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Nichols College remembers 9/11



Jason Bleau

Leonard Samborowski, Associate Professor of Management and a 30-year veteran of the U.S. Army, speaks at Nichols College during a ceremony honoring those lost on 9/11.

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – Nichols College held a special

ceremony in remembrance of the thousands of lives lost on Sept. 11, 2001, recognizing the solemn twentieth anniversary of the acts of ter-



Visitors stand in silence as the Nichols College Academy Bell tolls for the 2,977 lives lost on 9/11.



Flags were placed on the Campus Green to remember those lost twenty years ago on 9/11.

ror that felled the World Trade Centers as terrorists hijacked four planes intending on initiating a coordinated strike on western ideals.

Students, staff and local citizens gathered on the Campus Green on Sept. 10 where Leonard Samborowski, Associate Professor of Management and a 30-year veteran of the U.S. Army, offered brief words before those

present joined hands and the Academy Bell was rung in honor of the 2,977 lives lost two decades prior.

"We are told to remember to never forget as if that implied obligation

to revisit the narrative of the past is sufficient," said Samborowski. "We should do more. In our reflection let us link our resolve to our futures, a focus not on the fall of the towers but attention to what rose from the dust. Let us learn from the lessons of supreme sacrifices made."

Samborowski called 9/11 a "day of horror for the world" but noted that from that dark day came lessons he hopes the world can carry with them. The first is that "in darkness become the light". Samborowski

recalled the story of a man named Ron Clifford who was scheduled for a meeting at the World Trade Center the day of the attack only to find himself assisting a woman named Jeannieann Maffeo who had suffered severe burns from falling jet fuel after the North Tower was struck, the first attack on that fateful day.

"Ron and Jeannieann prayed together because their faith was also their light," Samborowski said.

The second lesson he shared was "when opposed by evil find strength in your people" referencing the story of Ladder 6 who entered the North Tower and ascended to help evacuate individuals after the attack. There they felt the collapse of the neighboring South Tower understanding the North Tower would soon do the same. During their evacuation they rescued a woman named Josephine Harris and, refusing to leave her, stayed with her when she was unable to go any further. The Ladder 6 crew survived the collapse of the North Tower after stopping on the fourth floor and

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The Real Housewives of Worcester County run through trio of states



Jason Bleau

Local youngsters learn about road signs, the first segment of Dudley's Bike Rodeo on Sept. 11.

Dudley holds Bike Rodeo

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – The town of Dudley debuted its long-discussed Bike Rodeo on Saturday, Sept. 11, kicking off what officials hope will be a new annual tradition for the community.

The Bike Rodeo quickly became a reality after being conceptualized by the Board of Health over the summer. Approval from the Board of Selectmen and assistance from the Dudley Police Department helped push the event through for a pre-fall date with plans to

hold the event each summer to help promote bike safety for Dudley's youth.

Dudley Public Health Nurse and Board of Health Member Roberta Johnson said the event came about from a need to ensure safe practices

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Courtesy

Six moms from Dudley (Amanda St. George, Rachel Foskett, Michele Loughlin, Danielle Thornbrugh, Sadie Vivenzio and Danielle Leboeuf) dubbed The Real Housewives of Worcester County, recently took part in a 95-mile RiMaConn Relay.

DUDLEY — A team of six moms from Dudley recently ran a 95-mile relay, starting in Rhode Island, passing through in Massachusetts and fin-

ishing in Connecticut.

The team, who call themselves The Real Housewives of Worcester County, participated for the first time in the Aug.

28 RiMaConn Relay, presented by Webster Bank. The group of moms chose to run as an outlet to get

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Late dramatics send rallying Oxford past Spartans



Nick Ethier

Oxford's Lucas Lambert calls his own number and gains valuable yardage on a quarterback carry.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS EDITOR

OXFORD — For the first time since late fall in 2019, high school football was alive and well with packed stands and a meaningful game taking place on the field. As Oxford High hosted Uxbridge High on Friday night, Sept. 10, both head coaches loved the atmosphere.

"It was so good to see it," said Oxford's Jeffrey Clarkson.

"We got here and it was Friday night football again. It feels excellent,"

added Uxbridge's Matt Blood. "It felt like a real football atmosphere."

But only one side was thrilled with the final result, and that was the host Pirates.

The Spartans led, albeit by small margins, for the entirety of the contest until 1:09 remained. That's when Oxford quarterback Lucas Lambert connected with receiver Robert Fisher with a 5-yard touchdown pass to provide the winning score, 26-21.

Uxbridge held lead of 7-0, 7-6, 13-6, 13-12, 21-12

and 21-20 before falling late.

"Unbelievable game. It was everything we expected it to be," said Clarkson. "We've always had a real challenge against Uxbridge. Two years ago, we lost 28-21 and three years ago we lost with 8 seconds to go on a kick. That's a good football town, always has been."

On the other side, Blood was disappointed with the outcome.

