a new look at the Mayflower Compact. Landing in the wrong place meant the Mayflower passengers had to develop a whole new set of laws. The Compact they formulated and signed formed the basis for representative government in the New World. Representative government in an age when much of the world believed in the "divine right of kings," a belief that held kings received their authority to govern from God. The settlers on the Mayflower were pledging to follow a government which received its authority from people, an idea beyond radical.

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Charlton begins updating Building Commission bylaws

Shepherd Hill student wins Heisman Scholarship

**BY JASON BLEAU
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT**

CHARLTON — The Town of Charlton has begun the process of reassessing its Building Commission Bylaws in an effort to bring the job within the guidelines of the state.

During a meeting of the Board of Selectmen on Oct. 27, Town Administrator Andrew Golas informed selectmen that following discussions at a recent annual town meeting he had begun working with the Building Commissioner and Legal Counsel Jim Cosgrove to revamp and update the bylaws

pertaining to the building commission to incorporate approved changes and bring the document more in line with state regulations. Golas stated that the process will be ongoing in the weeks and months to come with the goal to provide a final copy to selectmen at a future meeting. A draft was provided for selectmen for their consideration and review that night although no motions were expected or made during the meeting.

"We're still kind of working through this to figure out what changes need to be made," Golas said. "(Attorney Cosgrove) pointed out some of the appointment pieces of it where if you look

under Mass General Law it prescribes the chief administrative official as the appointing authority where our bylaw states the chief executive official which is the board of selectmen."

Selectmen provided few comments during the meeting as they wanted to review the documents presented to them before discussing the proposed changes in full. Golas made it clear his intent wasn't to finalize anything during the October meeting but rather to start the conversation and see if Selectmen had any recommendations they would like to be considered during the process of reworking the bylaws.

DUDLEY — The Heisman Trophy Trust and Acceptance Insurance announced the 2020 State Winners for the Heisman High School Scholarship presented by Acceptance Insurance.

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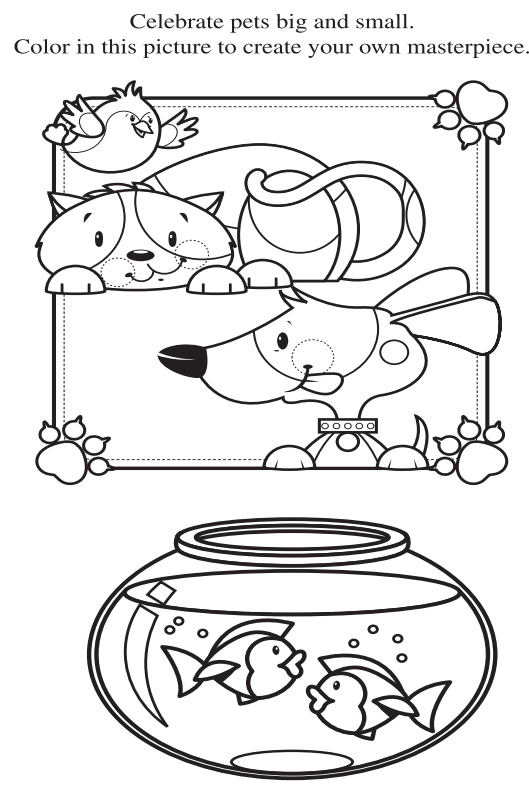
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String of robberies has police seeking answers

**BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT**

DUDLEY – A pair of break-ins at local businesses have the Dudley Police Department seeking help identifying suspects in the robberies.

Dudley Police released details of the incidents which took place in the early morning hours of Tuesday, Nov. 3. Police received alarm notifications from two different local businesses at 3:35 and 3:37 a.m., respectively. Officers were dispatched to the Cumberland Farms at 180 West Main St. and the Patriot Gas at 251 West Main St., where they found that the front doors of both locations had been pried. According to the police report all that was stolen was a small amount of merchandise. Cash was not included in the details of the robbery.

This wasn't the only incident of theft in the region that night. Two other robberies in nearby Oxford at a Sunoco Gas Station and Chucky's Citgo, both located along Main Street in Oxford, were also broken into leading investigators to consider that all four incidents were connected.

