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Annual feast happens with the blessings of community



Chef David Hebert of Nichols College helps serve up a Thanksgiving feast for the Blessed Backpack Brigade

BY JASON BLEAU

WEBSTER — Over the last few months the Blessed Backpack Brigade has had a lot to be thankful for. The organization, which is geared toward helping local families and homeless individuals in need, has received a large influx of support from local community businesses and organizations since losing the bulk of their supplies as a result of the EF-1 tornado in Webster in August, but the group has marched ahead with their mission and continued to offer their bi-weekly meals at the American Legion in Webster.

It almost seems fitting that after all of that help, from donation to fundraisers, that the group would enjoy one of its most successful meals yet a weekend before Thanksgiving as families come together to give thanks to all that they have and the blessing of togetherness and community. Lauri Joseph, one of the founders of the organization along with her husband and Dudley Selectman Pula Joseph, was near speechless when talking about the sup-

port the group has received during a very special Thanksgiving-themed meal on Wednesday, Nov. 14, the third annual holiday-themed meal the organization has held during its tenure.

"There are no words to describe how grateful we are. It warms our hearts to see this. People have been contacting us to see what we need ever sense the storm," Lauri Joseph said. "We normally serve 120 to 150 people at these meals by the end of the night. Every time there are new faces here and while I'm happy people are coming on the other hand it's very sad that they have to come here."

Much to Joseph's surprise the Thanksgiving meal actually surpassed the average with a rough tally of 163 meals served over a little over an hour. It was among the biggest meals the organization served in 2018. But what made this Thanksgiving meal even more special is that it was completely supported by the students and staff of Nichols College in Dudley. It's nothing new for Nichols to

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Town unveils retail pot zoning ideas

BY GUS STEEVES

WEBSTER — Voters will get a chance to opine on and influence the town's proposed recreational pot zoning plan at the Planning Board's Dec 3 public

Town Planner Ann Morgan, Planning Board Chair Paul LaFramboise and Town Administrator Doug Willardson laid out much of what's being considered on Nov. 5. Key elements include allowing pot retail establishments in three areas: the industrial park around Town Forest Road, a section of Thompson Road near I-395's exit 1, and the Kmart Plaza, where several storefronts are vacant. The latter isn't far from the existing Curaleaf cultivation facility, and Willardson suggested extending that zone up to the plaza.

LaFramboise said the proposal took into account schools, parks and other sites "you want to protect," meaning "everything in the downtown area is covered."

"The downtown industrial areas are really ruled out because of [nearby] schools," he said. One zone for which that doesn't apply is an area near North Village, but when asked about it, Willardson said he excluded that "because I don't want it there."

To LaFramboise and several others present that night, the industrial park is the preferred location, although Morgan noted they have to be somewhat careful to avoid pushing such a business too far off the main road, since

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Task Force attempts to address issues surrounding opiates in Webster

BY ANNIE SANDOLI TIMES CORRESPONDENT

WEBSTER Webster Opiate Task Force held a public forum at Gladys E. Kelley Library on Thursday, November 15 to further open up a discussion about addiction and the resources that are available to the communi-

The task force initiative began about a year and a half ago after a noticeable increase in drug overdoses in Webster and has since offered free Narcan trainings, recovery resources, and social work referrals to individuals who are suffering or recovering from an addiction.

"We do have an opioid addiction issue in town that is part of a nationwide crisis," said Michael Shaw, deputy chief of the Webster

Police Department and chairman of the Webster Opioid Task Force. "Our goal for this event is to educate people on the services that are out there and reassure them that they can get help and we as a community are working towards progress."

The first guest speaker of the evening was Tara Rivera, a business development officer at Recovery Centers of America who is in long-term recovery herself. She told her story of growing up with parents who were both addicts during her childhood, losing her father to an overdose, watching her two brothers fall into the addictive habits, entering young adulthood with substance abuse issues herself, attending recovery meetings with her mother at a



Annie Sandoli photo

A public forum on opiates drew a crowd to Webster

young age, and finally convincing herself to get the help she needed.

"I haven't had a drink or drug in 21 years," she said, to which the audience applauded.

the audience on national and state drug abuse statistics, why people tend to start using drugs, and how addiction affects the brain, stressing the fact that substance dependency is a "chronic, relapsing brain

"Dopamine gets released into our system when we use drugs," she said. "Because of the high levels of dopamine that come with addiction, your body stops

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Thinking ahead to the tricentennial

BY JASON BLEAU TIMES CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY - The town is a long way from reaching its 300th year milestone at only 286 years old in 2018, but that hasn't kept the excitement over the celebration from growing in the heart of one of Dudley's most committed local historians. Ed Bazinet.

A member of the Dudley Historical Commission and an outspoken fan

of the town and its history, Bazinet appeared before the Board of Selectmen earlier this month to try and get a head start on Dudley's impending tricentennial celebration in 2032. Bazinet said he wants to see a group of citizens come together to make this celebration one of the best and most lively in Dudley's history.

"We're about 13 years out and everybody asks, 'well what are you getting excited about now?' I think we need to. Three hundred is pretty important. I think it's even bigger than the 250. When we opened up the vault from the 250th we found out that they were running against the grain the whole time. They never had enough time to do what they wanted to do so I said, 'let's start',"

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Enforcement efforts get monetary boost

Worcester Friday, County District Attorney Joseph D. Early Jr. visited with police chiefs and command staff officers of the South Worcester County Drug and Counter Crime Task Force.

The meeting took place at Webster Police Department.

DA Early presented the group with a check for \$6,000 to assist the organization with their drug and counter crime enforcement efforts in the southern Worcester County area. Partner police departments include Charlton, Dudley, Oxford, Southbridge, and Webster. These agencies share the common goal to remove illegal drugs and their associated activities from the communities and provide a safer environment for all the residents.

The Task Force wishes to thank District Attorney Early for his generous donation.



Pictured (left to right): Charlton Police Chief Graham Maxfield, Webster Police Lieutenant Toby Wheeler, Webster Police Chief Timothy Bent, Worcester County D.A. Joseph Early Jr., Dudley Police Chief Steve Wojnar, Oxford Police Chief Anthony Saad, Oxford Police Lieutenant William Marcelonis, Southbridge Police Chief Shane Woodson.



Eagle Scout uses renovation of baseball field as project

KIMBERLY MASCHI

Local Oxford High School senior, Sean Patrick Janerico, became an Eagle

Oxford's newest Eagle Scout Sean Janerico

with Chervl LeBlanc

Scout and received commendation on Sunday, Veterans Day, from the Board of Selectman.

It is not an easy journey to become an Eagle Scout, only 4% of Scouts reach this status. Scouts must have at least 21 merit badges in various applications such as, environmental science, personal management, and citizenship in the community.

Janerico reached all expectations and more. The Eagle Scout project helped earn Janerico the high status.

"My Eagle Scout project was the renovation of the Oxford High School baseball field," Janerico showed before and after photos from the projects beginning, mid-

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Bazinet explained.

This exchange was merely meant to set the stage for the planning still to come in Dudley as financing and specifics for the celebration all need to be laid out by whoever steps up to be part of the process. Bazinet said it might seem too earlier for some to start thinking about the 300th anniversary, but he hopes to see residents step up to the plate to help make the tricentennial the celebration it deserves to be.

We need to think about how we want to do this. I think there should be a formal committee or commission made

up of some of us that are of mature age and some of us that are maturing and younger. That committee could change as it needs to and it would meet two or three times a year to sit down and talk long range planning because this takes a long time to do," Bazinet told selectmen. "I'm just hoping people come out of the woodwork with ideas - We'll look at what's feasible and if we have to fundraise along the way then that gets

Bazinet said he plans to return before the Board of Selectmen in the next few months to further discuss putting together a group of citizens to lead the efforts and begin planning for Dudley's next landmark year.

Courtesy photos

Santa to perform with kids and dummies

Santa will be at the Oxford Public Library with several friends Dec. 7

Santa and the Driscoll Drumming Dummies will perform at the Oxford Public Library on Friday, Dec. 7 at 10:30

Kevin Driscoll The Real Bearded Santa $^{\text{\tiny TM}}$ is a member of the New England Santa Society, a musician, and a ventriloquist.

Driscoll's mischievous elves Jerry and Jessica, Willie the Red Nosed Whiteboard, Doug The Talking Dog, Little Jerry, Uncle Charlie and all of Santa's ventriloquist dummies will lead the drum circles.

Children who volunteer to perform with the dummies will play different drums including the Irish bodhrán, Tahitian toeré, Trinidadian mini-steel drum, and many other percussion



Several friends will join Santa at the Oxford **Public Library**

instruments. Children will also interactively learn about musical terms like tempo, dynamics, and crescendo while they are drumming with the Driscoll dummies.

ATTENTION PARENTS: Doug The Talking Dog will not bite children, he only bites Mommies and Daddies...and librarians.

Last year Driscoll performed at the International ConVENTion of ventriloquists with Darci Lynn, the 12-yearold ventriloquist who went on to win a million dollars on TV's America's Got Talent. After Driscoll's 2018 performance at the Senior Ventriloquist competition, Darci's coach and producer Gary Owen said "Kevin, you're an outstanding performer. I love your stage presence. You're fun!'

Driscoll, who has taught music for many years, enjoys how his job allows him to combine three of his passions.

'This way I get to combine music, ventriloquism, and education." Driscoll said. "I get to do what I love, and I get to bring joy to the children."

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BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Dudley Lions Club is holding its annual Pancake Breakfast with Santa. Breakfast is from 8:00-11:00AM Saturday Dec. 1 at Shepherd Hill Regional High School. Breakfast will include "All You Can Eat" pancakes, eggs, and sausage and beverages. The cost for the event is \$7 for Adults, Children 6-12 \$4, Children under 6 are free.

Through its fundraising efforts the club gives back to the community through vision and hearing services, food baskets during the holidays as well as other Lions community projects, including eye glass collection for needy persons in Third World Countries, collection boxes are at the Dudley Town Hall and Dudley Park n' Shop. Along with other local clubs we provide funding for eye research at major hospitals across the country and right here in Boston.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT:

Sunday, Dec. 16, 2 p.m., The First Congregational Church of Dudley at 135 Center Road. Filled with holiday favorites of days gone by, as well as contemporary pieces of joy love and peace will have you bursting with enjoyment. Step away from the Christmas madness and be filled with a true sense of the reason for the season. Join us in the church sanctuary, Admission is free and open to all, with a free-will offering collected during the concert. Following the performance there will be a reception downstairs in Jacob's Hall, providing a time for socializing while enjoying delicious treats provided by church members.

HOLIDAY BASKET FESTIVAL Grace Episcopal Church, 270 Main St. Oxford will hold its annual Holiday Basket Festival on Saturday, Dec. 15 from 9 AM to 1 PM in the parish hall. Chances on Baskets will be \$1 each or 6 for \$5. A free ticket will be given for a donation of food, hats or gloves/mittens which will be given to the Oxford Food Shelf. In addition to Baskets, we will have Christmas hats and stockings which can be embroidered with a name for \$5. A hearty lunch will be available for \$5 as well as a bountiful bake table. Tours of our beautiful sanctuary on

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Gore Pond will get new bridge thanks to Eagle Scout

Grant will pay for materials

BY JASON BLEAU

DUDLEY - A local Boy Scout is looking to make the trails along Gore Pond in Dudley a little more convenient for anyone who wants to enjoy the town's natural beauty.

Derek Lemberger, a Boy Scout with Troop 273, met with the Dudley Conservation Commission earlier this month to propose an Eagle Scout project that would build a new structure in the vicinity of Gore Pond that will hopefully allow a wider variety of people to enjoy the pond's trails. His project will see him build a new bridge to allow easier crossing of one of the Pond's waterways.

"My project will be building a foot bridge over a spill way on Gore Pond which currently is about a foot deep and fourteen feet wide," Lemberger said. "The trail is inaccessible to the handicapped, bikes or anyone with a stroller. What this bridge will allow is those people to cross the spillway without worrying about the water that will be running through it."

The Conservation Commission not only voted unanimously to support Lemberger's project but also made a commitment to help fund the project. After receiving a quote of around \$600 for the new bridge Commission Chairman Richard Androlewicz surprised Lemberger saying, "We have the money in an account where we can cover that."

The Commission approved utilizing \$600 to pay for construction materi-



Local Boy Scout Derek Lemberger will build a new foot bridge at Gore Pond in Dudley as his **Eagle Project**

als to take the pressure of purchasing wood and hardware off of Lemberger's shoulders. The money being allocated for the project is from the Janet Malser

Grant, which is specifically designated for projects such as this. There was no estimate on when the bridge would be

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Helen Poirier who helped organize the grant writing states the documents include a letter of promotion to rank of lieutenant in the Baron Wallworth "Luck" Regiment March 28, 1779.

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The restoration and preservation were done by Green Dragon Bindery in Shrewsbury. The documents are in the lower level of the Oxford Public Library, sealed safely away. Brittany McDougal, the library director, stated, "It is so important to preserve our history.'

McDougal plans on adding lighting to the glass case the documents are sealed in.

'To have pieces of our history on display for the community to view is an amazing opportunity.'

McDougal goes on to state

that anyone can come and see the documents in person.

"The writing is beautiful." McDougal comments on the elegant cursive used to hand-write the documents and states that preserving the writing style is just as

important as the documents. Janet The Humanities Trust was established in 2009 and the goal of the trust is to help fund education, historic, and cultural charities within the neighboring towns of Oxford, Webster and Dudley. Previous recipients include the Oxford Middle School music department, Webster Lake Association, and the Dudley Historical

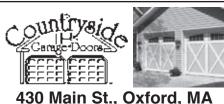
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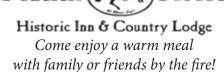
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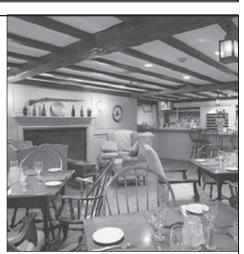
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Inventory is much more important that time of year when it comes to selling

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> If you want to move in the next 6-9 months, then I would suggest you meet with a Real Estate professional now so they can help you decide what the best strategy and timing will be for your home sale.

Poppies for veterans

I, the Dudley Womans Club recently crafted 50 hand-made poppies for veterans participating in the Webster-Dudley Veterans Day parade.

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CLUES ACROSS

- 4. Long periods of time
- Boiled cow or sheep 14. Ottoman military commander 43. Beer mug
- 15. Pig
- 16. Don't go near 17. Benin inhabitants
- 18. Pop star 20. Removes
- 22. Your sibling's daughter
- 23. Trade
- 24. Dabbled
- 28. Tax collector 29. Atomic number 73
- 30. Russian emperor
- 31. Broad-winged bird of prey
- 33. Pale brownish yellow
- 37. A type of bill
- 38. One or a sum of things 39. Stiff, untanned leather
- 41. Naturally occurring solid material 42. Promotional material
- 44. Nostrils
- 46. Very rich
- 49. Atomic number 10
- 50. Not even 51. Pulls apart
- 55. City in western Finland
- 58. Wing shaped 59. Paddling 60. Player
- 64. Japanese classical theater
- 65. S-shaped lines
- 66. Coined for one occasion
- 67. Pitching stat 68. "M" actor
- 69. Some are noble
- 70, Lair

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Places to eat 2. Marketplace
- 3. Unoriginality
- 4. Administrative officials 5. Female sheep and a loch in
- Scotland
- 6. Something to drill for 7. Midway between north and northeast
- 8. Cassia tree 9. Founder of medical pathology
- Long-legged wading bird
- and goers 12. Go quickly
- 13. Used to cut and shape wood
- 19. Small island (British)
- 21. Dry or withered
- 24. "Last of the Mohicans" actress 61. Before the present
- 25. Manufacturers need one
- 26. Tidal bore
- 27. Makes free of moisture

- 31. Semitic titles
- 32. Inappropriate
- 34. Gregory __, US dancer 35. -__, denotes past
- 36. Makes nicer
- 40. Indicates position
- 41. Made a priest
- 45. Sixth month of Jewish calendar 47. One who refrains
- 48. Type of top
- 52. Pay increase 53. Curved shape
- 54. Keeping down 56. Sleep sound
- 57. Tiny Iranian village
- 59. Only one time 60. Elected official
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Courtesy photos



Jean Tilly and Jackie Kane cutting the patterns.

bankHometown kicks off 15th year of contributing to annual Neighbors Helping Neighbors campaign

OXFORD — bankHometown kicked off it 15th year of participating in the annual Neighbors Helping Neighbors (NHN) Campaign with a challenge to local residents to help support local food pantries.

For more than 30 years, NHN has helped people faced with financial difficulties caused by accidents, fires, life challenging illness and disabilities or other reasons beyond their control. Each November, customers and community members are invited to be a Hometown Hero for a \$1 donation or a Hometown Superhero for a \$5 donation, and business customers are solicited to contribute in larger amounts. bankHometown then matches all donations, dollar for dollar, and splits the funds among food pantries that serve the areas surrounding each of its seven offices.

