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Dudley provides update on Brandon Road Bridge

BY JASON BLEAU CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY - With the Brandon Road Bridge still closed, locals are beginning to get anxious for when upgrades will be made to the structure that serves as a connecting point between Dudley and neighboring Webster. The bridge was closed over the summer due to structural issues with supporting its weight limit.

Town Administrator Jonathan Ruda provided an update on Nov. 22 explaining that the process has been tied up at the state level.

"The design and engineering are underway. Rep. Peter Durant and Senator Ryan Fattman both worked hard to get us the funding amount to pay for the engineering and design, but they were blocked by leadership at the State House. Apparently, our request didn't contain any social justice requirements with is required for this round of funding," said Ruda. "Given the importance of the bridge, it connects us to our neighbors in Webster, we're going to use Chapter 90 funds to pay for the engineering and design cost which is, of course, reimbursable."

Chapter 90 funds are state monies allocated to communities to assist with local transportation improvements.

Ruda said there is hope that federal funds will help offset future costs of the bridge. The Biden Administration's recently approved trillion-dollar federal infrastructure program could provide opportunities to cover the bridge repairs. Ruda said the million-dollar request the town would make could be looked upon "favorably" for that funding.

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Karlowicz promoted to lieutenant's position



New Dudley Police Lt. Marek Karlowicz (front center), along with his wife Krystyna and mem-bers of his family, at the Dudley Board of Selectmen's meeting on Nov. 22.

Oxford's offense explodes to beat Bay Path in Thanksgiving Day Battle for Buffums

BY JASON BLEAU CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – The Dudley Police Department has named a new lieutenant who was approved by the Board of Selectmen during a Nov. 22 meeting bringing the department back to a level of leadership not seen since 2005.

The lieutenant search began in August with an assessment center overseen by Public Safety Consultants, LLC with four candidates from within the department testing for the position. Sergeants Paul Ceppetelli, Marek Turn To KARLOWICZ page A17

Kelly Library bonors Amanda Grenier

Donna and Whitney Albeke, parents of Amanda Grenier.

WEBSTER — On Saturday, Nov. 27, the Gladys E. Kelly Library community gathered to honor its first Director and dedicate a portrait and plaque to her. Amanda Grenier, who died on Nov. 17, 2020, had served Webster as a librarian for 15 years, six of these as the Director of the Chester C. Corbin Library and 2 at the Kelly Library. She played an instrumental role in the planning for and building of the new library.

Even as a child, Amanda was drawn to libraries. Her mother, Mrs. Donna Albeke told those gathered that even as a toddler Amanda preferred books to dolls. Her most treasured possession was an entire collection of the Little Golden Books which she pretended to read out loud. While Amanda secured a degree in criminal

BY KEN POWERS SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

OXFORD — Well, that's more like it.

sFive days after scoring just six points in a bitterly disappointing loss in a Division 8 state semifinal, the high-voltage Oxford High varsity football team's offense was back to being its old self, scoring five of the Pirates' six touchdowns in a 41-14 Thanksgiving Day win over Bay Path Regional in the eighth annual Thanksgiving Day Battle for Buffums, held at Cmdr. Michael C. Masley Jr. Memorial Field.

For Oxford, which finished the season 9-3 its first nine-win season since 1999 — the win was its fourth straight turkey day victory, knotting the overall series at four wins each. The Pirates have actually won five straight games against Bay Path, prevailing in a matchup between the schools in the spring during the Fall II season, 28-21.

Antoine Senior LaCourt-Ramos — the Snyder Award winner, given to the outstanding player of the game - staked Oxford to a 7-0 first-quarter lead, scoring on a 15-vard interception

return. LaCourt-Ramos has returned an interception for a touchdown in each of his four high school seasons.

"That's not normal," seventh-year Oxford head coach Jeff Clarkson said about LaCourt-Ramos' career feat. "I think it's a testament to how athletic and talented Antoine is."

Junior Lucas Lambert, who scored a pair of rushing touchdowns and was the game's Offensive MVP, pushed the Pirates' lead to 14-0 when he scurried into the end zone from eight yards out in the second quarter. Lambert's scoring

run capped a 99-1/2-yard, 13-play drive. "We got pinned deep

in our own territory. We thought Bay Path was going to attempt a fake a punt, so we didn't have anyone back to field the punt. They ended up punting the ball, got a great roll, and downed it on our half-yard line," Clarkson explained. "It was nice to see the boys go out and put together that scoring drive. That was the offensive team we've been all year. Offensively we moved the ball well all year."

In the third quarter the Pirates quickly increased its lead to 21-0, Lambert scoring on a 10-yard quarterback keeper. The key

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justice from Fitchburg State College, it was library service that attracted her. She went on to receive a Masters degree in Library and Information Sciences at Southern Connecticut State University.

Jean Travers noted that when Amanda first applied for a librarian position in Webster people said: "Just hire her. She's good for Webster. She knows the clientele and she is a good, kind person." Kind, gentle, and caring were the words used often during the ceremony to characterize Amanda. Rena Klebart, Chair of the Library Board of Trustees summed it up by saying: 'Some here knew her as a colleague, staff person. sister, aunt, wife, daughter-but all knew her as a friend-a kind, gentle friend, not afraid to give of herself."

Mrs. Albeke ended her remarks by reminding everyone of the important place the Kelly library has in the community, stating "Amanda could not be happier any place else. She had the career of her dreams. The Kelly library remains the center of the community where patrons can read, learn, dream—as she once did.

The portrait of Amanda and the plaque can be found on the main floor of the library by the computers. Patrons are invited to visit, remember Amanda, and honor that memory by reading, learning, and dreaming.

Courtesy

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the following students who were selected as October Students of the Month at St. Joseph School: Pre-K 3-year-old: John Khozami; Pre-K 4-year-old: Kamila Biela; Kindergarten: Austin Runge; Grade 1: Julia Biela; Grade 2: Samantha Genduso; Grade 3: Evelyn Macko; Grade 4: Mackenzie Openshaw; Grade 5: Ayla Reed; Grade 6: Claire Calnan; Grade 7: Leah Boudreau; Grade 8: Matthew Zdrok. Students are awarded Student of the Month for their outstanding exemplification of Religion, Respect, and Responsibility. Keep up the great work!

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Webster parish hosts relic exhibit



=Gus Steeves

Rev. Carlos Martins takes a moment to check messages at the book table after his talk on Catholic relics.

BY GUS STEEVES CORRESPONDENT

WEBSTER – More than 250 people filled Sacred Heart Church Sunday afternoon seeking what visiting speaker Rev Carlos Martins called "an experience through the presence of the saints.'

Specifically, most of them walked down the street a little later to spend some time with several dozen relics mostly tiny pieces of hair, bone or clothing sealed in ornate metal and glass thecas (reliquaries). But they also included fragments of wood and fabric Martins said came from the cross on which Jesus died and the veil of his mother, Mary, respectively.

In Catholic doctrine, contact with such relics can give people a "plenary indulgence" that can, when certain other conditions are met, "put your soul in a clean state," Martins said. Those other conditions are attending Mass regularly, going to confession often, confessing all sins, and extending foregiveness to those who hurt you, he added.

The concept of relics, or something similar, can be found in many religions. It likely originated in cultures that practiced ancestor worship long before Christianity's birth; anthropologists have found many peoples who keep clothing, items and even body parts of revered ancestors as ways to keep their personal qualities alive and connect with the divine.

Sometimes, such relics are honored by multiple faiths: sometimes they aren't.

What one society or religious tradition designates and venerates as a relic is liable to be dismissed by another as distasteful and dirty bodily waste or the useless detritus of daily existence," wrote Alexandra Walsham in July 2010's issue of Past & Present (https:// academic.oup.com/past/article/206/ suppl_5/9/1453339). "Alternatively, it may carry a range of other connotations dependent on the perspective of the viewer: as John Strong shows in his essay, the tooth captured and destroyed by the Portuguese viceroy in Goa in 1561 as a devilish idol and crafty ivory fake was polyvalent: interpreted by Buddhists as a remnant of the founder of their religion and by Muslims as a vestige of Adam, according to the local Tamil people it was the molar of a divine monkey-king.'

Among the major religions, Walsham notes relics are rare in Islam, virtully nonexistent in Judaism, and common in Buddhism. There, ashes, teeth, footprints and other things attributed to Buddha are believed to "have the potential to provide karmic benefits." Just as in Christianity, many Buddhist relics have been distributed among the faith's holy sites to allow the followers access.

Arguing "they are not magic," Martins described relics as being "the means that [God] chooses" to present himself and to draw attention to saints as role models. In Catholicism, there are three types: fragments of a saint's body, items they wore or owned, and items they touched or that have touched items in groups 1 or 2. Their validity is identified by a bishop, abbot or postulator, with the latter being a person in charge of shepherding a potential saint through the process of canonization, he said.

Such relics can only be displayed if sealed and authenticated. That's likely a response to the fact medieval history was laden with a wide range of questionable items claimed as relics. Walsham describes the situation this way:

[W]hile uniqueness may be thecas (reliquaries).

regarded as an essential attribute of this species of hallowed item, throughout history relics have been the subject of processes of forgery, fabrication, and reproduction that do not necessarily serve to demystify them in the eyes of believers. Medieval churchmen, for instance, reconciled the existence of multiple heads of John the Baptist and an improbably vast forest of splinters of the True Cross by means of an ingenious theory of self-generation that took inspiration from the gospel story of the handful of loaves and fishes that miraculously fed the five thousand.'

Martins noted the concept of relics in general also has biblical roots, citing incidents in 2 Kings, Matthew and Acts as evidence.

In Christian history, the veneration of saints began in the 3rd century "and gained momentum from the 4th to the 6th century," Britannica.com states. It focused largely on the bones of martyrs, whose graves and basilicas nearby become pilgrimage sites. During the 8th century, it states, some of those relics were distributed across Europe from their origins near the Mediterranean.

As Britannica and Martins both noted, relics took on heightened importance after Roman Emperor Constantine declared Christianity to be the official religion of the empire. His mother, now considered to be St Helena, led an expedition to Palestine to find objects associated with Jesus's life, sending many back to the capital. Among them were the first ones claimed to be parts of the True Cross and the stairs from Pontius Pilate's palace.

Martins said his ministry, Treasures of the Church, based in Detroit, visits parishs, schools and prisons around the world with such relics.

The reason I come here is for you to find your saint," he said. "... No saint is going to force himself or herself on you unwanted," but can indicate their willingness to work with a person in various ways.

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Some parishioners check out a table of relics, which are encased in the metal and glass



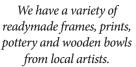
The benefits of in person holiday shopping



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was still affecting daily son was unlike any other. life across the globe over the final months of 2020,

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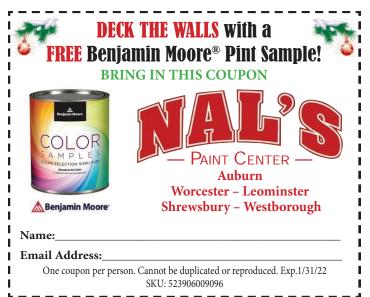




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prompting many families and individuals to holiday traditions they'd embraced for decades. That included how people shop. Many people avoided in person holiday shopping in 2020. However, the successful rollout of various COVID-19 vaccines has made in person shopping safe again. That's good news for local businesses and great news for shoppers, who may have forgotten just how much they can benefit from shopping in person.