Police sent out a call to surrounding police departments to be on the lookout for a Dodge Durango with four individuals all male who may have been wearing masks and possessing pry bars used to open the doors. As of Sunday, Nov. 8, no arrests had been confirmed in connection with the robberies. The vehicle was believed to have left Dudley and traveled into Connecticut, possibly towards the town of Southbridge.

Anyone with information about these robberies is asked to contact the Dudley and Oxford Police Department at 508-943-4411 or 508-987-0156, respectively. Dudley Detective James Annese as well as Officers James Mastrogiovanni and Luis Pacheco have been charged with investigating these incidents on behalf of the Dudley Police Department.

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ANSWER:

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The passing of a legend

“This is ‘Jeopardy!’” will never sound quite the same again after the passing of longtime host of America’s favorite game show, Alex Trebek, on Sunday at the age of 80. He served as the show’s host for an impressive 37 years. In the spring of 2019, Trebek was diagnosed with stage four pancreatic cancer.

Since 1984, Trebek has been a fixture in households during the dinner time hour when families across America would shout answers at their television sets. Many of the show’s questions, made us wonder if we ever picked up a book.

In every episode, Trebek always remained, calm, cool, collected and was the perfect gentleman. Throughout the years, many have tried to stump the famous host with various trivia questions, to which Trebek would always respond by saying “What is...?” first.

Trebek was born George Alexander Trebek in Canada on July, 22 1940. Apart from “Jeopardy!” for which he is most known for, the famous TV personality hosted other shows such as Nickelodeon’s “Double Dare,” “Classic Concentration,” “The Wizard of Odds,” and “Battlestars,” to name a few.

The man, famous for his mustache, received a Daytime Emmy for Outstanding Game Show Host seven times through his tenure. In addition he has received several awards, including a Lifetime Achievement Award and was given the key to the City of Ottawa.

Many fans don’t know that Trebek’s father emigrated from Ukraine and that he grew up in a bi-lingual household. His first job at the age of 13 was serving as a bell hop at the hotel his father, a chef, was employed with.

He graduated with a degree in philosophy from the University of Ottawa in 1961. Before graduation, he dipped his toes into the broadcasting world with a job working for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

In one interview, he said, “I went to school in the mornings and worked at nights, I did everything, at one time replacing every announcer in every possible job”.

While employed with the CBC, Trebek hosted various news shows and sporting events.

The well loved host made a move to the states in 1973, when he began working for NBC. His first gig, with them, was hosting “The Wizard of Odds.”

Art Fleming was slated to be the host for Jeopardy but failed to return citing creative differences. Trebek slid into the spot in 1984, and it was game on ever since.

Trebek was married with two children. Apart from his role as host, husband and father, he was a longtime philanthropist and activist on the behalf of children worldwide.

Trebek has a star on both the Hollywood Walk of Fame and Canada’s Walk of Fame.

Thanksgiving Trivia, Tales and Turkey Talk

With Thanksgiving right around the corner, this week’s column will highlight some interesting trivia and fun facts about the beloved holiday:

Turkey Dinner: Believe it or not, Thanksgiving, along with our country’s appetite (or lack thereof) of turkey, spawned a billion dollar industry - the TV Dinner. According to the Smithsonian Institute, in 1953 Swanson found itself with 26 tons of leftover frozen turkeys when the company underestimated sales for the holiday. Back in the “waste not want not” era, the solution fell to savvy Swanson personnel - who came up with an ingenious way to package and market the surplus turkey: Cut the turkey into slices, add stuffing, along with a couple of sides, freeze it in a tin tray and voila - the TV dinner is born! The Smithsonian reports that’s exactly what Swanson salesman Gerry Thomas did when he found himself with a refrigerated railroad car filled to the brim with unsold turkeys. Inspired by prepared foods served in trays on airlines, Thomas filled the partitioned tin trays with the first Swanson turkey dinners, which included sliced turkey, corn bread dressing with gravy, sweet potatoes and peas. Capitalizing on the popularity of television and American’s new habit of eating supper on a TV tray in front of the tube, Swanson dubbed the convenient meals, TV dinners and sold them for 98 cents each. To the company’s surprise (and relief), the frozen meals were a hit, and in 1954 ten million turkey TV dinners were sold.