This year's campaign includes an opportunity to enter a drawing for a \$25 gift card. Anyone may participate just by dropping by one of bankHometown's 13 offices to make a donation in Massachusetts or Connecticut.

bankHometown President and CEO, Matthew S. Sosik said, "Last year's campaign concluded with a total distribution of \$25,000, representing contributions from personal and business customers, bank employees and directors, and a dollar for dollar matching gift from the bank. It's a way for the bank and its customers to make a real difference in the lives of local residents."

Neighbors Helping Neighbors donations benefit (in Massachusetts) the Auburn Youth and Family Services, Inc. Food Pantry (Auburn), CARE Food Pantry (Clinton), Food Share (Southbridge, Charlton & Sturbridge), Ginny's Helping Hand, Inc. (Leominster), Oxford Ecumenical Food Shelf (Oxford), Salvation Army (Athol), St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry (Webster); (in Connecticut) Bread Daily

Friends of Assisi (Killingly), and Thompson Ecumenical Empowerment Group (TEEG) (Thompson).

bankHometown was founded in 1889 and is headquartered in Oxford. bankHometown has 13 branches located throughout central Massachusetts and northeastern Connecticut. For more information, please visit www.hometowncoop.com.

Hometown Financial Group (HFG), a \$2.1 billion mutual holding company headquartered in Easthampton, is the parent company of bankESB and bankHometown. Both banking franchises offer a complete line of commercial, business, and consumer products to customers throughout its 24 branches located throughout western and central Massachusetts and northeastern Connecticut. For more information on Hometown Financial Group, please visit www.bankhfg.com.

Honest Thief films in Oxford



The film Honest Thief films in Oxford Thursday, Nov. 8, 2018.

BY SARAH CHAMPAGNE

Oxford residents were surprised to learn last week that a star or two might be in their midst. News circulated quickly that Hollywood had come to Oxford and a production crew was in town to film scenes for an upcoming movie called Honest Thief. The movie stars Liam Neeson and Kate Walsh in a story about a high-stakes criminal who falls in love with a woman and then wants to change his ways to lead an honest life. The lead character, played by Irish actor Neeson, has a hard time disentangling himself from a life of crime.

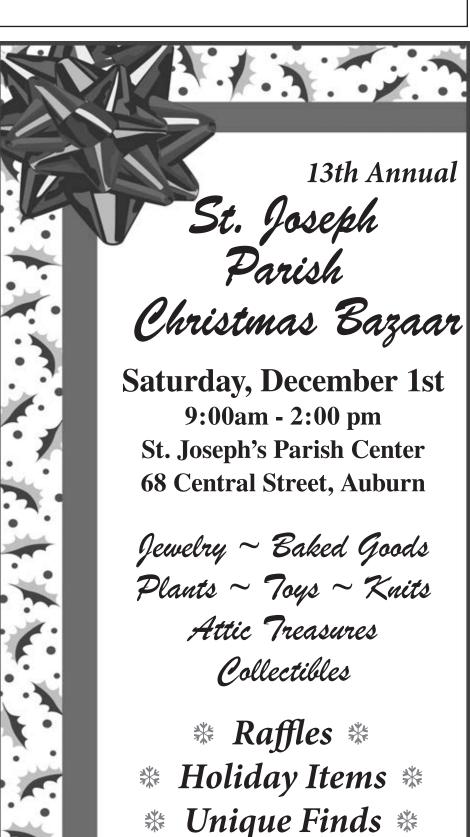


Courtesy photo

Pictured with a variety of the Kindness Rocks are front row: Alex Smith, Diane Perry, Dori Donahue, Jackie Kane, Judy Jov: and back row: Cindy Renaud. Andrea Kane, Jean Tilly, Michelle Thompson.

DUDLEY WOMANS CLUB KINDNESS ROCKS!!

At the November DWC meeting, held recently in the event room of Sinni's Pub, members of the club joined in the current craze — painting inspirational Kindness rocks, for placement in public spots about town to bring cheer to those who find them! Finders are asked to take a photo of the rock they found, and post it online at hashtag #DWCkindnessrocks!



Scenes for the action movie were filmed at Life Storage in Oxford. Life Storage had recently bought the property from Uncle Bob's Storage and has built a large multi-story indoor storage

The indoor storage units supplement the former all outdoor-facing rows of storage units on the property.

The setting must have seemed ideal to movie scouts because the main characters in Honest Thief meet at a storage facility. The repentant thief of the title has loot stashed in a storage unit and the woman he falls in love with works at that storage facility.

Diane Piegza, vice president of corporate communications for Life Storage, said that it is not the first time that the company has been asked for use of one of the company's sites for films or other projects. She says that Oxford-based employees of the company had been working in a trailer that was made into office space as the new storage facility was being built.

"We just expanded and built a new facility, so the timing worked out for us and for the production company," Piegza says. "We could have our associates work out of the office trailer for another week or so."

Piegza and the Oxford-based employees couldn't comment specifically on whether or not any of the units in the new building had been rented out yet, but Piegza noted the "clean slate" of the new building lent itself to filming. Logos or other branding for Life Storage, based out of Buffalo, NY, will not be seen in the movie.

"We make sure our customers are not inconvenienced. If there is anything unusual going on, we would also contact our customers ahead of time,'

Piegza comments.

Oxford locals tried to get a glimpse of the filming as crews set up outside of the new facility. Large screens and lights, cranes and other equipment filled the parking lot facing the busy road Tuesday, Nov. 6 through Thursday, Nov. 8. Pedestrians were allowed to stand nearby and watch the crew work. A police officer stayed near the entrance to the property during filming. Police officers may have had to monitor traffic on the busy section of road; once word got out that a movie starring Kate Walsh and Liam Neeson was being filmed at the location, motorists would slow down even to a near stop to try to catch a glimpse.



Sarah Champagne photos

A sign outside of Route 12 Convenience in Oxford welcomes Liam Neeson to town.

Locals did not report any sightings of either celebrity, but many held out hope. A sign outside the nearby Route 12 Convenience store was changed to read "Welcome Liam" for the duration of the local filming. The crew parked and had meals at the nearby American Legion hall and several trailers for production personnel filled the lot next door to Life Storage, where Five Star Soccer Academy and K's Ambulance have headquarters.

An employee at Route 12 Convenience said the store's owners had put out the sign to express the excitement and buzz around town about the filming. She said she didn't know if anyone from the production, or Neeson himself, had seen the sign, but that someone had come in and bought twelve bags of ice early that morning.

'That's got to be something, right? What kind of local buys twelve bags of ice on a morning in New England? In November?" she asked.

The Oxford site was the first to be used for the part of filming listed as taking place in "Boston." In fact, the first "trivia item" for the film has been added to the Internet Movie Database, referring to the Oxford filming site.

The production has now moved on to Worcester, where several scenes have been filmed downtown near the DCU Center.

* * Triday's Child * * *



Hi! Our names are Devondrick and Eliajah and we want to be a police officer and

professional soccer player.

Devondrick and Eliajah are friendly brothers who are looking for a family together! Devondrick is an outgoing young man of Cape Verdean descent. He presents as quiet and shy around people he does not know but once he feels comfortable, he is friendly, outgoing, and funny. Devondrick is very athletic and loves to play baseball,

football, and basketball. He participates in team sports regularly, and is currently on local baseball and football teams. Devondrick is very competitive and takes pride in his abilities. He does well academically, especially in math. He has many friends at school with whom he enjoys spending time.

Eliajah is of Lebanese and Cape Verdean descent. He is funny, social and enjoys being around other children. He loves to play outside and watch television. Eliajah has played baseball in the past and would also love the opportunity to try soccer. Eliajah's foster mother says that Eliajah has a big heart, and that he is very helpful around the house and will even ask to help with chores! He does well in class and has friends at school.

Ready for adoption, Devondrick and Eliajah would like to be placed in a home together with a mother and a father, a single mother or a single father. Their social worker is open to exploring families with or without other children in the

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; LG-BTQ 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 617-6273 or visit www.mareinc.org. The sooner you call, the sooner a waiting child will have "a permanent place to call HOME."

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LEARNING

BARTLETT HONOR ROLL

WEBSTER — Bartlett High School has announced the following students have earned a place on the first quarter honor roll.

GRADE 9

High Honors: John Etpison; Talia Gardner; Cassidy Jones; Colin Minarik; Sofia Napierata; Madison Nuttall; Jessica Peets; Imani Washington.

Honors: Godfred Ameyaw; Janichelle Aponte Torres; Eriqa Appiah-Danquah; Dexziel Arvelo; Stacy Adante; Jetzairy Beniquez Nieves; Felicia Benoit; Paige Blythe; Nebreylka Castro Hernandez; Josephine Corridori; Rebecca Cotton; Phillip Duong; Helene Guinard; Haleigh Hryzan; Jada Jones; Ashli Joseph; Kya L'Heureux; Thomas McGonagle, Olivia Mountain; Samantha Nelligan; Emmanuel Pierre; Kasia Santos; Lilianna Sigalovsky; Artus Sochacki; Carolyn Somers, Evangelina Torres, Samantha Tremblayl Aryanah Walker-Sanchez, Amanda Warchal, and Sabrina Yaw.

GRADE 10

High Honors: Mariah Belletti; Stephanie Boersma; Shannon Bombardier; John Bsoumai; Samantha Coombs; Ashlee Cuellar; Julie Dwyer; Kathryn Griffiths; Allison Grzembski; Brian James; Caitlin Kotarba; Garrett Mann; Bradley Markiewicz; Brandi Mercer; Shaye Parker; Patryk Piwowarczyk; Julia Podedworny; Kyle Sullivan; Dariane Tooley; Johnathan Wilson; and Ryan Zalewski.

Honors: Cody Adams; Vivian Adams; Viola Appiah-Danquah; Devin Baton; Emma Bonneau; Zachary Candito; Shannon Casey; Cody DeCarteret; Chaiwet Komsin; Zachary Kraal; Summer Lamprey; Jenna Lang; Zachary Legasey; Carly Leighton; Duncan McIntyre; Ognjen Milosavljevic; Katelyn Picard; Abbigail Poplawski; Rodel Portante; Marina Rezk; Ryan Rice; Scott Richard; Joseph Sho; Romeo Sho; Nicholas Van Liew; Eric Vazquez; and Allyson Wheeler-Ramsey.

GRADE 11

High Honors: Benjamin Brodeur;

Kelsey Connor; Alyjah Gagnon; Johoa Laboy Rivera; Igor Napoli; and Matthew Powers.

Honors: Anna Asamoah; Victoria Ashwell, Kofi Asibey; Wilson AYbar; Ahmed Azzaoui; Nathan Blythe; Nikayla Diaz; Sophia Gardner; Deanna Girard; Jeykiel Gonzalez-Aponte; Madison Hart; Sasiwimon Komsin; Mason Lavache; Chaya Lipman-Tessicini; Mia Lipman-Tessicini; Edna Mbugua; Gabriel Nelson; Andy Nguyen; Logan Paranto; Hannah Picchioni; Madison Piehler; Joseph Pierce; James Ralph; Riley Stawiecki; Sean Stockhaus; Michael Toner; Jacob Vosburg; Breanna Ward; and Brittany Ward.

GRADE 12

High Honors: Devon Avery; Morgan Bermingham; Trisha Danforth; Kylie Dubey; Jennifer Grooms; Lauren Hughes; Thomas James; Maria Palkon; Zoey Pierce; Theresa Robinson; Jacqueline Sperling; Alexandria Steinbuch; Deanna Turhanovitch; and Isaac Whitecotton.

Honors: Steven Brennan; Kimberly Brown; Alyssa Corey; Jacob Decker; Jordan Flanigan; Erika Hernandez; Matthew Huberdault; Tyler Mailloux; Ashtin Morio; Ritu Patel; John Plewa; Sara Prunier; Jacquelyn Ricard; Devin Silvestri; Ashly Sizer; Kayla Sizer; Kayla Smith; Brittany Stewart; David Waller; and Olivia Woods.

Honorable Mention: Tiffany Barber; Breanna Beardsley; Martin Boersma; Lindsey Canty; Kelly Chisolm; Josue Cordero Arroyo; Marcela Cuenca Diaz; Stephanie Cumming; Nicholas Cyrek; Amber Daigneault; Steven Dixon; Anthony Dunn; Andrew Edney; Amanda Freniere; Jacob Gatto; Shawn Gaumond; Emily Gould; Chyna Henley; Dominic Iwanski; Kaylee Kineey; Bethany Konicki; Corey Langlois; Glenn Levasseur; Tori McIntyre; Cassandra Nadeau; Ashley Raymond; Arhum Rizvi; Alexis Rodriguez; Rosa Mia Snape; Brett Tetreault; Jazmin Villegas; Christopher Vosburg; Mark Woodsum; Kaitlin Yeulenski; and Mina Zaky.

AREA HOLIDAY FAIRS

SATURDAY DECEMBER 1

CHRISTMAS FAIR: The Golden Age Club of Charlton holds its Christmas Fair Saturday, Dec. 1 at the Charlton Senior Center, 37 Main St. 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Christmas items, handmade items, baked goods, raffles, and a white elephant sale. Luncheon includes homemade chowder, meatball grinders, peach shortcake and more!

CHRISTMAS FAIR: The Charlton Helping Hand Society Inc. will again host a Christmas Fair from 8 am to 2pm, Saturday, December 1 at The Dodge Chapel, 81 Hammond Hill Road, Charlton. All proceeds will benefit the group's charitable commitment to the Charlton community. The always popular "Gramma's Attic" will be offered and will be brimming with donations/ bargains from our generous members. Cookies by the pound, crafts, raffles and so much more. We will be introducing "chapel" sauce, a homemade and delicious addition to the fair. Please join us, share the fun, the bargains and especially to..."HELP US TO HELP OTHERS.

LIBRARY FAIR: The 4th annual Library Holiday Craft & Gift Fair will be Saturday Dec. 1 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the Charlton Public Library, 40 Main St., Charlton. All proceeds benefit the Charlton Public Library

CHARLTON ANGEL FAIR: The Charlton City United Methodist Church will host a Christmas Fair with a theme of "Angels" from 9 am to 3 pm at 74 Stafford St. on Saturday, Dec. 1. Visitors to this warm and intimate fair will find items for everyone. Grandma's Christmas Treasures, jewelry, plants, homemade wreaths, a silent auction, cookies, pies and much, much more! Coffee and donuts will be served from 9-11 a.m. followed by a lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The church is handicapped accessible and plenty of parking is available. Any questions call the church at (508) 248-7379.

FIFTH ANNUAL FESTIVAL: The 5th annual Winter Festival at East Brookfield Elementary, 410 E. Main St. is scheduled Saturday, Dec. 1, 9 AM-2PM. Pix with Santa \$20 for a package; food for purchase and Kid's Activity Room.

PEPPERMINT CHRISTMAS FAIR: Quaboag Valley Baptist Church, 175 Fiskdale Road, Brookfield is holding its 8th annual Peppermint Christmas Vendor & Craft Fair on Saturday, Dec. 1st from 9 am until 2:30 pm. Lots of vendors, handcrafted gifts, baked goods, food, raffles, Christmas photos & more! 100% of proceeds to benefit Global One80.

CHRISTMAS FAIR: The First Congregational Church of Dudley, 135 Center Road Christmas Fair on Saturday, Dec. 1 between 10 AM and 4 PM. The fair will include Selfies with Santa, crafters & vendors, LBS Christmas and Gift Shop, handmade quilt drawing, Basket Drawings, baked goods table, Café and live entertainment. The building is handicap accessible. For more information visit our website-events at www.uccdudley.org.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TEA: The annual Christmas Tea at First Congregational Church, Oxford will be Saturday, Dec. 1. Doors open for tea & sweets at 9:30 am; luncheon selections served 10:30 am-2:30 pm. Fair featuring gift baskets, baked goods, Granny's Attic - Gently Used Treasures; Raffle Room; Book Nook; door prizes. Food selections include soup, entrée, desserts cart, specialty teas, coffee & hot chocolate

SANTA BREAKFAST & FAIR: Operation Graduation 2019 will be holding its annual breakfast and vendor fair at Oxford High School Saturday Dec. 1 8 a.m.-noon. Adults \$5, Children \$3 (3-12), children under 3 free. Pictures with Santa \$5 donation. Pancakes and sausage will be served, raffles, face painting, activities and goodies for the children. Vendor tables available \$25 per six foot table; \$5 per additional table. Email jbrescia@oxps.org for more info.

HOLIDAY FAIR: Fraternal Order of Eagles, 59 Mill St., Southbridge will hold its annual Holiday Fair Saturday, Dec. 1 noon to 5 p.m. Vendors are being sought now: cost is \$15 per eight foot table plus one item donated for raffle. Contact Lynne Bertrand at (774) 230-1465 to secure your space.

