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Friday, November 12, 2021

Hitchcock Academy to host presentation “In the Wake of the Mayflower”

BRIMFIELD — Hitchcock Academy welcomes writer Kevin Doyle, who collaborated on the book “In The Wake of the Mayflower,” printed in 2019, for a presentation with visual historian Karen Rinaldo, whose painting “The First Thanksgiving, 1621” has been featured widely, exhibited most notably at Plymouth Plantation for 20 years, and inspired the book. The pair will share thoughts on

Courtesy
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their work in this 400th commemoration of The First Thanksgiving in 1621 on Wednesday, Nov. 17 at noon and 6 p.m. at Hitchcock Academy, a community center in Brimfield.

Karen Rinaldo is recognized as a visual historian and will talk about the commissioning of the painting and the process involved in creating it, the unveiling and exhibition by invitation at Pilgrim

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DA announces drug related arrest

REGION – Worcester County District Attorney Joseph Early, Jr., is alerting the public about a recent drug arrest in the county and a new overdose risk.

In September and October, investigators from several agencies worked in the Blackstone and Woonsocket, R.I., area to address a rash of counterfeit pills. As a result, roughly 750 counterfeit Oxycodone tablets containing fentanyl, along with more than 100 grams of cocaine, were recovered.

The investigation was a joint action conducted by State Police detectives assigned to the Worcester County District Attorney’s Office; the Drug Enforcement Administration; the Blackstone Valley Drug Task Force; the State Police Tactical Diversion Squad; the Blackstone Police Department; and the Woonsocket Police Department.

The investigation resulted in one arrest on the charge of trafficking in fentanyl. More than 10 grams were seized.

Officials say the investigation highlights the potential lethal dangers of fentanyl that many

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Tantasqua survives, advances with victory against Martha’s Vineyard

Nick Ethier
(Right) Tantasqua’s Jack Leland chips the ball away from an attacking Martha’s Vineyard player.

STURBRIDGE — A well-played and scoreless soccer game after nearly 50 minutes saw the Tantasqua Regional boys’ team and Martha’s Vineyard battling it out in a MIAA Division 3 State Championship Round of 32 game at the Reservation on Thursday, Nov. 4.

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WinnDevelopment begins construction on \$23 million transformative affordable housing project at Southbridge Mills

SOUTHBIDGE—WinnCompanies announced today that construction is underway to transform a portion of a late 19th century mill building at Southbridge Mills into 48 units of affordable housing.

Located within the 150-acre Southbridge Innovation Center along the banks of the Quinebaug River, the \$23 million adaptive reuse project will convert an existing 70,000 square foot multi-story mill building into 48 apartments, with 43 available to households with incomes at or below 60 percent of Area Median

Income (AMI) and five available to households earning below 30 percent of AMI.

“Adaptive reuse projects like this one are our specialty. Not only do we have the chance to restore a historic property, but we also can transform it into a use that benefits individuals, families and the community as whole,” said WinnDevelopment Executive Vice President Adam Stein. “We’re pleased to partner with Southbridge Innovation Center to continue the mixed-use success of

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Nichols College promotes two to associate dean

DUDLEY — Nichols College has named Robin Frkal, PhD, to the position of associate dean for the Graduate School of Business and Professional Studies, and Allison McDowell Smith, PhD, to associate dean for the Graduate School of Liberal Arts.

Frkal, associate professor of human resource management, has been at Nichols for three years. She is program chair for the BS in human resource management and has been the director of the Master of Science in Organizational Leadership (MSOL) program. In her new role, she will oversee three of the four Nichols master's programs: MBA, MSOL, and Master of Science in Accounting.

"Our current graduate business programs bring exceptional ROI for students. I look forward to working with staff and faculty to continue to innovate our graduate programs and get the word out that Nichols is the business school of choice," said Frkal.

Prior to joining the Nichols faculty, she was an assistant professor of management and directed the MBA program at Assumption University. Her research has focused on why women opt out of corporate leadership and on women's leadership development programs. Understanding the critical career moments and underlying themes behind women's decisions to leave corporate leadership has practical human resources value for organizations focused on retaining female



Robin Frkal

A resident of Dudley, Frkal holds a BA in foreign affairs from Assumption, an MS in communication from Clark University, and a MS and PhD in human and organizational systems from Fielding Graduate University. She also has a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in the Workplace Certificate.

McDowell-

Smith, associate professor of criminal justice and counterterrorism, will oversee the Master of Science in Counterterrorism (MSC) Program. She has been at Nichols for seven years, serving as the program chair for the BA in criminal justice and BS in criminal justice management and the founding director of the MSC Program, the first gradu-



Allison McDowell Smith

ate program in the U.S. with a focus on violent extremism and leadership.

"As an interdisciplinary researcher and educator, I strive to identify and advance criminological approaches that may be relevant to violent extremist and terrorist thought and violence, offering unique perspectives on the often-overlooked relation-

ship between the two," said McDowell-Smith. She has spearheaded pioneering innovative approaches to shape understanding of violent extremism and terrorism globally while pursuing data-driven policy security solutions and tackling unique proficiencies needed to understand the field of study at both private and public sector levels.

A resident of

Ashford, Conn., She holds a BS in criminal justice from Rochester Institute of Technology, a MS in criminal justice administration from Niagara University and a PhD in business administration with a concentration in homeland security, leadership, and policy from Northcentral University.

McDowell-Smith is the co-founder and deputy director of the American Counterterrorism Targeting and Resilience Institute (ACTRI), a cross-disciplinary, non-profit research organization focused on the broad spectrum of transnational extreme-right, extreme-left, and militant jihadi political violence. She is also a contributor to Homeland Security Today.



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Cops N Kids N Lions Steve Ide Memorial Toy Drive underway

SOUTHBRIDGE — The Southbridge Lions Club and the Southbridge Police Department are pleased to sponsor our annual holiday toy drive recently renamed Cops "N" Kids "N" Lions Steve Ide Memorial Toy Drive. Steve Ide, a long-standing member of the Southbridge Lions club, was instrumental in the creation of the Cops N Kids N Lions project

and his perseverance helped make it the huge success it has become.

Please help us bring Christmas to deserving children in our area by donating new, unwrapped, non-violent toys starting Nov. 22 through Dec. 29. All toys will benefit local families. Of particular need are toys for adolescents ages 12 through 16. Some gift ideas for this age group ranging up to \$30, include:

water bottles, reusable straws, cases for air pods, Bluetooth keyboards, jewelry, skin care kits, beauty care products, tie dye kits, scrunchies, cool charging cables, stick-on phone card holders or phone cases, portable phone chargers, also neutral baseball caps (Nike versus a team).

Toy Drop-Off Locations are the Southbridge and Sturbridge Police Departments, the Southbridge Fire

Department, Harrington Hospital, Southbridge Town Hall, and all Southbridge Credit Union locations.

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Sturbridge Police Log

Friday, Oct. 29

8:46 AM – Investigation, Walker Pond Road.
9:21 AM – Traced unfounded 911 call to Tantasqua.
12:31 PM – Ambulance call to Yankee Pedlar, Main St.
12:59 PM – Ambulance call to Arnold Road.
1:25 PM – Took report of fraud/forgery, Wells Park Road.
2:23 PM – Responded to false fire alarm, Paradise Lane.
3:19 PM – Responded to injury accident, Old Hamilton Road.
3:48 PM – Responded to false fire alarm, Publick House.

