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Friday, October 22, 2021

Pirates pack offensive punch, defeat depleted David Prouty



Oxford's Lucas Lambert hauls in a miraculous interception while reaching up and over the reach of David Prouty receiver Julian Kondratowicz.

BY DEAN ST. LAURENT
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

SPENCER — On Friday, Oct. 15, the Oxford High varsity football team traveled to David Prouty Regional to take on the Panthers. Both teams went into the contest 3-2 eyeing a win to increase their chances at a Division 8 playoff berth.

David Prouty was riding high after a big 34-0 win over Bartlett High and Oxford came into the contest looking

for a bounce-back effort after suffering a loss to undefeated Quaboag Regional.

The game started slow and no points were scored in the first quarter of the contest, but heading into the second quarter, the Pirates exploded for 30 points, which helped them coast to a 51-6 win over the Panthers.

"Honestly, after how we played last week, we had a different week of practice," stated Oxford head coach Jeff

Clarkson. "We honed in on the kids in a different way. We had to. We were not executing the way we should be and were miserable in the penalty department. We have been getting so many penalties and it makes it so hard to get anything going. Last week everything that could've gone wrong went wrong, so we just had to take a step back. We did things a little differently this week; we even practiced this Monday instead of watching film. We

couldn't lose this game and we knew that. We have a game against Bartlett and then we have Leicester, so these are two very important games for us. Seven years I have been here and we haven't made the playoffs yet, so that is our goal."

Late in the second quarter with 1:14 left on the clock, Oxford had real control of the contest after quarterback

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Supply chain issues impacting school lunches

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

DUDLEY/CHARLTON — Supply chain problems facing the nation at large have created significant issues for all kinds of businesses, but the effect it has had on schools has been widely overlooked. Districts across the country who usually set up their menus well ahead of time following certain health guidelines are forced to change their food offering on a moment's notice due to limits in what they are able to receive.

The situation is no different in the Dudley Charlton Regional School District, according to Food Service Director Matthew Greenberg, who reported to the regional School Committee on Oct. 13 that the district has had to change its menus several times, usually as late as the morning of when certain meals were supposed to be served. This is a direct result to the issues nationwide with food delivery and transportation.

"The Dudley Charlton Regional Food and Nutrition Department is asking for your patience and support as we navigate new challenges," Greenberg said, reading from a letter to families in the district. "As you may be aware, we are currently faced with unprecedented shortages of food and packaging materials, massive delays or cancellations of deliveries, and labor shortages. Nationwide shortages and delays have affected availability of certain food items leading to substitutions of menu items we've been able to offer regularly in the past."

Greenberg said these supply issues have created many challenges for districts who must conform to

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Divide remains between Dudley Charlton Regional School Committee and citizens

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

DUDLEY/CHARLTON — The division between certain members of the public and the Dudley Charlton Regional School Committee has been front and center for several months now in the wake of debates about whether or not Critical Race Theory was being considered for the schools. That divide appears to remain as several citizens continued to express their displeasure with the committee during an October meeting.

The Oct. 13 School Committee meeting began as all meetings do, with public comments.

Citizens are given three minutes to speak with a half-hour limit on the session to allow the meeting to progress in a timely manner. However, several citizens made good use of their three minutes, continuing to criticize the School Committee for a variety of grievances from perceived breakdowns in communication to controversies over policies related to COVID-19, sex education and Critical Race Theory.

Dudley parent Timothy Paquette was the first to speak, providing strong criticisms directed not only at the School

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Dudley prepares for 2021 Fall Town Meeting

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

DUDLEY — The town of Dudley is gearing up for its annual Fall Town Meeting late this month with 21 Articles on the warrant for discussion through the evening.

The first half of the meeting is mostly house-keeping articles. They consist of the customary opening articles concerning committee recommendations, unpaid bills, supplemental appropriations, and several potential money transfers. Articles 11 and 12 on the warrant will then address a transfer or costs for mechanical cleaning and repair for the town municipal complex and a transfer to free cash, respectively.

Article 12 is where the more notable town business begins starting with consideration of the Webster-Dudley French River District Urban Center Housing TIF Plan, Zone and Agreement. According to a summary of the plan, which is available on the Dudley town website, "The Towns of Dudley and Webster are proposing a new UCH-TIF District, running along both sides of the French River and encapsulating a commercial and residential mixed-used district that has suffered in recent decades from disinvestment and decline. The shores of the river are neglected, overgrown and inaccessible. Many properties located throughout the dis-

trict are vacant and/or underutilized. The neighborhood suffers from low employment, low income, and blighted conditions." The District would contain 61 properties zoned for various uses including residential and businesses. The plan is a long-standing collaboration between both Webster and Dudley designed to increase modern affordable housing, promote development of multi-family rental homes, revitalize existing business locations along the corridor, promote mixed-use development in underutilized properties and other initiatives.

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Journal of Antiques and Collectibles to host New Year's Day show

STURBRIDGE — The Journal of Antiques and Collectibles — a national monthly magazine for dealers, collectors, and enthusiasts of antique collectibles — will be returning New Year's Day 2022 to the Sturbridge Host Hotel & Convention Center with its New Year's Day Antique Collectibles Show, sponsored by the Sturbridge Tourist Association and Sturbridge Antique Shops.

Managed by Weathervane Enterprises, Inc., publisher of Journal of Antiques and Collectibles, the

Show will feature 50 hand-selected local and regional dealers covering 11,000 square feet with authentic, quality antiques and antique collectibles. The Antique Collectibles Show made its debut on New Year's Day 2020, welcoming over 700 guests eager to kick off the new year with some old finds. This year's show kicks off with optimism as we all welcome the new year and a return to doing the things we love.

"This New Year's Day show provides a wonderful opportunity for us to showcase some of the best and most knowledgeable local and regional dealers of antique collectibles," says Maxine Carter-Lome, president of Weathervane Enterprises, Inc. and publisher of Journal of Antiques and Collectibles. "It's the perfect way to spend the day as these dealers will create spaces adorned with special finds that are sure to spark memories and inquiry."

With something for everyone, this year's dealers offer a mix of 18th through early 20th century period items, including Primitives, Decorative Objects Folk

Art, Glassware, Textiles, Vinyl Records, Books, Oil Paintings, Small Furnishings, Estate Jewelry, Coins, and so much more!

The Exhibit Hall will be open on Saturday, Jan. 1, 2022, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., offering guests ample time to walk the festively decorated floor and meet the dealers. In addition, a Concession Café will be open in the Exhibit Hall with beverages, snacks, and lunch options, and a Hospitality Table will provide great take-home information on future shows and antique publications. Items of interest to antique lovers will be raffled off all day on the show floor, adding to the excitement and experience.

\$10 Admission, \$8 online (starting Dec. 1) at www.theantiquecollectiblesshow.com. For more information visit theantiquecollectiblesshow.com. Follow Us on Facebook at [AntiqueCollectiblesShow](https://www.facebook.com/AntiqueCollectiblesShow), or contact Maxine Carter-Lome directly at (508) 347-1960 x402 and at weathervanepublishing@gmail.com for more information.

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Soft tissue injuries and how PT can benefit recovery

Soft tissue injuries are more common than people may realize. In fact, anyone with an undiagnosed pain in his or her

body may be suffering from a soft tissue injury.

According to Delaware Integrative Healthcare, bone injuries garner significant attention because broken bones and fractures can be very serious. But soft tissue injuries, when left untreated, also can be troublesome and jeopardize individuals' athletic pursuits.

Verywell Health defines soft tissue injuries as trauma to any muscle, skin, tendon, or ligament in the body. Injuries may result from overuse or acute trauma, which is an external force applied to the body. Common examples of soft tissue injuries are lacerations, abrasions, contusions, sprains/strains, bursitis, and tendinitis.

Strains are injuries to muscles or tendons and sprains are injuries to ligaments, which are elastic bands of tissue that connect and stabilize bones. Both strains and sprains are common soft tissue injuries. Bursitis and tendinitis also are common. Bursitis is an inflammation of the bursa, a fluid-filled sac that provides a cushion between the bones and muscles or tendons. Tendinitis is an inflammation of the tendons, which connect muscles to bones.

Many minor (Grade 1) soft tissue injuries that involve muscles, tendons and ligaments may heal when injured



persons follow the protocol known as R.I.C.E., which is an acronym for Rest, Ice, Compression, and Elevation. R.I.C.E. is widely recommended for these types of injuries. However, more serious soft tissue injuries may take extended time to heal. Some of these injuries also may lead to permanent changes in muscles, tendons and ligaments, causing certain body parts to cease functioning how they used to. That may be the case with Grade 2 (moderate) or Grade 3 (severe) injuries. Further medical attention may be needed and physical therapy may be prescribed.

The Ace Physical Therapy & Sports Medicine Institute says soft tissue injuries account for most of the injuries that outpatient physical therapists treat. A therapist will analyze the type

of injury and the pain or impairment it is causing to develop a rehabilitation program. Physical therapists often perform various treatments geared toward reducing swelling and inflammation. Manual therapies to help restore normal motion also are part of soft tissue treatment plans. Stretching and strengthening exercises may be incorporated to improve endurance and repair soft tissue. Orthotic therapy may be needed to correct certain imbalances, advises Algonquin Chiropractic Center. Physical therapists also can educate patients about how to strengthen the body to help reduce risk for future injuries.

Soft tissue injuries are common and usually can resolve with rest. Guided physical therapy may be prescribed for more severe cases.

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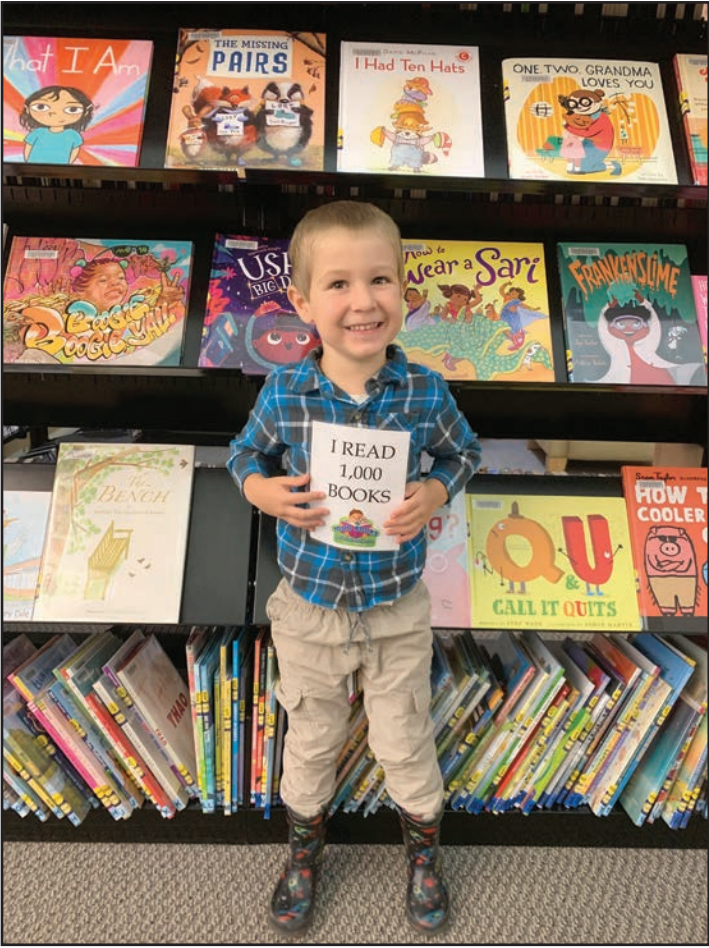
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Join us for one of our programs at the Pearle (40 Schofield Ave. Dudley, MA 01571). To register go to www.crawfordlibrary.org or call (508) 949-8021.