SCOUT CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE: Auburn's Scouting Troop 101 will have Christmas wreaths, baskets, and logs on sale at the Auburn Post Office on Saturdays Dec. 1 and 8, from 9AM-noon. Help fund Scouting activities! For inquiries or pre-sale, call George (774-239-2240)

CRAFT FAIR: Need unique, one of a kind Christmas gifts? Look no further than the Holly Berry Fair at the Sturbridge Federated Church, 8 Maple St., Sturbridge, on Dec. 1 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. Local artisans and craftspeople will be selling all manner of handmade items including needlework, paintings and cards, Christmas ornaments, and other surprises. Come! Enjoy hassle-free shopping while supporting local artisans and crafts people.

CRAFT FAIR: Tis the season for crafters and lovers of locally made products. On Saturday, Dec. 1, the Leicester High School Art Club will hold its 16th annual holiday craft fair 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the school. Admission is free to the public. Crafters will feature jewelry, knitted items, wreaths, floral items, greeting cards, candles,

stained glass products, gift baskets, homemade soaps, and much more. The snow date is Sunday, Dec. 2.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: The annual Christmas Bazaar is scheduled Saturday, Dec. 1 9:00AM – 2:00PM at St. Joseph 's Parish Center, 68 Central St., Auburn. Come and enjoy an old fashioned Christmas Bazaar and check out the collectibles, attic treasures, plants, jewelry, knit goods, holiday décor, toys, candy & baked items and so much more! Take a chance on one of our many raffles. There is something for everyone! Free Parking. Handicap Accessible.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 8

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA: Bay Path Education Foundation Santa Claus Pancake Breakfast at Bay Path High School, 57 Old Muggett Hill Road, Charlton on Saturday, Dec. 8 7:30-10:30 am. Free 5" x 7" photograph with Santa by Casson-Foster Photographers. Tickets are \$5, children under 5 are free.

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Local company part of economic development incentives

BOSTON — In September the Baker-Polito Administration approved nine economic development projects for state or local incentives under the Economic Development Incentive Program (EDIP). The Economic Assistance Coordinating Council (EACC) certified five projects that will be eligible to receive state tax credits and as well as local incentives from their host communities. An additional four companies were approved to enter local property-tax agreements with municipalities. Combined, these projects are expected to create 890 new jobs, retain 2,121 jobs, and leverage \$136 million in private investment.

"Our administration has worked hard to extend and expand resources for cities and towns to encourage job growth and attract private investment, for the benefit of residents across the Commonwealth," said Governor Charlie Baker. "The Economic Development Incentive Program is an important part of the suite of tools

we have to foster growing businesses, create new, well-paying jobs and help municipalities create the conditions for long-term economic growth in their communities."

"As Massachusetts local officials work diligently to build walkable, vibrant downtowns, support small businesses and meet the needs of their residents, our goal is to bolster locally-driven efforts to drive economic development," said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito. "In August, Governor Baker signed a new, \$1.1 billion economic development bill to further critical programs, like MassWorks, EDIP and Seaport Economic Council awards which will build upon Massachusetts' growth and provide municipalities and small businesses with vital resources to foster regional success and equity.

"Since 2015, I've traveled throughout Massachusetts to learn more from local officials, our business community, and communities about how we can better assist municipalities in their work to improve their local economies and provide new opportunities for residents," said Housing and Economic Development Secretary Jay Ash. "Through our economic development bills in 2016 and 2018, we have enhanced the Economic Development Incentive Program, and we are pleased to continue partnering with businesses and municipalities to create new opportunities for workers across the Commonwealth."

"A thriving business sector is critical for a strong Commonwealth, and benefits our cities and towns in a variety of ways, including by sponsoring local sports leagues and leading downtown revitalization," said Assistant Secretary of Business Development and International Trade Nam Pham. "These tax credit awards help small businesses grow and contribute more to their local economies by creating new jobs and enhancing the local tax base."

Since 2015, the EACC has approved 204 economic development projects. These projects will lead to the creation of 13,246 jobs, retention of 30,011 existing jobs, and leverage over \$5.7 billion in private investment. Additionally, the EACC has assisted 91 manufacturing companies and 92 companies in Gateway Cities during this period.

Local Incentive Only Projects: IPG Photonics Corporation, Oxford

IPG Photonics is a manufacturer of fiber lasers and fiber amplifiers head-quartered in Oxford. IPG has outgrown its existing space in Oxford is planning on constructing a 170,000-square-foot, four-story office, manufacturing and research facility, and a 460,000-square-foot parking garage. The company plans to retain 1,550 full-time employees, hire 400 new employees, and make an investment of \$67.9 million. The Town of Oxford has approved a 15-year Tax Financing Agreement with a value of approximately \$1.5 million.

BLESSINGS

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be involved with the Blessed Backpack Brigade's meals. After all Nichols' dining services manager David Hebert has offered his chef services as the lead cook for the meals for some time. However, the Thanksgiving meal brought an even bigger commitment with students and staff service the food throughout the night.

Beth Gionfriddo, director of student involvement and co-chair of the Emerging Leaders Program at Nichols, said the meal was a chance for students to step up and be a larger part of their community and they did so with not only their time, but donations as well.

"We put some of our students on it and had them recruit and make the food drive that we do every year a little bit bigger. They challenged our classes to beat the other classes so there was a friendly battle to see who could get the most food donated and then we encouraged them to come and help out with these dinners. We're trying to get more students to come to the ones we do biweekly each month," Gionfriddo said. After weeks of collecting food the students of Nichols brought in over 450 pounds of food goods not counting the food served during the meal. They also donated ten pre-made Thanksgiving baskets that will be distributed to families through a local church.

"We teach our students to learn, lead and succeed and I think part of that is learning to work in the communities they are in but also lead by example," added Gionfriddo. "By them doing this they are showing other students that it's a good thing to go out into the community and give back."

The benefits of that commitment to service is not lost on chef Dave Hebert who said while every meal is important to him the Thanksgiving meals always holds a special place in his heart and having the Nichols students on board made it all the more special.

"For me and for us at Nichols College it's really important that we show the community that we care and we're here to support them and help them out. This meal is really a full community teambuilding event," Hebert said. "It's such a great feeling and you leave here with a big smile on your face every time. It's great to see the kids come out and help out. We're all working together toward one common goal and it's great for everyone."

1. Volunteers, including Nichols College students and staff, served 163 patrons during the Blessed Backpack Brigade's annual Thanksgiving meal.



Tobacco advertising collectibles

CDC statistics show that 42.4% of the population smoked in 1965. By 2014, the figure had dropped 16.8%. Despite the declining number smokers, many people still coltobacco lect related memorabilia.

Before I dis- WAYNE TUISKULA cuss tobacco memorabilia,

I'll provide some tobacco history. Tobacco in North and South America dates back to 6,000 BC, according to the University of Dayton website. Native Americans used tobacco for religious and medicinal purposes as early as 1 BC. Native Americans gifted Christopher Columbus with tobacco. The plant was brought back to Europe, where it was believed to have healing properties. They thought it could cure everything from cancer



COLLECTIBLES & ESTATES

The danger of tobacco use was first discovered in 1826, when nicotine was discovered to be a dangerous poi-

bad breath.

Tobacco was even

used as currency

during the 1600s.

In 1776 tobacco

was used as col-

lateral for loans

to France that

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son. In 1836, New Englander Samuel Green stated that it was an insecticide and could kill people.

Despite the reported dangers, Philip Morris began selling hand rolled Turkish cigarettes in 1847. J.E. Liggett and Brother was established in 1849 and became the world's first manufacturer of plug chewing tobacco in 1855. In 1901 3.5 billion cigarettes and 6 billion cigars were sold. Cigarette demand increased from 1914-18 during World War I when they were called "soldier's smoke." During the 1920s. Marlboro and Lucky Strikes marketing was targeted toward women. During World War II cigarette companies provided cigarettes for soldiers that were included in their C-rations.

More studies came out in the 1950s showing evidence linking cigarette smoking and lung cancer. In 1964 the Surgeon General's report on "Smoking and Health" was issued, linking smoking to lung cancer and heart disease.

Cigarette advertising was curtailed in 1964, but there are plenty of earlier advertising collectibles that can fetch huge auction prices. An "Our advertiser" cardboard store display filled with tobacco sacks sold for \$8,000 at auction in 2014. A trifold Old Gold cigarettes sign depicting Babe Ruth brought over \$9,000 in 2009. A 1934 diecut card cardboard sign

picturing Dizzy Dean and Paul "Daffy" Dean advertised Beech-Nut tobacco. It sold for \$12,000 in 2015. Last year a 6 sheet lithographed poster sold for Mail Pouch tobacco fetched \$25,000 at auction. Some wooden antique hand carved "cigar store Indians" have sold for over \$100,000 at auction.

Even some of the tins that held the tobacco can be very valuable. A Shogun tobacco mixture tin brought \$7,500 in 2010. A taxi crimp cut tobacco tin went for \$4,750 in a 2011 auction. An Empire State pocket tin picturing the Empire State Building sold for \$20,000 on the auction block in 2014. A Ty Cobb tobacco tin also went to auction in 2014. When the smoke cleared, it had sold for \$16,000.

I'll be Shrewsbury Historical Society on December 12th at 7:00 PM for an antiques presentation. It is open to the public. We are continuing to accept quality consignments

at the



for our January 31st live auction. See www.centralmassauctions.com for details on these and other upcoming events.

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Art at Booklovers features 'Best in Show'

Best in Show, paintings by Annie Spear, will be on display and for sale Dec. 1-29th at Booklovers' Gourmet, 55 East Main St., Webster.

A meet the artist reception

will take place on Saturday, Dec. 8 from 2-4 p.m. with light refreshments. Free and open to the public. Gallery hours: Monday 10-5, Tuesday-Friday 10-6:30, Saturday 10-5, Sundays

until Christmas 10-3. Call 508-949-6232 for more information.

About the artist: Annie started oil painting at a very young age. She received a degree in auto body and enjoyed paint-

> ing cars. By 21, she became a union steelworker painting industrial equipment. Never afraid to color outside the lines, in her own time she painted everything from rooms to houses. She even bought an old Victorian

and spent years painting, wallpapering and yes, rearranging the furniture in all 15 rooms of it.

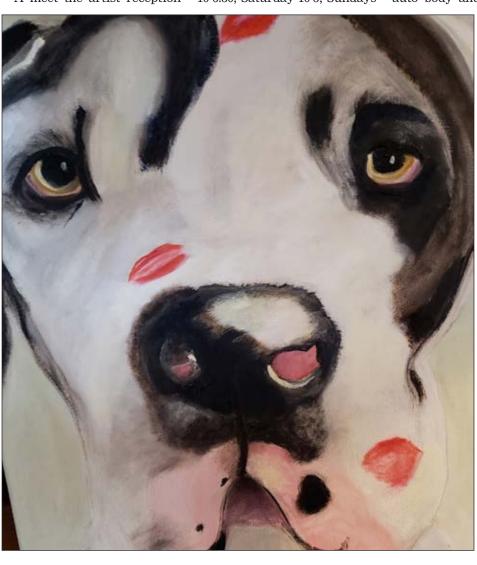
Annie had heart failure unexpectedly at the age of 32. She was the 66th person ever to be diagnosed with a very rare heart disease called giant cell myocarditis. The odds of survival were five years with a transplant likely in the first year. The last eight years she has had five different major organ failures and eight different potentially fatal diagnoses even spent a summer in a coma. Eventually she was diagnosed with systemic lupus. Not able to work or get around well she decided to start painting on canvas again. Painting is a

huge part of her healing. Her amazing faith and positive attitude is the only explanation of how she survived. Her hope is that her paintings make people laugh. Her goal is to add humor to fine art, a rare combination.

She will tell you that having her world turned upside down is the best thing that has happened to her.

"It's as if God enjoys frequently rearranging the furniture of my life," she said.

Annie lives at home with her husband Jeffrey and their beloved kitty named Ethel



Courtesy photos

Do You Remember Webster from Many Years Ago?



We would like to hear from readers who have stories to tell about the way things were here in Webster in days gone by.

Send us your memories from years ago. Any year or time period will do between the 1890s to the 1990s. We want to hear your memories! We will share them with our readers. Don't worry about your writing — we will edit it so it looks good.

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EDITORIAL

Error made, and we apologize

When we laid out the photos of the Veterans' Day parade in last week's issue; we obviously did not pay enough attention.

In no sane world would we deign to intimate any kind of judgmental pressure on anyone; especially young people. So when a very nice photo of two young Bartlett musicians was given to this editor, the idea of adding them to the layout was done without any rancor whatsoever.

The mistake was made in how the photo was identified. The young people are close together, and the day was cold. We have no idea whether they were looking at music, sharing a bit of warmth before marching, giggling over a joke...we don't know. And we should never have made any kind of assumption in our description.

We apologize.

And we will be more aware.

On another note altogether however, please Shop Local

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friendliness Because life is about connections, not

transactions Because your gift will never be inex-

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crunching under boots can't be matched by hitting "add to cart."

Because we are meant to be in community with each other.

Because cinnamon-scented pinecones only happen once a year - thankfully.

Because online shopping doesn't come with a smile, a joke, or an offer to help you carry it out to the car.

Because how else will you get 10,000

Because holiday seasons are fleeting and moments create memories.

Because if something's not quite right, you can take it right back.

Because "free candy canes" at the cash register.

Because we model for our children how to ask questions, to use good man-

ners and to be gracious. Because holiday decorations spark

smiles and excitement. Because in a strong local business

community, everyone wins.

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

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Holiday meal tips from the pros

pare to a traditional Thanksgiving celebra-tion. Unlike Christmas, which can be a rush of excitement and energy, Thanksgiving provides extended families the perfect pause to relax and simply enjoy each other's company. In fact,

AAA projects 54.3 million Americans will journey 50 miles or more (presumably to be with loved ones) during the Thanksgiving holiday, a 4.8 percent increase over last year. According to the motor club, that figure represents the highest Thanksgiving travel volume in more than a dozen years (since 2005)!

Whether you're cooking at home or traveling this Thanksgiving, the highlight of an annual feast is undoubtedly the turkey, served up as a crowning centerpiece of the both the table and the holiday. Read on for some kitchen tips from experts (some old, some new) sure to help vou achieve a Norman Rockwellworthy Thanksgiving celebration.

Not sure how big a turkey to buy? A general rule of thumb is to allow one pound of uncooked turkey per person from an 8 to 12 pound turkey. Larger birds have a larger proportion of meat to bones, so three quarters of a pound per person should serve well when purchasing heavier birds.

Want a more precise estimate? Butterball.com offers a" Plan Perfect Portions Calculator" on its website that calculates the exact amount of turkey and stuffing per person.

Other tools on the website include a timing checklist, temperature conversions and a weights and measures conversion.

If you buy a frozen turkey, it is important to thaw it safely. The National Turkey Federation offers the following guidelines to properly defrosting frozen turkeys: Like all protein foods, should be thawed in the refrigerator, never at room temperature. When foods are thawed at room temperature, surface bacteria can rapidly multiply to dangerous levels at temperatures of 40° F and above. For safety and superior quality, leave turkey in the original packaging and place in a shallow pan. Thaw, in the refrigerator, using the simple formula: whole turkeys thaw at a rate of four to five pounds per 24 hours. Example: A 15-pound frozen bird will take three to four full days to thaw in the refrigerator. To speed thawing, keep turkey in the original tightly sealed bag and place in a clean and sanitized sink or pan. Submerge in cold water and change the cold water every 30 minutes. The turkey will take about 30 minutes per pound to thaw. Refrigerate (at 40° F or below) or cook the turkey when it is thawed. Do not refreeze uncooked, defrosted tur-

Stuffing is a delicious requisite for most Thanksgiving meals, but if you plan on stuffing the turkey it's important not to do so until just before it is placed in the oven for roasting. If

TAKE THE HINT KAREN **TRAINOR**

dry ingredients should be refrigerated separately and combined right before stuffing the turkey. The turkey should be stuffed loosely, with about three quarters of a cup of stuffing per pound of turkey. It's also important to test the internal temperature of the stuffing as well as

preparing the stuffing

ahead of time, wet and

the turkey. The internal temperature in the center of the stuffing should register 160 to 165° F. Did you know even a "pre-basted bird can benefit from hand basting? Basting gives your bird color, crisps the skin and helps hold in juices. Rub the bird

with a few tablespoons of softened butter and pour two cups of turkey broth, chicken broth or water into your roasting pan. Baste every half hour or so. And be sure to baste quickly, because the oven temperature will reduce every time you open the oven door. Deep frying a holiday turkey has fast

become a popular tradition. Experts say turkeys from about eight to 12 pounds are the perfect size for deep frying. And keep in mind the oil you use should have a high smoke toleration. Only oils that have high smoke points should be used. According to the National Turkey Federation, peanut, refined canola, corn oil, rice oil and peanut oil are all good candidates.