5:41, 7:24 & 10:42 PM – Traced three false 911 calls to Main St. addresses.
10:48 PM – 911 call to Publick House proves not to need ambulance.
11:42 PM – Assisted disabled motorist. Brookfield Road.

Saturday, Oct. 30

4:20 & 7:01 AM – Two 911 ambulance calls, Woodside Circle & Arnold Road.
7:09 AM – Took report of property damage accident, Arnold Road. Person taken to hospital.
8:18 AM – Responded to 911 fire call, Podunk Road.
1:22 PM – Responded to fire call

near phone pole, Old Mashapaug Road.
4:55 PM – Ambulance call, Tantasqua HS.
6:02 PM – Investigated fraud/forgery, Heritage Green.
9:19 PM – Well being check, Heritage Green.

Sunday, Oct. 31

5:02 AM – Responded to false burglar alarm, Recycling Center.
11:22 AM – Fire call to Sturbridge RV Resort, Mashapaug Road.
12:52 PM – Responded to 911 trespassing call, Fiske Hill Road.
2:45 PM – Responding to past larceny call, police arrested Andre Chevres, 21, 15 Windsor Ct, Southbridge, for larceny under \$1200.
3:32 PM – Took report of of harrasing phone calls/texts, McGilpin Road.
5:05 PM – Responded to call reporting property damage accident, Fiske Hill Road.
5:57 PM – 911 ambulance call, Main St.
6:21 PM – Referred radio report of injury accident to other agency, Podunk Pike.
9:33 PM – Responded to animal complaints, Cedar St.

Monday, Nov. 1

1:38 AM – Suspicious activity call to Main St led to arrest of Danielle Hamalainen, 38, of 80 Merrick St #3, Worcester, on a warrant.
9:45, 10:33 AM & 10:39 AM – 911 ambulance calls, Brookfield Road, Curboy Road & Heritage Green.
4:15 PM – Took report of past burglary, Hall Road.
4:41 & 5:57 PM – 911 ambulance calls,

Fox Run & Willard Road.
7:58 PM – Took report of past larceny, Rte 15.

Tuesday, Nov. 2

12:27 AM – Responded to suspicious vehicle, Clark Road.
1:03 & 7:09 AM – Responded to past vehicular break-ins, Clark Road & Hall Road.
5:02 AM – Traffic stop led to arrest of Paguay Adrien, 24, of 24 May St, West Haven, CT, for speeding and unlicensed driving.
10:03 AM – 911 ambulance call, Autumn Ridge.
11:32 AM – traffic stop on Main St led to arrests of Maryanna Alberti, 37, of 100 Canterbury St, Worcester, and Dennis Flores, 38, of 7813 NW 10th St, Oklahoma City, OK, for Class B drug possession, trafficking cocaine (36-100 grams), possessing cocaine to distribute, and conspiracy to violate drug laws. Ms Alberti was also charged with driving on a suspended registration and driving an uninsured vehicle.
12:50 PM – 911 ambulance call to OSV Road.
1:36 PM – Took report of property damage accident, Main St.
6:01 PM – Gave participants verbal warning in disturbance, Main St.
6:17 PM – Took report of property damage accident, Podunk Pike.
6:38 PM – 911 ambulance call, Champeaux Road.
8:08 PM – fire call, Brookfield Road.
8:33 PM – Gave warning to person in suspicious vehicle, Heritage Green.

Wednesday, Nov. 3

1:07 AM – Traffic stop on Route 20 led to arrest of Brayan Rivera, 21, of 122 Clark St, New Britain, CT, for unlicensed driving, failure to signal and driving an unregistered vehicle.
4:38 AM – Responded to phone report of suspicious vehicle, Cricket Drive.
8:40 and 8:43 AM – Took reports of property damage accidents, Holland Road & Main St.
10:41 AM – Took report of past burglary, Brookfield Road.
1:41 PM – Responded to 911 call regarding disturbance, Allen Road.
2:02 PM – Ambulance call, New Boston Road.
3:53 PM – responded to suspicious activity, Main St.
5:20 PM – Took report of past larceny, Commonwealth Ave.
5:37 PM – Took two reports regarding property damage accident, Main St.

Thursday, Nov. 4

All Day – Responded to six 911 ambulance calls around town.
3:40 AM – Responded to 911 property damage accident call, Hall Road.
5:44 AM – Responded to call reporting burglary of vehicle in progress, Picker Road.
7:16 AM – Took report of threats/harassment, Tantasqua.
7:18 AM – responded to past burglary of car, Fiske Hill Road.
12:50 PM – responded to property damage accident, Rte 20.
2:26 PM – Fire call for mutual aid to Brimfield.
2:49 PM – Took report of hit & run accident at Walmart.
3:43 & 4:13 PM – Responded to property damage accidents, Main St & Rte 20.
9:14 PM – Traffic stop on Mashapaug Road led to arrest of Gavin Spring, 22, of 880 Olw West Brookfield Road, Warren, for driving on a suspended license and speeding.

Friday, Nov. 5

5 AM – Responded to false burglar alarm, Cedar St.
7:43 AM – Responded to 911 call of erratic operation, Rte 20.
11:07 AM – Responded to vandalism complaint, Crescent Gate.
12:02 PM – 911 ambulance call, Pine Ave.
12:43 PM – Mutual aid fire call to Holland.

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1. Taxis
5. Mega energy unit (abbr.)
8. Single-strand break
11. Combinations of countries
13. Cutting tool
14. Small bay in Gulf of Maine
15. Actress Lathan
16. Chatter incessantly
17. Energy, style and enthusiasm
18. Simple shoe
20. Woman (French)
21. Abnormal rattling sound
22. Able to change
25. Future butterfly
30. Used in cooking and medicine
31. A street for nightmares
32. French modernist painter
33. Dishonors
38. Integrated data processing
41. Frameworks
43. Apply new materials
45. Where merch is displayed
48. American figure skater Lipinski
49. Cycles per second
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55. Dark olive black
56. Peyton’s little brother
57. Plant in the bean family
59. A wife: __ covert
60. Born of
61. Arranges balls on the pool table
62. Title of Italian monk
63. Tooth caregiver
64. American feminist poet

CLUES DOWN

1. Dan Rather’s old network
2. Expression of sorrow or pity
3. __ fide (Latin)
4. Sign of healing
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6. Model
7. Of or relating to plants
8. Plant of the heath family
9. Where to weigh something
10. Internal structure
12. __ Paulo, city
14. South Slavic person
19. A way to record
23. Have already done
24. As much as one can hold
25. Auburn legend Newton
26. Comedienne Gasteyer
27. Beloved dog Rin Tin __
28. Midway between east and southeast
29. Call it a career
34. Former CIA
35. American time
36. Confederate general
37. Soviet Socialist Republic
39. Travel downward
40. Made red-blue
41. Vietnamese revolutionary Le Duc
42. Capital of Italy
44. Small bunches of flowers
45. Calvary sword
46. A distinctive, pleasant odor
47. A well-defined track or path
48. Cereal used to make flour
51. Retrospective analysis (abbr.)
52. Grayish white
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54. Famed men’s basketball program
58. Midway between south and southeast

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Bay Path PN students receive Worcester Women's Leadership Conference scholarships



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Stefanie Silva, Programs and Events Coordinator for Worcester Regional Chamber of Commerce, reached out to the PN students with a congratulatory email with the admission to this year's event.