"We coach the kids to play and we've got to do

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DUDLEY — The Dudley Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of Sept. 3-10.
A 69-year-old male whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Sept. 6 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.
James A. Chenevert, age 54, of Webster was arrested on Sept. 8 for Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended License (subsequent offense), No Inspection Sticker, Possession of a Class B Drug with Intent to Distribute (subsequent), Carrying a Dangerous Weapon (second offense), Possession of a Class E Drug, and Distribution of a Class B Drug (subsequent offense).
Danielle M. Theriault, age 27, of Leicester was arrested on Sept. 9 for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol, Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, a Marked Lanes Violation, and Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle.

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A BACKPACK BLESSING

St. Joseph School students ended their first week of classes by gathering in the schoolyard to receive a blessing of their backpacks by the new Associate Pastor, Rev. Anthony Kazarnowicz. The blessing was as follows: “Lord, bless this backpack and the student who carries it. As we begin this new school year, give these students strength when they feel weary, focus when they feel overwhelmed, and determination to complete the tasks before them. Mostly, give them courage to accept all that will happen this wonderful school year. Be with them always, in the classroom, on the school bus, and at home. Allow them to know Your presence in all that they do and say. Remind each student of the awesome future before them and let each subject and teacher be a source of discovery and growth. We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.” Following the blessing, the students received a prayer card that they could attach to their backpacks. It was the perfect way to end the week. Best wishes for a great 2021-2022 school year!

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Historic Dudley Hill event

DUDLEY — The Black Tavern Historical Society is holding its eighth annual juried craft fair on Saturday, Oct. 2 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., on Center Road, Dudley, on the grounds of the historic tavern and barn, as well as on the Dudley Town Common. Food will be available at the adjacent Grange food shack as part of the Annual Apple Festival. In addition, “Historic Tradesmen” will be demonstrating traditional 19th century skills on the common, sponsored in part by a grant from the Janet Malser Humanities Trust and also the Dudley Cultural Council, a part of the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Free admission and parking.

Dudley
\$959,900, 20 French Rd, French, Robert A, and French, Nancy J, to Seraphin, Joseph, and Seraphin, Jean.
\$570,000, 10 Camelot Cir, Kozub, Cheryl A, to Martin, Eric.
\$450,000, 31 Central Ave, Jankowski, Todd W, and Hoover, James T, to Hazelrex LLC.
\$399,444, 414 W Main St, Healy, John, and Bayview Loan Servicing, to E-Z Cashing LLC.
\$396,000, 69 New Boston Rd, Mullen, Kelly D, and Mullen, Kelly, to Jacklin, Philip S, and Crombie-Jacklin, Allyson.
\$385,000, 147 Pierpont Rd, Soldi, Edward F, and Soldi, Karol L, to Shea, Patrick, and Duquette, Kellie.
\$337,000, 11 Konkel Dr, Haggerty, Brian E, and Haggerty, Judith A, to Parmenter, Barbara A.
\$275,000, 14 Elizabeth St, Kruzewski, Joseph L, and Kruzewski, Michael, to Carter, Sarah.
\$230,000, 5 Konkel Dr, Daniel D Costello IRT, and Costello, Erica A, to A Pineda Construction Inc.

Oxford
\$426,500, 5 Spicebush Ln, Seavey, John R, and Seavey, Cynthia M,

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to Stehlik, Aaron M, and Stehlik, Bethany L.
\$375,000, 20 Charlton St, Stehlik, Bethany, and Stehlik, Aaron, to Barkley, Randall W, and Barkley, Paula M.
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\$320,000, 21 Beverly St, Caryl A Walne 2014 IRT, and Walne, Peter J, to Ballah, Gboso.
\$305,000, 51 Locust St, Ugale, Mandy, and Senofa, Shiela, to Thapa, Suhan.
\$300,000, 15 Charlton St, Parmenter, Barbara A, and Parmenter, Dean W, to Gonzalez, Irma L, and Lopez, Steven M.
\$255,000, 68 Pleasant St #29, Laferriere, Kenneth J, and Barnes, Kimberly A, to Laferriere, Kimberly A, and Laferriere, Mallory V.
\$230,000, 36 Plantation Rd #36, Nappi, Kayleigh, to Coughlin, Paula A.
\$197,000, 10 Thayer Pond Dr #17, Walker, Tyler D, and Walker, Katie A, to Taylor, Kimberly N, and Ohare, Martin P.
\$187,990, 7 Prospect Hill Rd, Blackmore Sandra Jean Est, and Blackmore, Lori L, to Blackmore, Brandon.

Webster
\$588,163, 6 Black Point Rd, Hopkins, Barbara R, and Hopkins, Michael P, to Durkin, Pamela J.
\$423,000, 18 Aldrich St, Moura, Danny M, and Moura, Jorge A, to Taylor, Chase.
\$422,500, 401 Treasure Island Rd #401, Hubmeier, Carole A, to Deary, Gene M.
\$365,000, 91 Lower Gore Rd, Boudreau, Joey K, and Boudreau, Beth A, to Leblanc, Thomas R.
\$355,000, 109 Lake St, Flibbert LT, and Flibbert, David J, to Tenecela-Guzman, Dunia F.
\$280,000, 55 Cudworth Rd, Taylor, Keith W, and Taylor, Leslie, to Languth, Michael.
\$128,485, 6 Greystone Ave, Andreoli, Jane, to Bennett, Scott R.