From Greek God to Thanksgiving Table: For generations, a symbol of harvest has been the cornucopia basket overflowing with the fruit (and vegetables) of the season. The cornucopia, a.k.a. horn o plenty, has a history dating back to ancient Greece. According to legend, when the young Zeus was playing with Amalthea, the goat who had nursed him in a cave on the island of Crete, he accidentally broke off one of her horns. To make amends, Zeus promised that from that day forward, the horn would always be filled with whatever fruit she desired. The Cornucopia came to symbolize a plentiful bounty, a tradition that has carried over to the harvest season and onto the Thanksgiving table. A horn shaped basket filled with autumn fruits and vegetables has long served as a harvest centerpiece. Generations of families continue the tradition by displaying a cornucopia on a mantle or dinner table. The colorful leaves, acorns and pinecones of New England provide the perfect backdrop for a horn o plenty overflowed with garden delights.

Thanksgiving Day Myths: If your thoughts of



TAKE THE HINT
KAREN TRAINOR

the first Thanksgiving conjure up elementary school images of Pilgrims and Indians sharing a feast of stuffed turkey and pumpkin pie – think again. While the first Thanksgiving did bring the colonists of Plymouth Colony and the Wampanoag Indians together in the autumn of 1621, the details were not recorded. The best record of the day is a brief written account of Governor Edward Winslow of Plymouth Colony who reported the Pilgrims met with Chief Massasoit and 90 of his men for a four day feast, which came to be known as the “first Thanksgiving.” Another popular myth of Thanksgiving is that the meal was a formal affair, with Pilgrims dressed in black and white and Indians in full feathered garb sitting down at a large table to dine on turkey and the trimmings. Truth is, according to Gov. Winslow, protein offerings were limited to venison and wild fowl with the Native Americans bringing “five deer” to the feast. In addition, it is unlikely the diners gathered around a table. A more feasible scenario includes informal dining, sans the silverware and tabletop. According to historians, the dishes at the Thanksgiving feast were likely prepared with Native American spices and cooked over an open fire. With virtually no sugar available, pumpkin pie and other popular modern Thanksgiving desserts were nonexistent at the first feast.

Global Thanksgiving Traditions Families across the globe come together to give thanks each year, and while international traditions differ, the premise of being thankful for harvest blessings are the same. The following sampling of “global Thanksgiving” festivals offers a peek into other cultures’ annual celebrations. China: The Chinese holiday that most resembles the Thanksgiving feast is the country’s mid autumn festival, Chung Ch’ui, which is celebrated on the 15th day of the 8th lunar month to mark the harvest season. Like Thanksgiving, Chinese families gather on this holiday to give thanks and feast on various foods. Moon cakes are the traditional food which is eaten under the bright moon. The festival includes burning incense and fire dragon dancing under lanterns. Vietnam: Also held on the 15th day of the 8th lunar month is the Vietnamese mid autumn festival of Têt-Trung-Thu. One of the country’s favored holidays, the day is centered around the children and

in fact, is referred to as the “children’s festival.” Lighting lanterns, dancing in masks and candlelit processions are some popular activities of the day. Korea: Another Thanksgiving type holiday held 15th day of the 8th lunar month is Chusok, celebrated in Korea during harvest time in mid August. Festivities include children dressed in traditional clothing and dancing under a bright moon. Rice cakes comprised of beans, chestnuts and sesame seeds are served during the celebration, which can extend for up to three days. Fruit and rice are offered to Korean ancestors and thanks is given for the season’s bounty. India: South India’s holiday closest to our Thanksgiving is the harvest celebration “Pongal,” a three day festival held on January 14. Named for a rice dish, the celebration is focused on giving thanks to the moon and the rain gods for a successful harvest. On the last day cows are honored for their hard work in plowing fields for crops. Germany: Erntedankfest, the festival honoring the harvest is Germany’s version of America’s Thanksgiving. The religious celebration held in late September includes music, dance and church services followed by a parade, fireworks, and great festivities. Africa: At the end of August, people in Nigeria and Ghana host a Yam Festival, to give thanks to the gods for the mainstay food. Yams, which are a prominent harvest crop, are a vital to feeding the country’s people. The vegetables are offered to the gods at the festival and also passed out and shared with family and village residents.