"Our generous sponsors have offered the tickets. . . to those who applied for a waitlist scholarship," stated Silva.

The \$250 value event scholarship is a wonderful opportunity for the PN students to expand their network and leadership skills.

"Rachel, Jaelynn, Darcey, Rebecca and Melanie present the best of Bay Path Practical

Nursing Academy and we had the great pleasure to work with caring students who ultimately will have extraordinary careers that will increase the reputation of Practical Nursing," stated Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN CRRN, Director at Bay Path RVTHS Practical Nursing Academy.

The Worcester Women's Leadership Conference was held Thursday, October 28, 2021, at the DCU Center Ballroom in Worcester. Keynote speaker included Cynt Marshall who the PN students had the great opportunity to mingle with.

About the Worcester Women's Leadership Conference

Now in its 12th year, this one-day leadership conference attracts upwards of 700 attendees, primarily female professionals. The conference is designed to offer attendees incredible opportunities for business networking, professional development, and personal growth.

Nichols College names endowed professor of data science and emerging technologies

DUDLEY — Nichols College Interim Provost Megan Nocivelli, DBA, has announced the appointment of Kevin D. Mentzer, PhD, to the new endowed position of Trustee Professor of Data Science and Emerging Technologies.

Mentzer, who most recently served as associate professor at Bryant University, teaches in the fields of data science, business analytics, and management information systems. He will develop a curriculum to advance the competencies of Nichols students in the new technologies that are transforming business.

"At Nichols College we partner with industry to ensure our curriculum is aligned with the demands in the marketplace. Today, every student needs data science education, and we are thrilled Dr. Mentzer will join us in preparing our students for the explosive demand in all fields associated with data science," said Dr. Nocivelli. "He brings exceptional experience in the field and as an educator, and we expect him to facilitate inter-

disciplinary collaboration to benefit our students and industry partners."

Mentzer is co-author of the book "Movie Analytics: A Hollywood Introduction to Big Data" and several journal articles and has presented internationally. He is co-founder and co-leader of the Analytics without Borders conference and serves as mini-track chair for Data Analytics, Data Mining, and Machine Learning for Social Media at HICSS.

An experienced information technologist, he has served a variety of professional roles at Energy Services Group Inc., Blue Cod Technologies, CounterPoint Technologies Corp., Progress Software, and the Hanover Insurance Group.

A resident of Holden, Mentzer earned a BS in business administration at Bryant University, and an MS in information technology and a PhD in business with a concentration in business analytics at Bentley University. He is also a certified blockchain solution architect.

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High School Notebook — Warriors' football wins with last-minute play

Friday, Nov. 5

Tantasqua 8, Westborough 7 — After three scoreless periods of football were played at the Reservation, the Warriors fell behind 7-0 following a Rangers' 1-yard rushing touchdown by Adam Steinberg.

But Tantasqua never faltered and embarked on the game-winning drive with 3:50 remaining, which began on their own 5-yard line. Running the ball on the entire drive, it was capped by the Warriors' Abner Colon-Martinez, who scampered into the end zone from 14 yards out with 40 seconds to go. Colon-Martinez also rushed in the two-point conversion to account for the winning points.

Tantasqua's Aidan Filler led the offense with 91 rushing yards on 13 carries as the Warriors won for the first time, improving to 1-7. Westborough is now 1-8.

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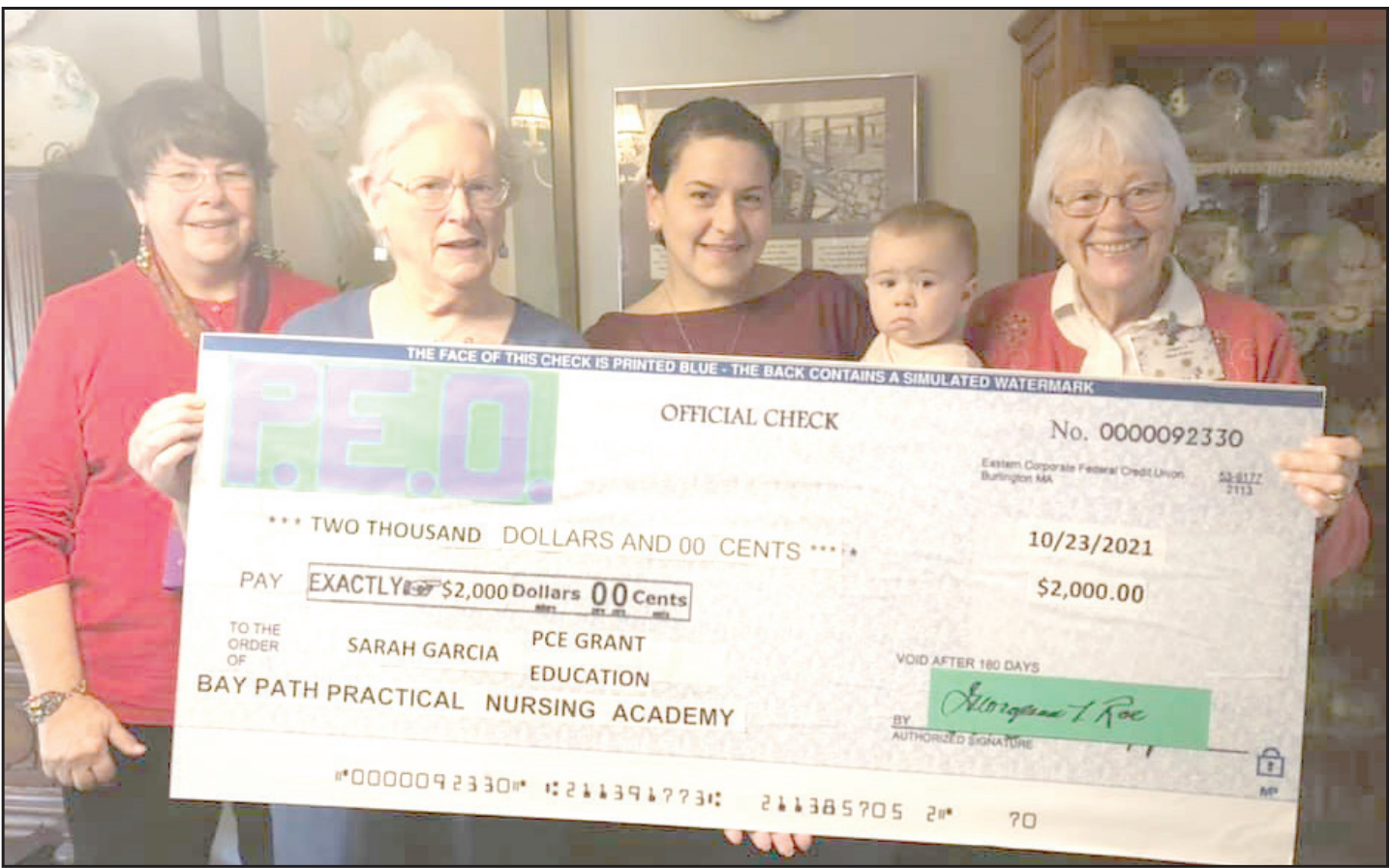
Bay Path student receives grant to pursue nursing career

CHARLTON — Sarah Garcia, a student at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy, Charlton, Massachusetts, was awarded a P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education Grant from the P.E.O. Sisterhood. She was sponsored by P.E.O. Chapter R, Worcester.