KNIT & CROCHET GROUP
Thursday 5:30–7:30 PM and Friday 10:00 a.m.-12 p.m.
All stitchers are welcome for this informal group, meeting weekly beginning June 24 in the Fels Room.

PRE-K POWER STORYTIME
Tuesdays 11:00 a.m. – beginning Sept. 14
Join Miss Lida for Pre-School Story Time! We will be exploring a new letter each week starting with A and ending in the spring with Z.

TODDLER TIME
Wednesdays 11:00 a.m. – beginning Sept. 15
Come join us for Toddler Time! We will have a different theme each week with stories and songs! This is geared for ages 18 months to 3.

BABY TIME
Fridays 11:30 a.m. – beginning Sept. 17
Join us for a Baby Time story time! We will be doing songs, fingerplays, and reading to our babies! This is geared for babies 0-15 months.

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS GROUP
Mondays 5 p.m. – beginning Sept. 20
Have you ever wanted to learn to play D&D or are you a player looking to join a group? We have an experienced DM starting a group on Monday Nights at the Pearle! If you have a Player’s Handbook or dice bring them with you. We will have extras for anyone who needs them.
Free; registration required.

POKEMON CLUB
Tuesdays 3:30 p.m. – starting Sept. 21
Calling all Pokemon fans! Children ages 7 to 14 are invited to join our club. This meeting will be a great opportunity to meet other players and share ideas. Please make sure you bring your trading cards and anything else you would like to share and discuss.

LEGO CHALLENGE CLUB
Wednesdays 3:30 p.m. – starting Sept. 22
Come join us each week for a different Lego challenge, from writing your name in Legos to making a Lego zipline. Ages 5-plus

SONGBIRDS OF THE NORTHEAST
Thursday, Oct. 21, 6:30-7:45 p.m.
Join naturalist John Root for a power point presentation featuring both photographs and recordings of our region’s songbirds. The role of song in these birds’ lives as well as their diet, social behavior, and other adaptations for survival are discussed. Participants also learn how to provide attractive habitat for songbirds. Questions and comments are welcome throughout the presentation, which is open to all ages. Sponsored by the Dudley Cultural Council

CRICUT CLASS
Saturday, Oct. 23, 10:00 a.m.-1 p.m.
Do you have a cricut cutting machine at home? Are you not sure where to start with using it? Come and learn about your machine, Cricut design space and complete two Christmas ornaments with two different materials. Our own Youth Services librarian, Lida Carroll will teach you the basics.
Bring your laptop, cricut machine, tools, and glue with you. The other materials you need will be provided! Free; Registration Required.

YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL
Monday, Nov. 1, 5-6 p.m.
All tweens and teens in grades 6-12 are invited to join. You will gain valuable leadership skills. You can meet new people. You can earn volunteer hours (please bring your form). Pizza and drinks will be served! Free. Sponsored by the Hugh W and Harriet K Crawford Endowment.

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Black Tavern Historical Society Food Drive fast approaches

The Black Tavern Historical Society and First Congregational Church, UCC will once again partner with Tammy Ducharme to collect non-perishable food items to benefit local non-profit organizations and food pantries in our community. Monetary donations and gift cards will also be welcomed.

This partnership has resulted in many successful collections in the past, which have proved of great value to our neighbors struggling to meet their food needs at this time.

Contactless donations may be dropped off anytime from Thursday, Nov. 4 through Sunday, Nov. 7 on the covered front porch of the Black Tavern Historical Society located at 138 Center Road, on Historic Dudley Hill. Mailed donations can be addressed to The Black Tavern, PO Box 143, Dudley, MA 01571.



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\$400,000, 83 West St, Carpenter LT, and Carpenter, Marilyn V, to Tusino, Louis C.
\$400,000, 87 West St, Carpenter LT, and Carpenter, Marilyn V, to Tusino, Louis C.
\$389,900, 6 Pond St, Lewis, Linda D, to Preston, Nathan.
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Oxford
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\$85,000, 1 Winter St, Mccahon, David J, and Mccahon, Cynthia D, to Oakland Dev Co LLC.

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Nichols College professor featured in National Geographic

DUDLEY — The work of Mauri Peltó, PhD, professor of environmental science at Nichols College and a world-renowned glaciologist, is the subject of a National Geographic feature released on Oct. 13.

In August, Cassidy Randall, a reporter for National Geographic, accompanied Peltó to the North Cascades, where he has been studying the impact of climate change and heat waves on glaciers over the past four decades. They found the volume loss in 2021 to be greater than 5 percent of the total — the highest Peltó had observed since he began monitoring the glaciers 38 years ago.

An increase in heat waves over the past two years has affected glacier regions around the world, according to Peltó, who first reported his observations in the Yukon to NASA’s Earth Observatory in 2018. Since then, Peltó, a glaciologist on the Science Advisory Board at NASA EO, has shared his findings on the snow line rise and retreat of the Taku Glacier in Alaska, the rapid formation of melt ponds on Eagle Island Ice Cap, and the appearance of snow-free glaciers in winter on Mount Everest caused by record warmth in January.

Throughout his career, Peltó has extensively contributed to the body of knowledge on glaciers and is highly sought after by print and broadcast media for his expertise. The National Geographic article is just the latest publication to feature his research, which has garnered the attention and interest of scientific and mass media news outlets across five continents.



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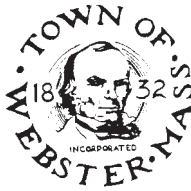
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During flushing operations, you may notice dirty or discolored water. Please do not be alarmed, this is normal and does not pose a health risk. Please check your water before using to avoid this situation.

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

For further information please feel free to contact the Webster Water Department at 508-949-3861.

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Carole Stewart to present Halloween themed Story Time at Oxford Public Library

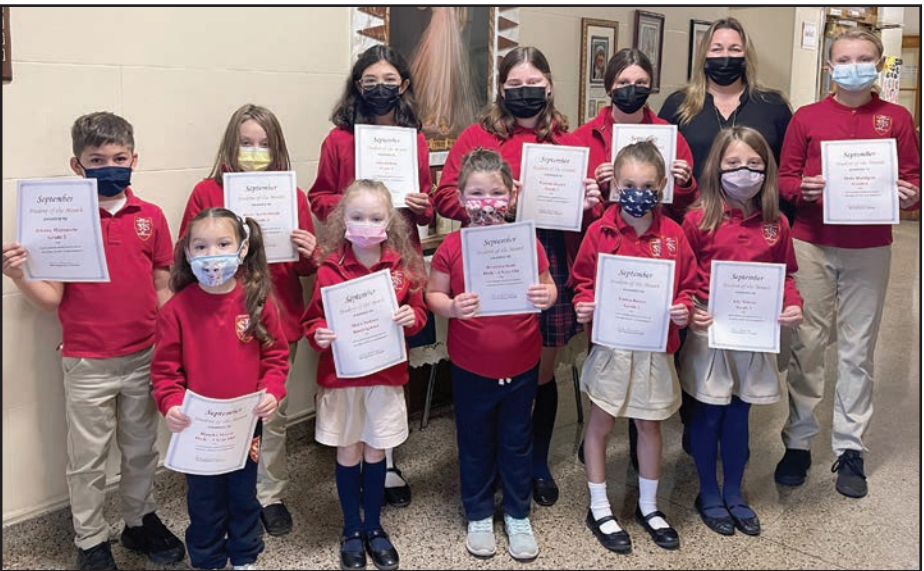
A Charlton resident for over 15 years, Carole Stewart, former Connecticut's "Story Time Lady" along with her companion, "Foxy", will be presenting a special Halloween themed Story Time at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 23 at the Oxford Public Library. The story time is for children ages 3 to 6 years and due to Covid protocols everyone is encouraged to wear masks. Mrs. Stewart was Assistant Children's Librarian at the New Canaan (Conn.) Public Library for over 14 years and after retirement, continued her story time presentations for Day Cares for another 20 years. Along with being a Co-Grand Marshall of New Canaan's annual Halloween parade, she was the recipient of New Canaan School's Youth Service award and a presenter at Norwalk Community College's annual Children's Literature Conference. The event is sponsored by the First Congregational Church of Oxford in conjunction with its 300th Anniversary celebration and its "Give Back to the Community" that has supported it for over 300 years.



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ALL SAINTS ACADEMY SEPTEMBER KNIGHTS OF THE MONTH

The All Saints Academy September Knight of the Month students hold up their certificates proudly.



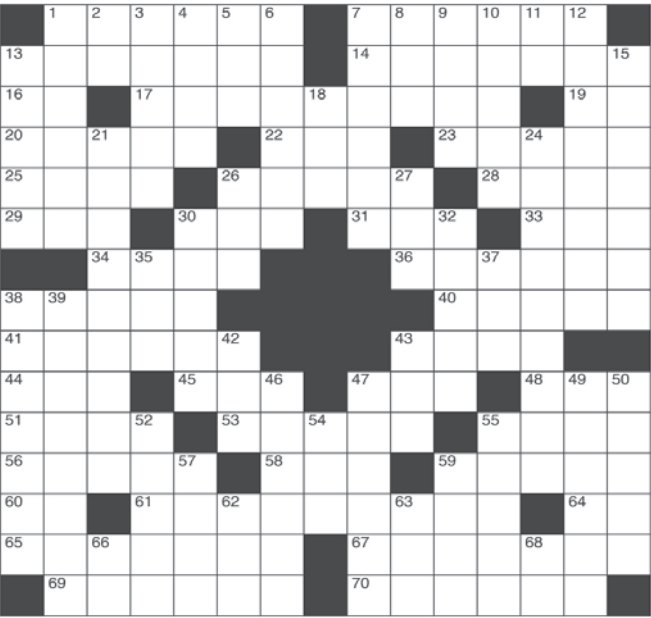
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Exemplifying religion, respect and responsibility, these youngsters were named the September Students of the Month at St. Joseph School.

SEPTEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH AT ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL ANNOUNCED

Congratulations to the following students, who were selected as September Students of the Month at St. Joseph School:
Pre-K 3-year-old: Danyka Mason
Pre-K 4-year-old: Brooklyn Scott
Kindergarten: Maya Jackson
Grade 1: Emma Romeo
Grade 2: Johnny Marcuccio
Grade 3: Lily Martin

Grade 4: Avery Archembault
Grade 5: Jada Jackson
Grade 6: Molly Hachigian
Grade 7: Vanessa Zeglen
Grade 8: Maeve Sullivan
Students are awarded Student of the Month for their outstanding exemplification of Religion, Respect, and Responsibility.
Keep up the great work!

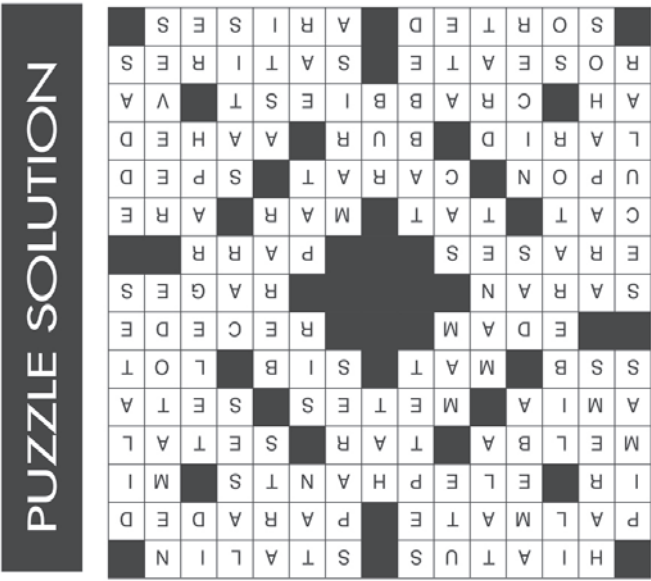


CLUES ACROSS

1. Break
7. Ruled Russia
13. Having several lobes
14. Walked around proudly
16. Atomic #77
17. Largest living land animals
19. The Great Lakes State
20. A type of toast
22. Partner to feather
23. Bristlelike
25. Bowfin
26. Distributes
28. Hairlike structure
29. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
30. Where wrestlers work
31. Blood relation
33. A great deal
34. Round Dutch cheese
36. Move further away from
38. Type of wrap
40. Furies
41. Removes from the record
43. Young salmon
44. Feline
45. Skin decor
47. Disfigure
48. They ____
51. Formal term for "on"
53. Weight of precious stones
55. Traveled rapidly
56. Long-winged aquatic bird
58. Prickly husk
59. Expressed pleasure
60. Exclamation of surprise
61. Most irritable
64. Virginia
65. Optimistic
67. Humorous works
69. Arranged systematically
70. Emerges

CLUES DOWN

1. Wives of a polygamous man
2. Where hurt ballplayers land
3. Single-celled animal
4. Rhythmic pattern
5. One from Utah
6. A group of seven
7. Refrains from inflicting
8. Light brown
9. Humanistic discipline
10. Emits coherent radiation
11. It says who you are
12. Roundworm
13. Group of Native Americans
15. Makes wider
18. Headgear
21. One who sets others free
24. Form of communication
26. A Brit's mother
27. Title of respect
30. Famed modernist painter
32. One-time province of British India
35. Prosecutors
37. Motor vehicle
38. Non-religious
39. Native Americans of Colorado and Wyoming
42. Pouch
43. Touch gently
46. Chose
47. Actress Tomei
49. Former Broncos coach Dan
50. Icelandic poems
52. More decent
54. Grillmasters use it
55. Self-immolation by fire rituals
57. Expression of annoyance
59. ____ Spumante (Italian wine)
62. Consumed
63. Body part
66. Thus
68. Rupee



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OXFORD — Robert J. Morton, president and CEO of bankHometown, announced the start of the bank's annual Neighbors Helping Neighbors fundraising drive for 2021 to help support local food pantries.

This marks the bank's 18th year of hosting the program, which invites bank customers, employees, and members of the community to donate money toward food pantries throughout the month of November. All donations (up to \$2,500 per customer) will be matched dollar for dollar by bankHometown and the total raised will be divided among participating food pantries across Massachusetts and Connecticut in the communities the bank serves.

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"Neighbors Helping Neighbors is a great example of how communities come together to help others in need," said Morton. "bankHometown is proud to lead this annual giving tradition and thankful to our valued customers and employees who selflessly give each year."

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FOOTBALL

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Lucas Lambert sprinted to the end zone from 19 yards out to give the Pirates a commanding 22-0 lead. However, David Prouty was able to answer. The Panthers took over at their own 42 yard-line and just two plays later were able to get on the board. The drive started with a nine-yard completion from quarterback Justin Falletti to wide-out Steven Ceccarini. On the next play, the duo connected for a 49-yard touchdown. Falletti threw a strike across the middle of the field to Ceccarini. The senior wide-out stopped on a dime, spun off a Pirate defender, and took off for the long touchdown. David Prouty was on the board. With 32 seconds left in the half, Oxford led 22-6. Going into the locker room down just two scores with some momentum would've been ideal for the Panthers, but the Pirates had other plans. Moments after the big touchdown, David Prouty booted the kickoff out of bounds and Oxford elected for a re-kick. This turned out

to be the best decision of the game. On the re-kick, junior Brett Morgan corralled the kick near the Panther sideline, took the ball across the field, followed his blockers until he saw only green grass ahead of him. Morgan then sprinted 60 yards to pay dirt. The Pirates converted the two-point conversation and led 30-6 going into the locker room. "Brett, he is a California kid," praised Clarkson. "We got him in the offseason. He was a big surprise and every offseason you hope for a big surprise. This young man is the most respectable, just an outstanding kid. He is a team player, was in the weight room all summer. Brett Morgan is phenomenal; he is a great kid and has been a real plus for us this year." Oxford had a bunch of players contribute offensively. Lambert ran for 61 yards and accounted for two scores, Jordan DeLeon rushed for 74 yards and a score; Robert Fisher scored from eight yards out, and late in the game Jaden Morales scored from 27 and 30 yards out. "It was good to see,"



Quinn Clarkson of Oxford makes an open-field tackle on David Prouty ball carrier Justin Falletti.

Clarkson expressed. "We haven't been able to generate the long runs, we have been wondering where our horses are and they finally came to play tonight. It has been difficult to get these kids to go in the right direction, a lot of dancing in the

backfield instead of moving forward, but tonight that is what we got. We got the kids to play downhill football." Despite the loss for the Panthers, they showed some promise and remain in the hunt for a playoff spot. They are a young



Oxford's Brett Morgan toes the end zone line while catching the ball on a two-point conversion play.

team that is having a hard time staying healthy. The Panthers start six sophomores and one freshman. "We have to be healthy," expressed David Prouty head coach Pat Rossi. "We played our third-string emergency quarterback the whole second half of the game. Our middle linebacker, tight end goes down, our quarterback goes down, our second-string quarterback goes down, and our slot

receivers down. We have just had a band of injuries. When we have the full team we can compete. Unfortunately, all these injuries have led to this outcome. The kids are upset and naturally they should be. They worked hard and fought and I am proud of them for that. We will get back to the drawing board next week and get the W for next week."

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of any age to join in the fun. Masks are required for everyone in the Children's Room over the age of 2 years. Disposable masks will be available.
LEGO Club – Tuesdays from 3:30-4:30 p.m.
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Join Miss Emily Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m. to read books, sing songs, and do rhyme games. Meet other children and caregivers at this community event. After stories, catch up with other community members over a simple craft. This Storytime is best for children 0-5, but all ages

are welcome! Masks are required for everyone in the children's room over the age of 2 years. Disposable masks will be available.
STEAM Kids – Thursdays from 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Join Miss Emily in a weekly STEAM event. That is... Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics! Each week there will be a new project to tackle from slime making and catapult challenges, to board game development and bath bombs. Every week contains some take home element!
These events are best for children 7-12, but siblings are always welcome. Some events may have a limited number of places, in this case children between 7-12 will have preference. Caregivers must remain for the duration of the event. Masks are required for everyone in the children's room over the age of 2 years. Disposable masks will be available.



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David Prouty tops Pirates, moves to tournament play for first time in 10 years



Nick Ethier photos
Oxford's Hailey Filipkowski sends a through-ball pass down the field.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS EDITOR

SPENCER — Now that the regular season has officially concluded for the David Prouty Regional girls' varsity soccer team, the Panthers can celebrate like it's 2011.

That's because, for the first time in 10 years, Prouty is postseason bound. The Panthers defeated Oxford High, 3-1, on Friday, Oct. 15, to wrap up a 14-game season with a record of 8-5-1. They will next compete in the Central Mass. Tournament. After that, an appearance in the Division 5 State Tournament.

"It's an amazing feeling, it really is," David Prouty head coach Derek Blodgett said. "I've been here for a while and in my first season we missed playoffs by I

think a point and ever since then we've only been a three-win, four-win team.

"I think [the girls] expected themselves to get here. I think it will hit them more when they get to practice and find out who we're playing, but they're definitely excited," he continued.

Oxford head coach Colby Harvey gave praise to the Prouty program and the coaching of Blodgett, his cousin.

"Derek's done a wonderful job. He really just changed their system," said Harvey.

The Panthers raced out to a 1-0 lead in the game's 15th minute. There, Ayla Messier had a nice throw-in, which got to teammate Olivia Pepin. From there, Pepin sent a pass down to Olivia Charette. At that point Charette took a hard shot on net, which was saved nicely by Oxford keeper Jenna Katsoulis. But the rebound found the foot of the Panthers' Eliana Barnett, and she deposited the ball in for the goal.

David Prouty then employed its team speed to a T for the next two goals, as they grabbed a 3-0 lead at the halftime break.

First, in the 38th minute, Gabby Soter sent a long pass that was tracked down by Angelyna Latour. She then lifted a high shot that grazed off Katsoulis' fingertips and into the net.

Moments later, Soter — again — sent a long pass down the field. This pass caught a hard-charging Barnett in stride and she did the rest, taking a shot that Katsoulis got a piece of, but produced enough momentum to get in the net for her 11th goal of the season.

"All three goals she made the save," Harvey said of Katsoulis' play, of which she made 13 saves — some of the spectacular variety. "They scored on the



Keeper Jenna Katsoulis of Oxford reacts and makes a point-blank save on a shot taken by David Prouty's Olivia Charette.

second rebound and defensively we've got to clear that up. And we did in the second half."