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Clothes - shirts, pants, jackets, shoes, bags

Kids toys and baby items - high chairs, bouncy, games, seats

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Class of 2025 enrolls at Nichols College

DUDLEY — Nichols College has welcomed the newest members of our herd, the class of 2025.
Noah Azzaoui of Webster
Ricky Bowden of Dudley
William Carney of Oxford
Evan Healy of Dudley
Lukas Janusz of Dudley
Benjamin Kallgren of Dudley
Zackary Latuga of Webster
Alexander Laws of Dudley
Matthew Livsey of Webster
Nicolas Micciche of Oxford
Katrina Mrzyglod of Webster
Danielle Patricks of Webster
Ryan Spitz of Webster
Samuel Tashjian of Dudley
Tori Vitikos of Webster
Desmond White of Oxford

Matvey Zhuk of Dudley
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Art In The Park & Roseland Park Poetry Together

September 26th in a special FREE EVENT

205 Roseland Park Rd., Woodstock, CT

Fine art by local artists for sale in the barn from 11-4 p.m.

Poetry in the outdoor amphitheater* from 2-4 p.m.

(rain date Oct. 17th in the barn)

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*rustic seating but camp/lawn chairs recommended

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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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Indoor Movie Night – Third Thursday of the month, beginning September 16th at 6:00PM
Join us monthly on the third Thursday of each month as we show a new release film. We’ll make theatre-style popcorn for you to enjoy! The film selection changes each month, call the Library for this month’s title: 508-949-3880.

Book Discussion Group

– September 20th 6:30PM
The Gladys E. Kelly Public Library Adult Book Discussion Group meets at 6:30 pm on the third Monday of the month. New members are always welcome! Next month’s book discussion will be on Monday, September 20th at 6:30PM the meeting will take place via Zoom, and will be about the book A Woman of No Importance by Sonia Purnell. Stop by the library, or reach out by phone to 508-949-3880, or by email to ehale@cwmars.org for inquiries.

Fall Concert Series: The Promise is Hope – October 9th 2:00PM
“Folk that makes you feel stuff” is exactly what Ash & Eric L’Esperance (spouses & band mates) set out to create through their collaborative project, The Promise is Hope. Their music marries two distinctly talented songwriters whose sound draws from the deep and vast well of the roots music tradition. Ashley’s airy and intoxicating tone (think Alison Krauss) blends beautifully with Eric’s sweet, deep voice (think Cat Stevens).

The two artists complement each other in every respect, as with one voice they take their listeners on an exploration of the deep mysteries within nature and human relationships. With tightly woven harmonies, two acoustic guitars, and intimate songwriting, the pair presents a beautifully moving, inspired & connected live set. PopMatters says, “It is folk music, but folk that doesn’t find any quick or easy comparisons. Instead, it might be said that the L’Esperances have found their unique path within the storied tradition.”

Concert is scheduled to be held outside, but will happen in the Library Community Room in case of rain. Please bring a chair or blanket if the concert is being held outside!

Spirits of New England with Dustin Pari – October 18th 6:30-8:00PM
Dustin Pari, a paranormal investigator and speaker with 25 years experi-

ence researching the unknown, will be presenting a talk about the legends, lore, and paranormal happenings he has seen and investigated across New England. Dustin is known for his wacky and slightly off-beat sense of humor, which helps to balance the light and dark material that can make up the paranormal world. This lecture brings a great bit of local history colored with some chilling tales of the supernatural! No registration required.

Children’s and Young Adult Programming

Songs and Stories Storytime – Wednesdays at 10AM

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

welcome!

Masks are required for everyone in the children’s room over the age of 2 years. Disposable masks will be available.

LEGO Club – Tuesdays from 3:30-4:30PM

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

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

Drop in Paint Hour – Mondays starting September 13th from 3:30-4:30PM

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

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

STEAM Kids – Thursdays starting September 23rd from 3:30-4:30PM

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.

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WEBSTER POLICE LOG

WEBSTER — The Webster Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of Sept. 5-11.

A 33-year-old female from Worcester whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Sept. 5 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member, Disorderly Conduct, and Disturbing the Peace.

Ashley E. O’Connor, age 29, of Webster was arrested on Sept. 5 in connection with a warrant. Nicholas M. Palacios, age 39, of Webster was arrested during the same incident for Failure to Register as a Sex Offender (subsequent offense).

A 22-year-old male from Webster whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Sept. 6 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

A juvenile, age 13, whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Sept. 6 for Armed & Masked Robbery. A second juvenile, age 16, was arrested during the same incident for Armed & Masked Robbery, the Sale and/or Possession of an Electric Stun Gun, and Assault & Battery on a Person aged 60 or older and/or Disabled.

Shannon M. Cinieri, age 40, of Pascoag, R.I. was arrested on Sept. 6 for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol, Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, and operating an Unregistered Motor Vehicle.

A 23-year-old male from Webster whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Sept. 7 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member and simple Assault & Battery.

Alyssa S. Delaurie, age 31, of Worcester was arrested on Sept. 8 for Trespassing, Vandalization of Property, and Felony Daytime Breaking & Entering.

Jason Daniel Plaza, age 48, of Webster was arrested on Sept. 8 for Assault & Battery with a Dangerous Weapon against a person aged 60 or older and in connection with multiple warrants.