Garcia, a resident of Charlton, Massachusetts, is pursuing a Certificate in Practical Nursing as a stepping stone to reach her ultimate goal of being a registered nurse. Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy, Gretheline Bolandrina, Academy Director, is a part of the Southern Worcester County Regional Vocational Technical School District, whose mission is to provide students with the life-long learning skills that will enable them to become contributing members of the community.

The P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education was established in 1973 to provide need-based grants to women in the US and Canada whose education has been interrupted and who find it necessary to return to school to support themselves and their families.

Chapter R has been a part of the Greater Worcester community since it was organized in 1958.



Courtesy

Sarah Garcia with her baby daughter between three members of P.E.O. Chapter R: Pamela Thomas-Nielsen, Georgeanne T. Roe, and Jane Flynn.

Georgeanne Roe, chair of the PCE committee, stated, “We are proud to assist Sarah as she advances through the Bay Path program. She is focussed and determined to succeed in her chosen career.”

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Attorney General's Notice Pursuant to G.L. c. 40, § 32, as amended by Chapter 299 of the Acts of 2000

Town of Wales-- Case No. 10300 Annual Town Meeting of May 19, 2021

Article # 25

Attorney General's Limited Authority to Waive Procedural Defects in the Notice of the Planning Board Hearing

Pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 40, § 32, as amended by Chapter 299 of the Acts of 2000, if the Attorney General finds there to be any defect in the procedure of adoption or amendment of any zoning by-law relating to the form or content of the notice of the Planning Board hearing prescribed by G.L. c. 40A, § 5, or to the manner or dates on which said notice is mailed, posted or published as required by that section, then instead of disapproving the by-law or amendment by reason of any such defect, the Attorney General may elect to proceed under the defect waiver provisions of G.L. c. 40, § 32. Under those provisions, the Attorney General is conditionally authorized to waive any such defect.

Defect Determined in Notice of Planning Board Hearing

The Attorney General has determined that the planning board hearing notice relating to the above Article failed to comply with the notice requirements for such hearing established by G.L. c. 40A, § 5. Section 5 provides in part (with emphasis added): No zoning...by-law or amendment thereto shall be adopted until after the planning board in a...town has...held a public hearing thereon...at which interested persons

shall be given an opportunity to be heard.... Notice of the time and place of such hearing, of the subject matter, sufficient for identification, and of the place where texts and maps thereof may be inspected shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the...town once in each of two successive weeks, the first publication to be not less than fourteen days before the day of said hearing, and by posting such notice in a conspicuous place in the...town hall for a period of not less than fourteen days before the day of said hearing. Notice of said hearing shall also be sent by mail, postage prepaid to the department of housing and community development, the regional planning agency, if any, and to the planning board of each abutting city and town...

Based on the materials submitted to this Office, we have identified the following defects: (1) the Planning Board hearing notice was not mailed to the planning boards of the abutting cities and towns; (2) the Planning Board hearing notice was posted on May 5, 2021 for a hearing to take place on May 17, 2021 and thus it was not posted for at least fourteen days prior to the Planning Board hearing; and (3) the Planning Board hearing notice that was posted did not include a statement where the text (and map, if any) of the proposed amendment may be inspected, all as required by G.L. c. 40A § 5. Apart from these defects, the notice appears to satisfy the requirements of the statute.

Attorney General's Election to Proceed Under the Waiver Provisions of G.L. c. 40, § 32

The Attorney General has elected to proceed under the limited defect waiver authority

conferred by G.L. c. 40, § 32, as amended by Chapter 299 of the Acts of 2000.

Suspension of Review of Zoning By-Law Amendments

The 90-day period prescribed by law for the Attorney General's review of local by-laws is therefore suspended in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c. 40, § 32, as amended by Chapter 299 of the Acts of 2000.

Posting and Publication of This Notice

The Town Clerk shall post a true copy of this Notice in a conspicuous place in the Wales Town Hall for a period of not less than 14 days and shall publish a copy once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Wales.

Filing of Claim That Defect in Notice Was Misleading or Otherwise Prejudicial

Within 21 days of the date on which this Notice is published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Wales, any resident of the Town of Wales, or the owner of any real property in the Town of Wales or any other party entitled to notice of the planning board hearing may file with the Town Clerk a written statement that the notice defect was misleading or otherwise prejudicial. The statement must include the reasons supporting the claim that the defect in the Planning Board Notice was misleading or otherwise prejudicial. This statement must be actually on file with the Town Clerk not later than 21 days from the date on which this Notice is published in the newspaper.

Town Clerk's Certification of Compliance with This Notice

After the expiration of the 21-day period,

the Town Clerk shall submit to the Attorney General a true copy of this Notice with a certification of compliance with the publishing and posting requirements of the preceding paragraph, and a certification that either (a) no claim was filed within the 21-day period, or (b) one or more claims were filed within the 21-day period. The Town Clerk shall submit to the Attorney General true copies of any such claim(s).

Resumption of Attorney General's Review

Upon receipt of one original copy of this Notice with the Clerk's certification, the 90-day period provided for the Attorney General's review under G.L. c. 40, § 32, shall resume. If no claim is made, the Attorney General has the discretion to waive any such defect; if any claim is made, however, the Attorney General may not waive any such defect.

Note: By not filing a claim under this provision, a person shall not be deprived of the right to assert a claim of invalidity arising out of any possible defect in the procedure of adoption or amendment, as provided in G.L. c. 40, § 32, and in G.L. c. 40A, § 5.

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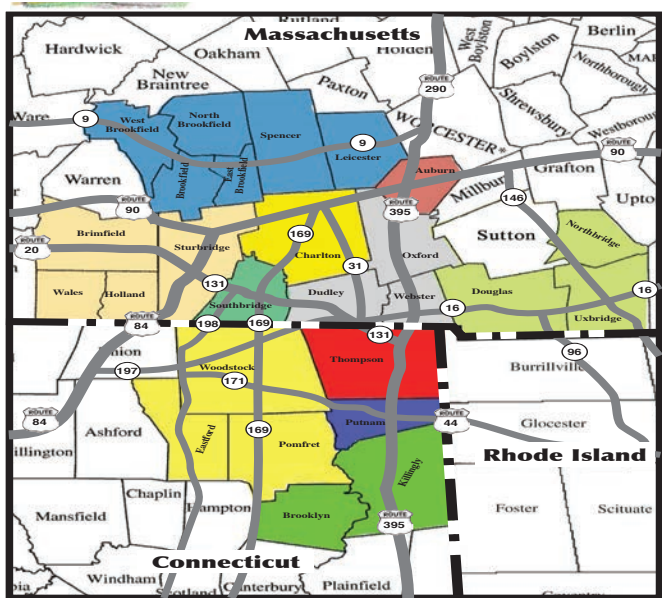
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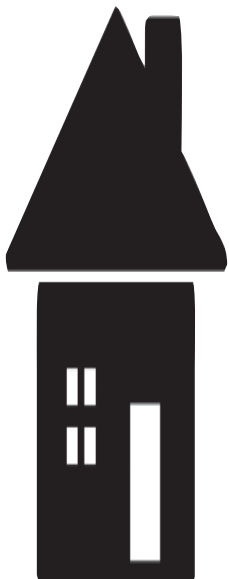
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EDITORIAL

The origins of Veterans Day

We would like to begin this Editorial by sharing words of gratitude to our veterans. Thank you for your valor, your sacrifices and your courage to defend our rights and to keep us safe.