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You’ve no doubt heard reports of personal data being stolen and used for financial fraud – anything from online shopping on your credit cards to actual theft from your financial accounts. This problem won’t go away anytime soon – but you can take steps to defend yourself.

Here are a few suggestions:

Use multifactor authentication or other extra security options with online accounts. Many of your online accounts offer extra security by giving you the option to prove your identity in different ways. With multifactor authentication, you must provide at least two different factors to prove your identity when you log in to an account. This additional layer of security provides you with much greater protection.

Be creative with passwords. Create different passwords for work, financial services sites, social media and email – and give each password some length and complexity. Consider passphrases – actual words combined with symbols and numbers (for example, “ThisIsAPassphrase!2468”), for sites that allow them.

Protect your computer and your key data. Keep your antivirus software updated. And don’t install bootleg or unlicensed software, which could infect your computer with a virus. Also, back up your important data.

Watch out for fake websites or apps. When making financial transactions, be sure you’re on the website of your bank or financial institution – and not on a fake site established by hackers. Your financial statements should have the legitimate website, so bookmark it and use it when doing anything with your accounts. Also, be careful when downloading apps – stick with those from established providers such as Google Play or the App Store.

Avoid “over-sharing” on social media. Cyberthieves constantly stalk social media platforms for information they can use to commit their crimes. You can help stymie them by limiting what you share online. It’s a good idea to keep your full name, address and birthday private. You might also avoid discussing your plans for upcoming vacations. And review your privacy settings periodically so that only people you know or approve can see your information.

Limit use of public Wi-Fi. Hackers often set up their own Wi-Fi networks in public areas, such as the computers found in hotel business centers. Ask an employee for the name of the legitimate network. And even when you use it, log off when you’re finished.

Don’t take the bait of “phishers.” Cyberthieves go “phishing” for sensitive information – usernames, passwords and account numbers – by sending communications, such as emails, purporting to be from a business or financial institution with which you often do business. They may claim your account was “suspended” or that an “unauthorized transaction” was made, and you’ll be asked to click on a link that takes you to what appears to be the company’s website.

If you go along with this request, you could find malicious software being downloaded on your computer. But legitimate businesses generally won’t ask for account numbers or passwords unless you initiate the transaction. Other signs of phishing include threatening language, “urgent” requests, misspelled words or odd word choices. If an email does look suspicious to you, delete it without opening it.

This list is not exhaustive, but by putting these steps to work, you can at least reduce the risk of becoming victimized by cyber-criminals.

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Can it begin with us?

I always find it fascinating what triggers us. As an author and a columnist, I’ve learned to thicken my skin and brace myself for criticism. Anytime any of us put ourselves out there, whether we run for office, create something, or perform publicly, you must expect and accept criticism. It’s not always easy. The biggest surprise for me is often that things I write and say that I’m convinced will trigger a reaction, do not. Other times, I’ll say something innocent and quite passive and a few will bury me in angry email.

Lest week, I wrote a column about my love of iceberg lettuce. It was true, but largely tongue-in-cheek. I thought we all needed a break from the stress and vitriol of a brutal election season, so I wrote to change the subject, express my feelings, and hopefully get a laugh. Wow ... a few people were terribly upset that I prefer

iceberg lettuce over other types of greens. It didn’t upset me. I found it hilarious at the range and volume of the response. I was called mildly as being ill-informed and nutritionally ignorant all the way up to being a liar and spreading damaging untruths! I may be ignorant but my feelings about my personal tastes are not untrue ... it’s how I feel!

Last year, I spoke of the joy I get from chopping wood. Once again, I was attacked at being environmentally irresponsible, even though the only wood we chopped was from already fallen trees. I once wrote a column about losing one sock from every pair in my drawer ... again, I was labeled by a few as stupid and incompetent at keeping a pair of socks together.

I’m not complaining. I love hearing from readers and always use it to make me a better writer, but some of it would be laugh-



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GARY W. MOORE

able if it weren’t so mean-spirited.