One example that proved Harvey correct was early in the second half when Pepin took a shot on net, which was saved by Katsoulis. The rebound then trickled down toward the goal line, but Oxford defender Paige Reynolds was there to kick the ball out of harm's way.

Reynolds' heads-up play is fitting, as she is the team's backup keeper. But, as an eighth grader, she has only played one game in net thus far.

The Pirates never quit and continued trying to make the deficit closer. Prouty keeper Jocelyn LaMonda (10 saves) kept Oxford off the scoresheet, though.

That was until the 77th minute, when Oxford's Alana Purretta fed a pass to Ellie Makowiecki. Makowiecki then

made a quick turnaround with the ball and fired off a high shot that got over the reach of LaMonda.

"Oxford works really hard, and they did a good job holding us," Blodgett said of Oxford's effort.

"We've definitely grown over the season," Harvey said after his team dropped to 2-9. "We had a lot of injuries early. We're led by 13 girls that are either sophomores, freshmen or eighth graders. We're developing. They never quit."

Despite the Pirates' late desperation, the final whistle finally sounded and Blodgett is excited for his team to embark on their second season — the postseason. "I really think that we have a squad that if they can stay focused and committed, we can make a really good run this year," Blodgett concluded.

Positives taken for Shepherd Hill and Tantasqua, as Rams edge Warriors

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS EDITOR

DUDLEY — Not often can two high school boys' varsity soccer teams engage in a spirited, physical game that had a postseason-like feel to it and both sides walk away pleased and optimistic, but such was the case at Carmignani Memorial Field on Thursday evening, Oct. 14 following Shepherd Hill Regional edging Tantasqua Regional, 1-0.

The Rams and Warriors employ strong teams and, as regular season play winds down, both clubs are preparing for runs in the upcoming Central Mass. and State Tournaments.

"We want the momentum. We've had a few ties in a row, so we're hoping to end on a good note," said Shepherd Hill head coach Tim Cormier following the victory. "It's a grind and we'll be battle tested for the postseason. That's what I'm happy about."

Following their win versus Tantasqua, the Rams ended the regular season by defeating North Middlesex Regional, 4-1, two days later to finish 10-2-2. The Hill will now play in the Central Mass. Division 1 Tournament, followed by a Division 2 bid in States.

"As a sports fan, I'm excited for postseason ball for this club. Just to be able to experience it," said Cormier. "I'm actually excited to be in D1 to get a crack at those teams."

To defeat the Warriors, it took a goal scored in the 25th minute by Shepherd Hill's Dan Gronek that made all the difference. Teammate Jack Barrows sent a pass down the field that Gronek and a Tantasqua defender battled for. Gronek got a step on the defender and was off to the races.

"I saw the keeper coming out. I took a touch...with my right. I knew I could get there first...just enough," Gronek said of the goal-scoring play. "With the balance I had left [I shot] lefty and it went in the net."

"He's got tremendous pace and very good instincts," Cormier said of Gronek reading the play and knowing that Warriors' keeper Braylon Casinghino (seven saves) was approaching the ball. "He's smart and we try to feed him as much as possible up there."

Tantasqua head coach Matt Guertin also gave credit to Gronek on the scoring play.

"Right place, right time and a nice little one-two," Guertin said. "That was a great play."

Guertin was pleased with his team's



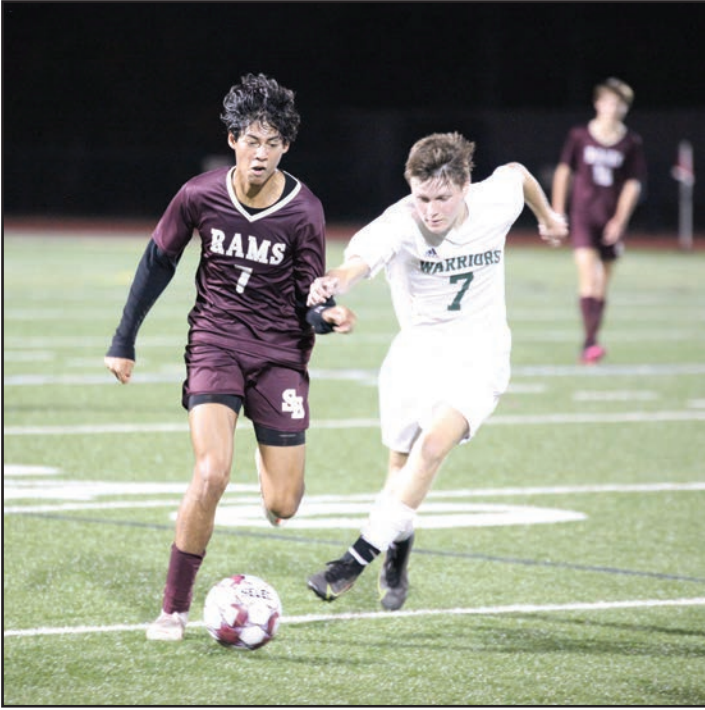
On the game's lone scoring play, Dan Gronek of Shepherd Hill touches the ball past sliding Tantasqua keeper Braylon Casinghino and finishes a shot into the empty net.



Nick Ethier photos
Shepherd Hill's Cal Hopkins watches after sending a booming kick down the field.

effort, though, especially with numerous regulars — "at least three" — not in the lineup to rest up and heal injuries.

"We had guys in positions they hadn't played all season," explained Guertin. "I'm glad the guys came out and fought



From left, Shepherd Hill's Jacob Luke and Tantasqua's Trevor Harris battle for possession of the ball.

hard. I thought we owned the last 15 to 20 minutes and had some chances."

Tantasqua did indeed have its chances, but Shepherd Hill keeper Ryan Davis was in position to make all six shots sent his way, five coming in the second half.

The Warriors finished the regular season 11-2-1 and are now ready for the Central Mass. Division 1 Tournament, following by a Division 3 State appearance.

"I'm very proud of this team. I'm hoping we can make some more things happen," Guertin said.

Gators earn SWCL Golf Team Championship; Millbury's Sousa top individual

LEICESTER — On Tuesday, Oct. 12, Leicester Country Club played host to the Southern Worcester County League Golf Championship. There, Grafton High prevailed as the team champion, edging Millbury High.

Both the Gators' and Woolies' top four golfers combined to shoot 315, but the tiebreaker came on the fifth golfer,

where Grafton's was lower.

The team results are as follows:

1. Grafton, 315 (396)
2. Millbury, 315 (413)
3. Auburn, 330
4. Tantasqua, 337
5. Uxbridge, 359
6. Northbridge, 370
7. Quaboag, 386

8. Leicester, 388
9. David Prouty, 407
10. Oxford, 411
11. Bartlett, 424

The top 10 individuals are as follows:

1. Nathan Sousa, Millbury, 76
2. Ryan Schiappa, Grafton, 77
3. Will Piett, Northbridge, 78
4. Dominic Maynard, Grafton, 79

4. Mark Monfreda, Millbury, 79
4. Nick Viens, Grafton, 79
7. Carter Burnett, Grafton, 80
7. Blake Samuelson, Millbury, 80
7. Jaden Palumbo, Millbury, 80
7. Cooper C'Miel, Auburn, 80

Pioneers narrowly defeat Oxford in volleyball contest



Nick Ethier photos
Oxford's Angelina Steiger makes a play on the ball versus Southbridge.

OXFORD — The Southbridge High and Oxford High varsity volleyball teams entertained the crowd back on Wednesday, Oct. 13, in a close matchup. The Pioneers ultimately prevailed, 3 sets to 1, with set scores finishing at 28-26,



Jailyn Wariebl of Oxford focuses on the ball before pushing it back over the net.

17-25, 25-21, 26-24. The Pirates led for much of the first set until Southbridge took its first lead, 16-15. Both teams battled and had numerous chances to close the game out until the Pioneers did so, 28-26. In the second set, Oxford took an 18-17 lead and scored the final seven points to knot the match-

up at 1-1. But Southbridge found a way to win the final two sets in close fashion, winning the match and improving to 5-10 in the process. For the Pioneers, standout performances were turned in by Wildelys Oquendo (6 assists, 4 kills), Luis Rivera (7 aces) and Jey Oquendo (4 aces, 2 kills).



Oxford's Makaela Robinson focuses while serving the ball.

Oxford is now 2-12 and Robinson, Bryanna they honored its five Anderson, Jackie seniors before the match. Geragonis and Jelixsa The seniors included Burgos. Emma Goyette, Makaela

Mohegan Bowl fall leagues, week ending Oct. 17

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Division 2: Shirley Smith 154, Kristine Russell 151
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Single — Ryan Pelletier 157, DJ Devish 120, Tom Smith 114, Diane Levesque 117, Erin Van Dam 106, June Carpenter 98
Series — Ryan Pelletier 402, Alan Perreault 312, Joe Pranaitis 307, Diane Levesque 320, June Carpenter 277, Erin Van Dam 275
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Division 2: Todd Fischer 548, Robin Altiery 470

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Come join the Oxford Woman's Club to help the community

The Oxford Woman's Club has been responsible for providing three scholarships for college-bound students from Oxford every year. We accomplish this goal each year by having pasta and meatball suppers, providing the band "Don't Tell Dan" at the town Gazebo, and by decorating many different themed baskets offered by purchasing chances.

Our monthly meetings feature

informative and enjoyable speakers. We participate in monthly Community Service Projects, helping support the Senior Center, providing school supplies for the local schools, Socks for Vets, the Oxford Food Shelf, contributing to the town Dog Park, donations to the diabetic camps, both Clara Barton and Joslin, and helping toward providing free family passes to Museums at the Free Public Library.

Our meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at the Senior Center behind the Town Hall. Our next meeting will be Nov. 2 at 7 p.m. The program will be Dangers of Victorian Fashion, the Service Project will be donating to the Oxford Food Shelf.

Come join us and make a positive impact in our community. Contact Paula Parker at (508) 987-2804 or phpparker1951@gmail.com.

It's Giving Tree time: Webster, Dudley residents asked to sign up if in need

If you live in Webster or Dudley and need help getting Santa to your house, sign up for the Giving Tree. If your child is 12 years old or younger and lives with you, you are eligible to sign up. Sign up will be on Oct. 21, 26, and 28, and Nov. 2, 4, 9, 11, 16 and 18 from 9 to 11 a.m., no appointment necessary. Please follow posted signs at Food Share for place. This year we will have evening hours from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Mondays, Oct. 25 and Nov. 1, 8 and 15 in the church office. You must bring the child's Birth Certificate

in order to sign up and your ID to pick up. No exceptions. First come, first served, available until our limit is reached.

We are once again attempting to allow people to sign up on-line. If you would like to register your child on-line, please email websterdudleygivingtree@gmail.com and you will receive information on what is needed to register your child(ren).