Here's a tip that's appeared in the column before, but it's worth repeating: Experts claim there are three simple secrets to perfect homemade gravy: 1. Cook the flour in the fat thoroughly before adding liquid to avoid a starchy flavor; 2. Avoid lumps by stirring in the flour with a wire whisk; and 3. The key to best flavor is salting it right.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick

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

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

Adhere to the parking lots for everyone's safety



CHIEF'S CORNER **STEVE** WOJNAR

With winter arriving early, unfortunately, I wanted to take this opportunity to once again remind residents of the winter parking regulations. This is always a hot topic conversation, especially during the first few snow storms. Most people are unaware of the difficulties involved keeping the

streets clear. I hope to provide everyone once again with some valuable information.

Article 10 of Dudley's By-laws contains the parking regulations. Section three, in part, deals with snow removal operations. Vehicles are not allowed to park on any town controlled way so as to interfere with snow removal operations. The Superintendent of Streets may remove or cause to be removed any vehicle interfering with this operation. For snow removal purposes, any accumulation of two inches or more can enact this provision. Your vehicle can be towed in order to accommodate snow

When plow trucks are forced to maneuver around vehicles, it creates ice problems and other hazards. The highway workers must return at another time to complete the operation. This situation doubles efforts and wastes time, fuel, and money. I am encouraging all residents to voluntarily comply with these restrictions and assist the town employees with providing safe roads on which to travel. The last thing anyone wants to have is their vehicle towed or be the one responsible for an accident or injury.

Our department is once again collecting Christmas gift donations for local families in need. New and unwrapped toys and clothing can be brought to the Dudley Police Department at 71 West Main St. Of particular need in the past were gifts for children between the ages of 10-17 years old. Monetary donations are also accepted. Checks should be made payable to the "Dudley Police Association" with a special note for the Holiday Drive

The Dudley Police thanks everyone in advance for their outstanding support in the past and the continued generosity. We have assisted numerous local families in the past. Anything you can ive will help bring some happiness to those who would otherwise go without during this holiday season.

On behalf of everyone at the Dudley Police Department, I wish you all a happy, safe, and healthy Thanksgiving.

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.

Time to think about year-end investment moves

We've still got a couple of months older, you must start left in 2018, but it's not too soon to start thinking about some year-end investment moves that might benefit you. Here are a few possibilities (although not all will apply to your situation):

Add to your IRA. For the 2018 tax year, you can put up to \$5,500 into your traditional or Roth IRA (assuming you are eligible), or \$6,500 if you're 50 or older. If you haven't reached this limit, consider adding some money. You have until April 15, 2019, to contribute to your IRA for 2018, but why wait until the last

Increase your 401(k) contributions. You already may be investing in your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan, but you might be able to bump up your contributions for the rest of the year, if it's allowed. Of course, you should always put in enough to earn your employer's matching contribution, if one is offered.

Take your RMDs. If you are 70½ or

taking withdrawals called required minimum distributions, or RMDs - from your traditional IRA and your 401(k) or similar retirement plan. Generally, you must take these RMDs by Dec. 31 every year. But if you turned 70½ in 2018, you can

wait until April 1, 2019, until you take your first RMD. However, you will then have to take a second RMD (the one for age 71) by Dec. 31, 2019. Taking two RMDs in one year could give you an unexpectedly large taxable income for the year, possibly bumping you into a higher tax bracket and affecting the amount of your Social Security benefits subject to taxes. So, if you are considering delaying your first RMD, consult with your tax advisor.

Make changes in response to life



FINANCIAL Focus

DENNIS ANTONOPOULOS you experience a major life event. such as a marriage, divorce or addition of a child? Or did you change iobs or retire? Any of these events could lead you to adjust your investment plans, so now

may be the time to do so, possibly with the help of a financial professional.

Review your investment mix. At least once a year, it's a good idea to review your investment mix to ensure it's still suitable for your goals and risk tolerance. Sometimes, even without your taking any action, your portfolio might change in ways you hadn't expected. For example, suppose you wanted your portfolio to contain 60% stocks and 40% bonds and other investments. After a period of rising prices, though, the value

events. In 2018, did of your stocks may have increased so much that they now occupy 65% of your portfolio – which means you may be taking on more risk than you had originally intended. Consequently, you may need to rebalance your portfolio to get back to your original 60% to 40% ratios. (Keep in mind that these figures are just for illustration; everyone's ideal portfolio mix will depend on their individual situations.)

These aren't the only year-end moves you may want to consider, but they can help you close out 2018 on a positive note. Plus, they can serve as a reminder that you need to be vigilant as you keep working toward your financial goals.

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POLICE LOGS

Webster Police Department

Editor's Note: The information contained in this police log was obtained through public documents kept by the police department, and is considered to be the account of the police. All subjects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Police agencies can no longer print the names of people who are arrested or charged with domestic assault related charges. The new law is designed to protect victims, so they are not re-victimized through indirect identification.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 11

1:16 a.m.: MV stop (East Main Street) arrest: Dameon M. Huscha, age 27 of 3542 Cecil Farm Road, Mount Pleasant, TN: warrant; possession class B drug.

1:19 a.m.: MV stop (Klebart Avenue) arrest: Felicia Susan Hickey, age 23 of 15 Malmo St., Worcester: warrant;

MV lights violation; operating MV with license suspended.

MONDAY NOVEMBER 12

4:53 a.m.: attempt to serve (East Main Street) arrest: Dustan Mark Small, age 30 of 4 Chrome St., Worcester: warrant.

4:26 p.m.: disturbance (Myrtle Avenue) arrest: Jasmine Rivera, age 26 of 9 Goddard St. #2, Webster: B&E in daytime for felony with person in fear; vandalize property; disorderly conduct subsequent offense; assault; A&B; A&B on person over age 60 or disabled.

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 13

5:33 p.m.: domestic dispute, arrest: adult female, age 25 of Webster: A&B with dangerous weapon and two counts A&B on family or household member.

11:44 p.m.: MV stop (Thompson Road) arrest: Luis Caro, age 43 of 84 Spring St., Manville RI; warrant; and summonsed for uninsured MV and unregistered

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 14 12:41 a.m.: MV stop (East Main Street) arrest: Christopher M. Roberts Sr., age 44 of 45 East Main St. #1, Webster: OUI-liquor second offense; failure to stop for police; improper operation of MV; rate of speed greater than was reasonable; negligent operation of MV.

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 16

11:12 a.m.: suspicious activity (Racicot Avenue) arrest: Joseph F. Harwood, age 25 of 153 Worcester Road, Webster: B&E building daytime for felony; larceny from building and trespass.

12:12 p.m.: 209A restraining order violation, arrest: adult male, age 38 of Webster: violation abuse prevention order

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 17

2:51 a.m.: MV stop (East Main Street) arrest: Juan E. Rodriguez, age 48 of 69 Cutler St. #1, Worcester: unlicensed operation of MV.

7 a.m.: attempt to serve (Main Street) arrest: Jason R. Anderson, age 38 of 6 Market St. #2R, Webster: warrant arrest.

11:43 p.m.: disturbance, arrest: adult male, age 28 of Webster: A&B on family or household member; intimidate witness, juror, police or court official; A&B with dangerous weapon; malicious destruction of property under \$1,200.

Dudley Police Department

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 11

5:23 p.m.: MV stop (Dudley Southbridge Road) arrest: Talon W. Asquith, age 30 of 70 Breakneck Road, Sturbridge: operating MV with license suspended, criminal subsequent offense.

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 13

10:33 a.m.: 258E harassment order violation (West Main Street) arrest: Michael P. Jenkins, age 50 of 29 Village Drive #2, Southbridge: harassment order violation.

4:28 p.m.: attempt to serve (Wayne Avenue) arrest: Edward R. Beaudoin, age 44 of 1 Wayne Ave., Dudley: out of agency warrnt.

Talking the future of crime

BY GUS STEEVES

WEBSTER — The future of policing is likely to be a mixed bag.

For Chief Timothy Bent and Deputy Chief Michael Shaw, coming years are likely to see more internet- and technology-based crimes like identity theft, but also more community involvement in solving them, in part because of the same technology.

"[Such crimes] have become so commonplace with banks and such, those places don't even want to investigate it. They just refund the money," Shaw said. That's largely because such cases are "a lot harder to prove" than most other kinds of crime, in part because the perpetrators can be anonymous and live anywhere.

The same kind of tech has sparked an upsurge in online stalking and bullying, particularly of teens.

"The kids can't get away from it," he noted. Years ago, while school bullying happened, most kids could escape it at home (although sometimes their home life was no better). Today, they can get it virtually anywhere because of their connectedness via social media on iPhones and related devices.

Like other cybercrimes, it can be hard to prosecute; the law requires three incidents to file for charges, but the attacks are often vague, he noted.

Shaw notes "the schools have done a good job in educating kids" about those issues.

According to www.teensafe. com, which cites 2016 data, "87 percent of today's youth have witnessed cyberbullying," 34 percent experienced it, and 15 percent admitted to committing it. The site noted girls are more likely than boys to be victims, and female bullies are more likely to "post mean online comments" while boys "often post hurtful photos or videos." The impacts range from negative self-esteem to self-harm and suicidal thoughts (with 10 percent reporting attempted suicide) to being perpetrators of bullying themselves.

Fixing such issues, Shaw said, starts at home, by raising kids with healthy self-esteem and an understanding of when to shut the social media down.

"Middle and high school is a lot different than when we went through it, but the underlying issues are the same," he said.

That tech is also helping solve crimes. Bent noted the fact there are many more cameras around town, often internet-connected, help police do their job. Posting video of incidents online often turns what used to take "weeks of door-to-door interviews" into rapid suspect identification. Although building the case into something to support prosecution still takes time, they now rarely see an unsolved property crime.

"Officers are a lot more technically savvy than 10 years ago," he noted, adding that he feels today's younger officers "are better communicators than my generation." Similarly, they "don't have to patrol the way we did" years ago, but Shaw noted the department has maintained its "community policing" approach even though grants for it dried up long ago. By that, he doesn't just mean the public-police relationship, but a broader sense of community.

"I've never seen as much community involvement as we have today," he said. "It's

something the town has been working on over the years, and its finally coming to fruition."

Of course, the police going forward will likely still have to deal with many of the less-technological issues they now see.

Bent and Shaw observed that "the center of the criminal universe" is addiction to either drugs or alcohol, and such issues are more often reported in the town's lower-income areas, but not necessarily more prevalent there. For various reasons, including social embarrassment, lack of physical proximity, having the money to get private treatment, and other things, wealthier neighborhoods are better able to hide such issues, although Shaw noted they do occasionally get calls from Webster's better-off east side.

Regardless of location, violent incidents "are usually centered around drugs." Addicted people sometimes "take advantage of people they know who have nice things" to get their next fix. Shaw noted the last three home invasions were targeting marijuana dealers

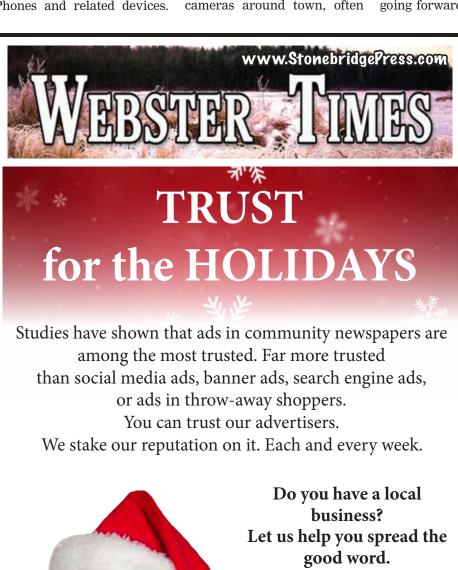
"because that's where the money is." Often, in their experience, such dealers don't sell other drugs "because the money's in pot and the penalties are a lot lower if they get caught."

To him, legalization isn't likely to eliminate the black market, in part because pot will probably still be cheaper there when the legal sales taxes are taken into account.

Unlike in many communities, though, the biggest drug issue isn't heroin, but crack cocaine, in part because of "the toxicity of the heroin," Shaw said. He was referring to its tendency to be laced with fentanyl and other very dangerous additives.

"I don't think we have largescale distribution here," Shaw said. "We see a lot of people doing their business then leaving, whereas they used to set up shop here. Our intel on the street is saying 'Don't go to

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Day of Caring helps out B&G

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Matthew Kendall and Carrie Mota of Mapfre Insurance spent their time during the Day of Caring this fall working diligently on the flower beds at the entrance of the Boys & Girls Club. As anyone can see, the result are spectacular. Photos also include a shot of Kendall and Mota with B&G Director Lamel Moore.







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Dagilis announces retirement plans



WORCESTER —Jill C. Dagilis, executive director of Worcester Community Action Council, Inc. (WCAC) announced she will be stepping down May 31, 2019 after more than 12 years with the agency. Dagilis was appointed as executive director at WCAC in 2006 following 24 years with the city of Worcester.

"It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as the executive director of Worcester Community Action Council," said Dagilis in a statement. "Every day I am inspired by WCAC's mission and our efforts to help people in need move to economic self-sufficiency. I am humbled to work with such a dedicated Board of Directors and staff team. I am very thankful for WCAC's strong partnerships with public, private and non-profit partners, our generous donors, legislative leaders, and volunteers because together we have provided programs that contribute to the improved health and well-being of individuals, families and stronger communities in central Massachusetts. WCAC is well-positioned for the future

with a strong financial base, and a talented, experienced staff and Board of Directors. I look forward to working with the Board, staff, and our federal, state, and local funders to ensure a smooth transition. I have dedicated my professional and volunteer service to the people and communities in this region. I am now looking forward to spending time with family and pursuing my other interests."

Board Chairperson Noreen Johnson Smith stated, "The board of directors is deeply grateful to Jill for her dedicated service to the community and for her longstanding commitment to alleviating poverty and helping all families move toward self-sufficiency. She has devoted herself to public service for many years, strengthening the city of Worcester and communities throughout central Massachusetts. Jill has been working with the board during the past several months to ensure a smooth transition for the agency. The board will engage an executive search firm to support this process."

Since 1965, the Worcester Community Action Council has served as the federally designated anti-poverty agency for central and southern Worcester County, with a mission of helping people move to economic self-sufficiency through programs, partnerships and

advocacy. Serving the city of Worcester and 45 neighboring communities of Auburn, Blackstone, Boylston, Brimfield, Brookfield, Charlton, Clinton, Douglas, Dudley, East Brookfield, Hardwick, Holden, Hopedale, Hubbardston, Grafton, Leicester, Mendon, Milford, Millbury, Millville, Monson, New Braintree, North Brookfield, Northborough, Northbridge, Palmer, Oakham, Oxford, Paxton, Rutland, Shrewsbury, Southbridge, Spencer, Sterling, Sturbridge, Sutton, Upton, Uxbridge, Wales, Warren, Webster, West Boylston, West Brookfield and Westborough.

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That's the prosecution side of it, but the department is also trying to get the addicts help. Webster's Opiate Task Force (which had a forum last week at the library) works on both public education and connecting individual users to treatment and other resources in an effort to reduce relapses and criminal recidivism. Bent said the follow-up has started to have an effect, in part due to the department's roughly month-old "knock and talk" program. Whenever somebody is revived from an overdose, Bent and a social worker visit their

home afterward to inform them and their family where they can get help.

"I think the next couple of years will be exciting," Shaw said.

The department will soon be releasing its statistics for this year, but the 2018 town report includes those from 2016 and 2017. Overall, the department saw its total number of calls go down slightly from 22,154 to 21,905, and its number of arrests rise a little (641 to 655). Larcenies, sex crimes, intoxicated driving, disorderly persons incidents and simple assaults fell, while vandalism, bad checks, weapons violations, traffic accidents, aggravated assault and drug offenses all rose to varying degrees.

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SCOUT

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dle, and end to the Board of Selectman. "It was basically all grass, no dirt or base paths," says Janerico.

"The pitcher's mound was down a foot from regulation," says Janerico in explanation of what needed to be done.

The field was not being used for about five years. DPW helped work on the project. Base paths were shaping up and the grass was greener throughout the progress. The entire project took three months of planning and three days to physically complete the field. The local Scout Troop 147, came in after the heavy lifting from the DPW and finished up the project.

Janerico received further commendation at the Board of Selectman's meeting on the 13th of November.

Cheryl LeBlanc, vice-chair for the board of selectman states, "The town and school departments did not have to

pay for this project. These projects better our community, we all benefit from our Eagle Scouts projects."

Chairman Dennis Lamarche addressed Janerico, "you working with the DPW in conjunction with the troops; you took a field that looked deplorable and now it looks state of the art."

"It shows what we can do in this community," said Lamarche.