Jacob Ryan Merritt, age 29, of Webster was arrested on Sept. 9 for Speeding at a Rate of Speed Greater Than Was Reasonable and Proper, Littering from a Motor Vehicle, Refusal by the Operator of a Motor Vehicle to Identify Themselves, Disorderly Conduct, Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol, Resisting Arrest, Indecent Exposure, Possession of an Open Container of Alcohol in a Motor Vehicle, Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, Failure to Wear a Seat Belt, and multiple counts of Vandalization of Property.

Danielle M. Theriault, age 27, of Leicester was arrested on Sept. 9 for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol, Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, a Marked Lanes Violation, and Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle.

Jonathan E. Marquis, age 30, of North Grosvenordale, Conn. was arrested on Sept. 10 in connection with a warrant.

A 58-year-old male from Webster whose name has been withheld from publication was taken into protective custody on Sept. 11 and subsequently charged with Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

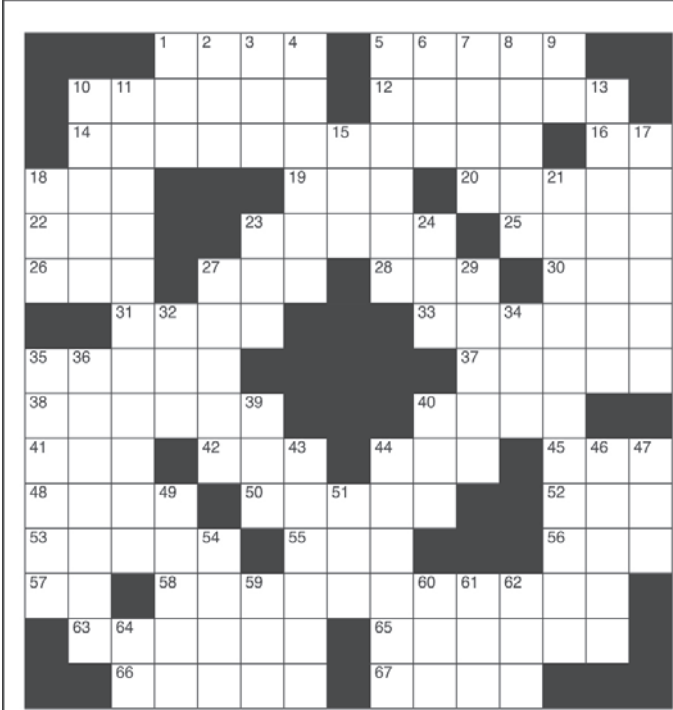
SNHU announces Summer 2021 Dean’s List

MANCHESTER, New Hampshire — It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the summer 2021 Dean’s List.

Full-time students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 are named to the Dean’s List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits; undergraduate day students must earn 12 credits in fall or spring semester, and online students must earn 12 credits in either EW1 & EW2, EW3 & EW4, or EW5 & EW6.

Makayla Norton of Dudley
Danielle DeSantis of Webster
Erica Wennerberg of Webster

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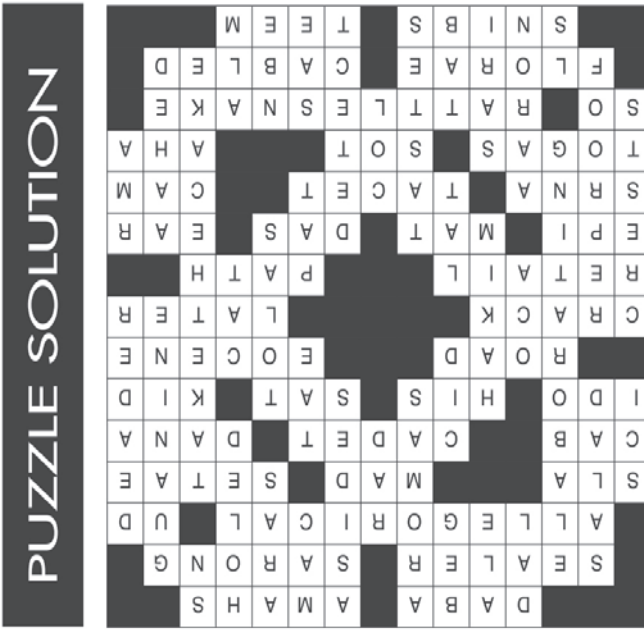


CLUES ACROSS

1. Religion native to some in China
5. Nursemaids
10. Coats a porous surface
12. Garment of long cloth
14. Containing a broader message
16. University of Dayton
18. Patti Hearst’s captors
19. Insane
20. Bristlelike structures in invertebrates
22. Taxi
23. Trainee
25. Comedian Carvey
26. Some couples say it
27. Belong to he
28. High schoolers’ test
30. Young goat
31. You drive on one
33. Denotes a time long ago
35. Space between two surfaces
37. By and by
38. A way to sell
40. A line left by the passage of something
41. Indicates near
42. Where wrestlers compete
44. Prosecutors
45. Body part
48. Soluble ribonucleic acid
50. Indicates silence
52. NFL’s Newton
53. Ancient Roman garments
55. Drunkard
56. Expression of satisfaction
57. Thush
58. Noisy viper
63. Plants of a particular region
65. Communicated with
66. Latches a window
67. Swarm with

