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Schools going hybrid Monday

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

WEBSTER — In front of “a large crowd” online, the School Committee voted Nov. 3 to formally start hybrid schooling next Monday, Nov. 16. The issue was mostly pushed by parents, a few of whom spoke that night. “What is happening right now is not working,” said Jennifer Mackay, who has kids at Park Avenue and the Middle School. “... the isolation is terrible for them.” She specifically noted one of her kids has ADHD and does not learn well on computers. Saying he needs to be in class, she feels he’s “being discriminated against” when

some special needs kids are going to school. Kori Hinkle largely agreed, saying other kids should be in school if they are. She said she’s had four kids in the system, two of them now seniors. Although they are not special needs, they need the active involvement of school because they’re in advanced placement classes, and she decried hearing “excuse after excuse after excuse” for why hybrid had not yet begun. “My kids have been sitting in their rooms staring at the walls for eight months. That’s not healthy,” she said. Hinkle noted evidence shows Covid has a 98-percent recovery rate,

so “we’re not all going to die. This is blown out of proportion.” She also said she feels the mental health benefits of being in school “outweigh the risks.” Indeed, Committee member Nick Adamopoulos cited similar data. Since early September, the state has seen 589 kids and 318 teachers test positive in all of its schools out of 525,000 students and staff, which he calculated as a positivity rate of just 0.1727 percent. In the “nine towns directly around us,” he added, there’s been just one student and two staff. Several of those districts

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Dudley backs Trump at the polls

BY JASON BLEAU
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DUDLEY – Dudley citizens turned out in droves on Election Day 2020 with 6,045, or 76 percent of registered voters in town filling out a ballot during the Presidential Election. Dudley say the majority of voters’ support behind incumbent presidential candidate Donald Trump while the votes also approved a debt exclusion to purchase a new ambulance for the town’s fire department. Question 3 on the ballot was a Dudley-specific election item which asked voters if they wanted to approve a debt exclusion for a \$260,000 ambulance to replace an

aging vehicle in the fire department’s fleet. The vote passed by a relatively wide margin of 3,421 to 2,288, a difference of 1,133 votes with 336 choosing not the vote on the question. The other two questions on the ballot were statewide decisions. Question 1 asked voters whether or not they supported allowing, with vehicle owner authorization, for independent repair facilities not affiliated with a manufacturer and independent dealerships to be able to retrieve mechanical data from, and send commands to, the vehicle for repair, maintenance, and diagnostic testing. The question had heavy support from repair shop

owners across the state and earned a positive vote from Dudley voters with a 4,354 “yes” vote to 1,360 votes against the question which eventually passed after the statewide tally. Question 2 asked voters whether or not they supported utilizing rank-choice voting in Massachusetts. The question failed in the statewide vote and Dudley voters were among many towns that did not support the proposal with a decisive 4,016 against the question opposed to the 1,800 voters who supported it. In the Presidential election, Dudley voters showed support for

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Heather Wright — Courtesy

WHAT A DIFFERENCE A WEEK MAKES

Reader Heather Wright found quite a different scene at Webster Lake when she returned just a week after a snow covered Halloween to find unseasonably warm temperatures and not a speck of white anywhere.

Harrington HealthCare to open Addiction Immediate Care Center

WEBSTER — Harrington HealthCare System has opened an Addiction Immediate Care (AIC) center to provide immediate treatment and ongoing comprehensive

care for individuals suffering with alcohol and substance use disorders. The center, located on the Harrington HealthCare at Webster campus, is the first facility of its kind in Massachusetts and near-

by Connecticut. “The Addiction Immediate Care center is unlike any other substance use treatment facility in the state or the region because it pro-

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Town Meeting turnout impresses Dudley selectmen

BY JASON BLEAU
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DUDLEY – Dudley’s Board of Selectmen took time out of their meeting on Monday, Nov. 2 to compliment and thank the townsfolk for turning out for the recent fall annual town meeting in October. An estimated 172 voters filed into a socially distanced town meeting on Monday, Oct. 19, where they decided on several items on the warrant. Some more controversial than others leading many voters to take to the microphone to voice both their support and displeasure with proposals before them. Items on the warrant ranged from changing certain positions from elected to appointed to allowing for bylaw changes to benefit potential ad current investors in Mill Overlay District including Stevens Mills. The input from the public and the sheer number of voters who turned out to be a part of the process

garnered responses from almost every members of the Board of Selectmen on early November who acknowledged that not every proposal is going to be agreeable but praised voters for taking the time to turn out and be involved with the discussions concerning the future of their town. Selectman Steve Sullivan was the first to comment voicing his gratitude for the voter turnout which was echoed by every selectman after him. “I thank the voters for the way they voted, especially to give us permission to at least proceed with the Stevens Mill project,” Sullivan said. “I thank everyone for showing up. Thank you for having your voices heard and the general overall civil discourse of the evening.” Selectman Jason Johnson was next saying that the meeting provided a god opportunity for him and the other selectmen to hear from some

citizens they may not normally hear from during their regular board meetings. He felt the conversation was productive and education for all involve. “You learn quite a bit at town meeting. You have conversations throughout the year, but you get a different sense for how things should be at a town meeting – We learned that we have to be better. We learned different ways to see different items. I’d expect the people in the town to follow up on the decisions they made. When you have elected officials such as us you can hold us accountable because every two weeks we’re here,” Johnson said. Selectman John Marsi was particularly impressed with the number of people that turned out, calling it the most well-attended meeting he has ever seen in Dudley. “I was happy to see it. I was most excited about the Mill bylaw change.

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ST. JOSEPH STUDENTS SHINE IN LIONS CLUB ART COMPETITION

St. Joseph School is proud to announce that artwork created by three of our students has advanced to the district level in the Lion’s Club International Peace Poster Contest. Grade 6 student Leah Boudreau, Grade 7 student Matthew Obrycki, and Grade 8 student Lauren Gingo were selected for their creations depicting “Peace through Service.” The goal of the Peace Poster Contest is to allow children in schools and youth groups everywhere to express their visions of peace through their art. Members of the Lion’s Club are an example to the world that, through service, everyone can give and receive so much joy, kindness, hope, and peace. This year, students’ inspirations were created through the lens of service. Dr. John Kalinowski, a member of the Webster Lion’s Club, visited the school to notify the winners and posed for pictures with the students. Congratulations, students! Pictured: Peace Poster Contest winners Leah Boudreau, Matthew Obrycki, Lauren Gingo pose for pictures with Lion’s Club member Dr. John Kalinowski.

FALL / WINTER

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4 factors to consider to maintain winter safety

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

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

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

1. CHANGING VISIBILITY

While slippery sur-

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

2. SNOW REMOVAL

Shoveling snow or using a snowblower are common wintertime activities. Yet strenuous levels of activity in cold temperatures could put people at risk of heart attack, particularly if they are not acclimated to physical activity. Always warm up prior to shoveling snow to prepare the body for exercise. Go slowly and take frequent breaks. Avoid twisting and tossing snow over your shoulder, which can contribute to back injuries.

3. CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING

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

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

4. BLACK ICE

Black ice is a common winter foe. Black ice forms when temperatures rise above freezing during the day, melting any snow on the ground and causing surfaces to become wet. If the temperature drops once more while the ground is wet, a thin, transparent sheet of ice can form. Black ice also may occur if moisture in the air condenses and forms dew or fog, and then the temperature drops below freezing, says the National Weather Service. Black ice gets its name because it looks black on asphalt roads. However, it also can form on sidewalks and overpasses, or spots shaded by trees or other objects. Slowing down and exercising extreme caution are essential.

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



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DUDLEY POLICE LOG

DUDLEY — The Dudley Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of Oct. 30 to Nov. 6.

An adult female whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Nov. 1 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

Eriny Fawzy Bedeir, age 35, of Dudley was arrested on Nov. 3 for Failure to Stop for Police, Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle, and a Motor Vehicle Lights Violation.

William Casey Goddard IV, age 43, of Dudley was arrested on Nov. 3 on two counts of Wanton Destruction of Property.

Sean Paul Lemay, age 31, of Dudley was arrested on Nov. 5 for Disorderly Conduct and Disturbing the Peace.

St. Joseph School congratulates new Student Council officers



The newly elected St. Joseph School 2020-2021 Student Council pose for a group picture. (Front - L to R) Rosemary Basha, Laura Ibrahim, Kaelyn Lechiara, Treyton Dery, Maya Podskarbi (Back – left to right): Teacher Moderator Mrs. Mary Ann Weaver, Paul Mankarios, Adam Podgorny, Dale Boudreau, Samantha Keller, and Principal Michael Hackenson.

WEBSTER — St. Joseph School would like to congratulate its newly elected 2020-2021 Student Council Officers: President – Samantha Keller, Vice President – Dale Boudreau, Treasurer – Paul Mankarios, and Secretary – Adam Podgorny. In addition, the following students were elected Class Representatives: Grade 4 –Rosemary Basha, Grade 5 – Laura Ibrahim, Grade 6 – Kaelyn Lechiara, Grade 7 – Treyton Dery, Grade 8 – Maya Podskarbi.

The Student Council at St. Joseph School is a group of students who are elected each year by the student body as an advocacy group for planning events and initiating new ideas. Activities include out-reach projects, school dances, alumni connection, buddy projects, fun activities, and student initiatives. The Council officers are guided by the principal, Mr. Michael Hackenson, teacher moderator, Mrs. Mary Ann Weaver, and parish pastor, Rev. Grzegorz Chodkowski. The Student Council serves to engage students in learning about democracy and leadership. Congratulations, students!

WEBSTER POLICE LOG

WEBSTER — The Webster Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of Nov. 1-7.

A 27-year-old female from Webster was issued a summons on Nov. 1 for Assault & Battery with a Dangerous Weapon. An adult male from Webster was arrested during the same incident for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member and Intimidation of a Witness, Juror, Police Officer, or Court Official.

Paul Stephen Jones, age 31, of Webster was arrested on Nov. 2 for Resisting Arrest and in connection with a warrant.

Eriny Fawzy Bedeir, age 35, of Dudley was arrested on Nov. 3 for Failure to Stop for Police, Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle, and a Motor Vehicle Lights Violation.

Rachal A. Chace, age 32, of Chepachet, R.I. was arrested on Nov. 4 in connection with a warrant.

Jesse Calvin Brooks, age 30, of

Thompson, Conn. was arrested on Nov. 4 for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol and Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle.

A 33-year-old male from Webster was issued a summons on Nov. 6 for Disorderly Conduct and Disturbing the Peace. Tyler J. O’Neil, age 23, of Warren was arrested during the same incident in connection with an out of agency warrant.

An adult female from New London, Conn. was arrested on Nov. 7 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member. Oscar Ucher, age 29, of Webster was arrested during the same incident for Interfering with a Police Officer.

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Dudley Cultural Council extends deadline for grant applications

DUDLEY — Due to the current pandemic and the effect it had or may have had on applicants finding venues for their programs, limitation of attendees, etc., all local cultural councils (LCC’s) have been advised by the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) to extend the application deadline for programs to be presented in 2021. The new deadline for applications to be submitted is Dec. 14 at 11:59 p.m. Apply online only at mass-culture.org



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Friday’s Child



Isabella Age 15

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Isabella is a sweet, caring, and bubbly teenage girl who loves animals. She is a great conversationalist and enjoys speaking to and learning about new people. Isabella is always open to trying new activities and is a talented artist. She also likes to play soccer and is currently taking a cooking class once a week after school. Isabella’s greatest wish is to have a family of her own where she can have a pet.

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

and she does well in school with extra supports.

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

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Thanksgiving Trivia, Tales and Turkey Talk

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

Turkey Dinner: Believe it or not, Thanksgiving, along with our country's appetite (or lack thereof) of turkey, spawned a billion dollar industry - the TV Dinner. According to the Smithsonian Institute, in 1953 Swanson found itself with 26 tons of leftover frozen turkeys when the company underestimated sales for the holiday. Back in the "waste not want not" era, the solution fell to savvy Swanson personnel - who came up with an ingenious way to package and market the surplus turkey: Cut the turkey into slices, add stuffing, along with a couple of sides, freeze it in a tin tray and voila - the TV dinner is born! The Smithsonian reports that's exactly what Swanson salesman Gerry Thomas did when he found himself with a



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KAREN TRAINOR

refrigerated railroad car filled to the brim with unsold turkeys. Inspired by prepared foods served in trays on airlines, Thomas filled the partitioned tin trays with the first Swanson turkey dinners, which included sliced turkey, corn bread dressing with gravy, sweet potatoes and peas. Capitalizing on the popularity of television and American's new habit of eating supper on a TV tray in front of the tube, Swanson dubbed the convenient meals, TV dinners and sold them for 98 cents each. To the company's surprise (and relief), the frozen meals were a hit, and in 1954 ten million turkey TV dinners were sold.

From Greek God to Thanksgiving Table: For

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

Thanksgiving Day Myths: If your thoughts of the first Thanksgiving conjure up elementary school images of Pilgrims and Indians sharing a feast of stuffed turkey and pumpkin pie – think again. While the first Thanksgiving did bring the colonists of Plymouth Colony and the Wampanoag Indians together in the autumn of 1621, the details were not recorded. The best record of the day is a brief writ-

ten account of Governor Edward Winslow of Plymouth Colony who reported the Pilgrims met with Chief Massasoit and 90 of his men for a four day feast, which came to be known as the "first Thanksgiving." Another popular myth of Thanksgiving is that the meal was a formal affair, with Pilgrims dressed in black and white and Indians in full feathered garb sitting down at a large table to dine on turkey and the trimmings. Truth is, according to Gov. Winslow, protein offerings were limited to venison and wild fowl with the Native Americans bringing "five deer" to the feast. In addition, it is unlikely the diners gathered around a table. A more feasible scenario includes informal dining, sans the silverware and tabletop. According to historians, the dishes at the Thanksgiving feast were likely prepared with Native American spices and cooked over an open fire. With virtually no sugar available, pumpkin pie and other popular modern Thanksgiving desserts were nonexistent at the first feast.