Gifts will be available for pick-up on Dec. 16 and 21 in the same place from 9 to 11:00 a.m. and Dec.

20 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Sign up and pick up will take place at United Church of Christ, Federated, 4 Church Street in Webster. UCC, Fed. is located across the street from the Town Hall parking lot.

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EDITORIAL

Why do people enjoy being scared?

With Halloween just around the corner, scary movies, goblins, monsters and all things Freddy and Jason are re-surfacing as they do each year. One of the scariest novels by far is Stephen King's IT.

When this Editor was in High School, an attempt to read the original 1,138 page novel did not go so well. Being far to scared by Chapter Three, the book, was closed and has been collecting dust since. An avid reader of Dean Koontz, the thought of reading IT didn't seem so scary, but I digress.

When the film was released in 2016, this Editor, took another stab (see what I did there) at the story, this time via motion picture. It was not scary, maybe a 20 plus year gap between the attempt to read the novel and see the film played a role in that. Disturbing, yes, but not scary.

This brings us to Bangor, Maine, the home of Stephen King. The trip from New Hampshire and into Maine was vast, with winding roads and houses scattered far apart. Small towns were passed and if you blinked, you would miss them. Farm stands and old farm houses lined the roads and we could see why it would be the perfect place for an author to relax their minds, and get creative.

The interest to go and see Stephen King's home wasn't planned, it was more of a, 'since we're here' type of situation. The downtown area was quaint and had less people than one would think on a Sunday, sunny morning. King's home was located just about a mile from the downtown area.

Anyone with any knowledge of the famous author could pick his house out right away. Red balloons were seen swinging and bobbing from the tall black gates, with iron cobwebs and a bat at the top. Our guess is that the balloons were placed by enthusiastic fans, however a closer look and one will notice a red balloon inside the home, peeking from a window. Thank you Stephen, for playing along. King is said to be the best horror writer of all time. Before him, Bram Stoker who wrote Dracula in 1897 was the one to read for a good scare. A story about the Dracula Festival in Whitby, England, I'll save for next week.

A conversation with the Editor in Chief for Salmon Press, brought us the knowledge that King, was working as an Associate Professor of English at the University of Maine, barely making ends meet, when his wife rescued the manuscript for 'Carrie' from the trash and sent it to Viking, his original publisher. The rest is history.

So brought forth the question, 'Why do people like being scared?'. Human beings have been telling ghost stories and doing other fear producing things, such as jumping from cliffs or entering haunted houses since the dawn of time, but why? There are some people who abhor being scared and those who love nothing more. Horror has become, fun and a major pillar of the entertainment world.

Experts say there is a rush from the fight or flight response. This happens when a person feels threatened. That natural high can leave some people feeling great. The Excitation-Transfer Theory could play a role as well. This is when a group experiences extreme emotions together, which can build stronger relationships. The oxytocin released tends to make those moments more prevalent in our brains. There is also the Reward Pathway Theory, in which the brain thinks you're in danger while watching a scary movie or reading a horror novel. When the story is over, your brain 'likes' not being scared, therefore provides a reward.

VIEWPOINT

Keep death always before you

Death is all around us, even though we often try to ignore it. Whether natural disasters like we've seen over the past months in our country or long-term illnesses to which people succumb. And then we have this ongoing pandemic. Every day we can read about accidents and tragedies happening around the world. I had three recent funerals for people from ages 26 to 91. Death — the great, unwanted and often unexpected guest that looms over our entire lives. It can come at any time and take any one of us.

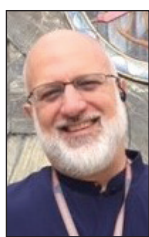
Death, on one hand, is the most fundamental reality of our lives. From the moment we're born, we know we're going to die. Yet as obvious as this fact is, how many of us choose to ignore this harsh reality and focus our lives only on the here and now? Many won't want to read this article because the topic of death is too morbid and depressing.

Yet death isn't an uncomfortable topic if we meditate on it from a Christian perspective.

Jesus Christ talked openly to His followers about death as well as the end times. "Be vigilant and ready... for no one knows the day or hour when the end will come [or when our death will come], but it will be like in the time of Noah. In those days before the Flood, people were enjoying themselves with parties and weddings, eating, drinking and not thinking of anything else." The end will come like lightening across the sky — suddenly, unexpectedly.

Don't be deceived into thinking that we will live a long life. I hope we all live long lives but reality shows something different. Every week in my church I pray for literally hundreds of people who have deceased. When I do this, I'm reminded that death shows no partiality but takes people of all ages. We all realize this, yet, somehow we listen to the quiet deception of Satan, when he whispers in our ears that we have plenty of time. He tells us to focus only on the here and now. "Don't think about death now," he seductively whispers, "you have time!"

Contrary to this atti-



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tude, our Lord Jesus states the opposite, "Be vigilant and ready now!" St. Paul listened to this advice and encouraged the early Christians to not only be prepared for death but even to look forward to the end. He often concluded his letters to the early churches by saying, "Come quickly Lord Jesus." The Fathers of the Church kept this spirit alive by repeating the command, "Keep death always before you."

Now, to be vigilant and ready and to keep death always before you is not gloomy advice! It is sound counsel for the most basic reality in our lives. If we are waiting for our Lord to come and if we are waiting for the possibility of death itself each day, how differently we would live our lives? The thought of death would not paralyze us and lead us to live in fear and dread. No! When the saints reflected on death, they emphasized two things — the joy of meeting Jesus Christ face to face as well as the need for us to be attentive and live life now with an eternal perspective.

We must realize that many of our pursuits for the comforts and pleasures of this world — much that seems so important in our lives today — are all temporary. Our daily passions and concerns will quickly pass away, and what will remain? The thought of death radically helps us change our view of what is truly important in life!

When we keep the thought of death in front of us, many things that seem so important and urgent diminish in significance. Ultimately, "How eternally important is it if the Red Sox win the World Series? How eternally important is it if Mac Jones plays well with the Patriots? How will your excuse to skip worshipping our Lord on Sunday in order to rest or play golf look from the perspective of God?"

Now, I didn't say there was anything wrong with watching the Red Sox or Patriots, or play-

ing golf or occupying yourself with other hobbies. I'm simply raising the significant question, "At the end of our lives, when we stand before our Lord face to face, how important will these things truly appear?"

The constant thought of death changes our perspective on many things and leads us to reflect on the existential questions of our being: Why am I here? What is the purpose of my life? How can I fulfill my potential as a child of God? When we pursue these answers, what is superficial will slowly wane away.

One of the most fundamental changes in our perspective will be the way we await death itself. From a healthy Christian perspective, death becomes something we no longer fear but joyously accept whenever it comes. Jesus Christ proclaimed, "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die... Whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life."

Always remember, if we are united with our Lord now, death will only be a door for a greater union with Him! That is why St. Paul could boldly state, "For me to live is Christ and to die is gain."

The thought of death can be a great teacher. Reflecting on death reminds us of how short life actually is and how we must take care to live these brief years on earth with a focus on eternity. Death reminds us that only a life of love, only a life of service to others, only a life of sacrifice for the other can prepare us for our ultimate end.

Natural disasters, wars and violence, illnesses and accidents, whatever the cause, we need not be afraid of death when it comes. As St. John the Theologian says, "Perfect love casts out all fear." Cultivating such a focus on lives of love will lead us to say with the Apostle Paul, "O Death, where is your victory? O Death, where is your sting? I am ready. Come quickly, Lord Jesus!"

Safety tips for upcoming "Trick or Treat" in Dudley



CHIEF'S CORNER

STEVE WOJNAR

"Trick or Treat" in Dudley is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 31 from 5 to 7 p.m. With the COVID-19 shutdown last year, it will be nice to see this fun holiday back in business. I wanted to remind everyone participating in this activity of some important safety tips.

It is important to remember to have

plenty of illumination when out at night. Carry a flashlight and use reflective tape on costumes, especially those that are dark in color. Adjust any mask or hood in such a way to maintain clear vision. This will not only protect you from cars, but also limit accidents on unfamiliar property. It is unsafe to walk in a location which is unknown and not well lit. There could be hazard spots present which can cause an accident or injury. Also, stay on the sidewalks and away from traffic. If there are no sidewalks, walk along the road shoulder facing traffic. Never go out alone. Younger kids should always be accompanied by an adult. Older children, not accompanied by an adult, should be in a group and inform their families where they will always be. Since most people have access to a cell phone, keeping in contact should not be an issue. Children should never enter any home when they do not know the person. Wait outside and let the people bring the items to the door.

All candy must be inspected by an adult before the kids "dig in." Accept only wrapped items and reject anything such as fruit or loose candy. If there is even a slight possibility of candy having been tampered with, discard it. There will certainly be enough left for everyone to enjoy. The evening is designed to be fun for children. Officers will be out during these times assisting everyone in having a happy and safe Halloween.

Finally, remember to respect those homeowners who do not participate in the holiday or may have run out of candy. A home without outside lights on can be a good indicator of one of these circumstances. Try to avoid these locations out of respect for their privacy. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with these tips and try to keep this a fun and safe night.

As a reminder, on Saturday, Oct. 23 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Dudley Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will conduct another prescription drug "Take Back" event. The public can safely dispose of expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. The service is free and anonymous. During our previous events, large quantities of prescription medications were taken in. In addition, a needle drop box will also be available for those who need to safely dispose of medical sharps. Several communities in our area will also be participating in this event. If you are not from Dudley, check with your local police for a participating location near you. I encourage everyone to mark their calendars and take advantage of this opportunity.

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

Mass Cultural Council extends local grant application deadline

To the Editor:

The Community Initiative Team at Mass Cultural Council has received feedback from LCCs and applicants regarding challenges associated with navigating the Agency's new grants management system.

To be sure that applicants have the

best chance of applying for an LCC grant, we have decided to extend the FY22 LCC deadline to Nov. 1, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. (ET).

Thank you,

MARY KUNKEL, SECRETARY,
DUDLEY CULTURAL COUNCIL

Latest antique and auction news

There've been some interesting stories from the antique and auction world since my last column. Here are some of the latest.

Artwork by Muhammed Ali recently hit the auction block here in the U.S. In early October, 28 pieces painted by the former Heavyweight champ owned by his friend Rodney Hilton Brown were sold, according to CBS news.

"I had taken over a failing



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art gallery in Soho, and I was looking for a world class famous figure that could paint some paintings that we could make limited edition prints of and sell," Brown said.

Ali agreed to help his friend and created paintings that were sold in Brown's gallery. Some of the subjects of Ali's paintings were religion, war, social justice and, of course, boxing. The collection sold for nearly \$1 million and "Sting like a Bee,"



which depicts Ali in the ring with his arms raised over an opponent sold for \$425,312.