CLUES DOWN

1. Split pulses
2. Brew
3. Ask humbly
4. Distinctive smells
5. Digressions
6. Partner to cheese
7. Father of Araethyrea
8. Made a cavity
9. Tin
10. Appetizer
11. Presenting in detail
13. Compound in guano and fish scales
15. Cool!
17. “__ than a doormail”
18. Popular literary form __ fi
21. Be the most remarkable
23. “Final Fantasy” universe character
24. Buffer solution
27. Muslim physician using traditional remedies
29. Fantastical planet
32. S. American plant
34. Domesticated animal
35. The tops of mountains
36. Expression of disapproval
39. Skeletal muscle
40. Game show host Sajak
43. One’s interests
44. Identify the existence of
46. Partner to “oohed”
47. Does not accept medical help (abbr.)
49. Hammerin’ Hank
51. Lowest point of a ridge between two peaks
54. Elaborately draped garment
59. Check
60. Car mechanics group
61. One point east (clockwise) of due north
62. Austrian river
64. A command to list files



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New exhibit at Dudley library spotlights messages of diversity

DUDLEY — An interesting and timely exhibit will open Oct. 5 and end Nov. 3 at the Pearle L. Crawford Memorial Library in Dudley. The exhibit is titled “Diversity,” and it consists of about 28 posters from the collection of Stephen Lewis.

With the recent assaults on Asian people, religious inspired violence, and fatal encounters between police and Black people, it is an exhibit that may stimulate some more thinking about diversity. or similarities. among people. The posters hail from several countries including the US. Through graphics and written word, they address issues of racism, discrimination, gender identity, and religious intolerance.

Issues like racism have long existed in not only this country, but in many countries. Some people in this country like to believe that they are not racist. Civil rights leader Malcolm X once said many years ago, that “If you are born in this country, you have racial prejudice. The difference is that some people are

Webster man arrested on drug charges

DUDLEY — On Wednesday, Sept. 8 at approximately 7:20 p.m., Dudley Police Officer James Mastrogiovanni conducted a traffic stop of a Red Pontiac Grand Am on Brandon Road near the West Main Street intersection. The operator of the vehicle was identified as Mr. James Chenevert, age 54 of Webster.

Sgt. Paul Ceppetelli and Officer Ryan Daniels assisted with this incident. During the investigation, it was determined Mr. Chenevert’s right to operate in Massachusetts was currently under suspension. Officers also observed several containers and baggies containing both powdered and “crack” cocaine. Based on the quantity, packaging, and associated paraphernalia present, it was believed it was sufficient to rise to the level of possession with the intent to distribute a Class B Controlled Substance. A quantity of prescription medications, not belonging to this individual, were also located. Mr. Chenevert had a knife with a spring release, aka “switch blade.” in his possession.

Mr. Chenevert was taken into custody and transported to the Dudley Police Department for booking. He was held on bail for a court appearance at Dudley District Court last week. He was charged with the following offenses:

- Operating After Suspension Subsequent Offense
- Inspection Sticker Violation
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- Possession With Intent to Distribute Class B (Crack Cocaine), Subsequent Offense
- Possession Of Class E Substance
- Carrying A Dangerous Weapon, Subsequent Offense

SNHU announces Summer 2021 President’s List

MANCHESTER, New Hampshire — It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the summer 2021 President’s List.

Full-time students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above are named to the President’s List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits; undergraduate day students must earn 12 credits in fall or spring semester, and online students must earn 12 credits in either EW1 & EW2, EW3 & EW4, or EW5 & EW6.

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trying to deal with it, others are not.” Lewis believes that is still true today.

Homophobia is another prejudice that pits people against each other. It has taken many years and many deaths to get to the point today where some rights of gay people are finally being addressed in the law. Attitudes by many are lagging. Lewis encourages people to view the exhibit regardless of your attitudes and think about the issues the posters speak to. Lewis recalls a meeting he was having with a woman from Uganda. “I didn’t know I was black until I came to this country” she said, as they discussed racial attitudes in the US.

Lewis credits institutions like the Pearle L. Crawford Memorial Library with stimulating thinking about issues like diversity through literature, film and exhibits like this one.

The posters are from a collection of more than 9,000 posters of Stephen Lewis. Lewis has been collecting political posters for 20 years, and has been staging exhibits around Massachusetts for the past 18 years. Many of the posters are older, but still reflect events that impact on us today.

Lewis attributes his love for the posters and creating exhibits, to his background as a political activist and a union leader. He states that many of his exhib-

its reflect issues he has been involved in over the course of his life. An example is his collection of anti-Apartheid posters. Lewis and his union were very involved in the anti-Apartheid struggle in Massachusetts, particularly in solidarity with the unions in South Africa. Lewis was once arrested during a sit-in at a Boston coin dealer that refused to stop selling the South African Kruggerand gold coins.

This project is supported in part by the Dudley Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, and by Painters District Council 35, and Bricklayers Local 3.