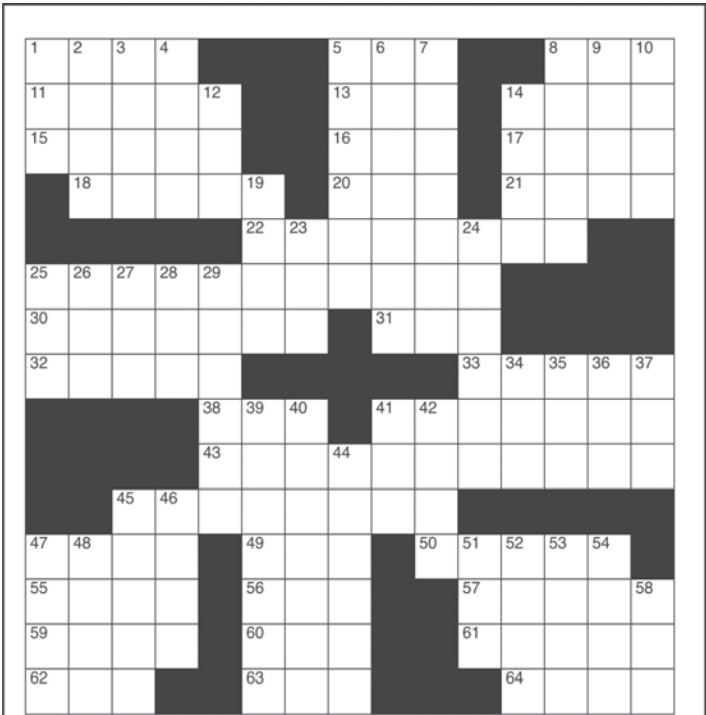
Global Thanksgiving Traditions Families across the globe come together to give thanks each year, and while international traditions differ, the premise of being thankful for harvest blessings are the same. The following sampling of "global Thanksgiving" festivals offers a peek into other cultures' annual celebrations. China: The Chinese holiday that most resembles the Thanksgiving feast is the country's mid autumn festival, Chung Ch'ui, which is celebrated on the 15th day of the 8th lunar month

to mark the harvest season. Like Thanksgiving, Chinese families gather on this holiday to give thanks and feast on various foods. Moon cakes are the traditional food which is eaten under the bright moon. The festival includes burning incense and fire dragon dancing under lanterns. Vietnam: Also held on the 15th day of the 8th lunar month is the Vietnamese mid autumn festival of Têt-Trung-Thu. One of the country's favored holidays, the day is centered around the children and in fact, is referred to as the "children's festival." Lighting lanterns, dancing in masks and candlelit processions are some popular activities of the day. Korea: Another Thanksgiving type holiday held 15th day of the 8th lunar month is Chusok, celebrated in Korea during harvest time in mid August. Festivities include children dressed in traditional clothing and dancing under a bright moon. Rice cakes comprised of beans, chestnuts and sesame seeds are served during the celebration, which can extend for up to three days. Fruit and rice are offered to Korean ancestors and thanks is given for the season's bounty. India: South India's holiday closest to our Thanksgiving is the harvest celebration "Pongal," a three day festival held on January 14. Named for a rice dish, the celebration is focused on giving thanks to the moon and the rain gods for a successful harvest. On the last day cows are honored for their hard work in plowing fields for crops. Germany: Erntedankfest, the festival honoring the harvest is Germany's version of America's Thanksgiving. The reli-

gious celebration held in late September includes music, dance and church services followed by a parade, fireworks, and great festivities. Africa: At the end of August, people in Nigeria and Ghana host a Yam Festival, to give thanks to the gods for the mainstay food. Yams, which are a prominent harvest crop, are a vital to feeding the country's people. The vegetables are offered to the gods at the festival and also passed out and shared with family and village residents.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House Your tips can win you a great dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random drawing. One winner per month will win a fabulous three course dinner for two at the renown 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.

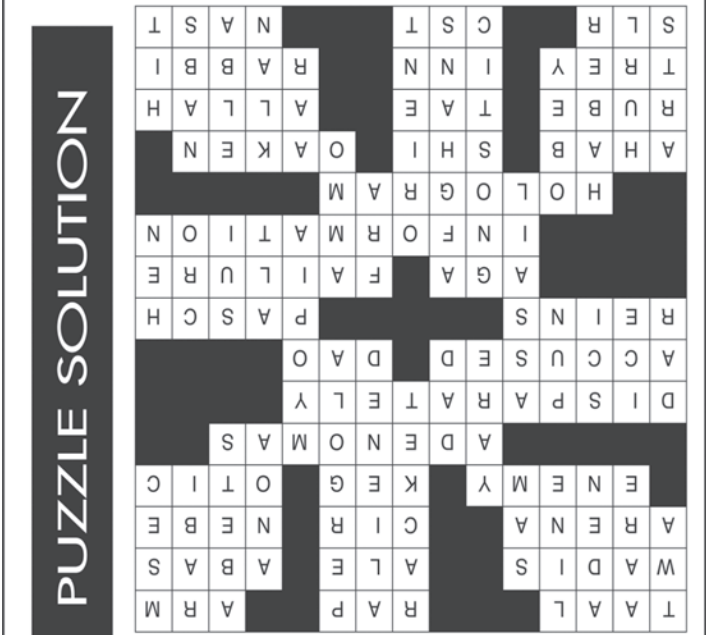


CLUES ACROSS

1. Dutch word for "language"
5. Popular music style
8. Body part
11. Largely dry valleys
13. Brew
14. Ancient Greek sophist
15. Where rockers play
16. Human gene
17. One point east of northeast
18. Adversary
20. Small cask or barrel
21. About ear
22. Benign tumors
25. In a different way
30. One charged with a crime
31. Chinese principle underlying the universe
32. Long, narrow straps
33. Passover
38. Ottoman military commander
41. One who does not succeed
43. Data
45. 3D image
47. Whale ship captain
49. Japanese title
50. Made of wood
55. Yokel
56. Exercise system __-bo
57. Supreme being
59. Playing card with three spots
60. Hostelry
61. Spiritual leader
62. Single lens reflex
63. Time of the 90th meridian, used in the central U.S.
64. Thomas __, American cartoonist

CLUES DOWN

1. Shuttered airline
2. Swiss river
3. Port city in Yemen
4. It can be straight
5. Tennis player's tool
6. Estranged
7. Garden archway
8. Assists
9. Grain crop
10. Millisecond
12. U.S. Founding Father Adams
14. Small, deerlike buffalo
19. Easily manageable
23. Male parent
24. Nearsightedness
25. Patriotic women
26. Decorate a cake with frosting
27. __ fi (slang)
28. A joke rooted in wordplay
29. Attack violently
34. Keyboard key
35. __ juris: independent
36. Corporate executive (abbr.)
37. Adult female bird
39. Pertains to knowledge
40. Pashtoes
41. Prefixed title for Italian monks
42. To be fired from a gun
44. A way to position
45. __ process: produces ammonia
46. Follow instructions
47. Humanistic discipline
48. Throw
51. Swiss river
52. American hate group
53. Actor Idris
54. Seizes
58. Baseball stat



Proper storage extends the life of leftover seeds

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

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

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

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

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

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

Eggplant, muskmelon, and Brussels sprouts will last five years or more while onions and



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parsnips may only last a year. Give leftover flower seeds the same care. Heliotrope, verbenas, sweet William, geraniums, and Shasta daisies typically last one or two years.

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

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

need.