In honor of all those who have served our country, past and present, we thought we would share some history behind how Veteran's Day came to be.

The Great War was officially over when the Treaty of Versailles was signed in June of 1919, in France. Actual fighting ended seven months earlier between Germany and Allied nations, on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. Since then, Nov. 11, 1918 is known as “the war to end all wars.”

In 1919, President Wilson proclaimed Nov. 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day. Wilson stated, “To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country’s service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations.”

In June of 1926, Congress officially recognized the end of WWI, passing a resolution. Part of that resolution stated, “Whereas it is fitting that the recurring anniversary of this date should be commemorated with thanksgiving and prayer and exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding between nations; and Whereas the legislatures of twenty-seven of our States have already declared November 11 to be a legal holiday: Therefore be it Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), that the President of the United States is requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on November 11 and inviting the people of the United States to observe the day in schools and churches, or other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies of friendly relations with all other peoples.”

In 1938, Nov. 11 became a legal holiday to celebrate all veterans in WWI and WWII. Armistice was replaced with Veterans. In 1954, Veteran's Day would honor all veterans in all wars.

OPINION

VIEWS AND COMMENTARY FROM STURBRIDGE, BRIMFIELD, HOLLAND AND WALES

Halloween Leftovers = Post Holiday Treats

Halloween has come and gone and if you find yourself with a few perfectly good pumpkins and an accumulation of candy bars, read on for some creative ways to enjoy the post holiday leftovers without waste!

If your kids took home a huge Halloween haul, here are some “repurposing” ideas to save the sweets for later!

*Small, hard candies such as Jolly Ranchers and other bright treats are ideal to stow away to use for holiday gingerbread house decorations. Best of all, even stale candy works well!

*Collect plain Hershey bars and mix with chocolate melting wafers to make holiday bark and other seasonal chocolate confections.

*Individual bags of Skittles, M&Ms and other small candies can all be opened and tossed into a candy jar for a colorful candy dish medley to put out during the holidays.

*Even boxes of raisins, mini bags of nuts, and teeny chocolate buttons can be put to good use when mixed into a wholesome trail or granola mix.

Butterfinger Brownies

Butterfingers are one of the most popular candy bars in trick or treat bags. Instead of sending kids into sugar overload, save some of the sweets to make these impressive Butterfinger Blondie Brownies.

Ingredients: 2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour; 1 teaspoon baking powder; 1/4 teaspoon salt; 3/4 cup butter; 2 1/4 cups light brown sugar; 3 large eggs; 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract; 4 regular-sized or 12 fun size Butterfinger candy bars, crushed

Directions: Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease and flour a 13x9-inch baking pan. In a small bowl, whisk together flour, baking powder and salt; set aside. In a medium bowl, with electric mixer at medium speed, combine butter and brown sugar. Beat in eggs and vanilla until smooth.

Stir in flour mixture and 1 cup of crushed butterfingers. Spread in prepared pan. Sprinkle remaining crushed Butterfinger bars over top of batter. Bake 30- 35 minutes, or until brownies are a bit firm to the touch. Cool completely before cutting into bars. Makes one dozen brownies.

Candy Bar Cookies

What could be better than an assortment of fun size chocolate bars? How about melting them into a cookie! This recipe uses up candies big and small:

Ingredients: 1/2 cup brown sugar; 2 eggs ; 2 tsp vanilla shopping; 1 tsp salt; 1 tsp baking soda; 1 1/3 cups flour; 2 cups quick oats; 2 cups of chopped up candy bars (Milky Way, Snickers, Kit Kat, M&Ms, peanut butter cups, etc. all work).

Directions: Cream together sugars, butter and shortening. Add in eggs and vanilla. In a separate bowl mix together dry ingredients add into mix. Stir in candy. Drop by tablespoons onto ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 for 10-12 minutes.

Repurposing Pumpkins: Whether left-over pumpkins were used as harvest dec-



TAKE THE HINT

KAREN TRAINOR

orations, or just never ended up making the grade as Jack-O-Lanterns, the big question is: What to do with these perfectly good pumpkins? Freezing cooked, pureed pumpkin is a favored way to preserve the taste and texture of pumpkin. Sugar or pie pumpkins are ideal candidates for freezing as the pulp is thicker and firmer. To easily prepare a pumpkin for pureeing, simply place the whole fruit in the microwave for about a minute or so to soften the skin. This will make the pumpkin much easier to peel. Cut the pumpkin in large slices, peel the skin and remove the strings and seeds. Then cut the slices into smaller pieces. Boil the pumpkin pieces until tender; then mash or process the pumpkin pulp until it forms a smooth, thick puree.

Pumpkin Hummus: Pureed sugar pumpkin adds just the right flavor to this hummus. To do:

Mix together in a food processor until smooth: two cups pureed sugar pumpkin; one 15 oz can of garbanzo (chi chi) beans; one tablespoon tahini, two teaspoons vegetable oil; one teaspoon cumin; one teaspoon salt; one eighth teaspoon cayenne pepper; one crushed garlic clove, and three tablespoons of water.

Adjust thickness by adding a little water if it is too thick. Makes two cups. Serve with pita bread or crackers.

Perfect Pumpkin Seeds: Roasting up a batch of pumpkin seeds is not only an annual treat, it's a great way to use up every bit of the vegetable: To properly toast pumpkin seeds, remove all pulp and clean strings from the seeds. Place seeds in a bowl and stir in melted butter or olive oil and salt to coat the seeds. Spread seeds on a cookie sheet and bake in a 275 degree oven for about an hour or until the seeds are golden brown and crisp. Avoid overcooking as seeds can become hard and tough.

Prefer crisper seeds? Prior to toasting boil the seeds in salted water for about ten minutes, drain and prepare for roasting.

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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.

Financial tips for new veterans

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On Veterans Day, we honor the men and women who have served in our armed forces. If you've recently separated or retired from the military, or you will be leaving soon, you can be proud of the service you've provided to your country. But once you're a veteran, away from the structure and imperatives of the military, you may need to take greater control over managing your finances and protecting your family.

For starters, consider housing. When you were on active duty, you may have moved around frequently and found it more convenient to rent, but you may now want to purchase a house. Assuming you meet the eligibility requirements, you could apply for a VA loan, which typically does not require a down payment and is usually offered at a favorable interest rate. Make sure that you only take out a mortgage you can afford – you don't want to become “house poor.”

You'll also want to save and invest for retirement. While on active duty, you could invest in the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP), but when you separate from service, you can no longer contribute to it. Now, if you get a job in the civilian sector, you may have access to a 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan, and you might be able to roll your TSP balance into your new employer's plan. If you become self-employed or open your own business, you may be able to choose from several retirement plans, including a SEP-IRA, a SIMPLE IRA or an “owner-only” 401(k). But no matter what plan you have, try to contribute enough to meet your income needs in retirement, which could last two or three decades.