Courtesy

The First Annual Dudley Police Department Car Show was held on Sunday, Sept. 12, at Shepherd Hill Regional High School. Dudley Police Officers Keith Remillard and Luis Pacheco, along with their family members, coordinated this event. Assistance was also provided by Dudley Police School Resource Officer Philip Megas. More than \$6,000 was raised during this event and the proceeds will be donated to the family of fallen Worcester Police Officer Emmanuel Familia, who died in the line of duty, while attempting to save a teenager from drowning this past June 4. The Dudley Police Department wishes to thank The Dudley Charlton Regional School District, Superintendent Steven Lamarche, Principal William Chapman, and the staff at Shepherd Hill Regional High School for the use of the facility. The Department would also like to recognize the generous sponsors of this event, Ramppo Construction and Dunkin’ Donuts of Dudley. Special thanks also go out to Best Auto Body, UniBank, and EGC Incorporated of Dudley for their generous donations. A great deal of gratitude also is extended to DJ Paul Gaulin for donating his time and equipment for the day and adding a tremendous lift to this event. Of course, a program like this would not be possible without the participation of drivers and their vehicles. Between 80 and 90 car, trucks, and other vehicles were on display. Prizes were awarded to several winners. The weather was excellent, and this day was a tremendous success. Expect the second annual event to take place in 2022.



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All kinds of stresses and pressures will come to us in this life. Worries will come about our parents, careers, children, health, finances, relationships, death, sickness, and more.

It seems there is a never-ending stream of things we can worry about—nail-biting worry, worry that makes our head and heart hurt.

Thankfully, our imaginations usually make things seem much worse than they are. Too often, we imagine the worst possible outcome, outcomes that generally never come to pass; if they do come to pass, often they aren't as bad as we imagined them to be.

A little bit of worry can be good when that worry propels us to action so we can solve the problem before it gets out of hand.

Worry is bad if we allow fear to paralyze us, never taking the necessary steps to solve the problem.

Worry affects us all in different ways. Most of us have at times been so worried we become consumed with fear. Our hands tremble, and anxiety overwhelms all of our senses. Paralyzed with fear, often all we can do is lay down and fall asleep or pace back and forth, mumbling incoherently until exhaustion takes hold.

Some of us can only see a negative outcome and are angry and irritable at those trying to convince us that a good result may be possible.

Some of us turn into complainers, taking on the victim mentality and telling everyone how dire our situation is and how things will never get bet-

ter.

Drugs and alcohol sometimes become the temporary solution; Waking up with a hangover, but the problem is still there.

Some might turn to healthier solutions like exercise, prayer, and meditation to calm the worried mind.

Napoleon Hill said, "Worry is a state of mind based upon fear. It works slowly, but persistently. It is insidious and subtle. Step by step it "digs itself in" until it paralyzes one's reasoning faculty, destroys self-confidence and initiative. Worry is a form of sustained fear caused by indecision; therefore, it is a state of mind which can be controlled."

I believe Napoleon Hill was correct. Worry is based on fear; it paralyzes our reasoning faculty,

destroys our initiative, it's caused by indecision, and therefore it is a state of mind that can be controlled.

How can we control it? According to Napoleon Hill, worry is caused by indecision. The proper response to anxiety might then be to decide on a course of action. We need to remove the hesitation and choose! Sometimes just figuring out what path to take is all that's necessary to stop the worry.

What if you're having trouble deciding what to

do? Talk to your friends, get advice, pray, meditate, think it over. If you're focused on what path you need to take, an answer will come.

Once you choose what the best course of action is, it is essential not to worry if you made the right choice. If you find yourself worrying whether or not you made the right choice, then it's ok to modify your course of action as the days pass. Whatever you do, keep moving forward.

Wherever you are right now, whatever you're

going through, maybe you're nervous, worried, stressed, and afraid. Try to be thankful, think of all the positive things in your life as you make your decision, count your blessings. Moving forward with gratitude and thankfulness is crucial and can often make for a better outcome.

You don't have to make a decision; you get to make a decision. Be thankful that you can choose. Keep a smile on your face; you're capable of great things!

Webster Adult Basic Education Linkages announces new local partnership

WEBSTER — With September underway, that can only mean one thing: everyone is back to school! The same is true for Webster Adult Basic Education Linkages, who provides free Adult Basic Skills, GED/HiSET preparation, and English for Speakers of Other Languages classes to residents of the local communities. Last year looked very different for the program, as the program offered predominantly all virtual classes.

"This is a new year, and that means a new adventure for all of us," says new Director of Operations, Jenna Gouin. To better meet the needs of all residents, Webster Adult Basic Education Linkages has partnered with The Boys & Girls Club of Webster-Dudley to offer three daytime GED/HiSET preparation classes. Given that this is a new adventure for both parties, what makes this

partnership so unique is that many of the students attending daytime GED/HiSET preparation classes have children currently attending programming at The Boys & Girls Club of Webster-Dudley.

Webster Adult Basic Education Linkages' goal for this upcoming school year was to take a new approach to learning. "There are a couple community organizations that offer similar programming to ours, so we definitely knew we wanted to do something more creative, civically engaged and student-centered," according to Gouin.