In person shopping is convenient. Much is made of the convenience of online shopping. And it's undeniable that the ability to shop at all hours of the day and night is convenient. However, in person shopping, especially shopping when

for others, is much more convenient than shoppers may realize. When shopping in person, shoppers can get a feel for an item, size it up and even inspect its quality prior to purchasing it. That can save shoppers from that disappointing feeling of receiving an item in the mail only to realize it's poorly made or oddly sized and therefore unlikely to fit its eventual recipient.

• In person shopping isn't all about shipping. Shipping speed is a significant factor for online shoppers, and that may affect just which gift they give come the holiday season. According to a Dotcom report titled "How Fast Delivery and Quality Packaging

Drives Customer Loyalty," 87 per-cent of shoppers surveyed indicated shipping was a key factor when deciding whether to shop with an e-commerce brand again. That's an important consideration, as shoppers may be more inclined to buy an item from a retailer simply because of their shipping speed capabilities and not because of the quality of the item and whether or not it's what

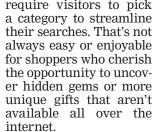
they want to give to their loved one. Shopping in person removes shipping from the equation, ensuring gift givers will give a gift they truly want to give and not just the one that will arrive on time.

 In person shopping allows for more accessible browsing. Within minutes of entering a store and walking around, shoppers may see a handful of gifts that will ultimately be great for various people on their lists, even if they had no idea what to get prior to entering. That ability to browse is more difficult when shopping online, especially when buying from online retailers with massive inventories of a range of products. Such sites often

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• In person shopping gets shoppers out of the house. Since the onset of the pandemic, people have spent more time than ever within the confines of their homes. The 2021 holiday shopping season provides a great opportunity to get out of the house and disconnect from devices. Shoppers can even do so alongside friends and family members they weren't able to see last holiday season.

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Bay Path Nursing students participate in Shepherd Hill's Festival of Crafts



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Rebecca Lorre of Oxford, Felisters Mburu of Shrewsbury, and Evalyne Njoroge of Southbridge volunteers at the Shepherd Hill's Festival of Crafts.

DUDLEY — The 29th Annual Shepherd Hill's Festival of Crafts was held at the Shepherd Hill Regional High School. Along with more than 125 New England Crafters and



DWC GATHERS FOR NOVEMBER MEETING

Recently, the Dudley Woman's Club held their November meeting at the Dudley Municipal Complex. Lesa Patrock from the the YOU Inc. Adopt-a-Child for Christmas program discussed their purpose and procedure for providing holiday gifts to local children. Many club members donated tape and wrapping paper as well as sponsoring a child or two, and the club made a generous donation to her program. In addition, Lynn McDonough And Alex Smith shared their favorite holiday appetizer recipes with the group!



Artisans with top-quality handcrafted items, raffles and food trucks, the Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy Class of 2022 participated. Professor Sarah Watson, MSN Ed, RN of Worcester led the volunteer practical nursing students with Blood pressure and Finger Stick Blood Sugar screenings.

'It's a wonderful opportunity for the students," said Watson. "I am glad to be joining Shepherd Hill's Festival again."

Watson led a group of student volunteers in the past but have missed the event last year due to the pandemic. Suzanne Taylor, MSN, RN invited Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy and coordinated the practical nursing student's participation.

'We are grateful that Professor Taylor invited us and continue to give our practical nursing students the opportunity to be of service to the community," stated Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN Academy Director at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy.

The Shepherd Hill's Festival of Crafts is an annual event promoted by the Shepherd Hill Music Parents. Students from the music department sang and assisted with bringing food.

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About Bay Path Practical Nursing Academv

Bay Path Practical Nursing is a 40-week, (10-month), full-time, Monday through Friday, evening program. The program begins mid-August and is completed in late June. Graduates receive a Practical Nursing Certificate and are eligible to take the NCLEX-PN licensure exam



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Dudley Womans Club holding January 2022 Calendar Raffle

DUDLEY — The Dudley Woman's Club is sponsoring a January 2022 Calendar

raffle. On sale now at dudleywomansclub.org, proceeds will support our annual scholarship program and the other charities that we support! Tickets are \$10 each for 31 chances to win. Every ticket is eligible for all prizes. Daily drawings will be held at 7 p.m., and winners will be notified daily. Tickets will be sold through December 30 and are available at Dudleywomansclub.org. Heartfelt

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Fridays @ 11:30AM

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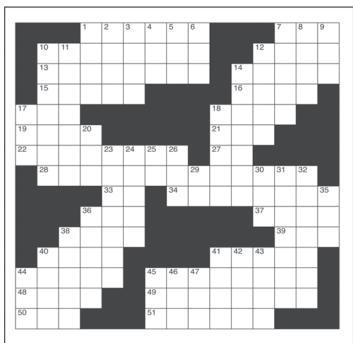
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POKEMON CLUB

Tuesdays @ 3:30PM

Calling all Pokemon fans! Children ages 7 to 14 are invited to join our club. This meeting will be a great opportunity to meet other players and share ideas. Please make sure you bring your trading cards and anything else you would like to share and discuss.

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Wednesdays @ 3:30PM

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ADULT BOOK GROUP

Third Thursday, 6:00PM-7:30PM - beginning January 20th!

The adult book group meets for an informal discussion of the month's title, which is available at the circulation desk a month prior to the meeting.

For more information contact Kathryn Ward at 508-949-0819

BAUBLES AND BLING SALE

Friday December 3 and Saturday December 4 Support the Friends of the Library and do some holiday shopping at the Baubles and Bling sale, featuring a wide assortment of new and gently used jewelry including necklaces, bracelets, brooches, rungs, earrings, and jewelry boxes.

Have some jewelry that you no longer wear? Donate it to the Friends by dropping it off at the library before November 15th.

YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

Monday, December 6 5:00PM-6:00PM

All tweens and teens in grades 6-12 are invited to join. You will gain valuable leadership skills. You can meet new people. You can earn volunteer hours (please bring your form).

Pizza and drinks will be served!

Free; Sponsored by the Hugh W and Harriet K Crawford Endowment.

HEALING OILS OF THE BIBLE Thursday, December 9 6:00PM-7:45PM

In the Bible, there are more than five hundred references to aromatic plants. Join us as anthropologist Christal Whelan presents the plants most valued in the ancient Middle East through relevant passages in the Bible. Essential oils extracted from these key plants were used for religious ceremonies, anointing kings, healing the sick, embalming the dead, and as perfumes and ointments.

Participants will have the opportunity to sam-ple twelve therapeutic-grade essential oils chosen to highlight the rich diversity of cultures, races, and ethnicities of the Biblical world and each participant will receive a kit with their own samples of oils to enjoy.

Free, but space is limited; registration required. Sponsored by the Hugh W and Harriet K Crawford Endowment.

TEEN CANDY BINGO

Monday, December 13 6:00PM-7:00PM All teens are welcome to come play candy bingo. We'll have pizza and soda too!

Free; open to ages 13-18. Sponsored by the Hugh W and Harriet K Crawford Endowment.

MUSIC TIME WITH DEB HUDGINS Thursday, December 16 10:30AM-11:00AM

Join Deb Hudgins for this thirty minute interactive program featuring singing, guitar music, dancing, stories, and more! This program will be held via Zoom. Registered participants will receive the link 24 hours before the program.

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YOGA WITH JULIE

Saturday, January 8 11:30AM-12:30AM All ages are welcome at this beginner-friendly yoga class led by Julie St. Francis.

Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

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LEGO MASTER BUILDER DAN STEININGER Monday, January 10 6:00PM-7:00PM

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Thursday, January 13 6:00PM-7:45PM

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Registration is recommended for this free program.

JEWELRY JAM WITH KIM LARKIN

Thursday, February 3 6:00PM-7:45PM

Make a gift for your Valentine at this jewelry-making workshop for teens and adults and create a mixed-media necklace on colorful cording using a decoupage technique with scrapbook paper or text. Kim will bring an assortment of materials to inspire your creativity.

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Saturday, February 5 11:30AM-12:30AM

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YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

Monday, February 7 5:00PM-6:00PM

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VALENTINE CRAFT FOR KIDS

Thursday, February 10 4:00PM-5:00PM Come and create a Valentine craft! Ages 5+, please.

Space is limited; registration required.

HOUSEPLANTS 101

Thursday, February 24 6:30PM-7:45PM Join the master gardeners from Blackstone Valley

- 1. Topsides 7. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.) 10. A Sultan's court 12. Maine city 13. Largest living land animal 14. Appetizer 15. Encounters
- 16. Leader
- 17. The source of bacon
- 18. Nuclear near reach
- weapon (abbr.) 19. Celery (Spanish)
- 21. Pie _ mode
- 22. Eye disease
- 27. Hello (slang)
- 28. Those in their 80s
- **CLUES DOWN**

1. N. American indigenous people 25. Of I

2. Fascinated by 3. Root of out 4. Patti Hearst's captors 5. Atomic #50 6. Habitual drunkard 7. Arabic for "peace" 8. Trickery

9. One's physique (slang) 10. Not quite there

18. "Gunga Din" screenwriter

11. Wistfully mournful

12. Popular dance 14. Cut of meat

17. A way to stand

- 26. Actress de Armas 29. Silver 30. Play a role 31. Falls 32. Attaches to 35. Japanese title 36. Expressed pleasure 38. Buckets 40. Dirt 41. Hypnotists' group (abbr.) 42. Restaurant drive-43. Digs up 44. He voices "Olaf" 45. Relaxing place 20. 10th month of the year (abbr.) 46. Body part 47. Pesky house critter
- 23. A way of jumping 24. Utah town

33. Law enforcement agency (abbr.) 34. Business organizations 36. Mimic 37. For indicating speed of rotation (abbr.) 38. Feeling 39. Visual way to interact with computers (abbr.) 40. "Let It Snow!" songwriter 41. Essential oil used as perfume 44. Norwegian composer 45. Coast lang syne, good old days 48. 49. Gland behind the stomach 50. Tooth caregiver 51. King of Camelot

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Saturday, December 18 11:00AM-12:00AM Members of the award-winning Shepherd Hill Show Choir will sing old favorites and new tunes in this family-friendly free concert.

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YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL Monday, January 3 5:00PM-6:00PM All tweens and teens in grades 6-12 are invited to join. You will gain valuable leadership skills. You can meet new people. You can earn volunteer hours (please bring your form). Pizza and drinks will be served!

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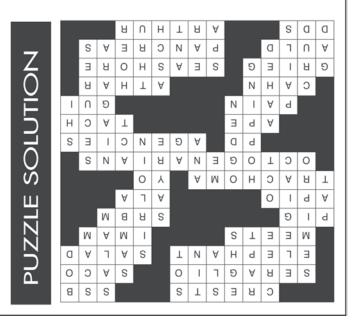
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WEBSTER POLICE LOG

WEBSTER – The Webster Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of Nov. 14-27.

Cory Shankle, age 44, of Norwich, Conn. was arrested on Nov. 14 in connection with a warrant.

A 38-year-old male from Webster whose name has been withheld from publication as arrested on Nov. 16 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

A 56-year-old male from Webster whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Nov. 17 for Assault on a Family or Household Member (subsequent), and Violation of an Abuse Prevention Order.

Kim Huyen Dang, age 26, of Webster was arrested on Nov. 17 for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol, Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, and Possession of an Open Container of Alcohol in a Motor Vehicle.