Now, most of the correspondence is positive and encouraging. I appreciate both, so keep it coming. So, why am I sharing this?

I worry about the intensity of the dialogue and actions of so many in our country today. For those who are triggered over my choice of salad, I want you to step back and ask yourself what has really caused you to be so angry. Think long and hard about it. These types of anger triggers are often a result of an unresolved personal issue. Blaming others is useless. No one can make you act angrily at others without your permission. But some allow it to happen

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Fine weather for fishing

What fantastic weather we experienced in New England this past seven days. It had many anglers fishing some of the many recently stocked trout ponds in the valley, and members of the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club enjoyed some great trout fishing in their club pond that was recently stocked with some real impressive rainbow and brown trout.

Many clubs in and around the valley have had to pull back from their annual fall stocking because of dwindling revenue, caused by Covid-19. Members of local clubs are asked to attend work parties to get the club and grounds ready for winter. This is your club!

Deer hunting for archers has been good, and the rut is now in full swing. Numerous archers reported watching bucks chasing does last week, and were unable to get a shot because of their fast pace, as they ran under and around the tree stand, failing to stop for a decent shot. Car deer collisions are also on the increase which is a sure sign the rut is on.

Early morning or early evening are the most dangerous time for motorist to encounter a deer crossing their path, so drivers should be aware of the danger for the next few weeks. Shotgun deer season is scheduled to open



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on Nov. 30 in the Central District.

Sighting in shotguns at your local Rod & Gun Club should not be left to the last minute. You should also locate some deer slugs as soon as possible, as most shops have very little in their inventory. Sighting in your gun with the same brand of deer slugs that you plan to hunt with is also important. It does make a difference, as they do not all act the same when it comes to accuracy.

Many deer hunters also equip their shotguns with a scope. Learning how to use a scope and purchasing the correct scope is also important. You should go to a good gun shop in your area, and get a good idea of the best scope for you buy. Having gun mounts that will properly hold your scope should also allow you to use the open sites when it becomes necessary to shoot at a running deer. Trying to use your scope to shoot at running deer requires a lot of experience, and although many deer hunters can shoot well at a running deer with

a scope, it takes a lot of practice and good marksmanship.

The Whitinsville Fish & Game Club will start holding their trap shoots on the club grounds starting this Saturday afternoon. The shoots are open to the public, so get out and enjoy some great shooting events prior to winter setting in. Need help shooting? Just ask, and someone will assist you at the range.

This past week, young Tylor Conroy harvested his first deer of the season with his bow. This week's picture shows Tyler with his spike horn buck! His dad has mentored the young hunter from a very young age, and is now enjoying every minute hunting birds and big game. Nice job, Tyler!

This week's second picture shows Steve Briggs with his young son Dexter out hunting pheasant at a local club! They also managed to catch a couple of trout at the club's pond! Working and baby-sitting does not hold back the Briggs family from enjoying the great outdoors. There is nothing like starting them young. The young hunter was enjoying every minute of his early hunting and fishing experience, and is sure to become another great hunter in the coming years.

Tautog fishing remains strong in both



Courtesy

This picture shows young Tylor Conroy with his first deer of the season.



This week's second picture shows Steve Briggs with his young son Dexter out hunting pheasant at a local club!

Massachusetts & Rhode Island waters, and anglers are noticing some much larger fish

being caught. There is still time to catch some of these hard fighting fish. Take a Kid Fishing

& Keep Them Bending! Rods

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pen anyway. It's not uncommon to read about a minor dispute over a parking space that turns into someone pulling a gun and killing another human being. I worry about the level of anxiety that allows a person to be triggered so easily, over something that really doesn't matter. This weekend alone, five people were murdered, and thirty-two others wounded in Chicago. Look at this headline from the weekend, "Dog, Eight People Shot in Nashville Over Canine Dispute." Really?

Then ... there's the election. I'm saddened about the vitriol from both sides and the level of anger it has caused. Millions ... maybe a billion dollars in damage nationwide in burning and loot-

ing, while in the process, lives have been needlessly taken. We have a national epidemic of anger that is not worth the consequences of the actions triggered. And please. Spare me. Do not blame bad behavior on other bad behavior. Do not blame any politician.