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This antique and antique story comes from across the Turn To **ANTIQUES** page **A11**

Fall has arrived

Summer is over and fall has arrived with all of the colors and cool temperatures that only New Englanders are able to enjoy year after year. Bow hunting for deer opened this past Monday in Mass., but not all archers are able to enjoy hunting with a crossbow. Many sportsmen prefer to hunt with their compound bows and recurve bows, but for many that had hoped to hunt this year with a crossbow, will need to wait a bit longer. Passing new hunting regulations in Mass. is not easy! Not all bow hunters have the skills needed to hunt with traditional bows, and passing a crossbow bill for any hunter that would like to use one would increase recovery of many deer, that would otherwise be lost. Maybe next year!!!

The high population of whitetail deer in Mass. should make for a great hunting season and put plenty of venison on the table for many families. With the high price of meat at the grocery stores this year the venison will be a welcomed addition to the freezer for the coming winter months. Wild turkeys also opened to hunting this past Monday, and their populations remain high. Many families prefer wild animals to eat, and are much healthier to eat than farm raised meats. Coyotes are causing more concerns among the local community, as daily sightings of them are reported. Keeping a sharp



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eye on your pets needs to be practiced, especially small pets.

Ticks are also being observed on pets and hunting dogs. One local bird hunter reported taking numerous ticks from his dog after each daily hunting trip. Keeping your dog on NexGuard or some other medication to keep your pet healthy needs to be practiced. They are not cheap, but owning a dog is not cheap, but they are worth every penny.

Trout fishing has been providing many anglers with some great action on the recently stocked trout in the Central District. Numerus anglers reported catching some 15- and 16-inch rainbow trout at Wallum Lake and Webster Lake last week. Reports of trout being stocked on some of the major rivers this year was good news. Many rivers have much higher water than in previous years, making the water suitable for holding trout. The Cape ponds are also providing some excellent trout fishing in uncrowded conditions. Go to the Mass. fishhunt website for a complete list of stockings to date.

A few local anglers returned home from a fishing trip on the Salmon River in Pulaski, N.Y. Unfortunately, the fishing was very slow because of the warm water and lack of rainfall. The recent cool temperatures should change all that by the time you read this column and fishing should improve dramatically.



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Tautog fishing remains strong in Mass. and Rhode Island with many fish in the 5-to-8-pound class being caught. The limit of tautog was increased to five fish per angler last Friday, but only if you are on a party boat. Anglers that have their own private boat in Rhode Island, can only take 10 fish daily, if more than two anglers are in the boat. The recreational guy that has his own boat gets hit again. What is it? They do not like the recreational guy? They like our money!

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It's Soup Season

A pot of homemade soup simmering on the stove fills the house with flavorful scents, and the spirit with fond sentiments. Many a long, cold New England winter has been cheered by bowls of soup that warm both body and soul. From crock pot stews that cook during the workday to weekend soups that taste better reheated, soups and stews are a favorite comfort food for all generations. Read on for some delicious soup and stew recipes to try this season as we gear up for the colder months.



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Old Fashioned Chicken Soup
Every family needs a good chicken soup recipe to whip up at the first sign of sniffles. This one is easy and effective, not to mention delicious!

Ingredients: Carcass of whole chicken (with some meat attached); five cut carrots; four stalks celery, sliced; one large onion, chopped; egg noodles; chicken bullion; dash of poultry seasoning; salt, pepper, parsley.

Directions: Place the chicken in a large soup pot and cover with cold water. Heat and simmer; uncovered, until the meat easily pulls off bones. Take carcass out and pick off meat return chicken meat to pot. Add carrots, onion, celery, poultry seasoning, and chicken bullion to taste. Bring to a boil, then simmer until carrots are tender. Add precooked egg noodles and season with salt, pepper and parsley. Tip: For convenience, use a pre-cooked roasted chick-

en from the supermarket.

Broccoli and Cheese Soup
This thick, rich soup is a clone of a favorite served at a nationwide chain restaurant. The good news is it takes little time and effort to clone the popular appetizer at home!

Ingredients: four cups chicken broth; one cup water; one cup half and half; four slices American cheese; one half cup all-purpose flour; one half teaspoon dried minced onion; one quarter teaspoon ground black pepper; four cups broccoli florets (bite-size). **Garnish:** one half cup shredded cheddar cheese; two teaspoons minced fresh parsley.

Directions: Combine chicken broth, water, half and half, cheese, flour, onion and pepper in a large saucepan. Whisk to combine and to break up any lumps of flour; then turn heat to medium high. Bring soup to a boil, then reduce heat to low. Add broccoli to soup and simmer for 15 to 20 minutes or until broccoli is tender but not soft. For each serving spoon one cup of soup into a bowl and garnish with a tablespoon of shredded cheese and a pinch of parsley.

Classic Crock

Pot Beef Stew
Beef Stew is the ultimate comfort food, and the crock pot is one of the best ways to make a tender, delicious stew. This recipe uses tapioca as a thickener. This addition saves the cook the step of mixing up a gravy after the meat has cooked.

Ingredients: three carrots, cut; three potatoes, cut; two pounds beef chuck or stew meat, in 1-½” cubes, one cup beef stock, one pkg. beefy onion soup mix, three tbs. tapioca, one tsp. Worcestershire sauce, one garlic clove, one bay leaf, one tsp. paprika, one celery stalk, cut up, onions to taste, salt and pepper to taste.

Directions: Put all in a crockpot, stir to mix spices. Cover and cook for 10 hours on low or five to six hours on high. **Note:** You may want to add a little more broth for your desired consistency.

Butternut Squash Bisque
This hearty recipe uses fresh butternut squash and apple cider for a blend of savory and sweet.

Ingredients: one tablespoon olive oil; one-half large onion, diced; one-half large carrot, diced; one stalk celery, diced; one pound butternut squash, peeled, seeded and diced; two sprigs fresh thyme, rinsed; five cups chicken stock or canned chicken broth; two cups apple cider; two cups heavy cream, or half cream half chicken stock (optional); Salt and black pepper, to taste.

Directions: Heat the oil

in a large pot and sauté the onion, carrot, and celery until the carrot and celery are soft and the onion is translucent, about five minutes. Add the squash and thyme and sauté until all of the vegetables are coated with oil, about two minutes. Add the stock and the two cups of cider and simmer until the squash is very soft, about 30 minutes. Remove from heat. Puree the mixture, in small batches, in a blender on medium speed until smooth and well blended. Place the pureed mixture into another pot and stir in either the cream or stock to achieve the desired consistency. Add the salt and black pepper. Heat gently and serve. **Note:** When heating this soup, be careful not to overcook it to retain its sweet and savory flavor.

Slow Cooker Minestrone
Brimming with flavor, this soup cooks itself while you're at work.

Ingredients: two quarts cold water; two to three pounds beef sirloin or top round; one medium

onion, diced; three carrots, diced; two celery stalks, sliced; two (28 ounces) cans crushed tomatoes; three teaspoons salt; one cup shredded cabbage; one (16 ounce) can garbanzo (chi chi) beans; two tablespoons chopped fresh parsley; one-half cup barley; three teaspoons chopped fresh basil; one garlic clove, minced; one teaspoon dried oregano; two zucchini, sliced; two (10 ounces each) packages frozen mixed vegetables; one cup uncooked spaghetti; Parmesan or Romano cheese.

Directions: Add all ingredients through oregano to slow cooker. Cover and cook on low/med setting for seven to eight hours. Remove meat from bones and return to stockpot. Discard bones. Stir in uncooked spaghetti, sliced zucchini, frozen mixed vegetables. Cook covered on high for one hour.

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

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

ANTIQUES

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pond. Collector plates typically have little value, but an antique plate that was tucked away in a Scottish woman's closet fetched a small fortune at auction recently. The British "Mirror" newspaper reported that the "the 16th century plate bear[s] a biblical scene by Italian artist Nicola da Urbino." The majolica plate of Samson and Delilah was said to have been tucked away in the back of a drawer and forgotten about. It had a preauction estimate of £80,000 (approximately \$110,000 U.S.) to £120,000 (approximately \$165,000 U.S.). It sold for ten times expectations at £1.2 million (\$1.7 million U.S.).

A badly deteriorated portrait of French and Polish composer and pianist Frédéric Chopin recently made news when the owner had it appraised after owning it for 30 years. NPR referred to Chopin as a "matchless genius in the realm of keyboard music." A man purchased the painting of Chopin at a Polish flea market approximately 30 years ago, according to the New York Post. The painting was reported to have been painted during Chopin's life in the 18th Century. After hanging on the buyer's wall since the 1990s, financial concerns caused the owner to get the paint-

ing appraised. Dariusz Markowski, an art restoration expert and Nicolaus Copernicus University professor didn't reveal the appraised value but told the AP "it has significant historic and emotional value."

The Polish Press Agency's "First News" additionally reported that an unsigned portrait of Mozart sold for £4.4 million at a Paris auction in 2018. They also stated that "when the current owner discovered the true value of the small oil on canvas he was so astonished he crashed his car into a ditch." I hope you stay safe when you are on the hunt for treasures.

Our next multi-estate online auction will begin soon, and I will have more information about it in my next column. I'll be presenting on antiques and collectibles at FinnFunn Weekend in Troy, NH on Saturday, Oct. 30. My antiques night class takes place Nov. 10 at Bay Path Evening School in Charlton. I'll be appraising items virtually for the Townsend, MA Historical Society on Nov. 13. Please visit our website for more details on upcoming events: <https://centralmassauctions.com>

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Friday's Child

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**Aaliyah
Age 15**

Hi! My name is Aaliyah and I like to help those in need!

Aaliyah is an intelligent, kind, and loving teenage girl of Cape Verdean and Lebanese descent. Her favorite activities include riding bikes, playing basketball, and playing volleyball. Those who know her best describe her as responsible and ambitious. She often talks about wanting to go to college and about possibly becoming an actress. Aaliyah is very creative and likes to make Tik Tok videos. She loves to watch movies, especially scary movies.

Aaliyah is incredibly smart and loves school and learning. This academic year, she received several awards for excellence in her academic performance and positive behaviors in class.

Legally freed for adoption, Aaliyah has the potential to thrive in a family that can provide her with emotional support and structure in her everyday life. Aaliyah should be placed with a mother and a father or two mothers, with or without other children in the home. Aaliyah will need to maintain contact with her birth parents per an Open Adoption Agreement, which calls for several in-person visits a year. In addition, she is very close with two of her brothers and it is important to her that these relationships continue.

Who Can Adopt?