Christy L. Lottridge, age 51, of Dudley was arrested on Nov. 18 in connection with a warrant.

A 28-year-old female from East Brookfield whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Nov. 18 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member and Vandalization of Property.

Jesslyn N. Peperato, age 23, of Webster was arrested on Nov. 18 in connection with a warrant.

Lenon Lestor, age 50, of Manchester, Vt. was arrested on Nov. 18 for Attempted Larceny.

Richard F. Gregory, age 57, of Webster was arrested on Nov. 19 on a warrant of apprehension.

Anthony Joseph Bernier, age 34, of Webster was arrested on Nov. 19 in connection with a warrant.

Jessica Kathryn Draper, age 27, of Dudley was arrested on Nov. 20 for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol, Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, and Possession of an Open Container of Alcohol in a Motor Vehicle.

Samuel Luis Diaz, age 31, of Worcester was arrested on Nov. 21 for Failure to Stop for Police, Leaving the Scene of Property Damage, Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended License, Disorderly Conduct, Disturbing the Peace, multiple counts of Wanton Destruction of Property valued at more than \$1,200, Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol, Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, Use of a Motor Vehicle Without Authority, Receiving Stolen Property valued at more than \$1,200, and Resisting Arrest.

Jeremy Brule, Jr., age 23, of Webster was arrested on Nov. 21 for Leaving the Scene of Property Damage, Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol, Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, and Failure to Stop or Yield.

Jonathan Jesus Morales, age 23, of Webster was arrested on Nov. 22 in connection with a warrant. Michelle Marie Rusack, age 34, of Webster was arrested on Nov. 23 for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol, Possession of an Open Container of Alcohol in a Motor Vehicle, and Speeding at a Rate of Speed Exceeding the Posted Limit.

Ali Abdul-Muhaimin, age 49, of Webster was arrested on Nov. 24 for Disorderly Conduct (subsequent offense), Resisting Arrest, Assault & Battery on a Police Officer, and Assault & Battery with a Dangerous Weapon.

Nathaniel Demetre Kelley, age 18, of North Brookfield was arrested on Nov. 25 for multiple counts of Misdemeanor Breaking & Entering, Resisting Arrest, Disorderly Conduct, Disturbing the Peace, multiple counts of Assault & Battery on a Police Officer, multiple counts of Threatening to Commit a Cime, Vandalization of Property, Accosting and/ or Annoying Another Person, Carrying a Dangerous Weapon, and Possession of Alcohol by a Person Under 21.

A 24-year-old male from Worcester whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Nov. 25 for multiple counts of Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member, Intimidation of a Witness, Juror, Police Officer, or Court Official, and Assault & Battery resulting in Serious Bodily Injury.

A 36-year-old female from Webster whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Nov. 25 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

Jorge Luis Blanco Melendez, age 27, of Southbridge was arrested on Nov. 26 in connection with a warrant.

Louis A. Campos, age 26, of Webster was arrested on Nov. 27 for Possession of a Class A Drug with Intent to Distribute, Disorderly Conduct, and Disturbing the Peace. Summonses in lieu of arrest were also issued to an 18-year-old male from Oxford for Leaving the Scene of Property Damage, Possession of an Open Container of Alcohol in a Motor Vehicle, Possession of Alcohol by a Person Under 21, and Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle; a 24-year-old from Worcester for Intimidation of a Witness, Juror, Police Officer, or Court Official; and a 24-yearold female from Worcester for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol, Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle, multiple counts of Child Endangerment While Operating Under the Influence, Intimidation of a Witness, Juror, Police Officer, or Court Official, and Leaving the Scene of Property Damage.

Michael Lawler, age 41, of Remsen, N.Y. was arrested on Nov. 27 for Possession of a Large Capacity Firearm, Possession of Ammunition Without an FID Card, and multiple counts of possessing a Large Capacity Feeding Device for a Firearm.



Shepherd Hill holds annual craft fair



Students from the Shepherd Hill choir showed their Christmas spirit dressed in full holiday gear to help out at the event.





As the name implies, Heidi's Handbag Studio provided a fun selection of handbags of all shapes, sizes and styles.



Edward Desrosiors of Auburn brought his fine collection of hand-made wood carvings to the event each looking like they were ready to walk and fly off the table.

Jason Bleau





Visitors to the craft fair participate in the annual raffles which included prizes from many if not all of of the vendors at the event.

DUDLEY – The Shepherd Hill Regional High School hosted the annual Festival of Crafts on Saturday, Nov. 20, 2021, returning to a tradition that, like many events, was interrupted by the COVID outbreak in 2020. Last year the event went virtual, but 2021 say the many vendors return to Dudley to show of their handmade goods and officially kick off the holiday gift-buying season. The event us traditionally one of the most important fundraisers for the high school's music programs and music students were on hand all day helping great guests and make the event another spectacular success





* * Triday's Child * * *



Arianna Age 14

Hi! My name is Arianna and I love ballet!

Arianna is a sweet and likable girl who likes to dance; she especially loves ballet and participates in ballet recitals every year. She does very well with her peers and is able to build and maintain healthy relationships.

Legally freed for adoption, Arianna would thrive in a family of any constellation, either with or without other children in the home, that is able to provide her with a stable and consistent environment. An ideal family for Arianna will be able to continue the services

she has in place to address her academic and social/emotional needs. Arianna has established a supportive relationship with her maternal aunt, which a family must help maintain after placement

Who Can Adopt?

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

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

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



The staff of Mandy C's Sweetery serves customers at their station where the provided tasty treats "just like momma used to make."



Students from the Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy pose for a photo. They were on hand all day doing blood pressure and blood sugar checks to visitors to the fair.



Staff of the Kleen Guyz talk to customers about their hand made goat milk soaps. Goat milk and other alternatively made products were popular throughout the 2021 craft fair.



John and Doris Brooks give visitors a taste of the delicious treats from The Farl at Baptist Common in Templeton, Massachusetts.





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EDITORIAL What's your story?

It's holiday party season, and for most of us that, is a good thing. We get together with friends and family, enjoy some eggnog and a plethora of our favorite appetizers. However, we do know that oftentimes, we are invited by our significant others to attend a work soiree or we are attending one ourselves. Being in a room where you only know one or a few people could seem like a daunting task for our introverted readers, but have no fear — we have ways for you to have memorable conversations that you may end up actually enjoying.

Instead of discussing the weather or asking the mundane questions such as 'Where are you from?' why not simply ask, 'What's your story?' Other conversation starters include, 'How do you know the host?" 'What was the highlight of your week?' or 'Are you working on anything exciting?"

If you're shy or feeling a bit awkward, you can keep the conversation going by talking about the food being served or the venue where the event is taking place. Asking a person what they have tried so far, and how they liked it is an easy conversation starter. If you research the history of a place, you can always begin with the 'Did you know?' questions. We know everyone loves a good history story and bits of local trivia.

If the person you are speaking with is from the area, ask them what they do for entertainment in town, including where and what their favorite restaurants are. Looking up recent sports standings is never a bad idea, even if you don't particularly care for sports. This way when you nod and smile, you can have some confidence in knowing that you are at least somewhat in the loop. If you've bumped into a fellow skier, discussing snow conditions and ski hills is an easy topic. Look up a recent odd news story that is interesting and humorous, that way during a lull, you can say, 'So, I was reading about a man who appeared before a Dutch court and requested that he legally be made 20 years younger.' (Yes, that actually happened; if we see you at a holiday bash, we will fill you in.) Most conversations remain on the surface which is appropriate when you don't really know someone. However, if you feel comfortable and are enjoying the conversation don't be afraid to go a bit bolder. Generally, most people like to talk about themselves. not necessarily for selfish reasons, but who doesn't want to be known and appreciated? We all have unique personalities that are worth sharing. Such questions that go beneath the surface may include, 'What is your biggest fear?' 'When you were growing up, what was your dream job?' 'Have you been to any interesting places lately?' 'Have you learned anything this week, that you weren't aware of last week?'

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

The best meal ever

By Fr. Luke A. Veronis Saints Constantine & Greek Helen Orthodox Church Webster

This past week, our Saints Constantine Helen Greek and Orthodox Church held a "Thanksgiving Living Bread Luncheon" for the larger central Mass community. This was the first time in 18 months that our Church held this free meal. For two years prior to the pandemic, on the first Saturday of every month our Church Family would offer a delicious, homecooked meal to whomever wanted to come. We wanted to join the Blessed Backpack Brigade and a few other churches in the Webster/ Dudley area that offered hot meals to those in town who may have a need. Yet, our goal was to offer a meal not only to those who may appreciate a free lunch, but also to encourage people who feel alone, as well as to invite anyone who may simply want a warm, hospitable, and friendly place to receive a delightful meal. We wanted to create a hospitable place of fellowship and love with delicious food at the center.

Before the pandemic, we were getting between 60-100 people coming each month to our luncheon. Even though we start serving our meals at 12:30 p.m., some guests began showing up at 10 a.m. to just sit in our beautiful hall, drink a coffee and have a pastry. enjoying fellowship with their friends and others they would meet as they waited for their lunch. Our Church's Living Bread Luncheon became a gathering place of love, warmth and hospitality. I remember the first time someone showed up at 10am, as our cooks were still preparing the meal. I approached our guests and informed them that we would not be serving for another two and a half hours. "That's OK," one guest responded. "I know the meal is at 12:30. I just love coming here. I'm



fine waiting because you all are so friendly and make me feel so special. This meal has become one of the highlights of each month!'

I realized many of our guests were elderly people who were looking for something to do. Some women started showing up early every month with their group of friends, playing cards and just chatting away. Our Living Bread Luncheon truly became a gathering place. Others came because they felt as if they were going to a special restaurant; they knew they would get tasty food and be treated as royal guests.

Well, at last week's Thanksgiving Meal we had 40 people come. We realized that this was the first time back since March 2019 so it will take time to get the word out that we are restarting our Living Bread Luncheon. Yet, it was still a special event. We saw old friends whom we haven't seen for the past year and a half. One beloved former guest expressed her thrill to be back: "I just felt so alone and isolated during the pandemic. It was hard to go out and interact with people. I didn't have anywhere to go. It feels like coming home here! Thank you so much for restarting these meals."

Another woman pulled me aside after she had the Thanksgiving turkey meal and simply stated, "This was the BEST Thanksgiving meal I've ever eaten!" The meal was surely good, but I wondered whether it was truly the best ever. Yet, after 18 months of isolation, maybe the turkey meal, together with the warm welcome and love she received, did taste like the best meal ever!

love in different ways. Last week we handed out 65 turkeys and huge thanksgiving baskets, together with a gift card to families that could use some extra support for

the holidays. We worked with the Webster Middle School, Park Ave, and Southbridge Elementary school to find ways we could help their communities. We wanted to help make Thanksgiving a special day for these families. We will do something similar for Christmas.

Our Church community has participated in Habitat for Humanity MetroWest, helping to build homes for local families, as well as collected aid and sent supplies to Saint Innocent Orphanage in Tijuana, Mexico. We've also sent eight teams with more than 100 volunteers to travel to Mexico and build very simply homes for families in need. Through all these experiences we discovered what Jesus Christ meant when He said "It is more blessed to give than to receive." We've experienced the incredible blessing of giving of ourselves to others.