I have a friend. She's a single parent who is an outstanding mom and community member. I respect her and love her teenage children. I was shocked this week to read her angry, gloating diatribe about the recent presidential election. I was deeply saddened to read the words she posted on social media. I read others who say they can never forgive those who voted differently. Really? Are we honestly unable to forgive those who think differently? Have we come to the breaking point where we now refuse to love our neighbor if they do not agree?

We cannot control the actions or feelings of others. We can control ours. We cannot stop anyone from hurting others, but we can make sure we never raise a fist or a weapon in anger. Violence usually begins with angry rhetoric. Can we begin by examining and tempering the words coming out of our mouths?

Let it start with me ... you ... everyone who is reading this column. I believe anger within us triggers anger in others. Likewise, kindness and love calm the human soul. We have reached a dangerous boiling point across our nation and it can only be reduced by cooler heads with love and kindness.

I still believe in the human spirit. I believe we are endowed by our Creator with the seeds of compassion and kind-

ness. If nurtured, these seeds can grow within us and change the course of our nation regardless of who is President or whether your socks match.

Can we love thy neighbor regardless of what type of lettuce they eat, or who they vote for?

I am optimistic. We are better than this.

Can it begin with us?

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# of Homes Sold	13	12	▼
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As you pack away the garden hose, tools and other supplies or transition to your winter garden, do not overlook those leftover seeds. Proper storage can extend their life so you will need to buy fewer seeds next season. With another shortage of garden seeds predicted for 2021 you will be glad you did.

Leave the seeds in their original packet whenever possible. It contains all the information you need to make planting easier and increase your success next season.

Place the seed packets in an airtight container such as a recycled jar or plastic storage container. If you have lots of seeds, consider organizing them as you pack them away for winter.

Arrange them alphabetically from A to Z using

dividers for each letter of the alphabet or organize them by planting season. Group seeds to be started indoors together and those that go directly in the garden by the month they should be planted.

Seal the lid on the container and place in a cool, dark location. The refrigerator is perfect, providing consistently cool temperature that increases seed storage success.

The longevity of a seed not only depends on proper storage, but also varies with the type of seed.

Eggplant, muskmelon, and Brussels sprouts will last five years or more while onions and parsnips may only last a year. Give leftover flower seeds the same care. Heliotrope, verbena, sweet William, geraniums, and Shasta daisies typically last one or two years.

Impatiens, Geums and Tithonia (Mexican sunflower) usually maintain viability for two years while ageratum, alyssum, amaranth and yarrow can last four years or more.

Take an inventory of your seeds as you pack them away in storage. Reference this list as you begin planning next year's garden. You will be able to see what seeds you already have and focus on those you need.

If you have extras or seeds you do not plan to use, consider sharing some with a friend. Most of us do not need to plant all 20, 30 or more seeds in a packet. Sharing and trading with friends or donating to schools, community gardens, master gardeners, or other groups that may lack the resources to buy their own seeds is a great way to make a difference. Everyone will save money while growing beautiful and productive gardens.

Do not discard older seeds. They often outlast the average and continue to sprout at an acceptable level. You can test the seeds prior to planting. Just take ten seeds and wrap them in a damp paper towel. Then place in a plastic bag and wait to check for sprouting in a week or two. If all



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the seeds sprout, you can plant according to the packet. If only half sprout, you need to seed twice as thick.

And if you find some of your old seeds are no longer viable, use them to create seed art and other projects. It is a fun way to repurpose these seeds.

Be sure to add packing up leftover seeds to your fall to-do list. You will be glad you did when it is time to plan and plant next year's garden.

Melinda Myers is the author of more than 20 gardening books, including Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How

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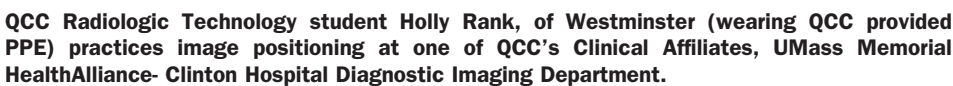
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