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

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

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

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OBITUARIES

Carol A. Tokarz, 89



Carol A. Tokarz of Wappingers Falls entered into rest surrounded by her family on Monday, October 11, 2021 at ArchCare at Ferncliff Nursing Home in Rhinebeck. She was 89. Daughter of the late Myron and Ruby England Dunham, she was born on December 20, 1931 in Toledo, OH. She married the love of her life, Louis Tokarz, Jr., on March 31, 1959 at St. Joseph's Church in Bay City, MI; Mr. Tokarz survives at home in Wappingers Falls. Carol worked as a special education teacher in the Wappingers Central School District for many years, until her retirement in 1991. She was a member of the Wappingers Congress of Teachers and Wappingers Congress of Retired Teachers. She was also a member and officer of NYSSpecialEducators Association, Dutchess County Chapter. In her spare time, Carol was heavily involved as a longtime member of the St. Mary's, Wappingers Falls community. She was a Eucharistic minister in the Church, an active member of the St. Mary's Mothers' Guild while her children were students in the school and a member of Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Queen of Peace. In addition to her husband, she is sur-

vived by her sons, Michael and his wife, Mary of Poughkeepsie, Mark and his wife, Dorice of Hopewell Junction, Steven of Southbridge, MA and Lawrence and his wife, Kathleen of Webster, MA; brothers, Russell Dunham and Steven Dunham; sister, Anne Dunham and her husband, Terry Hunefeld; grandchildren, Lauralyn, Jeffrey, Staci, Jonathan, Kristen, Stephanie, Ashley, Holly, Joseph and Jordan; great-grandchildren, Hailee, Derek, Doni, Madelynn, Connor and Paisley; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her brother, Richard Dunham. Family received friends on Thursday, October 14, 2021 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Straub, Catalano & Halvey Funeral Home, 55 E. Main Street, Wappingers Falls, New York 12590. A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Friday, October 15, 2021 at 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Church, Clinton Street in Wappingers Falls. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Knights of Columbus, Council #1646 or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, www.stjude.org. For directions or to send a personal condolence, please visit www.StraubCatalanoHalvey.com.

James "Rosey" P. Rosenquist, 60



OXFORD – James "Rosey" P. Rosenquist, 60, died suddenly on Monday, October 11, 2021, in his home. He is survived by two daughters, Heather L. Rosenquist and her husband Michael Mills of Oxford, and Heidi R. Rosenquist of Southbridge; two brothers, Donald D. Rosenquist and Erik C. Rosenquist; two sisters, Dorothy J. Carlson and Holly J. Levasseur; his former wife, Rhonda L. (Hallberg) Rosenquist of Auburn; his bonus grandson, Riley J. Mills of Oxford; and many nieces, nephews, and friends. He was predeceased by a brother, Thomas Rosenquist, who died in 1988. He was born in Worcester, son of the late Donald H. and Dorothy J. (Dudley) Rosenquist, and lived most of his life in Oxford. He graduated from

Oxford High School in 1979. James worked at Westborough State Hospital for over two decades. He was a jack-of-all-trades and an entrepreneur, starting his own roofing company amongst other businesses. He loved the outdoors, fishing and camping, enjoyed watching hummingbirds and collecting all types of items-especially trucks. He will be remembered for his great sense of humor and the way he made people laugh. He was very social, loved by many, and was willing to help anyone in need. Memorial calling hours are Friday, October 22, 2021, from 4-8 p.m. at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. Because of James' love of animals, in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Oxford Animal Control, mailed to Oxford Town Hall at 325 Main Street, Oxford, MA 01540.

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LEGALS

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 Scott Roseen and Karen Roseen to Household Finance Corporation II, dated April 1, 2003 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 29550, Page 155 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage DLJ Mortgage Capital, Inc. is the present holder by Assignment from Household Finance Corporation II to U.S. Bank Trust, N.A. as trustee for LSF8 Master participation Trust dated September 11, 2014 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 52797, Page 325, and Assignment from U.S. Bank Trust, N.A. as trustee for LSF8 Master participation Trust to DLJ Mortgage Capital, Inc. dated April 3, 2017 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 61008, Page 371, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 11 Dalessandro Avenue a/k/a 11 D'Alessandro Avenue, Dudley, MA 01571 will be sold at a Public Auction at 1:00 PM on November 3, 2021, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit: The land with the buildings thereon of every nature and description and all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, situated on the westerly side of D'Alessandro Avenue, in Dudley, Worcester County, Massachusetts, and being Lot #15 on Plan of Lots surveyed for Stanley Deren et al, Dudley, Mass., dated August 28, 1952, drawn by Henry A. Racicot, Engr., and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 184, Plan 13, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the southeasterly corner thereof, at a stake on the westerly line of said D'Alessandro Avenue, said stake being at the northeasterly corner of Lot #16 as shown on the aforesaid Plan; Thence North 82 Deg. 18' West by the northerly line of said Lot #16 for a distance of ninety-eight and seventy-three hundredths (98.73) feet to a stake at land of John Ruda, Jr., Thence North 6 Deg. 18' East by land of said Ruda a distance of eighty-three and sixty-five hundredths (83.65) feet to a stake at the southwesterly corner of Lot #14 on said plan. Thence South 81 Deg. 19' East by the southerly line of said Lot #14 a distance of one hundred and fifty hundredths (100.50) feet to a stake on the westerly line of said D'Alessandro Avenue; Thence South 7 Deg. 39' West by the westerly line of said D'Alessandro Avenue, a distance of eighty-two (82) feet to the point of beginning. Subject to the following restrictions: 1. No building or part of a building shall be erected or maintained thereon with thirty (30) feet of the street line. 2. No house shall be built thereon at a less cost than six thousand and 00/100 (6,000.00) dollars. 3. The premises and any building thereon shall be used for trade or manufacture but for residential purposes only; 4. No stable shall be erected thereon and no horses, cattle, swine, or poultry shall be kept on the premises. Subject also to the rights of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company and the Worcester County Electric Company to erect and

maintain poles and wires, as recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Book 3359, Page 56 and in Book 3489, Page 407. Being the same property conveyed from Henry R. Gelineau, not stated to Scott Roseen and Karen Roseen, husband and wife/T/B/E by Deed recorded 5/29/1998, in Book 20005, at Page 130, in the Register's Office of Worcester County, Massachusetts. or mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 20005, Page 130. 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 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. DLJ Mortgage Capital, Inc. Korde & Associates, P.C. 900 Chelmsford Street Suite 3102 Lowell, MA 01851 (978) 256-1500 Roseen, Scott, 19-036572 October 8, 2021 October 15, 2021 October 22, 2021

**TOWN OF DUDLEY
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**
Please take notice that: George P Goulas & Jennifer J Goulas Have applied to the Zoning Board of Appeals to vary the terms of the Zoning By-Laws Section: Section 2.03.02 Use by District Chart Location: Fish Road Lot 3 In the following respect: To allow the petitions to apply for a special permit which will allow a residential dwelling in an industrial zone. The Public Hearing will be held on November 4, 2021 @ 7:00pm at the Town Hall, room 321, at which time you may be heard relative to this Public Hearing. Please contact Amanda Jacobson at 508-949-8012 or building@dudleyma.gov to attend the meeting. George Slingo, Chairman Zoning Board of Appeals October 15, 2021 October 22, 2021

**NOTICE OF
MORTGAGEE'S SALE
OF REAL ESTATE**
Premises: 7 Sherwood Drive, Oxford, MA 01540
By virtue of and in execution of the Power

of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Roger D. Harris to Citizens Bank, N.A., and now held by **Citizens Bank, N.A. f/k/a RBS Citizens, N.A.**, said mortgage dated April 12, 2017 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 56989, Page 212, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at **Public Auction** on November 15, 2021 at 02:00 PM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit: *The land situated on the northerly side of Sherwood Drive, in the Town of Oxford, being Lot No. 29 as shown on a Plan of Land in Oxford owned by Mascor Homes, Inc., Albert L. Fitzback, Surveyor, dated April 25, 1975 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 415, Plan 39, more particularly bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at the southeasterly corner of the premises described herein as a point along the northerly line of said Sherwood Drive, said point being Six hundred twenty-three and 87/100 (623.87) feet measured westerly along the northerly line of said Sherwood Drive from a cement bound/at the intersection of said Sherwood Drive and Cherry Street; THENCE S 86° 13' 52" W One hundred five (105/00) feet along the northerly line of said Sherwood Drive to a point at Lot No. 30; THENCE N 03° 46' 08" one hundred twenty (120.00) feet along Lot No. 30 to a point at remaining land of the grantor; THENCE N 86° 13' 52" E One hundred five (105.00) feet along said remaining land of the grantor to a point at Lot No. 28 THENCE S 03° 46' 08" E One hundred twenty (120.00) feet along Lot No. 28 to point of beginning. CONTAINING 12,600 square feet Meaning and intending to convey the same premises described by Deed dated and recorded September 19, 1975 with Worcester Registry of Deeds in Book 5800, Page 168.* The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication. For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated September 19, 1975 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 5800, Page 168. TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described. FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within thirty (30) days after the date of sale. Other terms to be announced at the sale. Brock & Scott, PLLC 1080 Main Street, Suite 200 Pawtucket, RI 02860 Attorney for Citizens Bank, N.A. f/k/a RBS Citizens, N.A. Present Holder of the Mortgage 401-217-8701 October 22, 2021 October 29, 2021

November 5, 2021
Notice of Meeting
Town of Dudley Zoning Board of Appeals will be hold a public hearing for Les Stevens representing Wescott Custom Homes on Thursday November 4, 2021 at 7:00pm Room 321 to hear the applicant's request for Variance on Driveway / Curb cut design requirements. Please contact Amanda Jacobson at 508-949-8012 to attend the meeting. George Slingo, Chairman Zoning Board of Appeals October 22, 2021 October 29, 2021
**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
Docket No. WO21P3285PM
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF
PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT
OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER
PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT
TO G.L.c. 190B, § 5-304 & § 5-405
In the matter of:
**Steven Nadeau
Of: Webster, MA
RESPONDENT**
(Person to be Protected/Minor)
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Lanessa Extended Care of Webster, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that **Steven Nadeau** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that Lisa S. Judkins of Webster, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve **With Personal Surety** on the bond. The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.
You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **11/02/2020**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the abovenamed person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 06, 2021
Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate
October 22, 2021**



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Saving heirloom seeds, like this striped Roman paste tomato preserves both flavor and history.

Experimentation is part of the fun of gardening. Saving seeds from your favorite vegetable or flower for next

year’s garden or even the next generation is something you might like to try.

Keep in mind that all flowers and vegetables will not come true from seed. Hybrids and those pollinated by the wind or insects may produce offspring unlike the parent plant. The resulting surprise can add to the fun. Use heirloom or older varieties when looking for consistency.

Timing is critical. When saving flower seeds wait for the seeds, not the flower, to be full size and mature. This is usually when the seedpod, capsule or seed head that houses the seeds turns brown and brittle.