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

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

the packet. If only half sprout, you need to seed twice as thick.

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

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

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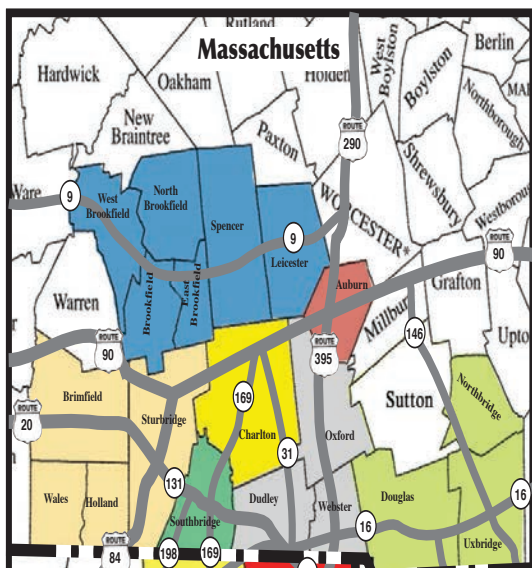
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WEBSTER — Months of planning and adjusting to the life changes resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic were met with success at All Saints Academy. The school recently completed the first quarter, all while students continue learning in school. The environment in school may look different, but students in the classroom are able to remain fully engaged in a high-quality learning environment and maintain a sense of community despite having to stay socially distant.

All Saints Academy is proud of the students for their hard work and their acceptance of the physically distant guidelines. Faculty and staff have worked hard too, in order to bring a sense of normalcy to them amid these restrictions.

One way the school is doing this is through the art program which has enabled the students to keep their creativity flowing on both individual and group projects. One such project has long been an eighth-grade tradition at school called "Haunted Hallway." The event is also a fundraiser for scholarships for students awarded at the end of the year. Because of gathering restrictions inside, the tradition moved outside and on Oct. 20, the eighth-grade students and the faculty hosted Spookyville, which was open to all school families. The school parking lot and building were transformed into a drive-thru Halloween themed event with tricks and treats along the way. Our students and families were full of smiles as they left the parking lot, which brought a tremendous amount of pride – and pleasure to all who planned the event.

Another new tradition is the way

Preschool students spend their outdoor recess time dancing to music that is so infectious, the older students have to stop and chime in. Chalk art has become a favorite of many grades, especially kindergarten, during outside play. And when the rain comes and washes the designs away, the students start all over again.

Recently, the school kicked off second quarter celebrating New England Catholic Schools Week (NECSW). This is an important time in the school calendar when Catholic schools and their students are celebrated and service is performed for others. NECSW also experienced some new twists on old traditions. The week began with All Souls Mass (aka Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed) on Monday morning followed by the customary fifth grade project/performance of 'Saints Come Alive.' This year, the students could not present their projects in Church in front of the whole community so, dressed as their "saint", they presented their research to the entire school and families through a Facebook live event. Each student did an amazing job!

On Tuesday, the students created 'Blessing Walls.' Taking the time to think of how blessed they are, the students created personally decorated crosses depicting their blessings. When all the blessings came together on two walls in the school for all to see, everyone realized how fortunate they are to have family, friends, and a loving, supportive community.

Recently retired from ASA, Mrs. Marilyn Berthiaume brought her passion for teaching back to each classroom on Wednesday by virtually reading a story to the younger grades and

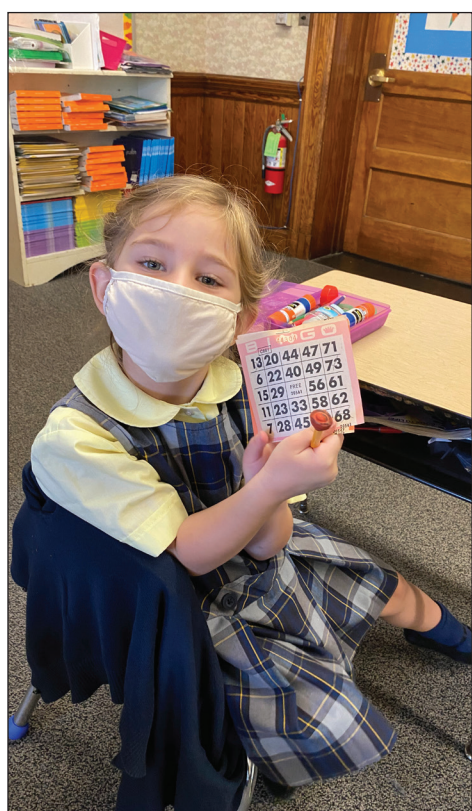


playing 'Where's Tom Turkey' with the middle school students.

The remainder of the week students spent time traveling (virtually) on field studies and adding some special fun to their academic days. Since some of the most exciting educational experiences happen on field studies (trips), students traveled far and wide visiting and learning about such places as the White House and Ford's Theater, Plimoth Plantation, Patuxet, The Mayflower II, the ancient pyramids, and other places that tie into the social studies curriculum. Making connections to science, students traveled to Sea World, went on an Antarctica penguin expedition, learned about farms, swam through coral reefs, got wet in the rainforest, and even toured the M&M Factory!

Since friendly competition cannot happen on the field or court yet, the week came to close with friendly Bingo competitions held virtually so that students could interact with the other grades during the games.

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of their favorite shelf-stable goodies, and next week students will be collecting items for Thanksgiving meals. There are many reasons for which the All Saints Academy school community is blessed. It is important that we all share in giving thanks for those blessings, and that we share in our abundance.





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EDITORIAL

The passing of a legend

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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VIEWPOINT

A Theology of Interruptions

How many of us like being interrupted? We may be in the middle of doing something, and then someone unexpectedly comes up to us, interrupts us, and disrupts our planned schedule. How about when we’re doing something really important? How do we act when such interruptions happen? What is our reaction?



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Interruptions can be quite inconvenient and annoying, and yet, Jesus offers an important lesson on dealing with interruptions. Think about how He treated people who interrupted Him? Remember when the children wanted to interrupt Jesus, and the disciples tried to send them away? Christ promptly corrected His apostles, then welcomed and even blessed the children. This interruption was no bother for Christ, but he saw it as an opportunity to bless the children.

Then there’s the story of Jesus sitting in the home of an important religious leader. In the middle of their meal, a prostitute comes into the house, interrupting their conversation and basically scandalizing the host by falling at Jesus’ feet, crying uncontrollably while washing the feet of Jesus with her tears. As the Pharisee is ready to cast the woman out of his home, probably furious at her audacious disturbance, Jesus softly addresses the woman, forgives her sins, and offers healing for her broken life. For Christ, this was no interruption – and here is the essence of His ministry and life – it was an opportunity to offer love and good news to a person in need.

What about the story of the Good Samaritan, where Jesus praises the one who interrupts his journey to reach out to the person in need, while criticizing the priest and temple worker who had no time to interrupt their important plans.