Meaghan Troiano stated, "congratulations, your project looks beautiful. Good luck with everything you do."

John Saad said, "congratulations, I haven't been involved in scouting myself, but what you did is beautiful. I can appreciate what you have done to achieve your goal. Your Dad is very proud. We thank you for what you've done for the community. You will also be given a citation from the state legislature notifying you of your achievements"

Janerico is heading off to college to major in engineering.



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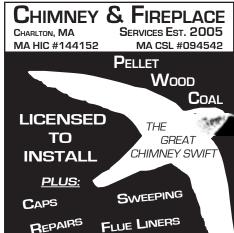
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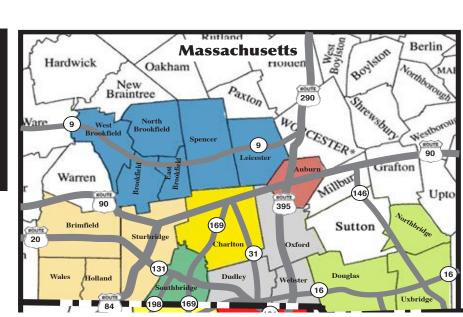
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SPORTS

Shepherd Hill contingent makes strong (and snowy) showing at All-State Meet



Nick Ethier photos

Shepherd Hill's Rebekah James came in sixth place at the Division 1 All-State Championship Meet.

BY NICK ETHIER SPORTS STAFF WRITER

WESTFIELD — With the All-State Cross-Country Meet held at Stanley Park this year on Sunday, Nov. 18, the Shepherd Hill Regional student-athletes that qualified made the long trek in hopes of competing at a high level.

The Rams did just that, but they were faced with a tough test in the snow that had blanketed the 3.1-mile (5k) course from a few days prior.

The whole race was a struggle, you had no traction on the snow whatsoever," said sophomore Henry Weiland of the Division 1 boys' meet. "I kept trying to pick people off in the woods and I kept on slipping.

The same could be said in the Division 1 girls' race, which was run 80 minutes after the boys' meet.

"The course — that was bad," said senior co-captain Rebekah James. "You couldn't get that much traction, it was mostly slush. You had no control. It was like your ankles are all over the place.'

"It was tough — I won't lie — it was



Brian Belmonte of Shepherd Hill finishes off his cross-country career at the Division 1 All-State Championship Meet.

like running on sand," added senior co-captain Emma Whitehead, comparing it to running on the beach in much warmer, but similar conditions. "This is the thing that we'll remember.'

The Shepherd Hill girls' team qualified for the meet as a team, having won the Central Mass. Division 1 championship a week before. There, James placed second while being "very dehydrated," she explained, and this time around she was the top Central Mass. finisher and placed sixth overall in 19:29.23.

'It was my last race, I gave it everything I had," said James, who will run for UMass-Amherst next year.

James added she was proud that the team — which finished eighth at All-States — qualified for this meet for the second straight year.

"It was great for us to get the team back here because we lost two people due to injury," she explained. "A lot of the girls that came in were first year and they pretty much killed it. I'm proud of my team.'

Whitehead echoed James' sentiments.

"All the work we put into it, that's what I'm proud of," said Whitehead. "Running is mentally and physically exhausting, so this is the payoff that we're waiting for all year. I think the fact that we came here and did as well as we did on the tough conditions really speaks to our team and how hard we work."

sophomore Christina Gunsalus (62nd place, 21:24.04), sophomore Samantha Zannotti (81st, 21:40.61), Whitehead (92nd, 21:54.66) and freshman Anna Thomas (95th, 21:59.47) congrandkids and just laugh at it," he said. tributed to the team total.



Shepherd Hill's Christina Gunsalus pushes through to the end of Division 1 All-State

Whitehead had a memorable Fall season not only for her cross-country running, but also for being named a State Finalist in the Wendy's High School Heisman National Scholarship Foundation.

"I'm very proud of that," she said. In the Division 1 boys' race, Weiland and Brian Belmonte reached All-States because of their placement in Districts. Belmonte finished third in Districts, Weiland eighth, and at All-States Weiland took 84th in 18:01.48 and Belmonte 108th in 18:18.57.

"It was an awesome feeling, awesome experience," said Weiland, a sophomore, before giving thanks to head coach Len Harmon. "Coach Harmon's a great coach, I'm glad he led us here."

Weiland was hoping to reach All-States, even back during his summer

"I put in the work the whole summer," he said. "I was really hoping coming into the season that All-States was a goal for me.'

Weiland was glad that Belmonte, a senior, was there at All-States with him. "Brian's a great kid, I love having

him as a teammate," said Weiland. And Weiland will also remember competing in his first All-State meet,

especially because of the weather. "Our coach said that we're going to look back on the race when we have



Henry Weiland of Shepherd Hill hustles to the finish line in the All-State Meet for Division 1.



Samantha Zannotti of Shepherd Hill completes the race at the All-State Championships

SPORTS

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Worcester State University to hold baseball clinics

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The Charlton Dudley Rams sixth grade football team has now claimed back-to-back Super Bowl championships after defeating Northbridge/Uxbridge in the Division 1 title game on Saturday, Nov. 3 at Fitchburg's Crocker Field, 22-8.

TWICE IS NICE FOR **BACK-TO-BACK** SUPER BOWL **CHAMPION CHARLTON DUDLEY RAMS**

On Saturday, Nov. 3, the Charlton Dudley Rams sixth grade football team claimed back-to-back Super Bowl championships, winning in 2017 and now again in 2018. The Rams captured the Central Massachusetts Super Bowl Division 1 title in a game versus Northbridge/Uxbridge at Crocker Field in Fitchburg. The score was 22-8. The coaches for the team are Mike Doktor, Brian Gelineau, Heath McCoy, Dave Sousa, David Trevarthan II and David Trevarthan III.

NEWLY FORMED RAPTORS WIN 11U DIVISION 2 SUPER BOWL

Oxford/Webster The Pirates American Youth Football (AYF) program teamed up with the Auburn Rockets AYF organization to create a combined sixth grade team this year, and the move paid immediate divi-

With players from all three towns competing on the team, the newly formed Raptors won the AYF 11U Division 2 Super Bowl Championship.



Courtesy photo

The Oxford/Webster Pirates and Auburn Rockets merged to from the Raptors, a sixth grade American Youth Football team. And the Raptors recently won the 11U Division 2 Super Bowl Championship.

SPORTS

From Ram to Raven: Shepherd Hill's Lindstrom signs volleyball NLI to Franklin Pierce



Courtesy photo

Many were on hand to witness Shepherd Hill Regional senior Ingrid Lindstrom sign her National Letter of Intent to play volleyball at Franklin Pierce University. Those in attendance included, from left, (top row) Bob Laurens (grandfather), Theresa Laurens (grandmother), Robin Laurens (aunt), Geraldine Gryb (grandmother), Ryan Dugan (brother), Eda Lindstrom (sister), Annaka Lindstrom (sister), (front row) Chris Lindstrom (father), Ingrid Lindstrom and Dawn Lindstrom (mother).

BY KEN POWERS SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY — Referring to Ingrid Lindstrom's rise to the ranks of top-level high school and club volleyball player as meteoric might be a bit too much journalistic hyperbole, but watching the 6-foot-1, 175pound Lindstrom take the court for Shepherd Hill Regional the past three years, one thing is clear — crystal clear — the girl can play the game.

Lindstrom took another big step on her volleyball journey last week, signing a National Letter of Intent to Franklin Pierce University in Rindge, N.H., The 17-year-old, who described herself as "a people person" and "outdoorsy" will, in all likelihood, play middle and outside hitter for the Ravens, who compete in the Northeast-10 conference and in Division 2 of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA).

Not too bad of a next step for someone who had never played competitive volleyball — participating in gym class doesn't count — until her sophomore year at Shepherd Hill.

"I was playing basketball at the time and was actually looking to play basketball in college," said Lindstrom, who competed in basketball and competitive dance for many years before the volleyball love bug bit her. "I actually decided to go out for volleyball sophomore year as a way to stay, or get, in shape for basketball.

"When I looked at the list of available sports, volleyball caught my eye. I said, 'volleyball seems like it would be a fun sport to play.' I had no idea it would become my love, my whole life," Lindstrom continued. "Playing basketball in college was my plan until [last] year. That's when I decided I wanted to play volleyball in college because I love it so much."

By the time the summer before her junior year of high school rolled around, it was all volleyball, all the time for Lindstrom.

"It was definitely a new sport for me but that year, as a sophomore, I just fell in love with volleyball." she said. I went to a volleyball camp every week that summer. I traveled all over the country going to camps New York, Philadelphia, Florida. Anywhere I could get in I would go."

At that time Lindstrom also joined an AAU volleyball program based in Marlborough: the CMASS Volleyball Club. Two weeks ago she tried out for the SMASH U18 team, part of an elite, Boston-based program. Last week she found out she was one of its selections.

It was during one of the camps she attended following her sophomore year at Shepherd Hill that Lindstrom started to think that maybe, just maybe, she had a future on the volleyball court, not the basketball court.

"I was at an elite volleyball camp at [the University of New Hampshire] and they separated us by age; sophomores and freshmen on one side of the gym, juniors and seniors on the other side of the gym. This was a big recruiting camp," Lindstrom said. "I was on the younger side [freshmen and sophomores] and then they pulled me over to the older side. That was, in itself, a 'whoa' moment for me.

"Then we scrimmaged and I actually got to play with the college girls. It was me and a girl who had already committed to UNH, and then the rest of the team were girls who were already playing in college," Lindstrom continued. "I remember thinking to myself, 'I think this is my thing, and I think I can do this."

Her junior year at Shepherd Hill was when volleyball really became Lindstrom's 'thing.'

"That was the year I built my confidence with volleyball," she said. "Sophomore year I was like, 'OK, I think I can do this,' but junior year, especially playing here at Shepherd Hill, I really started to become confident, I started scoring a lot of points and I was like, 'I can do this."

Lindstrom selected Franklin Pierce from a list of potential schools that included Boston College, St. Peter's, Holy Cross Adelphi, Merrimack and Central Connecticut.

"I wanted a small school and Franklin Pierce is just that; it's small and outdoorsy. I love to

be outdoors hiking and canoeing and kayaking, and Mount Monadnock is right there, too," Lindstrom said. "There are a lot of really down-to-earth people there, too. People I just would want to be with. And I love the coach [Stephanie Dragan]."

Lindstrom is undecided on what she will major in at Franklin Pierce, but a degree in psychology is a possibility.

"I'm a people person and I love psychology, so I'm leaning toward that," she said. "I think I would like to be a mental health counselor. I really like just helping people."

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Annie Boulos 289 Series over average — JoAnne Legacy +30

Thursday Coffee

Single — Marsha Kallgren 116, Ester Lesse 105, Pat Blake and Jeanne Carita 103

Series — Ester Lesse 284, Marsha Kallgren 281, Lorraine

Series over average — Joan Wentworth +40

Thursday Men's Industrial

Single — Steve Poisant 147, Bill Ballou Sr. 141, Ryan Pelletier 130

Series — Steve Poisant 399, Ryan Pelletier 347, Scott

Gauvin 340 Series over average — Erick Mauke +48



Courtesy photo

The Webster Youth Soccer U14 girls' team recently placed as finalists at the Soccerween Tournament and won

WEBSTER 'MINIONS' PLACE AT SOCCERWEEN TOURNAMENT, WIN BEST COSTUME AWARD

The Webster Youth Soccer U14 girls' team recently competed in the Soccerween Tournament at Progin Park in Lancaster. There, the 12 players and three coaches were finalists in the tournament and, on top of that, had a little off-the-field fun. The team, dubbed the "Minions," won the best costume award at the event.

The team consisted of players Kayla Brown, Anna Czechowski, Amber Girard, Kayla Nguyen, Cami Phillips, Gabby Piehler, Daria Piwowarczyk, Lily Sargent, Lucy Sargent, Sami Tremblay, Megan Tucker and Liliana Wongcam, and coaches Jamie Girard, Ahn Nguyen and Greg Wongcam.

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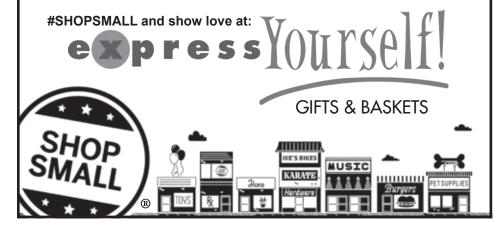
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it depends on traffic. They were throwing around exclusion radii from residential and other sites of 500 and 1.000 feet. but in that area she suggested just excluding the lots that have Route 12 frontage.

Finance Chair Earl Gabor noted "the regulation doesn't have to have a radius from residences" under state law, which does designate distances from schools and other places frequented by children and prohibits public consumption anywhere. He also questioned the 1,000-foot concept, noting that the town allows tobacco and

liquor sales just 500 feet from schools and the like.

When Gabor asked why they were considering 1,000 feet, LaFramboise said "just so we're protected," but later noted it's "for discussion purposes only."

"There are a lot of kids who live in this neighborhood," Morgan said of the Thompson Road area, and a man in the audience said some people will buy pot for kids just like some now buy alcohol.

"In my mind, a marijuana dispensary is a less harmful use than the adult entertainment and pawn shop that are already there," Willardson added. He said the law requires the town to license at least two dispensaries (although it can limit it to just two) and he wouldn't "want to have them next to each other." But LaFramboise noted the customers would buy "whether they're side by side or not."

Former State Rep Paul Kujawski, a consultant for Curaleaf, noted a lot of the fears can be quelled by the fact the industry is 21+ and there's a fairly extensive process to get into such sites.

Curaleaf CEO Patrik Jonsson agreed, but noted "the difficulty of the adult use program is that you're not tracking [customers]. We'll track internally...but there's no central communication between adult-use stores" owned by different firms."

He noted the state hasn't yet set equivalents for various kinds of recreational pot products in terms of how many ounces of pot they contain, but the medical use program has, and he recommended using those figures. State law allows people to carry up to one ounce on their person, provided they aren't using it in public.

Willardson noted Curaleaf wants to add research to its current site, but that would require another zoning change either make the site industrial, or allow research in the present E-4 business district. He thought the easiest would be the former, in part because the latter would open a large part of town to a wide range of research activities beyond pot. "You think we're just picking two areas, but there'll be like 10 articles" necessary to implement the changes, he later noted. Among other things, they'll address various aspects of the facilities themselves such as "performance standards" for security, distance from other sites and other things. Morgan said "the bundle of articles have to go together," and she's now working with the town attorney to draft and organize them for the Dec 3 hearing and the Dec 10 town meeting that

will ultimately vote on them. Gus Steeves can be reached at gus.steeves2@gmail.com.

OPIATES

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producing dopamine naturally. That's when I say your brain breaks.

The second guest speaker at the event was Chris Savasta of Millbury, a recovering addict who talked about his long and winding path to recovery from a life of gambling and substance abuse that began when he was still a child.

'I remember going to Atlantic City when I was 9 years old and watching my father put money in slot machines," he said. "I smoked my first cigarette at age 12, got drunk at age 13, smoked weed at age 14, and drank a little in high school."

Savasta spent years mourning the loss of two of his friends, which he says was probably the trauma that prompted him to continue his addictive behavior. He spent his first years of adulthood gambling away the money he earned from selling cars and bartending, committing crimes for painkillers, heroine, and cocaine, doing time in jail, and relapsing. Yet thanks to help from the Reconciliation House, a men's sober

house in Webster, and his own desire to heal, he is approaching the end of his second year in recovery.

"Yesterday, I signed up for classes at Nichols and I start in January," he said, to which the audience applauded once again. "I feel like recovery is all about balance, meetings, getting and taking advice, and holding yourself accountable. I know I'm going to be alright."

The Webster Opiate Task Force is continuing to make progress on a regular basis with new initiatives and programs, including having home visits 24 to 72 hours after an overdose and creating plans to bring a branch of The Phoenix, a sober active community, to

"People do succeed at this and get better, and that is the main reason we do what we do," said Shaw.

The task force is planning to have another panel discussion similar to this one in the spring. For updates and more information on Webster's fight against the opioid crisis, visit the Webster Opiate Task Force Facebook page or contact the Webster Police Department.

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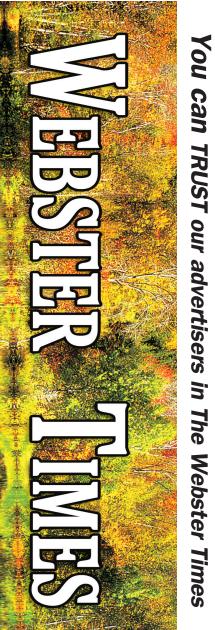
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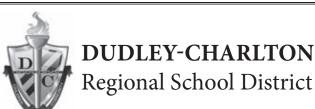
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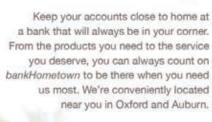
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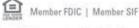
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OBITUARIES

Shirley M. Wamback, 80



WORCESTER – Shirley M. (Lemieux) "Mémère" Wamback, 80, died Wednesday, November 14, 2018 in Saint Vincent Hospital surrounded by her family. Her husband of 46 years, Joseph S. Wamback,

died in 2004.