Furthermore, once you become a civilian, you may need to consider two topics that have special importance to you and your family: health and life insurance. Regarding health insurance, you should be able to get coverage through TRICARE and/or the Veterans Administration, but you also may want to take advantage of employer-sponsored health coverage. As for life insurance, you will lose the coverage offered by the military (Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance, or SGLI) shortly after you separate from active duty, so you'll want to consider your options for your SGLI, such as converting it to either Veterans' Group Life Insurance or a civilian policy. Your new employer may provide some form of insurance as an employee benefit, but it might not be sufficient for your needs. In any case, if you have dependents, it's essential you don't lose life insurance coverage, even for a short time.


Finally, be prepared for one negative aspect of becoming a veteran: fraud attempts. It's unfortunate, but scam artists frequently target veterans. Scammers may tell you that you qualify for “secret” government programs, but you must first pay a fee or provide personal information, which can then be used for identity theft. Or they might try to charge you for access to your service records, even though you can get them free from the Department of Veterans Affairs. As a general rule, be suspicious of anyone you don't know who seems overly eager to help veterans.

Entering a new phase in your life can be exciting and rewarding – and you'll enjoy it even more when you get comfortable with your new financial arrangements.

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Everybody loves a good story about an underdog—who overcomes impossible odds. Many movies are made with the central character as the underdog. This is the accepted structure of most screenplays in Hollywood today. The protagonist must be up against impossible odds, facing a literal or a figurative giant.

Real-life underdogs include George Washington, Susan B. Anthony, Harriet Tubman, King David, Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King, and Gandhi, to name a few.

Only a tiny percentage of us want to slay giants. If you are called to battle giants in a given industry or profession, learning lessons from those who have done the same will be necessary.

Arreguin-Toft is a political scientist who calculated the odds of weaker countries winning wars against stronger countries. He found that when weaker countries fight by the same rules as the stronger countries, they only win 28% of the time. When they fight using unconventional methods, they win 64% of the time.

Vivek Ranadive never played or coached basketball before. In his first year as coach of his twelve-year-old girl's basketball team, he brought his inexperienced team to the national championships and almost won. How was this possible? He refused to play the traditional game of basketball. Instead, he taught his girls to play using unconventional methods.

George Washington sometimes fought the British using conventional warfare but often used guerilla tactics to win. If he had fought only using European-style tactics, he wouldn't have won.

Never play by the Giant's rules.

My favorite underdog is King David of ancient Israel. He was unappreciated by his family and considered unworthy of greatness. Until he decided to become a giant killer; he spent most of his time alone in the pastures tending his father's sheep.

During this time, the Israelites were at a standstill against the Philistine army and were powerless to stop a giant named Goliath, nine and a half feet tall.

Every day Goliath emerged from his tent, dressed in armor, carrying a spear, a sword, and a weapon slung on his back. Daily he terrified the Israelites and challenged their best soldiers to face him in



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Deer hunting is in full gear, with archers harvesting numerous big bucks in the last couple of weeks. The rut is now entering its peak time, and should provide archers with some great opportunities to bag a big buck prior to shotgun season. The shotgun season in Massachusetts opens on Nov. 29, and will close on Dec. 11, with primitive arms season opening Dec. 13 and closing on Dec. 31. During the first week of the shotgun deer season, all deer must be brought to a Mass. official checking station within 48 hours of the harvest. For the remainder of the deer hunting seasons, they must be registered within 48 hours online.

Antlerless deer permits for zones 13-14 are still available for \$5 each, and can be purchased on line at the Web site MASSFISHHUNT. Zones 13-14 have an extremely high population of deer in them and often require land owner permission to hunt them. Keeping a legal distance from an occupied dwelling is the biggest challenge. Bow hunting these areas is the best way to harvest a deer.

During the youth hunt held on Oct. 2 of this year, 76 deer were recorded with MFW. Youths ages 12 - 14 could hunt deer with an adult that had a valid hunting license. The youth were also required to have a valid youth permit for the one-day hunt. What a great way to start a youngster to enjoy the sport of hunting!

Deer season in full swing

Although Mass. Fish & Wildlife failed to pass a crossbow permit for hunters, the sales are going through the roof. Most states allow the use of a cross bow for hunting, and sportsmen are flocking to the nearby states to use them. Keeping a good inventory of crossbows in their sports section has been a bit hectic, especially for some of the high-end bows like the Raven. The Raven is extremely accurate up to 100 yards. Crossbows also required extreme caution when using them. They should never be dry fired (firing them with-out an arrow in them). That goes for any bow.

The bow strings need to be constantly inspected for wear, and sporting goods stores that carry the new crossbows are seeing a lot more wear on the new bows because of the extreme pressure that the bows are under.

One bow hunter was using his cross bow for the first time, when the bow exploded as he was resting the bow alongside his leg. The bow suddenly exploded and caused severe damage to his leg. It may have been damaged previously, but the crossbows are at an extremely high pressure, and need to be used with the utmost caution. A warning from some of the companies that manufacture the cross-bows state that they should not be left cocked for more than six hours. You should have your crossbow checked by a dealer every year, to make sure that they are safe to use.

Goose hunting in the valley area has been good for hunters that had private



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This week's picture shows a Bonito taken last week in front of the lighthouse at Point Judith, R.I.

corn fields to hunt. A lot of flight birds were observed by hunters, and if they were hunting the day that the birds were passing through the had the opportunity to harvest a couple of the migrating birds. Snow geese are often accompanying the Canada geese as they migrate south giving the hunter an opportunity to harvest a few of them also. Fifteen snows are the daily bag limit. Goose hunting ends Nov. 27, and reopens Dec. 13.

Wild Turkey hunting in the fall is a real challenge. Their eye sight is amazing, and sneaking up on one to shoot is not easy. During the spring hunting season, they are receptive to turkey calls, and

are a lot more exciting to hunt. Basically, you need to ambush the bird which is not easy.

Trout fishing has been great for most anglers that have not put their boats into winter storage. Shore fishing anglers are also catching some impressive trout.

Veterans day will be celebrated this coming Monday by thousands of people paying respects to the fallen, wounded veterans and those who served in our armed forces. It is because of them we get to enjoy our freedom every day. A big thank you to all those that celebrated this special day, and to all of our veterans.

Take a Kid fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

Gift ideas for bird watchers and gardeners



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Give a gift that provides beauty, entertainment, and health benefits throughout the year. With the recent increase in people gardening and bird watching, what could be more perfect than a gift that supports both interests?

Birds visiting feeders, munching on the coneflower seeds in the garden and perching in the shelter of evergreens help brighten the long, often dreary days of winter. Just like gardening, bird watching helps us connect with nature, reduces stress, and elevates our mood. Plus, the gardeners on your list will appreciate the help birds provide managing insect pests. Protein-rich insects and spiders are an essential part of the diet of 96 percent of North American terrestrial birds.

Growing a landscape filled with plants that provide seeds, berries and shelter is a great way to attract these welcome guests to our gardens. Providing additional sources of food, water and shelter can increase the number and diversity of the winged visitors.

Help your gift recipient create a bird feeding station so they can easily watch the birds and enjoy their songs. Include a variety of feeders suited to the birds they want to attract. Select feeders that are easy to fill and clean and protect seed from weather and squirrels.