We read yet another example of Jesus dealing with interruptions when he visits the home of Jarius, the ruler of the town synagogue. This town VIP had a daughter who was deathly ill. Jarius urgently invites Christ to his home. In the midst of this emergency, however, a simple woman, an outcast of society due to her illness and gender, approached Jesus in the most unno-

ticeable manner. She didn’t feel worthy to bother Him, and knew that others would scold her and even chase her away if she bothered the Master. They would perceive her interruption as quite inappropriate and even outrageous, especially since Jesus was with such an important person, and she a nobody, a lowly woman. Yet quietly, humbly, inconspicuously she approached Jesus, only wishing to touch his garment, believing that such contact would bring her healing.

Well, she was immediately healed! An illness of 12 years cured by simply touching Christ. What is just as amazing as the miracle itself, though, is how our Lord responded to this inconvenient interruption. Although He was with a VIP whose daughter was dying, He took the time to look for the woman in the midst of a crowd, and when she came forth “trembling,” afraid of her impudence, Jesus comforted her, saying, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace.”

The synagogue leader may have been distraught, or even annoyed and angry at the delay, especially after learning that his daughter had died. Yet Jesus always dealt with whoever was in front of Him with respect, kindness and love. Christ treated an important synagogue leader, and an outcast and despised woman, in the same manner. Rank, fame, wealth, or position meant nothing to Jesus. He saw each and every person as a beloved child of God, worthy of respect and attention, no matter what their earthly status was.

Thus, he gives His attention to the outcast, the marginalized, the broken woman, healing her not only physically, but also restoring her dignity. Following this, he then goes to Jarius’ house, addressing the next issue at hand. And when people are in despair at the death of the little girl, Christ reveals once again his love and power to Jarius, raising his daughter from the dead and giving her back to her family.

These two wonderful miracles show Christ’s power over illness and death. Yet, what I would like to highlight is how Jesus dealt with the unexpected interruption.

THE DEADLINE to submit letters to the editor and commentaries for next week’s newspaper is Friday at noon. **SEND ALL ITEMS** to Editor Brendan Berube at THE WEBSTER TIMES — news@stonebridgepress.news

Protect your packages



CHIEF’S CORNER
STEVE WOJNAR

My favorite holiday of the year, Thanksgiving, is right around the corner. Even though the pandemic will make this, and everything else, different, everyone should take time and enjoy this day before the Christmas season. Over the years, people have increased holiday shopping on-line. Certainly, since this

pandemic began, on-line purchasing of all kinds, has skyrocketed. People avoid crowds and lines at stores and shop from the convenience of home. All this results in increased home deliveries. With thefts of packages from doorsteps prevalent during the holiday season, I wanted to provide some safety tips.

The number one goal of on-line purchasing is to receive your items in a timely manner. Packages should be delivered to your residence if you will be there or to a trusted family member, friend, or neighbor. Leaving items unattended outside your home can be risky. If the item is taken illegally, you may not be aware of this until long after the incident. It is certainly best to arrange in advance to have these packages delivered when someone is home or to have them left with a person you know whenever possible. This certainly can be challenging; however, it is the best way to ensure your purchases are received.

It is always important to track your packages while they are in transit. Most companies provide tracking numbers and have up to date information on where your package is located. Check this process early and often. This can be done on-line or by phone. The presence of cameras, including the doorbell style, can be of assistance in deterring and identifying package thieves. If you experience any problems or have questions, contact the company or person who is responsible for shipping your package. Safeguarding your investment is important to make sure your holiday season is as happy as can be, and not extra frustrating.

With the passing of Halloween, the holiday season will be on us before we know it. Again, this year, our department will be collecting Christmas gift donations for local families in need. This pandemic year has been particularly difficult on people. New, 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 ages of 10 and up. Monetary donations and gift cards are also accepted. Checks should be made payable to the “Dudley Police Association” with a special note for the Holiday Drive. We thank everyone in advance for their outstanding support in the past and the continued generosity. Numerous local families have benefitted in the past. Anything you can give will help bring some happiness to those who would otherwise go without during this season.

The Coronavirus Pandemic continues, a great deal of turmoil is taking place around the country, and the rules and requirements seem to change constantly. We continue to serve the people of Dudley and work with the community to improve the quality of life for everyone. I continue to thank the men and women from my department for their continued dedicated service to the Town of Dudley during these trying times. Thanks also go out to the many Police Officers, Fire and Emergency Services members, public works, government and all other “essential” personnel for their continued hard work and service. We greatly appreciate the support we receive from our community.

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you for a successful food drive

To the Editor:
St. Vincent de Paul of Sacred Heart of Jesus Webster/Dudley would like to extend a big thank you to Tammy Ducharme of TMD, The Black Tavern Historical Society and the First Congregational Church of Dudley for their generous effort in coordinating a successful food drive.

We would also like to thank those who made contributions to the Food Drive. With a special Thanks to Bob and Chris Ducharme, the caretakers of

the Black Tavern and their grandson for the help they gave filling the truck with all the donations. These efforts are greatly appreciated and so important to St Vincent de Paul’s mission to help feed our neighbors in Webster and Dudley.

MERIBETH BROMAGE
PRESIDENT
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY OF
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WEBSTER/DUDLEY



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Protect your finances from “cyberthieves”

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

Here are a few suggestions:

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

Be creative with passwords. Create different passwords for work, financial services sites, social media and

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email – and give each password some length and complexity. Consider passphrases – actual words combined with symbols and numbers (for example, “ThisIsAPassphrase!2468”), for sites that allow them.

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

Watch out for fake websites or apps. When making

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

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

your information.

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

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

If you go along with this request, you could find malicious software being down-

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

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

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Fine weather for fishing

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

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

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

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



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on Nov. 30 in the Central District.

Sighting in shotguns at your local Rod & Gun Club should not be left to the last minute. You should also locate some deer slugs as soon as possible, as most shops have very little in their inventory.

Sighting in your gun with the same brand of deer slugs that you plan to hunt with is also important. It does make a difference, as they do not all act the same when it comes to accuracy.

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

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

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

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

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

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Courtesy

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



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

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

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

& Keep Them Rods Bending!

Can it begin with us?

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

Lest week, I wrote a column about my love of iceberg lettuce. It was true, but largely tongue-in-cheek. I thought we all needed a break from the stress and vitriol of a brutal election season, so I wrote to change the subject, express my feelings, and hopefully get a laugh. Wow ... a few people were terribly upset that I prefer iceberg lettuce over other types of greens. It didn’t upset me. I found it hilarious at the range and



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volume of the response. I was called mildly as being ill-informed and nutritionally ignorant all the way up to being a liar and spreading damaging untruths! I may be ignorant but my feelings about my personal tastes are not untrue ... it’s how I feel!

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

I’m not complaining. I love hearing from readers and always use it to

make me a better writer, but some of it would be laughable if it weren’t so mean-spirited.

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

I worry about the intensity of the dialogue and actions of so many in our country today. For those who are triggered over my choice of salad, I want you to step back and ask yourself what has really caused you to be so angry. Think long and hard about it. These types of anger triggers are often a result of an unresolved personal issue. Blaming others is useless. No one can make you act angrily at others without your permission. But some allow it to happen anyway. It’s not uncommon to read about a minor dispute over a parking space that turns into someone pulling a gun and killing another human being. I worry about the level of anxiety that allows a person

to be triggered so easily, over something that really doesn’t matter. This weekend alone, five people were murdered, and thirty-two others wounded in Chicago. Look at this headline from the weekend, “Dog, Eight People Shot in Nashville Over Canine Dispute.” Really?