She leaves a son, Gerard S. "Jerry" & his wife Anne Marie Wamback of Naples, FL; a daughter, Ann M. Montville and her fiancé Curt Berthiaume of Webster; 5 grandchildren, Andrew M. Chandler and his fiancée Katie Lee Carreau, Jessica L. Chandler and her companion Matthew Gagnon, Emily M. Wamback, Nicole K. Wamback and her fiancé Ryan Grimes, and Brian D. Wamback; 3 great-grandchildren, Ava Grace Chandler, Nate Aiden Chandler and Alice Lee Chandler; a sister, Theresa Geneva of Pueblo, CO; nieces and nephews; grandnieces and grandnephews; great-grandnieces and great-grandnephews; and a close personal friend, Larry Larson. She was preceded in death by her infant son, Stephen Wamback and by her twin baby brothers, Ronald and Donald

She was born in Uxbridge, a daughter

of Wilfred and Alice (Leduc) Lemieux. She attended South High School and received her Certificate in Social Work from Quinsigamond Community College in 1984.

Mrs. Wamback was employed as a social worker first with South Worcester Neighborhood Center and then with Pernet Family Health Service. She retired in 1986.

She was a member of Sacred Heart–Saint Catherine of Sweden Church in Worcester where she served as a Eucharistic Minister and a lector; she was also a member of its Women's Guild and the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. She was a longtime leader of the Worcester 4H Club. She enjoyed reading. Her greatest joy was in the time she spent with her family.

The funeral Mass was held at 10:00 AM, Tuesday, November 20, in Sacred Heart -Saint Catherine of Sweden Church, 596 Cambridge St. Worcester. Burial was in Saint John's Cemetery, Worcester. Calling hours were held Monday, November 19, from 5:00 to 8:00 PM in the Sitkowski & Malboeuf Funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster. The family requests that memorial donations be made to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, 507 Park Ave., Worcester, MA 01603.

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Zofia (Niemiec) Kokosinska, 89



DUDLEY – Zofia (Niemiec) Kokosinska, 89, died Monday, November 12, 2018 in UMASS/ Memorial Medical Center after being stricken ill. Her husband of 60 years, Zygmunt Kokosinski,

died in 2010.

She leaves 4 children, Ryszard and his wife Ursula Kokosinski, Anna Kokosinska, Teresa Lach and Eva Kokosinska all of Dudley; a sister, Aniela Jankowski of Dudley; 7 grand-children, Agnes, Christopher, Thomas, Elizabeth, Carolin, Adam & Sophia; 5 great-grandchildren, Alexandra, Andrew, Alan, Abby and Emillia. She was predeceased by her infant son, Edward Kokosinski, her brother John Niemiec and by her sisters, Katarzyna Bryniarski, Anna Krzyston and Maria Debski.

She was born in Kluszkowce, Poland, a daughter of Stanislaw and Katarzyna

(Mazgaj) Niemiec and moved to Dudley in 1974.

Mrs. Kokosinska was a kitchen helper at a forced labor farm during the German occupation in World War II. When she came to this area, she

worked as a spinner at Anglo Fabrics

Company in Webster for many years

before retiring in 1999 at age 70.

She was a communicant of Saint Joseph Basilica and a member of its Holy Rosary Sodality, Sacred Heart Society and St. Anne Society. She enjoyed knitting, cooking and painting. In Poland she stenciled freehand on the walls of people's houses.

The funeral was held on Saturday, November 17, from the Sitkowski & Malboeuf Funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster, with a Mass at 11:00 AM in Saint Joseph Basilica, 53 Whitcomb Street, Webster. Burial was in Saint Joseph Garden of Peace. Visiting hours were held from 6:00 to 8:00 PM Friday, November 16, in the funeral home.

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Send all obituary notices to Stonebridge Press, PO Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550, or by e-mail to jean@stonebridgepress.news



CALENDAR

Thursday November 29

Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony: Thursday, Nov. 29 6 p.m. Dudley Municipal Complex 71 West Main St., Dudley. Come join the community and celebrate at our annual tree lighting. Santa will be arriving once again on his magical fire engine. Refreshments will be served along with crafts and games. All residents are welcome to attend! Sponsored by the town of Dudley

Saturday December 1

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA: Dudley Lions Club is holding its annual Pancake Breakfast with Santa. Breakfast is from 8:00-11:00AM on Saturday Dec. 1 at Shepherd Hill Regional High School. Breakfast will include "All You Can Eat" pancakes, eggs, and sausage and beverages. The cost for the event is \$7 for Adults, Children 6-12 \$4, Children under 6 are free.

CHRISTMAS FAIR: The First Congregational Church of Dudley, 135 Center Road Christmas Fair on Saturday, Dec. 1 between 10 AM and 4 PM. The fair will include Selfies with Santa, crafters & vendors, LBS Christmas and Gift Shop, handmade quilt drawing, Basket Drawings, baked goods table, Café and live entertainment. The building is handicap accessible. For more information visit our website-events at www.uccdudley.org.

GOODS & SERVICES AUCTION: The First Congregational Church of Dudley at 135 Center Road is having a Goods and Services Auction Saturday, Dec. 1 starting at 2 PM. Some items included: Wachusett Ski lift tickets. Cape Cod vacation rentals, Patriots, Bruins, Celtics & Red Sox memorabilia, golf packages, handmade jewelry, restaurant gift cards, gift certificates from local businesses, assorted baskets with goodies (values \$60-\$100+) and a hike with Pastor John. Child care and movies provided during the auction. Building is handicap accessible. For information and list of auction items visit our website-events www.uccdudley.org.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TEA: The annual Christmas Tea at First Congregational Church, Oxford will be Saturday, Dec. 1. Doors open for tea & sweets at 9:30 am; luncheon selections served 10:30 am-2:30 pm. Fair featuring gift baskets, baked goods, Granny's Attic - Gently Used Treasures; Raffle Room; Book Nook; door prizes. Food selections include soup, entrée, desserts cart, specialty teas, coffee & hot chocolate

SANTA BREAKFAST & FAIR: Operation Graduation 2019 will be holding its annual breakfast and vendor fair at Oxford High School Saturday Dec. 18 a.m.-noon. Adults \$5, Children \$3 (3-12), children under 3 free. Pictures with Santa \$5 donation. Pancakes and sausage will be served, raffles, face painting, activities and goodies for the children. Vendor tables available \$25 per six foot table; \$5 per additional table. Email jbrescia@oxps.org for more info.

OPEN MIC: Saturday, Dec. 1st, 2-4 p.m. Open Mic Poetry Share at Booklovers' Gourmet, 55 East Main St., Webster. Bring original or favorite poetry to share. Free and open to the public. To sign up to read call 508-949-6232 or email deb@bookloversgourmet.com.

Tuesday December 4

OXFORD WOMEN'S CLUB: The Oxford women's club will hold its December meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 4 at 7 o'clock at the Oxford Senior Center. This will be the member appreciation dinner and Yankee Swap. If you wish to participate in the swap, please bring a wrapped gift valued at \$10. All Women's Club members are welcome.

Saturday December 8

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA: Bay Path Education Foundation Santa Claus Pancake Breakfast at Bay Path High School, 57 Old Muggett Hill Road, Charlton on Saturday, Dec. 8 7:30-10:30 am. Free 5" x 7" photograph with Santa by Casson-Foster Photographers. Tickets are \$5, children under 5 are free.

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

Sunday December 9

HANDBELL CONCERT: Make "Glad Tidings", a holiday handbell concert presented by the Shoreline Ringers, a part of your holiday celebrations this year with a program of holiday favorites, original handbell compositions, and classical transcriptions performed by this top-level community handbell choir. A concert will be held Sunday, Dec. 9th at 4:00 pm at United Church of Christ, Federated, 4 Church Street, Webster. Tickets are \$10 at the door or call 508-943-0061 to reserve your ticket.

Tuesday December 11

Oxford Free Public Library: Book Talk with Ted Reinstein Tuesday. Dec.11 at 6:30pm. In talking about New England's General Stores: Exploring an American Classic, broadcast journalist Ted Reinstein shares the rich and colorful history of this iconic institution, how they figured in the rise of early American commerce, why they began to fade, and why — like another New England icon, the diner — they have begun to come back and even be re-invented and re-imagined for a new era. Since 1995, Reinstein has been a reporter for Boston's WCVB-TV's "Chronicle," the nation's longest-running locally-produced nightly newsmagazine. This presentation runs about 50 minutes, followed by Q&A and book signing in the OXPL's Meeting Room.

Wednesday December 12

WRITERS GROUP: Wednesday Dec. 12, 5-7 p.m. Monthly writers group meets at Booklovers' Gourmet, 55 East Main St., Webster. Free. Open to all genres and styles. Bring a piece to share or just come listen and offer feedback. Call 508-949-6232 to register.

Saturday December 15

SANTA VISITS THE FARM: December 15th from 1pm to 7pm. Holiday open house at the Douglas Orchard and Farm, 36 Locust St., Douglas with hot mulled cider and holiday cookies. Come get your holiday shopping done. Unique gifts at the country store. Santa want s to hear what you

want for Christmas! Come tell Santa your wishes and get your photo taken with Jolly Ol' St. Nick. Photographer Kayla of Kayla Photographer & Art will be there to capture the moment. Santa will be in a private room.

HOLIDAY BASKET Grace Episcopal Church, 270 Main St, Oxford will hold its annual Holiday Basket Festival on Saturday, Dec. 15 from 9 AM to 1 PM in the parish hall. Chances on Baskets will be \$1 each or 6 for \$5. A free ticket will be given for a donation of food, hats or gloves/mittens which will be given to the Oxford Food Shelf. In addition to Baskets, we will have Christmas hats and stockings which can be embroidered with a name for \$5. A hearty lunch will be available for \$5 as well as a bountiful bake table. Tours of our beautiful sanctuary on request. Contact Carol Uppgard for more info at 508-987-5680.

Sunday December 16

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: Sunday, Dec. 16, 2 p.m., The First Congregational Church of Dudley at 135 Center Road. Filled with holiday favorites of days gone by, as well as contemporary pieces of joy, love and peace will have you bursting with enjoyment. Step away from the Christmas madness and be filled with a true sense of the reason for the season. Join us in the church sanctuary, Admission is free and open to all, with a free-will offering collected during the concert. Following the performance there will be a reception downstairs in Jacob's Hall, providing a time for socializing while enjoying delicious treats provided by church members.

ONGOING EVENTS

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

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

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT: The Webster Alzheimer's Support Group

meets the second Monday of each month at Webster Manor, 745 School St., from 6-8 p.m. Anyone in the area who feels they are in need of help, doesn't know what to do, or is a caregiver for someone with Alzheimer's, is invited to attend and express their concerns regarding the care for their loved one. The members of the group will discuss the ways, means, and the help you will need as your loved one progresses in this disease.

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

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

HOLISTIC HEALTH: Chair Yoga and so much more every Tuesday from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at The First Congregational Church, 135 Center Road, Dudley (please park and enter through the right side basement entrance). Class Fee: \$5/class voluntary contribution (Cancer patients always free). Proceeds donated to the First Congregational Church of Dudley. Instructor: Joanne LaLiberte, Holistic Health practitioner..

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

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

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

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

Carl P. Jankowski, 93



DUDLEY-Carl P. Jankowski age 93 died Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at the Harrington Hospital, Southbridge, MA. He leaves his wife of 69 years, Irene

(Wedda) Jankowski. He also leaves three daughters, Christine Laroche and her husband Gui of Milford, Debra Jankowski of Dudley, and Carol Parks of North Grosvenordale, CT., five grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Carl was predeceased by three brothers, Louis, Chester and Ralph and a sister Josephine Patterson all of Webster. He was born in Webster son of the late Jacob and Anna (Tschierzy) Jankowski and lived here most of his life. He was a WWII US Marine Corp veteran. Carl was a machinist, and worked for Pratt Whitney in Hartford, CT. He was a past commander of the PAV, and a longtime member of the Webster-Dudley Veterans Council. He was part of the invasion of Guam and Saipan. Carl received

the honor of being the first Grand Marshall of the Veterans Day Parade.

There are no calling hours. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with his arrangements. A guest book at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle. A Memorial Mass will be announced at a later date. Please omit flowers and the family requests donations in his memory be made to a charity of donor's choice.

David J. Renda, 58

HOLDEN-David J. Renda age 58 died Nov. 11, 2018 from injuries sustained in a auto accident. He leaves his wife of 31 years, Susan M. (Dahlin) Renda, daughters, Stacie Renda and her husband Benjamin Sharib of Dover, NH and Alexandra Renda of Holden.

He was born in Fitchburg, MA son of the late Salvatore F. Renda and Avis (Feyler) Render and lived in Holden since 1987. He owned and operated the Prisim Landscaping Co. in Holden. David had a fascination with science fiction and physics. He enjoyed writing, reading, cooking, pool and building things.

There are no calling hours, all services are private. Omit flowers and donations in his memory may be made to a charity of donors choice. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with his arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

Kenneth W. Hunter, 80

BROOKLYN, CT-Kenneth W. Hunter age 80 died Wednesday, November 14, 2018 in an auto accident in Brooklyn, CT. He leaves his wife Barbara (Rukstela) Hunter. He leaves a son James Hunter of Georgia, a brother Robert Hunter of Brooklyn, CT, two sisters Marjorie Auger and her husband Moe of Putnam, CT and Malene Wilson and her husband Roger of Willington, Ct. He was born in Killingly, CT son of the late Arthur L. Hunter and Beatrice C. (Colwell) Hunter and lived here most of his life. He was a US Army Veteran. Ken was a chicken farmer all his life.

He enjoyed fishing and clamming.

There are no calling hours and a celebration of life will be announced at a later date. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has

been entrusted with his arrangements. A guest book is available at www. shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

Nancie Louise O'Brien, 64



RICHMOND, VA -Nancie Louise (Jolda) O'Brien, 64, passed away on September 22, 2018 after a sixteen-month coura-geous battle with brain cancer.

She leaves her husband of 38 years,

Michael O'Brien; her 3 children, Jonathan O'Brien and his wife Emma, Gabrielle Pfeiffer and her husband husband Peter; a new granddaughter, Nancie Margo Pfeiffer; three brothers, Gregory Jolda of Augusta ME, Ronald Jolda of Christiansburg, VA and James Jolda of Webster; several nieces and nephews.

She was born and raised in Webster,

the daughter of the late Joseph and Florence (Godzik) Jolda. She graduated from Bartlett High School in 1972 and then from the University of Mass. at Amherst in 1976.

Nancie moved to Virginia with her husband where she raised her three children and home schooled them through their high school years. Following that she worked with her husband in his consulting business and traveled extensively throughout the United States and the world with

A memorial service was held on October 27 in Richmond. Memorial contributions may be made to Capital Caring on their website atwww.capitalcaring.org

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Theresa B. Spiewak, 101



EBSTER Theresa (Kozlowski) Spiewak, 101, died Sunday, November 11, 2018 at her home. Her husband of 45 years, Walter M. Spiewak, died in 1986.

She leaves son, John W. Spiewak and his wife Roseanne M. Dunn-Spiewak of Irvine, CA; 3 step-grandchildren, Diane, Kim, and Debora and her husband Doak; nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her brother Stanley Kozlowski and by 3 sisters, Joanne Szczypien, Celia Biadasz and Esther

Jezierski. She was born in Webster on October 24, 1917, a daughter of Michael J. and Josephine M. (Mrozinski) Kozlowski and lived here all her life.

Mrs. Spiewak first worked setting up looms at the Cluett-Peabody mills in North Grosvenordale, CT. She then was a folder at the American Greeting Card Company in Webster. She worked

as a food server first at Bartlett High School and then at Park Avenue Elementary School. After she retired, she continued on a part-time basis at the school for many years.

She was the oldest living member of Saint Joseph Basilica, and belonged to its Holy Rosary Sodality and its Sacred Heart Society. She was a member of the PAV Auxiliary. She also enjoyed playing pitch in leagues at both the Webster and Dudley Senior Centers and the TSKK. She liked playing pinochle with

family and friends. The funeral was held Monday. November 19, from the Sitkowski & Malboeuf Funeral Home, 340 School Street, with a Mass at 10:00 AM in Saint Joseph Basilica, 53 Whitcomb Street. Burial was in Saint Joseph Garden of Peace. Visiting hours were from 7:00 to 9:00 PM Sunday, November 18, in the funeral home. Donations in her name may be made to the Webster Senior Center, Church Street, Webster, MA

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Todd M. Coughlin, 39

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LEICESTER- Todd M. Coughlin, 39, of Leicester died suddenly at his home on Thursday, Nov. 15th.