Collect these and separate the seeds from the surrounding structure. Spread them on newspaper to finish drying. Place the dry seeds in an envelope labeled with the plant name and date the seeds were collected. This will make spring planting much easier. Store the seeds in an airtight container in the refrigerator.

Consider saving a few vegetable seeds as well. Heirloom peas and beans are open-pollinated, so they form seeds that will grow into plants that are similar



GARDEN MOMENTS

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MELINDA MYERS

to the parent plant. Allow the peas and beans you plan on saving to dry on the plant. Once the pods turn brown and the seeds rattle inside, they are ready to harvest. This is about six weeks after you harvest snap beans for eating and about four weeks after the normal picking stage for peas.

Protect plants from frost or pull them out of the ground and hang them in a cool dry location, so the pods can finish drying if needed. Remove the pods from the plants and allow them to further dry indoors for about two weeks.

Remove the seeds from the dried pods, store in an airtight opaque container in a cool dark location. Label with the varietal name and date the seeds were collected.

Saving seeds from tomatoes requires a bit different preparation. Scoop out the gelatinous center of a ripe tomato. Place this in a container of water and let it ferment in a warm location for a week or two. Then remove and compost the rather disgusting layer of fermented tomato waste and bad seeds floating on the

surface. Pour the remaining water and the good seeds sitting on the bottom of the container through a fine mesh strainer. Rinse the seeds, removing any of the gelatinous material that may remain. Spread the seeds on a piece of paper to dry.

Once dry, place the seeds in an envelope labeled with the date and variety and set in a sealed jar or plastic container. Store in the refrigerator or other consistently cool location until it’s time to start them for next season.

Start with these and then consider trying other flower, vegetable and even tree and shrub seeds. You’ll find helpful information in books, online and on the Seed Savers Exchange website. Saving your own seeds can help you save money while preserving and planting a bit of gardening history.

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

Don’t Complain

Ever since my dad died, I’ve had more problems than ever before. My responsibilities have easily tripled. I’m constantly working yet determined not to let all of these new responsibilities get in the way of my dreams.

I’m thankful I’ve had time to grow up before being faced with this situation. Not long ago, I wouldn’t have handled it well; I would’ve been bitter, jaded, angry, and constantly complaining.

I’ve learned that to go where I want to go in life, I cannot complain. If I want to accomplish my goals and achieve my dreams - I must leave no room for complaint.

How can I focus on the future if I’m focused on the past? How can I think thoughts of victory when I’m feeling the thoughts of anger, defeat, and victimhood? If I’m reliving a bad experience that happened last month, yesterday, or even just five minutes ago through the act of complaining, I’m reinforcing that experience and living in the past.

Every thought produces a chemical peptide in the brain that causes a feel-

ing in the body. When I complain, I am bathing my inner self in a chemical cocktail of negativity.

Complaining seems very innocent. After all, you’re just expressing how you feel.

It’s a common belief that you have to vent your feelings because if you don’t let them out, then they will bottle up inside of you until you explode!

Scientific studies show that complaining isn’t an act of getting rid of the feeling; it’s not an act of venting at all. Instead, it reinforces a negative emotion and trains your brain to produce more bad feelings until all you can focus on is the negativity in every interaction.

I used to work in the service industry, and a lot of my income depended on tips. When I first started, I complained about almost every tip I received. I complained about customers that annoyed me, I complained about my managers, I complained about my co-workers, I complained about my schedule, I complained about my commute to work. It was a never-ending parade of com-

plaints, and I was miserable.

Little did I know that I wasn’t unhappy because I received a bad tip or had a bad interaction with a customer, co-worker, or manager. I was miserable because I reinforced negative moments I experienced in the past, making those connections stronger in my brain. I was trapped, a prisoner of my thoughts.

Studies have also concluded that complaining is bad for your health.

When you complain, you’re damaging your brain. Complaining shrinks and damages part of your brain called the hippocampus. What does this mean? It means that complaining destroys your memory, imagination, creativity, decision-making, and much more!

When you complain, you’re increasing your levels of cortisol, also known as the stress hormone. Chronically high cortisol levels can lead to various health problems, including depression, digestive issues, sleeping disorders, higher blood pressure, and increased risk of heart disease; complaining shortens your lifespan.

Although it’s been a battle, I’ve rid myself of complaining more and more

every year. Sometimes I still catch myself, and I have to retrain my thought process. It becomes easier the more you do it.

Whenever I catch myself complaining, I try to think thoughts like this, “I know complaining keeps me from moving forward. Losers complain; winners brush it off and keep moving forward. Thank you for allowing this experience to sharpen me and make me better; I know I will overcome.”

Rather than giving voice to the negativity of complaint, try voicing the positivity of gratitude. Try to speak words of encouragement, speak ill of nobody.

You are capable of handling every situation that comes your way. Every bad thing that happens to you doesn’t deserve the time it takes to complain. Focus on your dreams. Change your thoughts and your words, and you’ll begin to see miracles happen in your life.

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nutrition guidelines and serve a large quantity of food. It has resulted in quick substitutions of menu items and last-minute notifications to parents that the district is unable to fully control. Many times the district receives food the morning of an expected menu offering and are not made aware of what they will or won't receive until a truck arrives. The district does adjust menus when necessary online, but the delivery backups have made it difficult or, in some cases, near impossible to predict when substitutions will be required.

"We know that this affects students, parents and families and we are doing

our best to provide updates about menu changes when possible as soon as we can identify an issue," Greenberg said. "Our number one priority continues to be providing healthy, nutritious and appetizing meals for your children. We love seeing them every day and appreciate your support and patience as we continue to offer meals at no charge to all students."

Greenberg did provide some good news in that free lunches and breakfasts will continue throughout the district. However, what happens after the current school year remains a mystery. Greenberg acknowledged that lawmakers in Massachusetts are contemplating a bill that would potentially provide free lunches as a standard, however it remains in the draft phase.

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Highway Department. One will seek \$110,000 to purchase a brine making machine that would evolve how the department handles preparing roads during winter weather. The second article will see the purchase a replacement for the Building, Ground, Cemeteries and parks truck at the cost of \$50,000. The Fire and Police Departments also have a few articles on the warrant. Article 16 will seek money for the lease of a police cruiser totaling \$15,000 while Article 17, which is co-sponsored by both the police and fire departments, will seek \$280,000 to purchase four cruisers and a new Fire Chief vehicle with associated equipment at a rate of one per year beginning in the 2023 fiscal year.

Article 18 will address the MassDOT Complete Streets Funding for sidewalk construction and improvements from the entrance of Mason Road at West Main Street to Meadow Lane. The town has to approve accepting grant funds from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation which would be reimbursed to the town if the community is selected for award up to \$400,000. Article 19 will seek to amend the town of Dudley's zoning map by modifying the Town Refuse District. Article 20 will address language changes to the town's bylaws to bring Dudley in compliance with the 2016 Stormwater Management regulations from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

The final article of the evening will once again

propose the creation of a Marijuana Cultivation Overlay District. This article received majority vote approval earlier this year but failed to receive the two-thirds required for passage. If approved, it would create a district that would allow for marijuana cultivation and allow farmers to partner with third-party distributors to sell the product. The article is a landowners' petition by Robert and Lynne Doherty, who own farmland on Corbin Road and are seeking to be the first to embrace the opportunity if the zoning district is established.

Dudley's fall town meeting will be held on Monday, Oct. 25 starting at 7 p.m. at Shepherd Hill Regional High School. A full agenda and documents pertaining to the articles are available on the Town of Dudley website.



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Committee, but the superintendent and the national conversation about mandatory masking and vaccinations among other prominent movements in terms of education.

“For the record, 42 days ago school started and so did the forced masking of our kids again. I oppose Critical Race Theory. I oppose comprehensive sex education. I oppose forced masking of our kids. I oppose mandatory COVID injections. I do support term limits for this committee,” Paquette said before directing a criticism toward President Joe Biden and his administration. He then directed his complaints toward posts made by an unnamed district school principal on social media promoting support for the causes he openly opposed. The discussion was quickly halted by School Committee members who voted for a recess and stated that such discussions were against policy.

“The policy clearly says you can’t talk about personnel matters. You can only talk about things that are within the School Committee’s preview,” Superintendent Steven Lamarche clarified after the brief recess. “If you have concerns with personnel there is a policy. If it’s building based, you can go to the teacher or principal. If it’s principal based, you can go to the superintendent.” It is not uncommon for personnel matters to be discussed by the School Committee but usually in executive session due to privacy laws. While Paquette did not name the employee in question, the implication of their position seemed to take the discussion too far for the committee.

Still, Paquette continued to voice his concerns asking for clarification on the district’s policies concerning administrators’ statements on social media before saying that what he saw was not a “good look” for the committee and that their actions or lack thereof are “very telling” of the committee’s “agenda.” He also criticized the committee’s unwillingness to defy mandates handed down by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, ending his statements by asking the committee to unmask the students.

Paquette was not the only parent who spoke out during the meeting. One parent who had recently re-enrolled

her child to allow her to be with her friends expressed distrust in both the School Committee and Department of Education. Another expressed concerns about lack of communication and the unwillingness of the committee to compromise with parents on mask mandates and meeting locations that would allow for better social distancing and unmasking. Marcia Wagner of Dudley summed up many of these concerns in her own statement to the committee.

“The policy we were given says keeping open communication with the public is critical to the proper functioning of the School Committee, but the policies that are written feel so stifling to us and constrictive. Three minutes is not enough, and shouldn’t the tax-paying public have a say in the policy procedures? We feel like the FBI is here already to some degree. It just doesn’t feel like there’s a give and take,” Wagner said. “You say go to the specific principal or superintendent, but that’s not transparency for the rest of the general

public.”

The School Committee did not directly answer any of the concerns during the meeting, which is normal practice as such discussions are usually added to future agendas to allow those who were not at the meeting but may want to contribute to participate. However, Superintendent Lamarche did touch on a few issues later in the evening in his report to the committee, including voicing his opposition to mandating vaccinations.

“We’ve tried to stay away from the vaccination game as a school district, so we have not been asking people for records of vaccination. As I’ve indicated since May of last year, it is something that I would never recommend to the School Committee to enter into vaccinations or mandates of vaccinations. It does come up in independent conversations with school nurses and those that are considered close contacts because there are different bubbles or avenues for people to go with vaccination, but at this point

in time, I would still not recommend that we seek out vaccination records of individuals,” said Lamarche.

The superintendent also explained that there is a way for citizens to be involved in what policies are made and approved for the district and that they are working to make sure citizens are well informed.

“The Policy Subcommittee has embarked on a new feedback loop with Dudley Charlton Regional School District Families. As School Committee policies are reviewed, updated or created and after the school committee first read the draft red line version will be sent out to all DCRSD families via our district communication system. The Policy Subcommittee will take all feedback into consideration in the policy adoption process,” Lamarche added.

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