In some ways, however, I think our Living Bread Luncheon is one of the most special ways we offer God's love to the world because it's a way we encounter the people we see every day around town. We get to meet strangers who become our friends. The Greek word for hospitality is philoxenia, which literally means "friend to the stranger." People we previously didn't know have become our friends. They've actually become a special part of our Church family.

Trade in your guns for goods



On Saturday, Dec. 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., our department will join numerous police departments from the area and participate in the "Goods for Guns" take back program. The Dudley Police will be taking part in this effort for the fourth time. We did not participate in this last year, due to the COVID situation.

We are glad to see this program back. I wanted to provide some background information for those interested.

The 20th Annual Goods for Guns program is sponsored by UMass Memorial Medical Center's Injury Prevention Center and the Worcester County District Attorney's Office. It is designed to prevent injury or death from unwanted or unsafe guns in local homes. Many people have older or unused firearms in their residence. These may have belonged to a deceased relative or are simply no longer used. People may have a desire to dispose of these in a safe manner. This program will provide an opportunity for residents to turn in functioning and non-working guns, ammunition, and firearm accessories for disposal. Registrations or licenses for these weapons are not necessary during this time and the program is anonymous. Free gun locks are also available.

People who turn in operable firearms will receive gift cards to local stores. It is important that all guns turned in during this program are to be unloaded and wrapped in some packaging material or contained in a bag. If there is anyone who cannot bring these weapons to the department, arrangements can be made for an officer to pick up these items at your home. We ask you to contact our station at 508-949-8023 if you wish to schedule a time. The goal of this program is like drug take back events. It is a way to rid homes of unwanted firearms and ammunition. This prevents injuries and reduces the opportunity for these weapons to find their way to unauthorized individuals. I encourage anyone with these unwanted weapons to take advantage of this worthwhile effort. If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me. More information can be also found by following the link: https:// www.umassmemorialhealthcare.org/ umass-memorial-medical-center/services-treatments/injury-prevention-center/goods-guns

Our department in the process of col-

lecting 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 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 pay-

The easiest thing to do while in conversation this month is to ask how a person celebrates the holidays. Asking about traditions and the best holiday a person has ever had brings up fond memories and positive energy.

These questions tend to snowball naturally and voila a solid, meaningful conversation has been had and you could even make a new comrade along the way.

Our beautiful Saints Constantine and Helen Church Family tries to reach out into the larger community and offer a witness of Christ's

Maybe when we eat at a table of love with friends we consider family, then whatever we eat ends up becoming "the best meal ever."

Our next Living Bread Luncheon will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 4 and every first Saturday after that at Saints Constantine and Helen Church, 37 Lake Parkway, Webster. All are welcome!

able to the "Dudley Police Association" with a special note for the Holiday Drive. All contributions are for Dudley families, and anything left over is given to local charities, such as Webster-Dudley Food Share. The Dudley Police thank everyone in advance for their continued generosity. Anything you can give will help bring some happiness to those who would otherwise go without during this holiday season.

We believe our Facebook issue has been resolved. It was necessary for us to deactivate our old account and open a new one. It can be found at https://www. facebook.com/dudleymapolice. 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.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR Thank you for your service, Franny Mik

To the Editor:

I attended the town's Veterans Day program this year and, as I see it, the organizers could not have made a better choice for Grand Marshal: Navy Veteran Francis Mikolajczak.

Retired and living at High Pond in Dudley, near the water he so loves, Frank is a family man-husband, father and grandfather. He's very active on his town's Conservation Commission. He's

a celebrated vocalist-not only can he sing the Star Spangled Banner after the parade, he also entertains at local senior centers and nursing homes. Plus, he's a very good friend. A humble man, Frank really appreciated the honor. Thank you, Franny Mik, for your service and generosity.

JAMES E. AVERY, JR. WEBSTER

Managing your retirement plan under a new employer

Your employer-sponsored retirement plan is a valuable asset. But sometimes things happen that can affect the status of your plan. So, for example, if you work for a hospital that changes ownership, and you have been participating in a 403(b), 457(b) or 401(k) retirement plan, what should you do with it now?

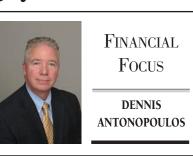
Basically, you have four options:

Cash out your plan

You can simply cash out your plan and take the money, but you'll have to pay taxes on it, and possibly penalties as well. So, unless you really need the funds and you have no other alternative, you may want to avoid liquidating your account.

Roll your account into your new employer's plan

If it's allowed, you can roll



over your old 403(b), 457(b) or 401(k) plan into your new employer's plan. Before making this move, you'll want to look at the new plan's investment options (which should be numerous) and fees (which should be low). If you move the money directly to the new plan, you won't be taxed at the time of the transfer, and your funds can continue to grow tax-deferred.

Leave your plan with your old

employer

If your account balance is above a certain level, you may be able to leave your plan with your old employer's plan administrator. You won't be able to contribute any more money to the plan, but if you like the investment options you've chosen, keeping the money in your old plan might be a viable choice.

Move your account into a traditional IRA

One possible advantage to moving your 403(b), 457(b) or 401(k) into a traditional IRA is you'll open up a world of new investment options, because you can fund your IRA with virtually any type of vehicle, including stocks, bonds, mutual funds, certificates of deposit (CDs) and exchange-traded funds. And if you already have a traditional IRA, you can combine the new funds with the old ones, making it easier to track your holdings. As is the case with leaving your money in your old employer's plan or transferring it to a new plan, you'll continue to benefit from tax-deferred growth. Keep in mind, though, that IRAs have costs, too, possibly including transaction costs to buy or sell new investments. (One more thing to keep in mind: When you want to move a retirement plan to an IRA, you may want to make a direct rollover, so the old plan's administrator moves the money directly into the IRA, allowing you to avoid immediate taxes. If you were to make an indirect rollover, you'd get the money yourself, but your old employer would have to deduct 20 percent for federal taxes, and you'd have to deposit the entire balance, including the withholding, into your IRA within 60

days.)

Which of these choices is best for you? There's no one "right" answer for everyone. You'll want to consider all the options and possibly consult with your tax advisor and financial professional. But do all you can to protect your retirement plan you've worked hard to build it, and you'll need to rely on it to help you pay for your years as a retiree.

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This week's photo shows a deer with awesome antlers, taken in Massachusetts a few years ago, which was displayed in the Big – E sportsmen's show. Amazing!

Massachusetts' shotgun deer season opened under less-than-ideal conditions! The deer herd in Massachusetts is at an all-time high. All deer must be checked in at authorized deer station for

Shotgun deer season kicks off

the first week only. When harvesting a deer, and it is processed by a butcher shop, or it is processed by an experienced meat cutter, it should provide hunters with plenty of venison for the freezer.

The Blackstone Valley has a huge population of

deer today, but it was not always that way. Hundreds of deer hunters made the journey to Petersham and Hardwick, to mention a couple. Once you hit Worcester, it held a caravan of deer hunters heading to some of their favorite towns to hunt in the early morning hours. Most diners and breakfast shops along the way were packed with deer hunters. We were called flatlanders by the locals up there.

We all share the memories of the earlier days, but it is nice not to travel the sometimes two-hour journey to hunt deer. With gas prices soaring, a trip to the above-mentioned towns could cost many a tank of gas. Back in the day, gas was as low as 10 cents a gallon, and rose to a huge price of 25 cents in the '70's and

'80s. My favorite gas station was at the former Whitin Machine Works garage next to the fire station on Main street.

THE GREAT OUTDOORS RALPH TRUE

If you are lucky enough to harvest a trophy buck, you need to take special care of the deer skin, if you are planning to have it mounted. If the taxidermist that you chose is extremely busy with other customers' deer

pelts, you may need to store it in your chest freezer until he has room for yours. Choosing the right taxidermist for the job is extremely important. Ask for references and work that he has done in the last few years.

Other questions to ask for is the final price, and how long it will take to get your mount back. You should get it in writing! In past years, some hunters ended up waiting a few years before receiving their finished mounts, and some actually ended up waiting even longer. Some were disgusted with the long wait sending it to another taxidermist, resulting in another year or two to have their deer mount finished. You need to do your homework. The cost to get a good job done for your trophy buck could cost upwards of \$500. Never ever pay the taxidermist in full until you receive your mount. You will need to pay a deposit at the time that you drop off

your deer head and pelt.

Black bear season in the valley opened this past Monday, Nov. 29, and will run till Dec. 11. With all of the numerous bear sightings in the valley, many deer hunters have purchased a bear permit from the state at a cost of \$5.

Mass. Fish & Wildlife has a new updated site to log onto, which started Dec. 1. You will also notice the hike in license fees and permits for next year. Most permits and stamps have increased from \$5 to \$10, and will automatically increase \$5 for the remaining four years.

Wallum Lake continues to provide some nice trout for shore line anglers, and those that have not put their boats away for the season. One local angler fished from his boat on Wallum Lake last week and caught a couple of 18-inch brown trout while trolling a shiner on one of his trout rigs. Anglers fishing from shore are also doing well, catching numerous rainbow trout. Ice fishing anglers are hopeful that there will be some good ice fishing this year, but you may need to go North if you want a good season. Global warming of planet earth has changed our lives forever, when it comes to outdoor activities in New England.

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

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Baking Spices Review

With the holidays around the corner, the focus turns to homemade pies, cookies and other comfort food confections that conjure up fond holiday memories. One of the simple pleasures of churning out home baked goods this time of year is the unmistakable aroma of such spices as cinnamon, nutmeg and ginger. Thus, each year at this time I review an array of holiday spices that can benefit your health as well as your taste buds. Read on for some unconventional ways to spice up your life as well as a guide to storing spices.

Note: Do not ingest spices as home remedies without proper medical supervision. Life threatening allergies, overdoses, and side effects can occur.

Nutmeg: Often sprinkled in a holiday eggnog or added to a meat pie, the nutmeg spice jar does duty beyond the kitchen cupboard, from clearing a complexion to promoting sweet slumber.

According to the Encyclopedia of Healing Foods, a little nutmeg added to a glass of warm milk can lull you off to sleep in record time.

Nutmeg has also been hailed for its anti inflammatory properties, which makes it a powerful weapon in battling blemishes. To zap a zit, make a paste of ground nutmeg and milk, and apply to pimple to reduce redness and swelling.

Cinnamon: Move over cinnamon toast and apple pie, the spice has a higher calling. Ever since a study published in the journal Diabetes Care found half a teaspoon of cinnamon daily could be helpful in reducing blood sugar levels in people with type 2 diabetes, cinnamon has been touted as an additional dietary supplement along with conventional medications to fight the disease. The study also revealed the spice reduced triglyceride, LDL cholesterol, and total cholesterol levels among the same test group. Want more? Research from Copenhagen University showed a significant relief in arthritis pain when patients were given half a teaspoon of cinnamon powder combined with one tablespoon of honey every morning for a week. And another study found that the mere act of smelling the spice can boosts cognitive function and memory! Cinnamon FYI: Microbiologists at Kansas State University found that adding small amounts of cinnamon to samples of apple juice contaminated with E. coli bug killed most of the bacteria. Just one teaspoon of cinnamon killed 99.5 percent of the bacteria after three days at room temperature.

also a well known home remedy to treat motion and sea sickness. In fact, in one study, ginger was shown to be superior to a commonly used over-the-counter and prescription drug for motion sickness. reducing dizziness, nausea, vomiting, and cold sweats.

It's also claimed that ginger can aid in relieving arthritis and sciatica pain.