He leaves his mother Aleta I. (Cutler) Coughlin of Charlton, his brother Brad J. Coughlin of Charlton,

nephew; Chad Coughlin of Southbridge, his niece; Lilly Coughlin of Worcester, aunts; Marsha Hogan of Webster and Linda Brown of Holden. He is predeceased by his father James J. Coughlin in 2007.

Todd was a senior systems administrator for many years, most recently for Phillips People Services in Framingham.

Born in Worcester, he graduated from Leicester High School and later attended UMASS-Lowell. He loved riding motorcycles, fishing and snowmo-

Calling hours were held on Monday, Nov. 19 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main St., Leicester. A prayer service was held during the visitation. Burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Leicester will be held privately. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl., Memphis, Tenn. 38105.

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OBITUARIES

Conrad G. Corriveau, 85



SOUTHBRIDGE-Conrad G. Corriveau, 85, passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 14th, in the Brookside Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center, Webster, after a long

He leaves his two sons, Roger C. Corriveau and his wife Meg Clancy of South Hadley and Carl A. Corriveau of Dudley; his two grandchildren, Matthew Corriveau and his wife Jasmine of Japan and Kristen Corriveau of Stamford, CT; and many nieces and nephews. He was born in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, the son of Leopold and Blanche (Duval) Corriveau. He was a US Army Veteran and served as a Corporal in the Korean

Conrad had a lifelong career in the appliance and furniture business, starting out working for his father at Corriveau's Furniture in Southbridge. In the early 1960's he started his own business, Conrad's Appliances in Southbridge, which he owned and operat-

ed for over 35 years. The family would like to express their deepest gratitude to the staff at Brookside Rehab and Healthcare for the wonderful care

they gave Conrad. Special thanks to Karen and Gayle who treated him like their own father.

Calling hours for Conrad were held on Sunday, Nov. 18th, from 1:00 to 3:00pm, in the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, with a funeral service following in the funeral home at 3:00pm. Burial will be

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Kindred Hospice Foundation, 406 Hemenway St., Marlborough, MA

www.morrillfuneralhome.com

Garrett J. "Garry" Fitzgibbons, Sr., 91



Garrett J. "Garry" Fitzgibbons, Sr., age 91 of Dudley, MA, passed away on November 16, 2018 at Webster Manor. The last surviving child of Patrick and Bridget Fitzgibbons, who both were born in County Clare but met and married in the United States, Garry was born in Quinebaug, CT on December 28, 1926, and grew up on Mae Ave in Webster, MA.

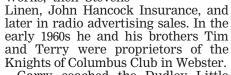
He married Rose
Kasik of Dudley in

1950, where he and his late, beloved "Rosie" raised their five children, Paula Bombrun, Garry, Jr. (wife Rhonda), Brian (wife Jane), Mark, and Susan (husband Jim) Ford. He is survived by his five children, four grandchildren Caroline (husband Stephen) Cullen, Laura Bombrun, Brett Fitzgibbons, and Garrett Fitzgibbons, and two great grandchildren, Connor Cullen and Sebastian Fitzgibbons. Garry has many nieces and nephews, all whom he

loved dearly. Garry attended St. Louis High School, where he left before graduating to join, slightly under-aged, the United States Navy in World War II. After the War he returned to St. Louis High School to graduate. He played semi-profes-

sional football for the Webster Colonials, where as a fast, elusive back he was called "Snake Hips" by one newspaper.

Garry worked a quarter century Cranston Print Works, then Stevens



Garry coached the Dudley Little League and Senior League baseball team Stevens Linen for many years. He was a sports enthusiast, and like many in his family, an avid fan of Notre Dame football.

There was a Wake on Tuesday Nov. 20 from 5 to 8 PM at Bartel Funeral Home, 33 Schofield Ave, Dudley.The funeral Mass was Wednesday Nov.21 at 10 AM in St. Anthony of Padua Church, 24 Dudley Hill Rd, Dudley. Burial with Military Honors provided by the Webster-Dudley Veterans Council followed at St. Anthony Cemetery Webster.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Garry Fitzgibbons' name to the Alzheimer's Association MA/NH Chapter, AlzMassNH.org. Alzheimer's Association 309 Waverly Oaks Rd. Waltham Ma 02452 www.bartelfuneralhome.com

Michael C. Alicandro, 45



Cameron

Owen Alicandro, daughter Abigail

R. Alicandro all of

Oxford, his parents

Bruce and Mary

Alicandro of Cape

Cod, his sisters

Tiffany Alicandro

Medway, several

nieces and neph-

ews. He was born

in Milford, MA.

He spent many

years as an IT

staffing consultant

and flourished in

building business

and relationships.

But his life was

all about his fam-

ily. His sense of

humor filled our

hearts with more

joy than can be told, leaving a void that can never be

filled until we are

reunited with him again in Glory.

His love of Jesus

Christ was evident

throughout his

entire life and he

is now in the arms

vices were held

on Monday, Nov.

19 at 11 a.m. in the

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& SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple

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WORCESTER-Alicandro,45, Pilgrim Ave., died suddenly at his home on Wednesday, Nov.

He leaves his Worcester. Calling hours were held on services in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to. Webster Five Cents Savings Bank. 10A Street, Auburn, MA.,01501 C/O Alicandro Children's Education Fund. www.morinfuneralhomes.com



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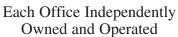
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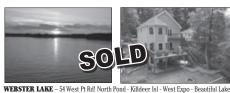




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WEBSTER LAKE – 54 West Pt Rd! North Pond - Killdeer Isl - West Expo - Beautiful Lake Views & Sunsets! 2002 Built 6+ Rm Colonial! Ideal 2nd Home or Yr Rd Living! Applianced Kit w/Center Isl! Lake Facing Din Rm w/Panoramic Water Views & Recent Wood Flr! Lake Facing Liv Rm w/LP Gas Frplc, Recent Wood Flr & French Door to Deck! 1st Flr Laundry & Half Bath! And Fir w3 Spacious Bdrms! Lake Facing Master Suite wFantastic Lake Views, Frplc, French Dr to its Deck, Dressing/Office Area & Full Bath wWhirlpool Tub! A 2nd Full Bath off the Hall! Huge Lake Facing Walk-out Lower Level w/Gas Stove & Slider to Stone Patio is Ready for "Finishing"! Additional Lakeside Deck! Dock! \$559,900.00



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WEBSTER LAKE - 202 Killdeer Island Rd! Panoramic View of North Pond! Natural Sandy Shoreline! Complete Rebuild Since WEBSTER LARE — 20tz Kuldeer Island Kdl Panorame View of North Pondi Natural Sandy Shorelinel Complete Rebuild Since 2002 (Custom Center Island Applianced Granite Kitchen wWalki-in Pantry, Recessed Lighting, Hardwoods & 1/2 Bathl Open Floor Plan! Dining Rm wWindow Seat, 2 Closets & Hardwoods! 19X19 Lake Facing Living Rm wHardwoods & 2 Sliders to Deck w/Recent Awning! Upstairs to 4 Bedrooms or 3 Plus Office! Lake Facing Master wCathedral Ceiling, Walk-in Closet & Master Bath w/Tile Floor Huge Corner Shower WSeat, Double Linen Closet Holl Hall Bath Hallway Landry Closet Llake Facing Walk-out Lower Level Family Room, 2 Sliders to Patio! Full Bath! 3.5 Baths Total! 4 Zone Heat & 2 Zone C/Air only 2 Years Old! Start Packing! \$629,900.00

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Waterfront Lot! Middle Pond - Panoramic Views! Conservation Approval! Build Your Dream! 100+' of Shoreline! 53.94' Road Frontage! Land Area 8,147'! Town Services Available! 2 Docks! Lots on Webster Lake a Rarity, Don't let this Slip By without Your Consideration! \$199,900.00

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WEBSTER LAKE - 194 Killdee

Island! North Pond Views! Sandy Shore! 6 Rm Cape! Open Liv & Din Rm w/Newly Restored Fireplace! New Lake Facing Windows! 2 1st FIr Bdrms, 1 Lake Facing!



Facing! Recently Applianced Galley Kit! Frplcd Liv Rm w/48" Smart TV & Hrdwds! Master Bath w/Recent Skylight! 2.5 Tile

Baths w/Recent Vanities & New Toilets

WEBSTER LAKE - 12 Kenneth Ave! South Pond! 5 Rm Ranch! 80' Waterfront Completely Remodeled 10 Yrs Ago! Kraftmaid Cabinet Kit w/Island & Silesto Counters! Bamboo Wood Flrs Throughou Open Flr Plan! Composite Deck! Lake Facing Master! 2 Bdrms! Full Bath! Fam



WEBSTER LAKE - 104 Treasure WEBSTER LARE — 104 Treasure Island! 1,874* Townhouse! Oak Cabinet Kit w/Breakfast Counter! Formal Din Rm! Frplc Liv Rm! Screened Porch! 1st FIr Master w/Walk-in Closet & Bath! 2.5 Baths! 2nd Level w/2nd Master Bdrm & Bath! Recent C/Air! Attached Garage! 2





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Recessed Lighting, Slider to Porch, Wall Oven & Center Island w/Triple Bowl Sink, Cooktop & Dishwasher! Mud Rm Entry w/2 Dble Closets, Tile Flr, Door to Kit &

Door to Full Bath! 2 Lake Facing Bdrms w/Walk-in Closets, Skylights & Sliders to Porch! Full Tile Bath w/Separate Shower & Whirlpool Bath w/Door to Master & Hall!

Door to run Bath! 2 Lake Facing Burlis Wwaren Crosess, Sayinghis & Shuders to Forch: Full The Bath Wiseparate Shuder & Winnipol Bath Wise Office wDble Closet! 2.5 Baths Totall Cedar Lined Closets! Full Basement! Plus 36X72 2 Story Heated Boat House/Garage/Work Shop wHalf Bath Caretaker/In-Law Apartment w/2 Full Baths! Game Rm wFull Bath! 5 Full + 2 Half Baths Total! One of a Kind Waterfront Home! \$599,900.00

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Very Attractive 1700 sq ft stone face Capel Attached 13' X 22' Ga-rage. Fireplaced front living room! Large Kitchen with ample amount of cabinets. 1st floor master bedroom. 2 large bedrooms on the 2nd Floor. 1/2 bath on the first floor, full bath on the 2nd floor. Natural Gas baseboard Heat! Vinyl siding! Town water and sewer. Nice level lot with mature shrubs. Very private rear yard. \$140,000

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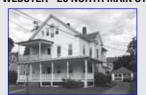
WEBSTER - 104 THOMPSON RD

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WEBSTER - 20 NORTH MAIN ST



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WEBSTER - 7 HICKORY LN



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Very Interesting property, to a home owner or developer. 47 +/Acres! Home is a 1300 sq ft ranch with a barn. The home consist of 3 bedrooms, and 1-1/2 bath, basement, farmers porch and 1 car garage. Much of the land is cleared. This property has 300° +/- of road frontage on East Thompson Rd. and road frontage on the entire length of pavement on Roy Rd. Rectangular in shape greater than 1300' wide X over 1600' deep. Needs TLC!

DUDLEY- 7 DELANY AVE



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WEBSTER - 6 BROOKSIDE AVE



pliance kitchen. Dining room and large living room, hardwood through out the first level, 3 seasoned porch for added living area. Over sized master with double closets, and 3 additional bedrooms. Finished basement with pellet stove. Outside, a patio New Price \$279,000

THOMPSON, CT - 25 BONNETTE AVE



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WEBSTER LAKE - 118 POINT BREEZE RD



WEBSTER LAKE - 54 KILLDEER RD



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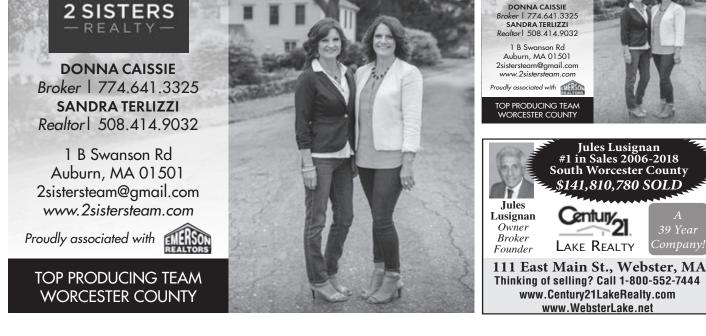
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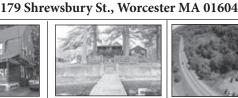


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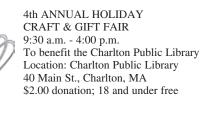
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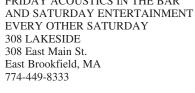
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TOWN OF WEBSTER, MASSACHUSETTS **ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

Sealed Bids for the construction of the "Myrtle Avenue and First Street Water Main Rehabilitation Project" will be received by the Town of Webster at 350 Main Street, Webster, MA 01570 until 1:00 p.m. local time on December 13, 2018 at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. Sealed Bids must have outer envelope marked as "Myrtle Avenue and First Street Water Main Rehabilitation Project."

The Work consists of the cleaning and cured-in-place pipe (CIPP) rehabilitation of approximately 2,200 linear feet of 6-inch cast iron water main on Myrtle Avenue, between Park Street and Third Street, and approximately 1,400 linear feet of 12-inch cast iron water main on First Street, between Crosby Street and Myrtle Avenue. The work includes related work includes some pipe, valve, and hydrant replacement, temporary water bypass and surface restoration. Bids shall be on a unit price basis as indicated in the Bid Form.

All Bids for this project are subject to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30, Section 39M as amended.

Bidding Documents may be obtained electronically from the Tighe & Bond website at: http://www.tighebond.com/ Projects Out to Bid.php

Prospective bidders must complete a one-time registration process on the web site in order to receive log-in credentials. Bidders must log in to the web site to download bidding documents for the project. Bidders will be added to the "planholders" or prospective bidders list upon downloading the bidding documents for the project. Bidding documents may also be examined at [the office of Tighe & Bond, Inc., 446 Main Street, Worcester, Massachusetts between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, legal holidays excluded.

A bid deposit shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bid-

This Contract contains price adjustments for hot mix asphalt mixes, diesel fuel, gasoline, and Portland cement in concrete. See Section 01270 for payment procedures and base prices for

Minimum Wage Rates as determined by the Commissioner of Department of Workforce Development under the provision of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 26 to 27D, as amended, apply to this project. It is the responsibility of the Contractor, before Bid opening, to request if necessary, any additional information on Minimum Wage Rates for those trades people who may be employed for the proposed Work under this Contract.

TOWN OF WEBSTER, MASSACHU-**SETTS**

Consulting Engineer: Tighe & Bond, Inc. 446 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508) 754-2201 November 23, 2018

(SEAL)

COMMONWEALTH **OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL** COURT 18 SM 006340 **ORDER OF NOTICE** TO: Dianne J. Snyder AKA Dianne J.