Then ... there’s the election. I’m saddened about the vitriol from both sides and the level of anger it has caused. Millions ... maybe a billion dollars in damage nationwide in burning and looting, while in the process, lives have been needlessly taken. We have a national epidemic of anger that is not worth the consequences of the actions triggered. And please. Spare me. Do not blame bad behavior on other bad behavior. Do not blame any politician.

I have a friend. She’s a single parent who is an outstanding mom and community member. I respect her and love her teenage children. I was shocked this week to

read her angry, gloating diatribe about the recent presidential election. I was deeply saddened to read the words she posted on social media. I read others who say they can never forgive those who voted differently. Really? Are we honestly unable to forgive those who think differently? Have we come to the breaking point where we now refuse to love our neighbor if they do not agree?

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

Let it start with me ... you ... everyone who is reading this column. I believe anger within us triggers anger in others. Likewise, kindness and love calm the human soul. We have reached a

dangerous boiling point across our nation and it can only be reduced by cooler heads with love and kindness.

I still believe in the human spirit. I believe we are endowed by our Creator with the seeds of compassion and kindness. If nurtured, these seeds can grow within us and change the course of our nation regardless of who is President or whether your socks match.

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

I am optimistic. We are better than this.

Can it begin with us?

Gary W. Moore is a freelance columnist, speaker, and author of three books including the award-winning, critically acclaimed, “Playing with the Enemy.” Follow Gary on Twitter @GaryWMoore721 and at www.garywmoore.com.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT 20 SM 001655 ORDER OF NOTICE

TO: Arline J. Gendreau a/k/a Arline Gendreau and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq) Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust claiming to have an interest in a mortgage covering real property in Dudley, numbered 38 Old Southbridge, given by Arline J. Gendreau and Samuel Gendreau to Citi-financial Services, Inc., as dated May 22, 2008, and recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 42878, Page 383, and now held by Plaintiff by assignment, has field with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's Service-members 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 12/14/2020 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on ground of noncompliance with the Act. Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of said Court on 10/27/2020 Attest: Deborah J. Patterson Recorder November 13, 2020

(SEAL) COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT 20 SM 001612 ORDER OF NOTICE

TO: Anna Gilantzis, Xenoulla Yantsides, Chryso Stom and Alice Holm and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C.c. 50 § 3901 (et seq) Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as trustee of Stanwich Mortgage Loan Trust A claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Oxford numbered 28 Old Depot Road, given by Peter Chrysostom to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Encore Credit Corp., dated August 24, 2005, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 37223, Page 17, and now held by Plaintiff by assignment, have filed with this court a complaint for determination of 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 Dec 07, 2020 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act. Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of this Court on October 20, 2020. Attest: Deborah J. Patterson Recorder November 13, 2020

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. WO20P2669EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Estate of: Barbara Ann Kush Date of Death: 02/21/2017

To all interested persons: A Petition for Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed by Bronislaus Kush of Worcester MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that Bronislaus Kush of Worcester MA be appointed as Personal Represen-

tative(s) of said estate to serve With Peronal Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/01/2020. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court. Date: September 28, 2020 Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate November 13, 2020

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. WO20P2671 EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Estate of: Joseph W Kush Date of Death: 04/03/2014

To all interested persons: A Petition for Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed by Bronislaus Kush of Worcester MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that Bronislaus Kush of Worcester MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the bond in an unsupervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/01/2020. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court. Date: September 28, 2020 Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate November 13, 2020

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Division Docket No. WO20P2354EA Estate of: Stephen A Plasse Date Of Death: June 26, 2020 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Teresa Wright of Millbury MA a Will has been admitted to informal probate Teresa Wright of Millbury 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. November 13, 2020

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. WO20P3048EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Estate of: Carolyn Swierzbin Date of Death: 05/25/2020

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Stephen Swierzbin of Woodstock CT requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that Stephen Swierzbin of Woodstock CT be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/01/2020. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court. Date: October 29, 2020 Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate November 13, 2020

TOWN OF DUDLEY Board of Selectmen The Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, November 23, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. or shortly thereafter in Room 321A at the Dudley Municipal Complex Building, located at 71 West Main Street, Dudley, MA, regarding real estate tax classification. Selectmen will be asked by the Dudley Board of Assessors to select a residential factor which will determine the percentages of the tax burden to be borne by each class of properties in the town for FY2021. Written and oral comments will be accepted from the public during this meeting. November 13, 2020 November 20, 2020

LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Judy Reeks and Frederick W. Reeks, Jr. to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, acting solely as a nominee for Lendia, Inc., dated September 13, 2005 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 37340, Page 75 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage

Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust is the present holder by Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Lendia, Inc. to CitiMortgage, Inc. dated May 14, 2012 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 49023, Page 306, and Assignment from CitiMortgage, Inc. to Pretium Mortgage Credit Partners I Loan Acquisition, LP dated December 1, 2015 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 54641, Page 86, and Assignment from Pretium Mortgage Credit Partners I Loan Acquisition, LP to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust dated December 21, 2015 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 54834, Page 88, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 4 Allen Avenue, Oxford, MA 01540 will be sold at a Public Auction at 12:00 PM on December 7, 2020, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit: The land, with the buildings and improvements thereon, situated on Allen Avenue in the Town of Oxford, Worcester County, Massachusetts, and being shown as Lot #46 on a plan of land entitled: "Huguenot Tract", dated August 26, 1927, drawn by J. R. Kleindienst, Surveyor, which plan is recorded with the Worcester Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 51, Plan 16, and to which plan reference is made for a more particular description. The premises is more particularly described in the Deed recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 21795, Page 340, to wit: The land in Oxford with buildings thereon bounded and described as follows: Being Lot #46 on plan of Huguenot Tract, dated August 26, 1927, drawn by J.R. Kleindienst, Surveyor, recorded in Worcester Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 51, Plan 16 and further described as follows: Beginning at the most northerly point of the tract herein conveyed, which point is also the most westerly corner of lot #45, as shown on said plan. Thence Southeasterly along said lot #45 a distance of 118 feet to a point on Allen Avenue; Thence Southwesterly by said Allen Avenue, 60 feet to lot #47 as shown on said plan; Thence Northwesterly along said lot #47, 122.7 feet to lot #43 as shown on said plan; Thence Northeasterly along said lot #43, 60.2 feet to the point of beginning. For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 21795, Page 340. The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession. Terms of the Sale: Cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA 01851 or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication. Other terms to be announced at the sale. Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust Korde & Associates, P.C. 900 Chelmsford Street Suite 3102 Lowell, MA 01851 (978) 256-1500 Reeks, Judy and Frederick November 13, 2020 November 20, 2020 November 27, 2020



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String of robberies has police seeking answers

**BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT**

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

Dudley Police released details of the incidents which took place in the early morning hours of

Tuesday, Nov. 3. Police received alarm notifications from two different local businesses at 3:35 and 3:37 a.m., respectively. Officers were dispatched to the Cumberland Farms at 180 West Main St. and the Patriot Gas at 251 West Main St., where they found that the front doors of both locations had

been pried. According to the police report all that was stolen was a small amount of merchandise. Cash was not included in the details of the robbery.