With that being said, this year Webster Adult Basic Education Linkages will utilize a project-based learning approach that will allow students the opportunity to engage in authentic learning opportunities during daytime classes.

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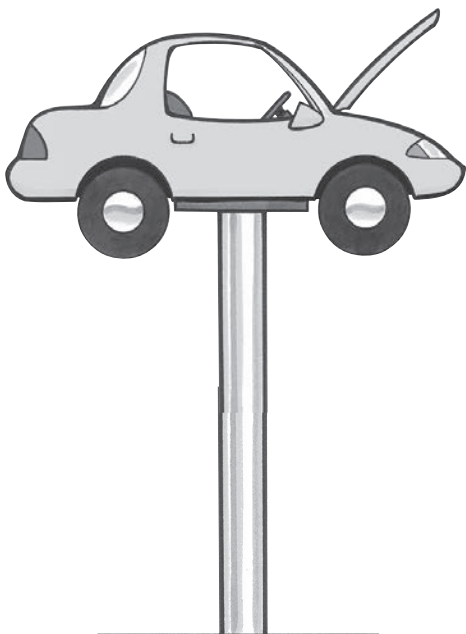


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EDITORIAL

There is more to the labor shortage than laziness

All around the country, we’ve seen businesses reducing hours, restaurants reducing menu items and help wanted signs everywhere. “People just don’t want to work!” is the excuse we here uttered by anyone who hasn’t done their homework.

While it’s true there are some who don’t want to work, this certainly has not caused the labor shortage. Please note that since the dawn of history, there have always been those who don’t want to work. At the end of the day, if someone is able bodied enough to work and isn’t independently wealthy for some reason, and chooses not to work, well they end up unfortunately facing their own issues.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, job openings are at 9.3 million. Extended unemployment benefits have run out, so that argument is no more. In fact, only 3 percent of unemployed people earned enough with the extended benefits country wide to warrant not returning to work. Only 14 percent were earning more than they did prior to the extended benefits. The cessation of those benefits will send some people back to work, but not enough to make a dent. Experts say worker’s rights could have more to do with it.

Low pay is one reason for the shortage. In 1968, the federal minimum wage was \$1.60 per hour. Factoring in the rate of inflation since, that would be the equivalent to \$12.38 per hour in 2021; however, the federal minimum wage is just \$7.25 per hour in 2021. Walmart is now starting employees at \$17/hour, and McDonald’s restaurants in many New England states start their employees at \$15/hour. Lowes has just advertised to start paying \$18/hour. This is not good news for smaller local businesses who don’t have the backing of being a corporation.

Employees are also seeking better working conditions. Those in the restaurant business who rely on tips are sexually harassed at a much higher rate, and because of mask mandates, those workers are often asked to police rude and belligerent people who refuse to comply for either personal or political reasons.

The COVID lockdown has allowed many to re-evaluate what is really important and meaningful, and working a job where you’re harassed and underpaid just isn’t worth it. Flexibility that provides work life balance is what many are looking for. Remote work has allowed this to become more of a reality. Remote work has also allowed many companies to function with less employees. Workers without digital skills are out of luck as far as remote work goes until more training is available. There are some companies who do offer such training such as Google and Amazon.

Many Americans are also in a position where they need to stay home to care for vulnerable individuals including young children. While many schools and day-cares are open, many have closed due to COVID outbreaks, leaving parents without childcare. The opening and closing is unpredictable, and will remain that way until the pandemic is under control.

VIEWPOINT

The healing aspect of forgiveness

Forgiveness. Sometimes it’s so hard to forgive someone who has deeply hurt us. Maybe we feel betrayed or attacked or deeply disappointed. Many times, our pride or ego have been stepped on and we hold on to our anger and become stubborn. Think of a time when you have been seriously hurt and how you felt. Forgiving a person who has deeply hurt us surely isn’t easy and if those who hurt us are unrepentant, forgiveness seems all the more impossible and unnecessary.

Yet forgiving the one who hurt us is the only way that we ourselves can get beyond our hurt and pain. Forgiving another not only releases the other from whatever wrong or evil they have done but it just as much releases us from the darkness of our painful memory.

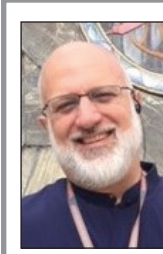
The Apostle Peter wrestled with this topic of forgiveness and asked Jesus, “How many times do I have to forgive another? Seven times?”

Yet our Lord clearly lays out the place of forgiveness and mercy at the center of our lives. “Not seven but 70 x 7!” We forgive an unlimited amount. Mercy and grace know no limits or boundaries. Simply put, we forgive continuously because God forgives us! That is a summary of the Gospel story of the Unforgiving Servant where a servant owed an insurmountable debt to the king and the king willingly forgave the entire debt only to have the servant act unforgiving to his fellow servant. This is unacceptable to God because when we don’t forgive others, we close off our own capacity to receive God’s mercy. In other words, we hurt ourselves by not forgiving others!