Champagne; Rodney L. Snyder and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act:, 50 U.S.C.c. 50 §3901 (et seq):

Federal National Mortgage **Association (Fannie Mae)**

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Webster, numbered 35 Nelson Street, and 0 Nelson St AKA Parcel 27_D_17_0, given by Rodney L. Snyder and Dianne J. Snyder to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for NetBank, its successors and assigns, dated September 8, 2005 and recorded with the Worcester **County (Worcester District) Registry** of Deeds at Book 37284, Page 350 and now held by plaintiff by assignment has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/

Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before December 17, 2018 or you may be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act. Witness, GORDON H. PIPER Chief Justice of this Court on November 1, 2018

Attest: Deborah J. Patterson Recorder (18-012021 Orlans)

November 23, 2018

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

Notice is hereby given by: School St Towing 17-31 School St Webster MA 01570. pursuant to the provisions of G.L.c. 255, Section 39A, that on 8 Dec 2018 at 9AM at 17-31 School St Webster MA 01570 by Private Sale the following Motor Vehicle will be sold to satisfy the garagekeeper's lien thereon for storage, towing charges, care and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicle. Vehicle description: Year: 2010 Make: Honda Model: Accord Registration#/State: UnReg VIN: 1HGCS2B81AA005789

Name and address of vehicle owner: Auto Auction of New England

8 Action Blvd., Londonderry, NH 03053 by: Frank A Czechowski Jr Dated: 16 Nov 2018 This notice has been given under the provisions of G.L.c. 255, Section 39A

November 23, 2018 November 30, 2018 December 7, 2018

LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Shawn W. Cierpich to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., dated February 3, 2006 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 38497, Page 289 (the "Mortgage"), as affected by a Loan Modification Agreement recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 50089, Page 62 of which mortgage Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper is the present holder by assignment from JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. to Nationstar Mortgage LLC dated February 10, 2015 recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 53443, Page 107, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 180 Ramshorn Road, Dudley, MA 01571 will be sold at a Public Auction at 3:00 PM on December 19, 2018, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

The land situated in Dudley, Worcester County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

LOT #4 BEGINNING at an iron pin at the northwest corner of tract herein described on the Easterly sideline of the 1936 Worcester County Highway layout of Ramshorn Road at the Southwest corner of Lot #3;

THENCE S 70° 15 minutes 20 seconds E along said Lot 3 a distance of one hundred one and ten hundredths (101.10) feet to an iron pipe;

THENCE N 87° 38 minutes 47 seconds E along said Lot 3 a distance of two hundred fifty and no hundredths (250.00) feet to a drill hole in a stonewall;

THENCE S 14° 34 minutes 09 seconds E along a stonewall and land of Charles J. and Annabelle Moninski, now or formerly, a distance of five hundred forty-nine and fifty-seven hundredths (549.57) feet to a point in said stonewall:

THENCE S 15° 43 minutes 48 seconds W along a stonewall and said Moninski land a distance of one hundred and ninety-seven hundredths (100.97) feet

to an iron pipe in a corner of walls; THENCE S 79° 09 minutes 14 seconds W mostly along a stonewall and said Cierpich land a distance of two hundred forty-nine and seventy-four hundredths (149.74) feet to an iron

THENCE S 78° 14 minutes 58 seconds W mostly along a stonewall and said Cierpich land a distance of two hundred forty-one and forty-one hundredths (241.41) feet to an iron pipe; THENCE N 17° 20 minutes 48 seconds W along said Cierpich land a distance of one hundred sixty and nineteen hundredths (160.19) feet to an iron pipe;

THENCE N 12° 09 minutes 48 seconds W along said Cierpich land a distance of one hundred eighty-three and thirty-five hundreds (183.35) feet to an iron pipe;

THENCE N 23° 50 minutes 04 seconds W along said Cierpich land a distance of one hundred forty-four and three hundredths (144.03) feet to an iron pipe;

THENCE N 83° 25 minutes 32 seconds W along said Cierpich land a distance of one hundred fifty-six and forty-nine hundredths (156.49) feet to a point;

THENCE N 26° 52 minutes 29 seconds E along said Cierpich land a distance of sixty and forty-one hundreds (60.41) feet to an iron pipe on the easterly sideline of Ramsborn, Road; THENCE running northerly along the easterly sideline and said Ramshorn Road on a curve to the left having a radius of 530.00 feet and a length of 245.23 feet to the point of beginning. The above described tract contains an area of 6.5734 acres.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 23002, Page 127.

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

Terms of the Sale: Cash, cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable in cash or by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA 01851 or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper Korde & Associates, P.C. 900 Chelmsford Street **Suite 3102** Lowell, MA 01851 (978) 256-1500 Cierpich, Shawn W., 16-027448 November 23, 2018 November 30, 2018

December 7, 2018

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 17 Market Street. No. 19, a/k/a 17-19 Market Street, Webster, MA 01570

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Brian T. Leboeuf a/k/a Brian T. Lebeouf and Denise B. Lebeouf a/k/a Denise B. Leboeuf to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Nominee for Ameripath Mortgage Corporation and now held by Flagstar Bank, FSB, said mortgage dated May 7, 2009, and recorded in the Worcester County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 44250 at Page 176, as affected by an Assignment of Mortgage dated January 12, 2018, and recorded with said Deeds in Book 58395 at Page 282, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on December 14, 2018, at 1:00 PM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

All that certain parcel of land situate in the Town of Webster, County of

Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, being known and designat-

Beginning at a stake driven into the ground on the westerly line of said Pearl Street at Lot #43 as designated on a plan hereinafter mentioned and being the northeasterly angle of the tract hereby conveyed;

Thence southerly 95 feet by said Pearl Street to a stake in the ground at

Thence westerly 132.6 feet by said Lot #41 to land of N.Y.N.H. & H.R.R. Company.

Thence northerly 95.8 feet by land of said Railroad company to a stake in the ground at Lot #43;

Thence easterly 120.3 feet by said Lot #43 to point of beginning. Being Lot 42 a shown on a plan in sub-

division showing properties of Slater Mills Inc. and Slater Co. Inc. Webster, Mass. As drawn by B.A. Wakefield Eng., dated April 1935 and record d with Worcester District Registry of Deeds Plan Book 85 Plan 37.

The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated December 18, 1998, and recorded in Book 20836 at Page 333 with the Worcester County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds.

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

TEN THOUSAND (\$10,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within forty five (45) days after the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the

Marinosci Law Group, P.C. 275 West Natick Road, Suite 500 Warwick, RI 02886 Attorney for Flagstar Bank, FSB Present Holder of the Mortgage Telephone: (401) 234-9200 MLG File No.: 18-07683 November 23, 2018 November 30, 2018 December 7, 2018

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508) 831-2200 Docket No. WO18C0495CA CITATION ON PETITION TO **CHANGE NAME** In the matter of: Sarah Joan Prue

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Sarah Joan Prue of **Douglas MA**

requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Sarah Joan Hutnak

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Worcester Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/11/2018. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding. WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy,

First Justice of this Court. Date: November 05, 2018

Stephanie K. Fattman Register of Probate November 23, 2018



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SPORTS

A brief history of American football

According to Nielsen, 111.3 million people tuned in to watch the Super Bowl in early 2017. Almost two-thirds of adults in the United States say they currently watch National Football League games.

But American football is no longer relegated to the boundaries of the United States, as it is becoming a global sport. According to the International Federation of American Football, there are 80 countries with organized federations governing the game. Plus, thousands of youth and adult leagues exist all over the world. Even though soccer has long been a global sport, it seems the other kind of "football" is quickly catching up.

The sport known as American football was borne out of the English sports of association football (soccer) and rugby. During the late 19th century, elite Northeastern colleges took up the sport, playing a soccer-type game with rules adopted from the London Football Association. Intercollegiate matches began to spring up at



CAPTION: American football enjoys worldwide popularity and some of the most ardent fans in all of sport.

schools such as Rutgers, Princeton, Harvard, and McGill University. Rugby-type rules became preferential among players and spectators.

Walter Camp, known affectionately as the "Father of American Football," transformed

the rugby-style game into the one that resembles American football today. Camp brought two key innovations to the game. The opening "scrummage" was eliminated, and a rule was introduced that required a team to give up the ball after fail-

ing to advance down the field a specific yardage. Camp also developed the quarterback position, lines of scrimmage and the scoring scale used in football today.

Early games were controversial because of the high rate of injury.

Even President Theodore Roosevelt stepped in to ask collegiate teams to revise regulations to make the game less brutal. The committee overseeing the rules would later become known as the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

Thanks largely in part to the popularity of college football, professional football began to gain traction with the public. The American Professional Football Association was formed in 1920. That league would later become the National Football League. The first televised NFL game occurred in 1939. Eventually, American football's popularity would explode.

Cheerleaders were introduced to the game in the 1960s. Currently, Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders are the most famous squad. Six teams in the NFL do not have cheerleaders: the Chicago Bears, the Cleveland Browns, the Detroit Lions, the New York Giants, the Pittsburgh Steelers, and the Green Bay Packers.

Football games typically last around 3 hours. Average attendance for an NFL game is 66,957 spectators.

American football has become a multibillion-dollar industry. What developed on college campuses has grown into a worldwide phenomenon.

Fire up fellow football fans with smoked wings

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Virgil's Smoked Chicken Wings w/Blue

The Super Bowl is nearly here, and that means scores of football fans are readying themselves for a day spent fraternizing with friends and indulging in all of the great food that has become synonymous with the biggest day in American professional sports.

No football feast is complete without wings, and this year Super Bowl party hosts can satisfy their guests' needs for this beloved bar snack with the following recipe for "Virgil's Smoked Chicken Wings With Blue Cheese Dip" from Neal Corman's "Virgil's Barbecue Road Trip Cookbook" (St. Martin's Press).

VIRGIL'S SMOKED CHICKEN WINGS WITH BLUE CHEESE DIP

SERVES 4

BLUE CHEESE DIP

- cups blue cheese crumbles, divided
 - cup mayonnaise 1 cup buttermilk 1/2
- teaspoons hot sauce teaspoon Worcestershire sauce 1
- 1/2teaspoon kosher salt cup finely chopped scallions 1/4
- cup finely chopped celery

Marinade 1/2

- cup vegetable oil 1/2cup hot sauce
- tablespoons Virgil's Dry Rub 4 (see below)
- tablespoons granulated garlic tablespoons granulated onion Juice of 1/2 lemon

Wings

Host a sports viewing party to remember



Amateur and professional athletics are both big business. According to Forbes, the Southeastern Conference, a collective of universities that includes the University of Alabama and the University of Georgia, generated \$375 million television money alone in 2015, collecting another \$140 million from football and basketball postseason play. While that's a hefty chunk of change, and even more impressive when considering the SEC is just one of many conferences in college athletics, it pales considerably in comparison to the National Football League, which Forbes projected would surpass \$13.3 billion in total revenues in 2016.

Such figures highlight the popularity of both amateur and professional sports. Hundreds of millions of people across the globe enjoy sports, and many are fond of gathering with fellow fans to watch their favorite teams play, whether in-person or on television. Viewing parties are a great way to watch the big game with fellow fans, and such gatherings don't have to require all that much effort on the part of hosts.

 Make it a potluck affair. Potluck affairs make perfect sense for sports viewing parties, so don't be surprised if guests offer to whip up some homemade guacamole or a buffet-style dish for the big party. Encourage this, asking guests to share what they're bringing with other invitees so there are no duplicate offer-

· Vary the food and beverage menu. Chicken wings and beer might seem like go-to foods and beverages for the big game, but even sports bars are increasingly recognizing sports fans' desire for healthy foods. It's still acceptable to serve staples like wings, nachos, chips, and pretzels, but try to provide some healthy fare like celery and salad as well. Even whole-grain pretzels might be more enticing to guests watching what they eat. In addition, provide alternatives to alcohol, such as water, soda and juice, for guests who are abstaining.

· Upgrade your television. Projection screens are go-to options for many avid sports fans, projectors

screens may stretch some sports fans' budgets. A 4K ultra-HD television can be an affordable option depending on the size of the television, and such devices provide incredibly crisp pictures that can make sports fans feel as though they're inside the stadium cheering on their favorite players.

· Purchase a sound system. Today's televisions are sleek and thin. While that saves space and provides more aesthetic appeal than the bulky televisions of yesteryear, thin designs leave little room for sound tech. As a result, it can be hard to hear what's going on in the game without a sound system. Sound systems are relatively inexpensive; just make sure to purchase one that is compatible with your television.

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1. To make the dip, combine 1 cup of the blue cheese, mayonnaise, buttermilk, hot sauce, Worcestershire sauce, and salt in the bowl of a food processor and blend on low until smooth. 2. Remove to a medium mixing bowl

teaspoon cayenne pepper

large chicken wings

cup hot sauce

cup Virgil's Dry Rub (see

tablespoons unsalted butter teaspoon cornstarch tablespoons white vinegar

and fold in the rest of the blue cheese, scallions and celery, being sure to break up the large blue cheese crumbles. Place in a covered container and refrigerate overnight.

3. Mix all the marinade ingredients in a large mixing bowl. Place the wings in a large container with a lid and pour the mixture over the wings. Toss until the wings are thoroughly coated. Cover and refrigerate for 2 days.

4. Preheat the grill or smoker to 245 F. 5. Spread out the wings on a sheet pan and wipe away any excess marinade. Sprinkle liberally with the dry rub,

coating the wings all over. 6. Position the wings on the grill away from the direct heat of the coals or burners, and add hickory to the smoker, or place hickory chips on the coals or gas burners.

7. Cook the wings for about 3 hours, flipping every 30 minutes (their internal temperature should be about 165 F when cooked).

8. While the wings are cooking, cut the butter for the sauce into 1-inch cubes and refrigerate. Whisk the cornstarch into the white vinegar in a small

9. In a medium sauté pan over medium heat, bring the hot sauce to a simmer and whisk in the thickened vinegar. Return to a simmer, cook for 1 minute, and remove from the heat.

10. Add the cayenne and slowly whisk in the cold butter. Keep warm until

11. Remove the wings from the smoker or grill and put half of them into a bowl, cover with the sauce, and toss. Repeat with the remaining wings and serve on a platter, with the blue cheese dip on the side.

VIRGIL'S DRY RUB MAKES 5 TO 51/2 CUPS

- cups sweet paprika
- cup granulated sugar 1/2cup Texas-style chili powder
- cup minced onion
- 1/2 1/2cup granulated garlic
- cup dried parsley flakes 1/4 tablespoons kosher salt

Combine all of the ingredients in a medium bowl and whisk together until completely incorporated. Transfer to a covered bowl with a tight-fitting lid. Store in a cool, dry place.

The best ways to cheer on favorite sports teams

Autumn weather calls to mind sipping warm cider and raking leaves. But for sports fans, fall is all about sports.

American football, field hockey, ice hockey, and basketball are just a few of the sports that make autumn an exciting time for sports fans.

Even the most ardent fan may have room for improvement when it comes to supporting his or her team. Here are a few ideas to make cheering for a favorite team even more enjoyable.

Attend a game

Fans who never get to see their team play in person may miss out on a unique experience. The

atmosphere and energy of sitting in a stadium or arena cannot compete with a television simulcast. Ardent fans can resolve to attend a game in person this season. Enroll in employee entertainment clubs to receive discounts on sports tickets among other types of entertainment.

Host a game watch camaraderie with fellow fans by hosting a game watch. A routine sports night is a great way to get together with friends and family members. Gather a group at your house each week to watch a favorite team battle it out on the big screen. Or get together

with fellow fans in the community at a sports bar or restaurant, combining a night out on the town with your passion for sports.

Get the kids involved

Spread the love of fandom to a new generation. Schools and youth organizations can encourage children to support local scholastic teams. Organize field trips to sporting events to involve as many students as possible.

Fall sports are heating up, and fans can do their part to support their favorite teams in various



Grab some friends, food and drink, and enjoy time supporting the team.

Shop for sports eye protection

The end of summer is crunch time for families preparing for the new school year. So many items make up backto-school shopping lists that it can be easy to overlook supplies necessary for extracurricular activities.

Autumn marks the beginning of many scholastic sports seasons, including cross-country, field hockey, football, and rugby. Sports can be exciting and challenging for athletes, but athletes also are at constant risk of injury.

Prevent Blindness America notes that more than 40,000 people seek treatment for sports-related eye injuries each year. While many of those injuries affect children, the good news is that sports-related eye injuries are largely preventable. Sports eye protection is a must, and protective eyewear should be included on back-to-school shopping lists.

In addition to wearing protective

• Wear helmets. Kids who play youth baseball should always wear batting helmets with polycarbonate face shields when batting. When playing hockey, use helmets with face shields approved by the U.S. Amateur Hockey Association.

 Wear safety goggles. Regular glasses or goggles may not offer adequate protection. Wear proper safety goggles that have lensed polycarbonate protectors for racquet sports or basketball. All eye guards or protective eyewear should be labeled ASTM F803-approved, according to Prevent Blindness America. This eyewear is guaranteed to offer the highest levels of protection.

• Recognize non-contact sports also can be dangerous. Even non-contact sports such as badminton can present a chance for injury. Individuals should exercise caution any time they play sports that require the use of balls, racquets or flying objects.

· Speak with coaches and teachers. Open a dialogue with coaches or physical education administrators in an effort to highlight the importance of protective eyewear and learn about the steps being taken to protect athletes and their eyes. Include youngsters in these discussions so they learn about the need for protective eyewear and the benefits that such eyewear provides in sports where there is a high to moderate risk of eye injury.

• Protect eyes from the sun. Athletes who play outdoor sports should take steps to protect their eyes from the sun. When shopping for goggles, find ones that offer UV protection. In addition, look for tinted lenses that reduce glare.

 Exercise good sportsmanship. Always follow the rules of the sport and be a good team player. Use the equipment in the way it was intended so everyone, including teammates and opponents, is as safe as possible.

Sports-related eye safety is about prevention. Protective eyewear is essential when competing in various sports.

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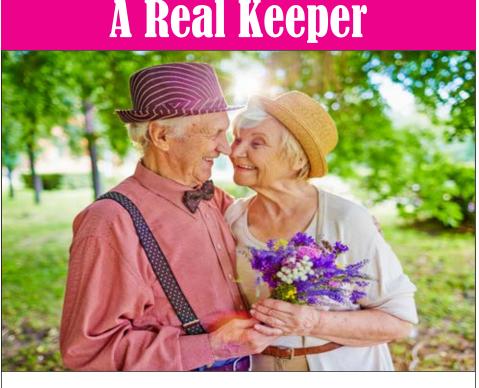


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