A simple Ginger tea is made by steeping one or two half inch slices of fresh ginger in a cup of hot water. Or add 1/8 teaspoon ground ginger powder too three cups of boiling water and let steep for a few minutes.

Or, some people simply eat several pieces of crystallized ginger to help relieve joint and nerve pain.

Allspice: Christmas pudding, mincemeat and pumpkin pies all benefit from the addition of allspice, but did you know your health can too?

Allspice is famous for its ability to relieve muscle aches and pains when applied topically. To make an allspice poultice, mix ground allspice with water to form a thick paste. Apply it to the body, cover with gauze and relax for 15 to 20 minutes.

Sipping tea made from the spice can also be helpful in relieving menstrual cramps and headaches.

Allspice berries can also be used to temporarily relieve toothache pain. Simply chew one allspice berry for quick relief.

More kitchen cupboard Rx:

enne has been used as a remedy to clear a head cold and relieve congestion and sinus pain. All it takes is a dash or two of cayenne powder in a cup of hot tea (preferably with honey and lemon) to do the trick!

All of us likely have some aging spices in the back of the pantry shelf. To use or not to use, that is the question! For some specific guidance on when spices expire, here is a round-up of expiration dates of common spices, courtesy of wideopeneats.com:

Allspice: Ground and dried allspice lasts about two to three years.

Basil: Fresh basil lasts about five to seven days, while ground and dried lasts about two to three years.

Bay leaves: Fresh bay leaves last about five to seven days, while ground and dried bay leaves last about two to three vears.

Black pepper: Ground and dried black pepper last for about two to three years, while whole peppercorns last about five to six years.

Cayenne pepper: Fresh cayenne lasts about five to seven days, while ground cavenne pepper lasts about two to three years. Like paprika, cayenne pepper will last longer in the refrigerator, though it's not required.

Chili powder: Ground chili powder lasts about two to three years.

Cilantro: Fresh cilantro lasts about five to seven days, while ground and dried lasts about two to three years.



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onions last for about five to seven days, while

dried and ground onion powder lasts for about two to three years.

Oregano: Fresh oregano lasts about five to seven days, while ground and dried oregano last about two to three vears

Paprika: Dried and ground paprika last about two to three years.

Parsley: Fresh parsley will last about five to seven days, while ground and dried will last about two to three years.

Pumpkin Pie Spice: Ground pumpkin pie spice will last about two to three vears.

Rosemary: Fresh rosemary will last about 10 to 14 days in the refrigerator, while dried and ground rosemary will last about one to three years.

Sage: Fresh sage will keep about 10 to 14 days in the refrigerator, while dried sage leaves will last about one to three years. Ground sage will last about three to four years.

Salt: Table salt keeps indefinitely, just like kosher salt and sea salt.

Steak Seasoning: Bottled or bulk steak seasoning will last about one to two years.

Taco Seasoning: Packets of taco seasoning will last about two to three years. Thyme: Fresh thyme will last about

10 to 14 days in the refrigerator, while ground and dried thyme will last about three to lour years. Turmeric: Ground turmeric will last about three to four years.

Ginger: Ginger bread and ginger snaps are familiar holiday treats, but did you know ginger has long been hailed for its power to tame a tummy ache? It's

Soothe a Sore Throat: To relieve a sore throat, squeeze one half fresh lemon into one half cup warm water. Mix one tablespoon of salt and one quarter teaspoon of cayenne pepper. Gargle with the mixture three times per day until pain is relieved. Do not swallow this mixture.

This remedy, attributed to Dr. Jane Guiltinan, chief medical officer at John Bastyr University Natural Health Clinic in Seattle, is said to also relieve coughs and fight viral infections.

Time to Cure Cough: Did you know Thyme may help reduce coughing due to a cold? Make up thyme tea by adding a teaspoon of crushed thyme to one half cup of boiling water. Allow to steep for ten minutes, then strain and sip. As a bonus studies suggest that thyme can help maintain brain function and promote heart health.

Halt a Headache: Cayenne pepper is a proven pain reliever, especially for headaches. It is said cayenne dilates blood vessels to improve circulation. Before you reach for a pain killer, you might want to try this: Mix one half teaspoon cayenne pepper in six ounces of water and drink slowly.

Cut Congestion: For generations, cay-

Cinnamon: Ground and dried cinnamon last about two to three years.

Cloves: Fresh cloves last about five to seven days, while ground and dried cloves last for two to three years. Whole cloves last four to five years.

Coriander: Ground and dried coriander lasts for two to three years.

Cream of Tartar: Ground and dried cream of tartar last about two to three vears.

Cumin: Ground cumin lasts about two to three years.

Dill: Fresh dill lasts about five to seven days, while ground dill lasts about two to three years.

Garlic: Fresh garlic lasts for four to six months, while ground and dried garlic each last about two to three years.

Italian Seasoning: Ground and dried Italian Seasoning lasts for about two to three years.

Jalapeños: Fresh jalapeños last for about five to seven days, while ground and dried will last about two to three vears.

Mint: Fresh mint lasts about seven to 10 days, while ground and dried mint last for about one to three years.

Mustard: Fresh mustard, not the condiment, lasts for about five to seven days. Ground and dried mustard, on the other hand, lasts for about two to three years.

Nutmeg: Ground and dried nutmeg

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

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

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

Latest antique and collectibles news

I hope everyone had a happy Thanksgiving and is enjoying the start of the holiday season. There have been many antiques, collectibles and auction related news reports since my last recap over a month ago, so it's time to get caught up.

In local news, our recent Webster auction of Corvettes, boats, car parts and estate items was very successful. A 1962 Corvette brought the highest amount at \$30,000.

In global news, Reuters reports that a rare manuscript by Albert Einstein recently sold at auction. The 54-page manual was written by

Einstein and Swiss physicist Michele Besso, who was Einstein's close friend and academic partner. According to Reuters, the manuscript offered insights on Einstein's theory of relativity "that laid the groundwork for modern cos-

mology and technology such as GPS navigation." The document was created by the pair between 1913 and 1914 and Einstein's theory of relativity was published in 1915. Documents by Einstein from before 1919 are considered very rare. The pre-auction estimate was 2 to 3 million euros. It sold for 11.7 million euros (\$13.17 million U.S.).

Elsewhere, the holidays just got a little brighter for a fan of the movie "Elf." The outfit Will Ferrell wore while playing Buddy the Elf just sold at an auction along with over 1,000 additional pieces of Hollywood memorabilia. The Buddy costume had an auction estimate of

between \$27,600 and \$41,000. An unidentified buyer paid almost ten times that estimate when it sold for nearly \$300,000. The volleyball from the Tom Hanks movie "Cast Away" sold for even more at \$388,750.

Another recent article tells the story of a London-based dealer who spotted a rare jade figure in a New York auction, as reported by England's Daily Mail. In his 2005 book, Geoffrey Munn wrote about Fabergé dealers Wartski. One of the objects he discussed was a jade T-Rex dinosaur created by Carl Fabergé. The piece is believed to have been created for Russian Emperor Nicholas II. Munn and other experts believed that the carving was lost forever until Munn recently spotted it for sale at a New York auction house. Prior to going to auction, the piece had been on display in a local family's cabinet for 40 years. It's believed that a child who played with it broke and lost two arms on the dinosaur. Despite the damage, the T-Rex surged past the \$800 to \$1,200 estimate to sell for over \$81,000. Experts think that without damaged arms it could have brought over \$300,000. I'm happy to learn that the dinosaur that went missing for all of this time wasn't extinct.

We are currently cataloging the next



model railroad, die-cast cars and models auction which go live this month. We are also currently accepting consignments of higher value antiques and collectibles for our next multi-estate auction. Sterling silver, gold jewelry, coins, antique paintings, old comic books, baseball cards and advertising items are just some of the items we are accepting on consignment for that sale.

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OBITUARIES

Annette R. Starzec, 101



WEBSTER

Annette Rita "Nan" (Arpin) Starzec, 101, passed away peacefully on November 28th at Westview Nursing Care in Killingly, CT. Nan was predeceased by her son, Alexander Starzec, in

2004 and by her husband former State Representative William A. Starzec in 2001. She is survived by her brother Leo Arpin, her grandsons William A. Starzec II, and Shaun Benton, as well as her great-grandchildren, Natalie Benton and Bailey Benton.

Annette was born in Southbridge in 1920, a daughter of Arthur and Josephine (Champagne) Arpin. One of 12 siblings, she entered the workforce at a young age to help her family, working for the American Optical Company as well as Pratt & Whitney where she was an inspector of aircraft parts. She was very proud of her time at Pratt & Whitney where her work directly contributed to help our country win World War II.

In 1948, Nan married William A.

Starzec, and gave birth to their only son Alexander in 1952. Soon thereafter, the couple purchased a cabin on Long Island on Webster Lake. Nan loved life on the lake and hosted many dinner parties with family and friends over the years. She was an avid gardener and loved birdwatching, singing, and dancing. She was also a prominent figure in her husband's life helping him to attain the offices of State Representative and Assistant Commissioner of Agriculture.

Her funeral will be held at noon on Saturday, December 4, in Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 16 East Main Street (please meet at the church). Burial will be in Saint Joseph Garden of Peace. Donations in her honor may be made to the St. Joseph's Children's Cemetery Fund, 53 Whitcomb Street, Webster, MA 01570, as Nan always prayed for the babies buried in the Cemetery. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster.

www.websterfunerals.com

Suzanne T. Morin, 83

NORTH OXFORD Suzanne T. (Marin) Morin, 83, of Old Merriam Road, Wednesday, died November 24, 2021, at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester. She is survived by her

husband of 56 years, Donald P. Morin of North Oxford; three children, Donald P. Morin II and his wife Laima of Weston, FL, Mark P. Morin of Woodbridge, VA, and Michelle T. Elliott and her husband Michael of Spencer, MA; six grandchildren, Madeleine M. Morin, Thomas V. Morin, Nathanial D. Elliott, Christopher J. Elliott, Logan J. Morin, and Madison V. Morin; her brother-in-law, David E. Morin of North Oxford; and several nephews and nieces. She was born in Worcester, daughter of the late Valmore A. and Glorina C. (St. Germain) Marin, and lived in Worcester before moving to Oxford in 1964. She graduated from Holy Name High School in Worcester, and received her bachelor's degree and master's degree equivalent from Anna Maria College in Paxton.

Mrs. Morin was a 5th grade teacher at Oxford Public Schools for 27 years, retiring in 2001. Previously, she was a school teacher in Boylston and West Boylston. She was a member of St. Ann's Church in North Oxford and was a member of the baked goods committee at the church. She was a member of the St. Anne Society at Anna Maria College and volunteered at St. Louis School in Webster. Mrs. Morin was a Friend of the Smithsonian, a member of the Mount Vernon Society, and volunteered for N.E.A.D.S. in Princeton. She loved history, archeology, and spending time with her family and grandchildren.

A funeral was held on Monday, November 29, 2021, from Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford, followed by a Mass at 10 a.m. at St. Ann's Church, 652 Main St., North Oxford. Burial will follow at St. Roch's Cemetery in Oxford. Calling hours were Sunday, November 28, 2021, from 4-6 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to N.E.A.D.S. Inc., P.O. Box 1100, Princeton, MA 01541.



Judeann (Hetherman) Haskins, 76, of Dudley passed on Saturday, November 20, 2021, after being stricken ill at home. She was the daughter of Eva and James Hetherman. She was

predeceased by her husband of 46 years Charles Thomas Haskins, her brother James Hetherman, and her sister-inlaw Gloria Hetherman.