You'll attract a wide range of birds with tray and platform feeders. Look for ones like the Gardener's Supply Twigs Platform Bird Feeder which has a cover to protect the seed from rain and snow and a removable mesh floor for easy cleaning. Platform feeders like this, with excellent drainage, help minimize the risk of wet seed sprouting or supporting bacteria and fungi that can harm the birds. Help keep seeds safe and fresh with regular cleaning and by only providing enough seed for a day or two.

Hopper or house feeders protect seed against the weather and bird droppings. But if the seed gets wet, the closed environment is perfect for bacteria and fungi to thrive. Plus, they are more difficult to clean.

Tube feeders are cylinders with perches and feeding ports. Those with perches above the openings attract birds like goldfinches and chickadees that can feed upside down. Those with small perches discourage large birds from feeding. Select tube feeders with small ports for smaller seeds like Nyjer thistle and ones with larger openings for large seeds.

Look for ones with wire surrounds to keep out squirrels and those that are



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Roosting pockets provide some needed insulation for birds and are easy for them to enter and exit.

easy to clean like the Gardener's Supply Cleaver Clean Tube Feeder with a removable bottom. Reduce problems on other tube feeders by blocking the bottom of the tube that extends below the lowest feeding port. Seed and water can collect there, increasing the risk of fungi and bacteria.

Clean feeders regularly with a 10% non-chlorine bleach solution, commercial birdfeeder cleaner or mild solution of unscented dishwashing soap. Wash the inside and outside of the feeder, perches and feeding ports. Once cleaned, rinse with clear water and dry before refilling.

Provide some shelter from wind, snow, rain, and predators for birds spending the winter in your landscape. Supplement what trees and shrubs provide by including a few roosting boxes and pockets. Gardener's Supply fair trade roosting pockets (gardeners.com) are attractive, easy to hang, provide some needed insulation and are easy for birds to enter and exit.

Make sure to provide water throughout the year. Those in colder climates

will need to add a heater, bubbler, or aerator to prevent the water from freezing. Providing fresh water reduces the calories and body heat a bird uses when melting snow and ice.

Select a birdbath that can be left outside year-round to avoid cracks and leaks as water freezes and place it in a sunny area. Add a few stones so the birds can take a sip without getting totally wet. Keep these clean just as you do during warmer months.

Looking for more ideas? Help your favorite birder prepare for the nesting season with a gift of one or more birdhouses. These make attractive additions to any landscape while providing more homes for visiting songbirds.

When selecting the right gift for your favorite bird watcher or gardener consider creating or expanding your own bird-friendly landscape. A small investment in creating a bird habitat reaps wonderful benefits all year round.

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battle. Nobody was up to the challenge.

One day, David was called out from the fields and sent to bring food to his brothers. When he arrived, he learned of Goliath's challenge and accepted. He was mocked and made fun of, but David paid them no mind. He prepared himself for the fight of his life.

The Israelites tried to outfit David with traditional battle weapons like heavy armor, a sword, and a spear. They wanted to get him to fight the way Goliath wished to fight. David found the weapons awkward; it was then he decided he wasn't going to play by Goliath's rules. David opted to use a sling and a stone.

Slings in David's time weren't like the slingshots we used as kids. Ancient slingers could defeat infantry armed with swords and armor most of the time. A good slinger could penetrate the skull of his enemy.

When the contest began, David didn't hesitate. He sprinted to the fight, quickly finding a few smooth stones; swinging his sling, he released the rock and sunk it straight into Goliath's forehead. David walked over to Goliath and chopped off his head using Goliath's sword.

This was a great victory that cemented David's position as a giant killer, and he went on to become the greatest king in Israel's history.

How did David win? He refused to play by the giant's rules. Indeed if David had approached Goliath dressed in full armor and armed with a sword, David would have lost his life.

Giant killers in modern times won't be using slings, swords, and spears. Our weapon will be the knowledge of the giant's weakness and a refusal to play the game the way the giant wants to play it.

If you choose to be a giant slayer; then remove all doubt and replace it with faith. People will laugh at you but do not pay attention. Sprint into battle, knowing your victory is secure.

Friday's Child



Photo by Erin Mathieu

McKenzi
Age 15

Hi! My name is McKenzi and I love to swim!

McKenzi is a creative, kind teen of Caucasian descent. She loves to cook, swim, paint, and watch television. McKenzi describes herself as a funny child who is also a good friend. She is very loyal to those she cares about, and she remains dedicated to her interests and passions. Those who are close to McKenzi note that she is hard-working, caring, and a good role model to others. She is very resilient and does not give up easily! Her teachers report she does well in school and works at grade level. Her favorite subjects are art and math.

Legally free for adoption, McKenzi's ideal family would consist of one or two moms, with no other children in the home. Because McKenzi's social worker believes she could thrive in any type of family, she will consider all families who express interest. McKenzi's one wish is that her future family be caring and understanding. They should also be willing to abide by the Open Adoption Agreement with her birth parents, and also maintain contact with her siblings who are placed separately.

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.



TCA third grade hosts All Saints Day mass



SOUTHBIDGE — Trinity Catholic Academy's third grade hosted the annual All Saints Mass this past week at Notre Dame Church. The Feast of All Saints, is a day commemorating all the saints of the church, both known and unknown, who have attained heaven. It is celebrated on Nov. 1.

The third grad did a wonderful job showing their creativity and enthusiasm as they shared their knowledge and vision about the saint they honored. Fr. Ken Cardinale celebrated the special heartfelt Mass and shared the encouraging message for all to be more like the saints that the third graders personally chose to depict on this special day. Our world can always use more caring, compassion, kindness, and love. Thank you to teachers Miss Sanelli & Mrs. Ladd who led all in beautiful song.

The chosen saints that the third graders learnt and shared knowledge about were:

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DUDLEY - 10 MILL ROAD



Beautiful family home! 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, newer widows & heating system. Mini split system. Hardwoods. Lg eat-in kitchen /Corian counters & Island! Warming fireplace with handsome mantel. Generous dining room, spacious enough for your family gatherings. lower level fireplace family room. Harmon pellet insert! 2 car garage. Reduced **\$340,000.**

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WEBSTER - 401 TREASURE ISLAND CONDO



WEBSTER LAKE! Treasure Island Townhouse! UNIT# 401 Quiet summers on big & beautiful Webster Lake! 6 Rooms. Open Floor Plan! Dining Area. Hardwood Floor & Carpet. Master Bedroom, W/2 Closets. Master Bath! 2-1/2 Baths Total! Slider to Deck & Slider to the Patio! Natural gas heat! 2 Boat Slips! Heated Pool! Natural Sandy Beach! **\$439,000.**



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SOUTHBRIDGE MILLS*continued from page A1*

this property.”

The Southbridge Innovation Center, once the campus of American Optical, today consists of 11 principal buildings which include a world class hotel and conference center, multi-national manufacturers, office and R&D space and now residential housing.

“As our Commonwealth’s residents face a growing need for more affordable housing, we are proud to partner with WinnDevelopment on the creation of these new homes,” said Chip Norton, Managing Director of the Southbridge Innovation Center. “Southbridge is a perfect community in which a family can flourish, and by repurposing the buildings of the Southbridge Innovation Center as homes, the community will flourish with them. We’re excited to see this transformation come to life.”