This wasn't the only incident of theft in the region that night. Two other robberies in nearby Oxford at a Sunoco Gas Station and Chucky's Citgo, both located along

Main Street in Oxford, were also broken into leading investigators to consider that all four incidents were connected.

Police sent out a call to surrounding police departments to be on the lookout for a Dodge Durango with four individuals all male who may have been wearing masks

and possessing pry bars used to open the doors. As of Sunday, Nov. 8, no arrests had been confirmed in connection with the robberies. The vehicle was believed to have left Dudley and traveled into Connecticut, possibly towards the town of Southbridge.

Anyone with information about these robber-

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

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OBITUARIES

Craig E. Sargent, 50



WEBSTER – Craig E. Sargent, 50, died Wednesday, November 4, 2020 in Harrington Healthcare at Hubbard after being stricken ill at home. He leaves the parents who raised him, Donald P. and Jeanne M. (Girouard) Kender, with whom he lived; a brother, Roger Kender of Palmer; 4 sisters, Deborah M. Ricciuti and her husband Michael of Shiloh, NC, Bonnie L. McGee and her husband Michael of Charlton, Kathleen A. Gabis and her husband Tom of Dudley, and Elizabeth L. Kender of Webster; several nephews and nieces; a brother-in-law, Daniel Rice of Webster; his best friend, Peter

“Pete” Bannister of Webster; and many other acquaintances. His sister, Christine M. Rice of Worcester, died in 2012. He was born on July 18, 1970 in Southbridge and lived in Webster all of his life. He graduated from Bartlett High School in 1988. He was friendly with everyone and loved helping other people. His funeral was held Tuesday, November 10, with a Mass at 10:30 AM in Saint Louis Church, 14 Lake Street (please meet at the church). Burial will be in Notre Dame Cemetery, Worcester. Visitation will be held privately. Arrangements are under the direction of Scanlon Funeral Service, 38 East Main Street, Webster. www.scanlonfs.com

Donald E. Kilborn Sr., 91



WEBSTER—Donald E. Kilborn Sr., 91, was called home on the anniversary of his beloved wife's passing on Wednesday November 4, 2020. Being predeceased by his wife Rose A. (Ziak) Kilborn, Donald is survived by his daughter Cheryl Jolda and her husband Chris of Webster; his son Donald E. Kilborn Jr. and his companion Tammy Copley of Danvers, MA; his brother Malcom Kilborn and his wife Jean of Texas; he also leaves three grandchildren: Tara Jolda and her companion Jordan Cormier, Jesse Jolda, and Ashley Jolda; his great-grandson Mason Soucy; he also leaves nieces, nephews, relatives and friends; he was predeceased by his brothers Richard, George, and William Kilborn; he was also predeceased by his sisters Winifred Ledeuc and Marge Putnam. Donald was born in Danielson, CT on June 29, 1929, son of the late George and Pearl (Patience) Kilborn; he lived

in Webster for most of his life. Donald graduated from Bartlett High School in 1949; he worked for Montrose Products and Pratt & Whitney for many years, it was not uncommon for Donald to put in a sixty-hour work week. Most recently Donald worked at Shaw's Supermarket; he enjoyed spending quality time with his beautiful family and friends, he especially enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren. Donald enjoyed Polka dancing and listening to Polka bands. Calling Hours were held on Sunday November 8, 2020 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm from the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street Webster, MA. The funeral service was on Monday November 9, 2020 at 10:00 am at the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home; committal will follow in St. Anthony of Padua Cemetery in Webster. Please be sure to follow all public health and social distancing guidelines. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may offer condolences or light a candle in remembrance of Donald.

Dawid S. Ochocki, 25



KILLINGLY, CT – Dawid S. “Dawidek” Ochocki, 25, died Tuesday, November 3, 2020 in UMass/MemorialHealthcare, Worcester as the result of injuries from an automobile accident over the weekend in Putnam. He leaves his parents, Dariusz J. and Dorota (Kapusinska) Ochocki of Webster, Ma; a brother, Webster police officer Jacek “Jack” Ochocki and his fiancée Jessica R. Forte, both of Putnam; his maternal grandparents, Stanislaw Kapucinski and Jadwiga (Rudzinska) Kapuscinska of Szumsk, Poland; his paternal grandmother, Anna (Sofinska) Ochocka of Pracez, Poland; many aunts, uncles and cousins in Poland and lots of friends. In this area, he leaves 2 aunts, Iwona Ossowska and her husband Stanislaw of Webster, and Emilia Janusz and her husband Piotr of Dudley, and 3 cousins, Stanislaw, Sebastian and Karolyna Janusz. His grandfather, Marian Ochocki of Poland, died in 2014. He was born on March 21, 1995 in Worcester and grew up in Webster, moving to Killingly 2 years ago. He attended Douglas High School and

then graduated from Shepherd Hill Regional High School in Dudley, MA in 2013. He also completed courses at Quinsigamond Community College in Worcester. Mr. Ochocki worked at his father's business, JD & D Construction in Webster, since 2013 and was currently the office manager. He was a member of Saint Joseph Basilica in Webster, MA. He liked fishing, including spear fishing, hunting, snowboarding and playing video games. He enjoyed riding his motorcycle, his four-wheeler, his dirt bike, traveling and music. He loved spending time with his family and many friends. The funeral was held Saturday, November 7, from the Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster, MA with a Mass at 11:00 A.M. in Saint Joseph Basilica, 53 Whitcomb Street, Webster, MA. Burial will be in Saint Joseph Garden of Peace. Visitation was held from 4:00 to 7:00 P.M. on Friday, November 6, in the funeral home. Covid-19 guidelines will be in place and everyone is required to wear a mask. Donations in his name may be made to Saint Joseph Basilica, 53 Whitcomb Street, Webster, MA 01570. www.websterfunerals.com

HARRINGTON

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vides immediate access to a full range of treatment for any type of alcohol or substance use disorder, all in one place,” said Harrington HealthCare System (HHS) President and CEO Ed Moore. “We are so proud to add this unique facility as a key entry point to our existing continuous care model of addiction treatment. We believe it will help to both save and change the lives of many people in the communities we serve by allowing them to better access the care they need right at the moment when they’re ready to do so.”

Moore says the opening of the AIC center, which has been in the works for nearly a year, is particularly important now due to the spike in substance use disorders and relapses caused by the extreme stress of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The AIC offers rapid assessment of patients suffering from alcohol and substance use disorders, with medication-assisted treatment (MAT) beginning within 24 hours in most cases. After the initial assessment is completed, the center will continue to provide patients with comprehensive care and support throughout the recovery process.

Addiction Immediate Care is not intended for the treatment of overdose. Anyone suspected of suffering an overdose should seek care at the Emergency Department right away. Rapid entry into addiction treatment can then be provided by AIC.

In addition to ongoing management of therapeutic medications for the treatment of addic-

tions such as Suboxone, Vivitrol, methadone and naltrexone, the center will require that patients also engage in supportive therapies. These may include evaluation and treatment of related mental health disorders, individual counseling, support groups, and seamless integration with Harrington's Intensive Outpatient and Partial Hospitalization Programs, based on need.

HHS Vice President of Behavioral Health Services, Gregory Mirhej says that this combination of rapid access to treatment and comprehensive continuum of care is crucial to helping people successfully overcome addiction.