Judeann is survived by her awesome son, Tommy, and many cousins, nephews, a niece, and many friends, especially Marlene, J.O., and Steve.

She was an office employee at Ethan Allen upon graduating from Bartlett

Judeann Haskins, 76 High School. Judeann later became

a chef at Dudley Intermediate School and Shepherd Hill High School.

Judeann's husband and son were her life. They shared many trips to the Cape, Disney World, and Foxwoods. She will be remembered as a kind, caring person and a fierce advocate for her son Tommy.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to : ALSAC/St. Jude Research Children's Hospital 501 St Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105

Prayer service Saturday, December 4, 2021 at 11 AM in Bartel Funeral Home, 33 Schofield Avenue, Dudley, MA followed with Calling hours from 11:30 to 1 p.m. with family remembrances at 1 PM www.bartelfuneralhome.com

Jeffry W. Boisvere, 56

CHARLTON Jeffry W. Boisvere, 56, died unexpectedly on Saturday, November 20, 2021, after an accident in his home. He is survived by his wife of 27 years, Elizabeth (Betty)

A. (King) Boisvere of Charlton; his daughter, Sarah E. Boisvere of Charlton; his brother, Franklin Boisvere of Florida; and several aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces, and cousins. He was born in Ludlow, son of the late Franklin and Patricia (Dupuis) Boisvere, grandson of the late Flo Dupuis with whom he had a special relationship with. He lived in Oxford before moving to Charlton in 1994. He graduated from Oxford High School in 1983, he proudly received his bachelor's degree after attending 7 years of night school through Emmanuel College in Boston. He proudly served in the Army National Guard in Massachusetts. He was a graduate of the Massachusetts Military Academy, and was a Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer.

Mr. Boisvere was a sales manager at Mitsubishi Chemical in Southbridge, previously, he worked for ARCSOURCE. AIR LIQUIDE, and AIRGAS EAST all in Worcester. He was a member of

the Auburn Sportsman's Club, and a member of the United States Judo Association.

Mr. Boisvere was a seventh degree blackbelt in Judo and a fifth degree blackbelt in Jujitsu. He practiced and taught Judo for many years. He had been a Tactical Instructor for the Worcester Police Department in the past, and taught self-defense classes for women. He had a love for the sport of Judo, he enjoyed running, boxing, eating at restaurants, and loved spending time with his family. He enjoyed time at the beach in Plymouth. He was always smiling, had a huge personality that would light up the room, with an infectious laugh. He would want to be remembered as a "good dancer", and often complained that his "girlfriend" Denise Austin (fitness guru) would not respond to his letters.

Memorial calling hours are Thursday, December 2, 2021, from 4-6 p.m. at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. A prayer service will be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday at the conclusion of calling hours. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Maddilyn Rose Memorial Foundation Hometown Bank 31 Sutton Avenue Oxford, MA 01540 a charity to support anyone suffering from domestic violence issues.

Send all obituary notices to Stonebridge Press, PO Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550, or by e-mail to obits@stonebridgepress.news. Deadline is Monday noon for Friday publication.

Three indoor trees for the holidays

Add a small-scale living evergreen to holiday celevour brations. Consider one that is suitable for growing indoors so you can enjoy it throughout the year.

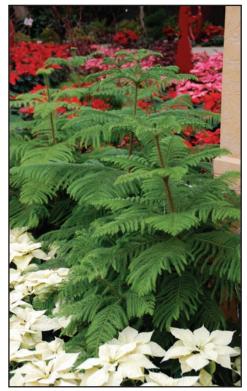




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day tree. Add a bit of in popularity as a holiday plant. You can find it in many garden centers and ornaments for a festive florists this time of year.

Rosemary represents love and remem-



The Lemon Cypress makes a great minia-

ture holiday tree, centerpiece, or gift for a friend. The fragrant chartreuse foliage of this dwarf evergreen continues to brighten your winter décor long after the holidays are over. You can find them as topiaries or in their more natural pyramidal form.

Grow them in a sunny window and turn the plants occasionally to ensure all parts receive equal sunlight and grow evenly. You'll have the best results if you keep your plant in a cool location free of cold and hot air drafts.

Water your mini holiday tree whenever the top few inches of soil are dry. Wait until spring when plants begin to actively grow and need a nutrient boost before applying fertilizer.

The Norfolk Island pine has long been a favorite of indoor gardeners. Its pinelike appearance makes it a great holi-

Grow this plant in a cool, well-lit location free of drafts of hot and cold air. Avoid dry air and soil to keep the needles and branches green, flexible, and

healthy. Water thoroughly whenever the soil is just slightly moist. Boost the humidity around this and other plants with a gravel tray. Place pebbles and water in the saucer. Set the pot on the pebbles above the water. As the water evaporates, it increases the humidity around the plant.

Switch out the ornaments when celebrating other holidays. Use hearts for Valentine's Day, eggs for Easter and orange lights for Halloween.

Rosemary wreath and tree topiaries are festive as well as fragrant and edible. Give the leaves a pet to enjoy the fragrance and lift your spirits. Or pluck a sprig to add welcome flavor to your winter meals and beverages.

Rosemary was as popular a Christmas plant as mistletoe and holly until the 20th Century. It's not clear why this plant fell out of favor, but it is growing

brance, a great sentiment to share during the holidays. Growing Rosemary indoors can be challenging. Don't let past failures stop you from trying. Just keep experimenting until you find the location and maintenance routine that keeps your Rosemary thriving. If the plant turns brown, move it out of sight to the back of your indoor garden. It still smells good when you give it a pet and no one, but you will know.

Change things up this season with the addition of one or more of these indoor evergreen trees. They are sure to brighten your spirits and holiday décor.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including The Midwest Gardener's Handbook and Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series and the nationally-syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine. Her Web site is www. *melindamyers.com.*

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Norfolk Island pine makes a great indoor holiday tree especially when combined with holiday plants or decorated with garland and small ornaments.

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Adult Programming

Jean Walker Painting Class December 2nd at 6:00PM

Join us as we host a painting party, featuring a Holiday scene. All the supplies are provided, simply bring your creativity and maybe a friend! Space is limited to 25 people, registration is required. To register, call 508-949-3880 beginning November 12th at 9am.

Book Discussion Group – December 20th 6:30PM

The Gladys E. Kelly Public Library Adult Book Discussion Group meets at 6:30 pm. New members are always welcome! Next month's book discussion will be on Monday, November 15th at 6:30PM the meeting will take place via Zoom, and will be about the book The Widow's War by Sally Gunning. Stop by the library, or reach out by phone to 508-949-3880, or by email to ehale@cwmars.org for inquiries.

Indoor Movie Night - Third Thursday of the month, next on December 16th at 6:00PM

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

Children's and Young Adult Programming

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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the Children's Room over the age of 2 years. Disposable masks will be available.

Songs and Stories Storytime -Wednesdays at 10AM

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

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Change yourself to change your situation

times when things were going well, we were moving towards a goal, and suddenly things began to sour. A new manager may be putting negative pressure on you, and maybe a family member is constantly angry with you no matter what you say or do, it's wrong.

Situations like this are most challenging. It's hard to move forward. We lose the spring in our step; we let our heads droop down, we wonder why everything has to be so bad. We go home at night, and we dread the next day. We wonder how it will be possible to make it through.

You say your prayers and beg for a change; you confide in your loved ones; They try to help, but

We've all experienced nothing they say seems to make a difference.

> The positive thoughts become few and far between. You try to be positive, but with a bad attitude, you think to yourself, "I just have to keep putting one foot in front of the other."

> The fact is, things don't always go the way we plan. We plan for great things, and then not-sogreat things can happen. We have great expectations, but sometimes those expectations are crushed.

> When life becomes like this, it's easy to get negative; It's easy to get stuck; it's easy to think things will always be like this.

> I used to believe that when life gives you lem

ons, you should squirt your enemies in the eye, but is that the best way?

Years ago, I had a job where everything was running smoothly; it was all under control. Suddenly a new manager was hired, and life became very different. Initially, I was ok with the pressure, but it became too much. I couldn't stand to be at work, and I was distraught. It was a good job, and I didn't want to leave, but I didn't feel like I could deal with it any longer. I prayed, and I read, seeking a solution. I tried to change my manager, but nothing seemed to work; I lost my cool.

After some time, I realized I wasn't going to change the situation. nor was I going to change my manager, but instead, I was the one who needed changing.

Sometimes to overcome a problem, it isn't about changing the other person; it's about changing yourself. Often our reaction to what's happening is the problem. We have a choice.

I've had family members get angry at me, and my reaction only made things worse. I'd try to show them the error of their ways, I'd complain to other family members, I'd think of ways to change them, but it never worked. The only time things became peaceful again was when I changed myself when I changed my reaction.

The other person may

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change, but it usually won't happen according to our time frame. When you can't change the situation, it might be because it's time to change your attitude and feel about it.

They say everything in life is only for a season; is that true?

Oddly enough, when I finally adjusted my attitude and gave up trying to change my manager and the situation, when I accepted that I was the one that needed changing and I took steps to let go and become flexible, my manager was fired.

After reading that, I know some of you are going to change real fast! Don't get your hopes up! Ha-ha!

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Michael E. Zaczek Jr. to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for IndyMac Bank, F.S.B., its successors and assigns, dated March 1, 2007 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 41128. Page 87, subsequently assigned to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Home Equity Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Trust Series INABS 2007-B, Home Equity Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates Series INABS 2007-B under the Pooling and Servicing agreement dated June 1, 2007 by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 45772, Page 84 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 AM on December 17, 2021 at 38 Sunset Avenue, Oxford, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

The land situated on the easterly side of Sunset Avenue, Oxford, Massachusetts, being Lot #7 as shown on a Plan of Land in Oxford, owned by Mascor Homes, Inc., Albert L. Fitzback, Surveyor, dated April 25, 1975, and recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 415, Plan 39, more particularly bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at the northwesterly corner of the premises herein described at a point on the easterly line of Sunset Avenue, said point being two hundred twenty and 79/100 (220.79) feet measured southerly along the easterly line of said Sunset Avenue from a cement bound at the end of a curve at the intersection of said Sunset Avenue and Nottingham Road: THENCE N. 56° 45' 44" E. one hundred twenty and 00/100 (120.00) feet along Lot #8 to a point at land now or formerly owned by Kimball; THENCE S. 33° 14' 16" E. one hundred and 00/100 (100.00) feet along said land of Kimball to a point at Lot #6; THENCE S. 56° 45' 44" W. one hundred twenty and 00/100 (120.00) feet along said Lot #6 to a point on the easterly line of said Sunset Avenue; THENCE N. 33° 14' 16" W. one hundred and 00/100 (100.00) feet along the easterly line of said Sunset Avenue to the point of beginning. Containing 12,000 square feet. Subject to covenants and restrictions recited in Book 5782, Page 102 of said Deeds. Subject to easements for poles and wires which may affect locus. For Title see Deed recorded December 13, 1994 recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 16764, Page 186. The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, encroachments, building and zoning laws, liens, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession, and attorney's fees and costs.

amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.