The WinnDevelopment project site focuses on the oldest structure in the complex, built in 1888 for machinery, grinding, and storage. When construction is completed in January 2023, the new rental community will feature a mix of apartment sizes with varying layout styles that take advantage of natural light. Twelve one-bedroom units, 31 two-bedroom units, and five three-bedroom units will be created, as well as resident parking and amenity areas.

“We are excited to have this project come to Southbridge,” said Southbridge Town Manager Michael F. McCall. “Not only does this project breathe new life into a historic mill building that has been part of Southbridge’s long history of manufacturing optical products, it also provides quality affordable housing to those seeking to remain in the community and to others that wish to call Southbridge their home. Additionally, we see the project as part of the ongoing revitalization initiative that continues to spur economic development and yield economic benefits to our community.”

The site is located a half mile from historic downtown Southbridge and is close to many amenities, including schools, hospitals and parks. It is about a 30-minute drive from Worcester, and a 45-minute drive from Hartford, Conn., making it well situated for commuting to either market.

Funding for the project include Low Income Housing Tax Credits, state and federal historic tax credits construction financing and state

funds provided by the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), Massachusetts Housing Partnership (MHP), Blue Hub Capital, the Massachusetts Historical Commission, the U.S. National Park Service, and Bank of America.

“MHP is once again proud to be working with WinnCompanies to preserve a symbol of a town’s industrial past,” said MHP Executive Director Clark Ziegler. “Winn has done this in communities all over the state, transforming these mills into attractive affordable homes where individuals and families can build a future.”

Southbridge Innovation Center offers visionary corporate facilities throughout a wide variety of building types, with potential solutions for R&D, office, light manufacturing, biotechnology, life sciences, high technology, and other business operations. The center’s numerous single- and multi-story buildings total 1.2 million square feet for conversion to office, industrial, warehouse, manufacturing, and classroom space. Two of the existing buildings are planned for redevelopment for residential use, which could provide housing for the full-time training, technical support, or other operational staff.

The Southbridge Mills project is being overseen by WinnDevelopment Project Director Angela Gile with The Architectural Team as architect and Dellbrook Construction as general contractor. The project will be WinnDevelopment’s second adaptive reuse effort in Southbridge, following the redevelopment of the former Mary E. Wells School. That project, undertaken in partnership with Arch Communities, will create 62 units of affordable housing for active adults when completed in March 2022.

WinnDevelopment is the nation’s leading developer of historic and iconic buildings for use as multifamily housing – preserving, restoring and transforming more than 40 abandoned textile mills, schools and other landmark structures into affordable and mixed-income apartment properties in Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Virginia and Washington, D.C. No other developer has won more awards for residential adaptive reuse projects.

The American Optical Company served as Southbridge’s largest employer from the late-19th century

though the mid-20th century as an international leader in the optical field. The company expanded operations to include production of binoculars, contacts and Polaroid cameras, as well as fiber optic and laser technologies. The company shut down in phases beginning in 1979.

About WinnCompanies

WinnCompanies is an award-winning, national owner, developer and manager of high-impact affordable, middle income, mixed-income, market rate and military housing communities. Founded in Boston in 1971 and supported by 3,600 team members in 23 states and the District of Columbia, WinnCompanies is one of the nation’s leading multi-family housing managers with 101,000 residential and military apartment homes under management. It is the largest manager of affordable housing in the United States and a leading manager of privatized U.S. military housing. The company owns 100 apartment communities in 11 states

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Franklin Realty Advisors LLC is a full-service real estate development, commercial property management and advisory firm headquartered in Wellesley, with specific expertise in public/private partnerships, commercial property management and historic preservation projects. Over the past 30 years the managing directors and senior management of the firm and its affiliates have developed, acquired and/or managed more than \$750 million of real estate projects throughout New England, including more than \$200 million in office and mixed-use projects in Central Massachusetts. Some significant local projects include the \$100 million Southbridge Innovation Center, \$90-plus-million Mercantile Center project in downtown Worcester, as well as The Worcester Business Center and One Mercantile.

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Hall, and its exhibit at Plymouth Plantation. The painting is currently on exhibit at (MOG) Museums on the Green in Falmouth, Ma., on loan from the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches through December. It has been requested to be displayed in 2022 at Pilgrim Hall Museum in Plymouth. Rinaldo’s painting has been featured in textbooks, news shows, and history books. Her work has been documented since the early ‘70s, including a 14 minute video that documents every stroke and the process in creating “The First Thanksgiving, 1621.”

“In the Wake of the Mayflower” covers four timelines: Nauset 1602-1619, Pilgrims’ arrival and their rela-

tionship with the native Wampanoag, King Philip 1621-1675, and the origin of the 15 Cape Cod towns 1675-1976.

Kevin M. Doyle is a retired military combat veteran, as well as a writer and lecturer on historic places and events. His curiosity has inspired him to look for events that may be fading from public memory but deserve to be revived and celebrated by locals and visitors alike.

To reserve a seat for this presentation, visit www.hitchcockacademy.org. Lunches are available, if reserved, for the noon presentation for \$10/person (soup/half sandwich provided by Panera) or participants may bring a bag lunch. A second presentation will be offered at 6 p.m. The presentation is otherwise free of charge, though donations to the presenting 501(c)3 nonprofit are always warmly welcomed.

ARREST*continued from page A1*

area residents don’t know much about.

“This recent arrest highlights one of the changes we’re seeing in the drug market in Worcester County and nationally,” Early said. “We want to warn people that the pills they buy on the street are often cut with fentanyl and can be just as likely, if not more, to result in a deadly overdose as heroin.”

In 2020, there were a record 93,000

overdose deaths in the United States. According to experts, fentanyl is the driving force behind overdose death increases in recent years.

Looking ahead, local officials aim to continue cracking down on dealers, but they want residents to be aware of the dangers of fentanyl.

“I’m proud of the work our State Police Detective Unit and local police are doing to combat this influx of fentanyl and its distribution in all forms. It’s important that the public be aware and take caution with all different types of drugs,” Early said.



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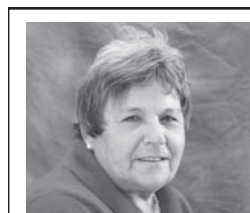



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(Right) Keeper Braylon Casinghino of Tantasqua sandwiches himself between a few players and makes a save.

But, in the end, the 14th seeded Warriors had enough to upend No. 19 Martha's Vineyard, 1-0, when Majed Ahmad Simrin found an opening in the crease and scored with 30 minutes to play.

Tantasqua (13-3-1) survived and advanced to the Round of 16. There, they will play at No. 3 Norwell High on Nov. 9, which comes after press time.

Tantasqua girls also win: Playing at the nearby Cage an hour earlier, No. 25 Tantasqua took care of business in a MIAA Division 3 State Championship preliminary round contest versus No. 40 Boston Latin Academy, 5-0. The Warriors (11-5-1) then played at No. 8 Bishop Fenwick High in the Round of 32 on Nov. 8, after press time.

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(Right) Trevor Harris of Tantasqua sees an opening in the field while possessing the ball.



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Tantasqua's Luke Marvin heads down the field in pursuit of a loose ball.



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