“Unlike people with other urgent medical conditions, individuals with substance use disorders historically have not been able to access immediate or comprehensive care in one place,” Mirhej said. “At most outpatient addiction clinics patients may sometimes wait two to four weeks to be seen, and often the clinics don’t offer the full scope of treatment necessary for full recovery. This creates a slow and fractured system of care that makes it much more difficult for patients to follow through with all the treatment they need, resulting in progression of the disease and an increased risk of overdose and death.”

Mirhej says AIC was designed based on an urgent care model of treatment to close those gaps in care for patients. The center's location on the Harrington HealthCare at Webster campus was chosen because of its convenience to both southern Massachusetts and northeastern Connecticut communities served by HHS, and due to the availability of other supportive services on the campus

including an Intensive Outpatient Program, Partial Hospitalization Program, Emergency Department, Lab and primary care offices.

Anyone seeking treatment for a substance use disorder can call 508-949-8981 during open clinic hours to make an appointment to be seen within 24 hours. The center is open Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 6:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. All Massachusetts and Connecticut insurance plans are accepted. Those without insurance will be charged a sliding-scale fee based on income.

More information about the AIC and updates about the center's opening can be found on the HHS Web site at harringtonhospital.org/AIC.

Harrington HealthCare System is a comprehensive regional health-care system serving more than 25 communities across south central Massachusetts and northeastern Connecticut. The system includes Harrington Hospital in Southbridge, Harrington HealthCare at Webster and three additional major medical office buildings: Harrington HealthCare at Charlton, Harrington HealthCare at 169, also in Charlton, and Harrington HealthCare at Spencer; Harrington Physician Services, our primary care and multi-specialty physician group; UrgentCare Express at Harrington in Charlton and Oxford; The Cancer Center at Harrington in Southbridge, and the region's largest Behavioral Health programs for mental health and substance use.

Senator earned 3,847 votes in Dudley opposed to Crean's 1,995. Fattman's wife, Stephanie Fattman, also earned reelection for Register of Probate claiming victory over Democratic challenger John Dolan, III and winning the town of Dudley in a vote of 3,529 to 1,948. State Representative Peter Durant will continue to represent Dudley after winning an unopposed bid for reelection while Paul Depalo won an unopposed race for Councillor to round out the Election Day results in Dudley.

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MEETING

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I think there were only a few dissenters on that one,” Marsi said, praising the town's movement to support economic development. “There's exciting times coming up.” Finally, board Chair Selectman Kerry Cyganiewicz echoed his fellow board members by praising both the turnout and the voters who spoke

their minds and providing that the board is not done working to help improve and add to the town of Dudley. “We're not done yet. You showed us at town meeting that if we bring to you something that makes sense and give you the information you folks will vote for it. I don't think we're finished. If there's someone interested in doing something else in Dudley, rehabbing

something, starting some sort of a business that'll give us a few hundred good paying jobs with good insurance – hopefully, we'll get some more of these opportunities and put those in front of you,” said Cyganiewicz. “We're on a good path, let's keep going.” Selectman Paul Joseph was absent from the Nov. 2 meeting and thus did not contribute to the discussion.

already have a shortage of substitutes. Committee member Kathy Napierata agreed with those concerns, but noted they can be planned for and did not “see any of these as obstacles to us moving forward to selecting a date.” Goguen noted the plans do exist, and the administration is always working on “different contingencies that pop up.” Still, starting hybrid isn't that easy, because it'll require a new bus schedule, teachers workign with remote kids at the same time they have kids in class, and other issues. Many of them have been planned, but implementing them is new. Despite that, she did say she feels they can meet the Nov 16 goal, although it won't be “perfect.” Hinkle opined that the fact about 30 percent of parents will still keep their kids home will make social distancing easier. “We have a plan. Let's flip the switch and go,” she added. While one parent and Goguen both suggested waiting until after Thanksgiving (Goguen after Nov. 16 was voted upon), Napierata said she belives the hybrid schedule was designed to ensure the two alternating-day cohorts still get the same learning. She liked the fact Nov 16 is the start of the second quarter. The sole “no” vote came from Linda Millett, who said she wasn't opposed to going hybrid but “we did not attach safety to that date.”

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SCHOOLS

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have kept their kids in class, and “dealt with” positive cases in ways that “can protect the staff and students,” he said. Some recent studies of schools have shown that younger children do not seem to be “super-spreaders,” although some do get the virus. Other studies have shown that to be true of high-school-age kids as well, at least as far as sports participation goes, but there have been documented spread events associated with college-age groups. Superintendent Ruthann Goguen recently surveyed staff and parents on this issue, and found a significant difference in viewpoints between the two groups. The largest response (51.6 percent) among teachers was to wait until the town was at least three weeks out of the state's “red” category (which is defined as 8 new cases per 100,000 population over a week) and 16.7 percent wanted to start in-person classes now. Among parents, though, 41.4 percent want in-person now and just 20.6 percent want to wait until three weeks past “red.” A notable minority of both groups do not want in-person at all: 14.5 percent of teachers and 22.2 percent of parents. Regarding teachers, union President Ellen Jeffers said they were concerned about how the district would handle things if staff are absent for symptoms or potential exposure, especially if several are out at once. She noted they

Pearle prepares for reopening

DUDLEY – Patrons of the Pearle L. Crawford Memorial Library may soon be allowed back into the building as Dudley's local library is finalizing measures to adhere to social distancing and limited capacity during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Library Director Drucilla Carter spoke with the Dudley Board of Health in late October where she presented the library's reopening plan including alterations to coincide with COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines. The plan received a warm response from the Board of Health and Health Agent who saw it within the guidelines set by the state including installing plexiglass at the circulation desk, removing furniture to discourage lounging in the building, and printing signage to inform guests of the guidelines.

Carter said all of these initiatives were in the process of being done as of the October meeting with the plexiglass on order, the Highway Department planning to move furniture and the signage being printed by a Library Trustee with

a graphic design background. However, Carter would not commit to a precise reopening date as many of these initiatives are in flux and may take more or less time than expected to complete.

"We are kind of lucky in a way that so many other libraries have already started opening so we've been able to see what works for them and what doesn't," Carter told the Board of Health. "I've made sure that the library staff knows that this could change and there could be new guidelines that come out that we'll have to adapt to, or we could all have to shut down again. We're kind of treating this as a template and a work in progress as best practices come out."

Some major changes guests will see when the return to the library will be a more fast paced in-and-out format for guests encouraging them to find what they need and to not stay too long in the building. The children's room will also have limited capacity and features with toys and other offerings stored away for the time being to discourage long stays.

“We’re not encouraging people to linger. We don’t want seventeen small children running around the children’s department at once so go in, get your books, take them back out to the main circulation desk and let another family go in. We’re kind of hoping that we can do it where they just come in and go without having to make appointments but the possibility of making appointments is one of the things we may have to do. We’re hoping most of our patrons know what section they’re going to, and they can come in, grab what they need and leave,” Carter said.

The Board of Health requested that Carter keep them posted on the library’s reopening schedule. If all goes as plan, Carter believes the library could reopen by the end of November, possibly before Thanksgiving, but that all depends on what work gets done and how quickly the library can adapt to its new temporary standards.



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