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so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 12/07/2021. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court. Date: November 10, 2021

Stephanie K. Fattman Register of Probate December 3, 2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court Worcester Division** Docket No. WO21P3632EA Estate of: Jacqueline M. Skrocki

Robert L. Tusino of Milford MA and James V Tusion of Seekonk MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/14/2021. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS

UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First

Justice of this Court. Date: November 18, 2021

Stephanie K. Fattman,

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was gone, I MOORE missed him. I realized how much he had changed me and what valuable life lessons I learned in the process.

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Everything in life is only for a season; whatever you're going through won't last forever: soon. you'll be in a new season with new challenges. Make the most of each season. Allow the season to change you; it will prepare you for the next season.

Gandhi said, "...as a man changes his own nature, so does the attitude of the world change towards him " Is that true?

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TERMS OF SALE:

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The Board of Selectmen, in coordination with the Assessor, will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 6. 2021 at 6:00pm in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, located at the Town Hall, 350 Main Street, Webster, MA 01570, second floor.

This is in conformity with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, chapter 40, section 56, for the purpose of holding a Tax Classification Hearing to establish the relative tax burden to be borne by each class of properties for FY 2022.

All interested parties are invited to attend and participate. Written and oral comments will be accepted from the public, prior to, and during the meeting. November 26, 2021

December 2, 2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court** Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 Docket No. WO21P3716PM **CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT** OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER **PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT** TO G.L.c. 190B, § 5-304 & § 5-405 In the matter of: **James Righi** Of: Webster, MA RESPONDENT

(Person to be Protected/Minor) To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Webster Manor Healthcare Center of Webster, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that James Righi is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that Theresa Righi Canty of Dudley, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve Without Surety on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do

Date Of Death: September 3, 2021 **INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate by Petition of Petitioner Richard J Skrocki of Dudley MA

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Richard J Skrocki of Dudley MA

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

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

December 3, 2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court** Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508) 831-2200 Docket No. WO21P3604EA **CITATION ON PETITION FOR** FORMAL ADJUDICATION Estate of: Louis Carmen Tusino Date of Death: 10/17/2021 To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will

with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Robert L. Tusino of Milford MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that

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(SEAL) THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT **DEPARTMENT OF** THE TRIAL COURT Docket Number: 21 SM 001171 **ORDER OF NOTICE**

TO:

Gregory L. Campanella; Lauri L. Campanella a/k/a Lauri Campanella a/k/a Lauri Lynette Cucchi and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act: 50 U.S.C. c. 50 § 3901 (et seq): Bank of America, N.A.

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Webster, numbered 15 Tanner Road, given by Gregory L. Campanella, Lawrence Cucchi and Lauri Campanella to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Security Atlantic Mortgage Co. Inc., dated August 29, 2007, and recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 41771, Page 115, and now held by the plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/ Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the 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 27, 2021 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the grounds of noncompliance with the Act. Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on November 18, 2021. Attest: Deborah J. Patterson

Recorder

December 3, 2021

Pioneers take traditional Thanksgiving Day game from Bartlett, 28-12

SOUTHBRIDGE'S MIRANDA SCORES TWICE, WINS GAME MVP



Bartlett's Christopher Adjei runs the ball into the open field versus Southbridge's defense.

"That team did a better job controlling the ball. We scored fast and quick, but then they took time away from us. Credit to Southbridge," Harpin concluded.

The score remained 14-12 until midway through the fourth quarter, when

"It's important not only for this sea-

BY NICK ETHIER

SOUTHBRIDGE — Something had to give when winless Southbridge High traveled to Memorial Athletic Field to take on winless Bartlett High in the 101st Thanksgiving Day football showdown between the two teams. And despite the poor records, the crowd was relatively large and both sides put forth a good showing on the gridiron.

When all was said and done, the Pioneers rallied twice from one-touchdown deficits and scored the final three TDs to defeat the Indians, 28-12.

"We always tell the kids, this is our Super Bowl," said Southbridge head coach Frank Koumanelis. "That's one of the goals at the beginning of the season is obviously the Bartlett game."

Johnathan Miranda, a Pioneers' junior, was given the Captain Vincent Sabatinelli Trophy as the game MVP. Miranda, who missed most of the season while recovering from a left meniscus injury, rushed for two touchdowns and added a two-point conversion. "I've been waiting for that day to

come back," said Miranda, who used school choice to attend Tantasqua Regional during his freshman and sophomore seasons before transferring back to Southbridge. "It feels so much better today, physical therapy's been working."

And as far as beating the rival Indians goes, Miranda was quite pleased.

"It feels really awesome, especially on Thanksgiving Day," he said. "Now I'm going to go home and have some good

turkey."

Koumanelis reflected on the season and how it went from bad to worse, before working itself out for the better in the end.

"This was a challenging season. We got a slow start, we were a week behind everybody, and then we got hit by COVID," Koumanelis said. "Then we got hit with the injury bug. We went from 22 kids down to about 15 or 16.

"Then some of the kids started to come back," Koumanelis added, speaking of players like Miranda and Randy Melendez. "We hung in there and I think the kids showed a lot of character just going out there and playing every week. Finally, these past two weeks, we put it together and we put out a team that is going to perform." Koumanelis called Miranda a fitting

player to win MVP.

"Johnathan had a hell of a game. Two touchdowns, he had a ton of yardage,' his coach said.

Bartlett scored first on the game's opening play from scrimmage. There, Bryce Patterson ran a counter up the middle for a 66-yard touchdown. After the Pioneers tied the score at 6-6 on Miranda's 25-yard scoring run, the Indians retook the lead on another Patterson play. Quarterback Michael Karontang launched a 52-yard pass to Patterson for the score.

"It's a tough pill to swallow for a lot of our guys, especially the ones like Bryce Patterson. He's a fourth generation Bartlett football player," said head coach Mike Harpin. "It means a lot to to have come out here and

well as he did."

Southbridge tied the score at 12-12 when quarterback Blake Andrews



Quarterback Michael Karontang of Bartlett launches a deep pass down the field.

Oxford football narrowly loses to Randolph in Division 8 State Semifinal

BY KEN POWERS SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

SUDBURY — In the immediate aftermath of its 8-6 loss to Randolph in a Division 8 state semifinal on Saturday, Nov. 20 at Lincoln-Sudbury High, a stunned Oxford High varsity football team went about the business of clearing the sidelines and making the long walk to the team bus for what was sure to be a quiet ride home.

Meanwhile, on the other sideline, the Randolph High team and its fans were whooping it up, celebrating its victory and the opportunity to play for a state championship that came with it.

Jay Royster, Oxford's offensive coordinator, quickly gathered the team around him. Royster, who previously coached at Blackstone Valley Tech, was part of a Beavers' program that went to a state final game and lost one year and then went back the next year and won. Royster had a message for his obviously disappointed players.

"Guys, watch and listen to everything that's going on around you right now," Royster said, looking across the field to the Randolph side. "Let it fuel you. Let it fuel you through the winter. Every rep that you do, every exercise that you do, you think about what you're seeing right now around you. Remember this. Remember the feeling you have right now. Because next year you'll be back here and you'll have this experience to draw on.'

Jeff Clarkson, Oxford's seventh-year head coach, was happy to see Royster step up and deliver that message to this band of Pirates.

"I am absolutely disappointed for these kids, this team," Clarkson said. "But I'm really happy for all that they have accomplished this year so far. We got to within a game of playing for a state championship. We were one game away.

"We have six seniors on this team, but the bulk of the team are juniors and sophomores and they'll be back next year to put the success we had this season to good use," Clarkson added. "We expected to be this good this year and I think we're going to be right back here again next vear.

Oxford (8-3, the No. 11 seed in the Division 8 tournament) took a 6-0 lead late in the first quarter, junior Jadan Morales scoring on a 2-yard run. The Pirates' ensuing twopoint conversion attempt, a pass, fell incomplete.

Morales finished the game as the Pirates' leading rusher, gaining 70 yards on 12 carries. Classmate Lucas Lambert gained 48 yards on 11 rushing attempts.

"We moved the ball well in the first quarter," Clarkson said, "but our execution just wasn't there after that. I don't know what happened. We just kind of went a little flat on ourselves. It was odd. We came out raring and ready to go. Throughout the game we had plenty of opportunities; we just didn't capitalize on them.'

Randolph (7-4, the No. 10 seed) tied the game in the second quarter on a 2-yard run by Sebastian Jouissance. The Blue Devils also attempted a two-point conversion after the touchdown by Jouissance, and they got it, on a run by Makhi Barnes.

Neither team could generate much in the way of offense the rest of the way.

"Our defense played phenomenal," Clarkson said. "The game really came down to four good plays, four big plays that

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they were able to execute. But, that's the double wing offense. That's what they run and they run it well. They have a humongous, humongous offensive line. Our defense has been our mainstay all season, and I thought it played well again against Randolph.'

Junior Quinn Clarkson, coach Clarkson's son, led the Pirates' defensive effort, finishing with 15 tackles (six unassisted) and a quarterback sack. Classmate Brett Morgan made 10 tackles (five unassisted). Senior Antoine LaCourt-Ramos recorded eight tackles (three unassisted) and a sack.

In addition, junior Zak Parmenter finished with seven tackles (four unassisted) and a sack, Lambert was in on five tackles (two unassisted) and intercepted a pass, while sophomore Jordan DeLeon made four tackles (three unassisted) and

recovered a fumble.

At about the midway point in the fourth quarter it looked like Oxford would get a legitimate shot to take the lead, the Pirates' defense having forced the Blue Devils into punt formation on fourth down, Randolph needing 15 yards for a first down. Oxford was called for a roughing the kicker penalty, however, which gave the Blue Devils an automatic first down.

The Blue Devils took the air out of the ball at that point, running off 17 plays and making first downs on three third downs and once on fourth down. Oxford finally got the ball back — on its own 5-yard line — with 5.3 seconds left in the game.

"That was it; that was the game right there," coach Clarkson said.

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Fast start leads Tantasqua to Thanksgiving Eve win over Shepherd Hill



Jason Bleau

Tantasqua's varsity football team claimed victory in their annual Thanksgiving matchup with Shepherd Hill, 20-16



The Shepherd Hill offense and Tantasqua defense line up for a play in their annual Thanksgiving rivalry showdown on Nov. 24.

BY JASON BLEAU CORRESPONDENT

STURBRIDGE — The Tantasqua Warriors and Shepherd Hill Rams faced off once again in their annual Thanksgiving matchup, bringing back their rivalry after the 2020 pandemic prevented players from taking the field during the fall season. Tantasqua hosted the event on Thanksgiving Eve and dominated the game from the kickoff to claim their second victory since 2017 by a score of 20-16. It was the lowest combined scoring Thanksgiving game between the teams since 2014.

Despite Shepherd Hill's dominance in Thanksgiving matchups, Tantasqua was determined to take home the victory by starting off strong and never looking back. The Warriors put up eight points in the first drive of the game thanks to a touchdown run by junior tailback Abner Colon-Martinez, who would go on to be named the Offensive Player of the Game. After a successful two-point conversion pass to senior Aidan Filler from senior quarterback Caleb Thompson, the Warriors attempted an onside kick and successfully recovered the ball.

Tantasqua drove down the field once more and Thompson converted a QB



Quarterback Caleb Thompson of Tantasqua is crowded by Shepherd Hill defenders as he pushes through a pile.

sneak into another six points. After a failed two-point conversion attempt the Warriors found themselves 14 points ahead after the first quarter without the Shepherd Hill offense having the opportunity to score.

"We wanted to be aggressive. We've gotten a few onside kicks this year, so we felt confident in our special teams. We wanted the ball right off the get-go and knew if we could go down and score points, we'd have a good opportunity,' Tantasqua head coach Jon Hargis said. "We've had good opportunities to score points on our first drives all season, but we've had turnovers and things like that and penalties that stopped drives. I don't think our record speaks for how much these seniors and everyone else has battled the entire year.'

Tantasqua held off Shepherd Hill to take their 14-0 lead into the second half. The Rams didn't back down, however, scoring their first points of the game in the fourth quarter on a run-in touchdown by senior quarterback Nolan Lagere before a successful two-point conversion by junior Romeo Holland made it a one-score game. Tantasqua responded when Colon-Martinez completed a 12-yard touchdown run to make the score 20-8 after a failed two-point conversion. Shepherd Hill would score one more time in the fourth quarter courtesy of another Legere keeper touchdown and a converted two-point conversion by Holland, but the Rams were unable to drive down the field one more time to complete the comeback, giving the Warrior a 20-16 victory in the 47th meeting of the teams.

Shepherd Hill head coach Dave Buchanan commended his team's comeback attempt in the second half, but acknowledged that Tantasqua's quick two-score lead was too much to overcome.

"Unfortunately, we just ran out of time. Ultimately at the end of the day you can't let a team jump out 14-0 and then try to battle back. It's too hard at times for us to be able to do that so we have to start faster," Buchanan said. "It's a rivalry game for a reason and you're always going to get their best shot. It's a credit to Tantasqua. We've got a lot of tough kids and that's who we are, and tough kids never quit. That's a testament to all those kids who played tonight, and they played hard. I'm so proud of them. I absolutely love this group. It's tough for us to not send the seniors out with a win like we wanted, but at the same time the seniors responded and that's a testament to their mental toughness and how hard they worked."

Tantasqua's win brings the Thanksgiving record between the two teams to 37-9-1 in favor of Shepherd Hill. The Warriors finished the season 2-8, while the Rams went 4-7.

Mohegan Bowl FALL LEAGUES, WEEKS ENDING Nov. 21 and 28

Monday Men's Business

Single — Matt Bergeron 147, Tim Labay 138, Ryan Pelletier 134 Series - Ryan Pelletier 385, Matt Bergeron 360, Tim Labay 344 Series over average — Sandor Bosci +40





Ton Pin City Single — Division 1: Claudia Allen 215, Natalie Wood 214 Division 2: Marie Piegorsch 165, Shirley Smith 159 Series – Division 1: Claudia Allen 602, Natalie Wood 557 Division 2: Marie Piegorsch 446, Shirley Smith 422 Tuesday Chet's Social Single - DJ Devish 135, Tom Smith 122, Richard Girouard 119, Erin Van Dam 109, Mikayla Van Dam 103, June Carpenter 94 Series - DJ Devish 366, Tom Smith 344, Alan Perreault 329, Erin Van Dam 287, June Carpenter 267, Mikayla Van Dam 263 Series over average — DJ Devish +57, Mikayla Van Dam +38 Wednesday Women's Industrial Single — Monique Pierangeli 137, Lynne Smith 120, Roberta Zacek 116 Series — Monique Pierangeli 337, Lynne Smith 336, Roberta Zacek 312 Series over average — Monique Pierangeli +55 Summit Tenpin – Division 1: Ron Suprenant 213, Mike Smith and Max Gullekson 189 Single -Division 2: Fred LaBonte 177, Robin Altiery 148 – Division 1: Mark Nichols 591, Bob Hanville 555 Series Division 2: Edna Miranda 462, Dawn Kupiec 436 Thursday AM Coffee Single — Barbara Penniman 109, Priscilla Piekarczyk 106, Joan Wieczorek 105 Series — Pat Kaczor 283, Priscilla Piekarczyk, Tammy Moran, and Jackie Arpin 272Series over average — Kathy Nicoletti +51 Thursday Men's Industrial Single — Ryun Therrien 127, Ryan Pelletier 125, Mike Therrien 123 Series — Chris Andros 337, Ryun Therrien 324, Joe Pranaitis 323 Series over average — Dean Gaboury & Chris Andros +46 Thursday Mixed Tenpin Single — Kevin Gay 201, Randy Schlegel 200, Denise Wong Kam 144, Brenda Johnson 143 Series — Todd Gaucher 548, Tim Johnson 491, Carol Chausse 379, Barbara Choiniere 369 Monday Men's Business Single — Mike Marrier 131, Rick O'Connor 130, Mike Nardone 129 Series — Mike Nardone 368, Mike Marrier 357, Ryan Pelletier 350 Series over average — Michael LeBlanc +53 Ten Pin City Single — Division 1: Claudia Allen 214, Natalie Wood 200 Division 2: Marie Piegorsch 197, Kristine Russell 164 Series – Division 1: Natalie Wood 535, Claudia Allen 475 Division 2: Marie Piegorsch 459, Diane Julian 444 Tuesday Chet's Social Single - DJ Devish 130, Frank Genatossio and John Dupuis 121, Dawn Gleason 108, Erin Van Dam 99, Kathryn Ward 96 Series — DJ Devish 359, Ryan Pelletier 338, Frank Genatossio 310, Erin Van Dam 282, Dawn Gleason 271, June Carpenter 267 Series over average — George Ellis +51, Dakota Boulay +40 Summit Tenpin Single — Division 1: Nat Wood 191, Mark Nichols 171 Division 2: Donald Altiery Sr. 199, Fred LaBonte 155

– Division 1: Max Gullekson 548, J.J. Blair 526 Series Division 2: Donny Altiery Jr. 510, Kevin Ryder 411



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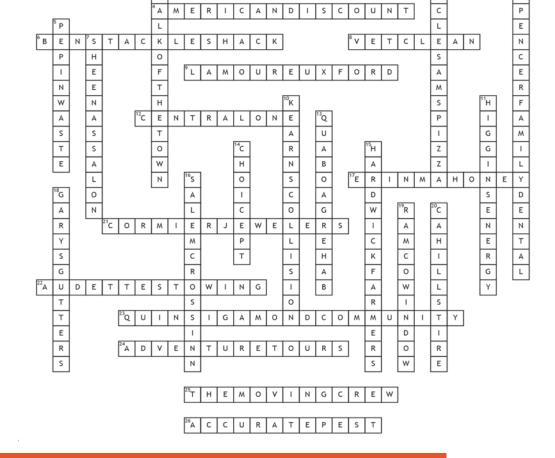


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OXFORD

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moment in the three-play drive was a 33-yard completion from Lambert to senior Steve Fisher. which came on the play before the touchdown.

"Lucas is a very good runner," said Clarkson, who said Lambert began playing for him in youth football as a fourth-grader. He's just as good running the ball inside between the tackles as he is outside in the open field."

LaCourt-Ramos pushed the Oxford lead to 28-0 later in the quarter, scoring his first career rushing touchdown when he plowed in from a yard out.

Bay Path (4-7) got on the board in the third period, Gabe Espinosa recovering a Pirates' fumble in the Oxford end zone to make the score 28-7. At the end of the high-scoring third quarter Oxford took a 35-7 lead, Lambert hitting junior Jordan DeLeon with a 52-yard scoring strike.

In the fourth quar-

ter Bay Path receiver Jonathan Nussey (six catches, 117 yards) made it a 35-14 game when he gathered in a 23-yard touchdown pass from Anthony Catino. Pirates' senior Darius Richardson – who was named the Defensive MVP of the game - closed out the scoring with a 15-yard run late, which accounted for the 41-14 final.

"We made a lot of mistakes. Oxford is a good football team, so they took advantage of those mistakes," second-year Bay Path head coach Cody Giampa said. "Offensively they drove down the field on us and defensively they did a lot of good things in terms of bringing pressure, and we didn't do a good job of handling that pressure. They kept us pretty much out of our rhythm all game.

"We're excited about the team moving forward," Giampa continued. "We're losing some good seniors, but we're excited about the team moving forward. We knew in the spring we were mostly sophomores,

and we were going to take our lumps, but we had a really good JV team this year and we have a great freshman class, so we're looking forward to the future of this program." Oxford, which loses six

seniors — Richardson, LaCourt-Ramos, Fisher, Robert Cheney, Angel Roman and Chris Ballah - should be strong again next year because several starters will be return-

"Juniors and sophomores made up the bulk of our team this year." Clarkson said. "Next year

juniors.³ Key juniors on this team include year's Lambert, Jadan Morales, Zak Parmenter, Quinn Clarkson (coach Clarkson's son), Travis

they'll be seniors and

Benoit and Sam Boucher. "All those guys should start next year," Coach Clarkson said. "We also have a lot of sophomores I expect to be key contributors next year as well, including Jordan DeLeon, Connor Fantasia and Robbie Fisher."

KARLOWICZ

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Karlowicz and Dean Poplawski and Det. James Annese all participated in the assessment center, and all passed the exam making them eligible for recommendation. Chief Steve Woinar told selectmen it was a competitive process that showcased the true strength of the

UPDATE

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selectmen urged the public not to jump to conclusions about the status or holdup of the bridge repairs. Selectman Steven Sullivan asked citizens to go to town officials to proper updates on the bridge and not to spread inaccurate or assumed information on social media.

"I know we've been getting called on the carpet for lack of a better term on social media, so just to be clear Mr. Ruda's update was from the state level which is the authority that is going to be taking care of that bridge. Not the town of Dudley, not the town of Webster, and not a co-op between the two towns. It's at the state level," said Sullivan. "Once again, I feel like we're forced to ask people that if you have a question please come and get the answer from selectmen and the town administrator. The highway superintendent is on top of things. Don't potentially put things out on social media to try to get people to click on it or make someone look bad. Please come and get the information."

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When all was said and done, Chief Wojnar recommended Sergeant Karlowicz for the promotion recognizing his many years of service to the department and his growth as a commanding officer in recent years.

"Marek's been with us for quite some he'll do an outstanding job," the chief

time. He's done very well with everything. He's been a sergeant since 2019. Since then, he's really done a great job. He just recently completed his master's degree at Nichols College through the terrorism program up there. I think said.

Selectmen praised Karlowicz for his longtime commitment to a town he grew up in and settled in with his own family. The sergeant himself spoke about his dedication to the department before the board took their vote.

'I've lived in this town pretty much all my life and raised my kids and my family. I've dedicated over 20 years to this department, and I plan on retiring with Dudley," Karlowicz said. "I believe over the last couple of years I've gained enough experience to take on the task and move up to this leadership rode at the Dudley Police Department.'

The Board of Selectmen approved the appointment unanimously. Lieutenant Karlowicz will officially begin in his new role effective Jan. 7, 2022.

Webster Masons meet Dec. 20

WEBSTER - Webster Lodge A.F. & A. M. next regular meeting is Monday, Dec. 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic Building, 27 Brandes St., Webster. All members of Webster Lodge are urged to attend.

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Dudley assisted the Dudley Veterans Services Officer, Stephen Rogerson, in distributing the Thanksgiving Baskets to those veterans and families needing a little extra at this time. As this is a time of giving thanks, please remember the veterans who have served and those who are serving still. Keep in mind that the communities of Webster and Dudley have a very large veteran population for which we should be proud and grateful. Pictured, left to right: Dick Norton, VFW Post Vice Commander; Stephen Rogerson, VFW Post Commander; Jim Brinker, Post Surgeon.

Oxford Lions hosting food drive

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