I have read numerous stories of unbelievable acts of horror followed by equally unbelievable examples of forgiveness. Just yesterday I read a story about Rebecca DeMauro, whose 12 year old daughter, Andi, was kidnapped, raped and killed in Arkansas on May 15, 1999. Of course, this tragedy devastated the parents and family and all those who knew Andi. The mother Rebecca shared that for a long period of time she couldn’t function or go forward in her life because she was filled with such anger, rage, and hatred toward the murderer. She only wanted vengeance. It didn’t matter that the murderer received the death penalty. She hated him and she “wanted to blow out his brains. She wanted him to suffer long and slow. She didn’t think this man was human.”

One morning she was watching a Good Morning America story on Gary Ridgway, the most prolific serial killer in US history. This murderer killed 48 women. She watched with great interest as the victims’ families were each allotted ten minutes to give a victim impact statement. She heard expressions of deep pain and extreme hatred as the victims’ families repeated in various ways ‘I hope you rot in hell. You are a monster. You deserve to suffer and die many deaths.’ The serial killer sat stoic and hard, his eyes narrowed, seemingly full of hate.

None of these comments touched Rebecca DeMauro until Bob Rule, father of 16-year-old Linda Rule, looked straight at the murderer and said: ‘Mr. Ridgway, there are people here who hate you. I’m not one of them. I forgive you for what you’ve done. You’ve made it difficult for me to live up to my faith but I know what God teaches and expects



BEYOND THE PEWS
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BY FR. LUKE A. VERONIS
SAINTS CONSTANTINE AND HELEN GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH, WEBSTER

Ridgway’s face softened and his lips began to tremble. Then he began to cry. At that precise moment, Rebecca DeMauro realized that the only way she would be able to go on living was to stop hating. “I had to do what Bob Rule did,” she confessed “and let go of my hatred and my pain. The only way I could let my daughter rest in peace and I myself find peace was to forgive.”

She revealed how she was so consumed with hate for the man who had murdered her daughter that her heart and soul had become black. “It nearly killed me,” she admitted “and almost destroyed my family, too. What Bob Rule did that day saved my life. It taught me that I can choose to forgive. God can give me the strength to forgive. This revelation was life-giving for me.”

Forgiving the other, including the one who has hurt us, opens us up to life, to a new life. Forgiveness opens us up to receiving God’s mercy and grace, and thus allows us to live in peace.

Reflect on a few of these beautiful thoughts on the power of forgiveness: “Forgiveness is to set a prisoner free and to realize that prisoner is you!” (Theologian Lewis Smedes)

“When you forgive you can’t change the past but you do open up a new future – for yourself and for the one you forgive.”

“The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is an attribute of the strong.” (Ghandi)

“We must develop and maintain the capacity to forgive. The one who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of the power to love.” (Martin Luther King)

“To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable because God has forgiven the inexcusable in us.” (C. S. Lewis)

“Holding on to a grudge doesn’t make you strong, it makes you bitter. Forgiving doesn’t make you weak, it sets you free.”

“Forgiveness doesn’t excuse inappropriate behavior. Forgiveness prevents this inexcusable behavior to keep a hold on you and to destroy your heart.”

“You will know that forgiveness has truly taken root in you when you recall those who hurt you and feel the power to wish them well.”

“Thinking about forgiveness is not enough. You must come to a moment when you say, ‘With God’s help I now forgive.’” (Norman Vincent Peale)

“Who is a God like you, who pardons our sins and forgives the transgressions of the remnant of his inheritance. You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. You will again have compassion on us. You will tread our sins underfoot and hurt all our iniquities into the depth of the sea.” (Micah 7:18-19)

“Forgive one another as God has forgiven you.” (Saint Paul)

Forgiving one who has deeply hurt you is extremely difficult. Sometimes seemingly impossible. Yet Christ reveals to us that it is the only path forward in life, it is the only path toward finding healing and grace and a life of peace.

Prescription drug take-back set for Oct. 23



CHIEF’S CORNER
STEVE WOJNAR

I wanted to take this opportunity to inform the residents of Dudley that on Saturday, Oct. 23 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Dudley Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public another opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. This has been a popular and much requested program in the past. I wanted to provide some information to people once again on this event.

The Drug Take Back has been held several times over the years in Dudley. Our latest was held this past spring, after the 2020 events were cancelled due to COVID-19. In April, a large quantity of prescription medications and medical sharps were taken in at that time. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked. This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health need. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses. Studies show that most of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, people are advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards. Thanks to the effort of District Attorney Joseph Early’s Office, we now have a permanent Drug Disposal Kiosk located in our Police Station Lobby. These items can now be disposed of locally at any time during the year. Other communities have these kiosks at their police stations or other town buildings. If you are not from Dudley, be sure to check with your community for one of these disposal locations.

In addition to the prescription disposal, we will work with officials from Harrington Hospital to dispose of medical sharps (needles, etc.) on this same day. Collection bins will be on hand to dispose of these items properly and safely as well.

A number of these programs will take place on Oct. 23 in communities all over the area. If you are not a Dudley resident, please check with your local officials for a disposal site near you. In Dudley, bring your medications to The Dudley Police Department located inside the Dudley Municipal Complex at 71 West Main St., Dudley. We thank everyone in advance for their participation in this worthwhile program.

For those still seeking vaccination information, it can be found at www.dudleyma.gov or by calling 508-949-8036. Please continue moving forward with the “re-opening” of our state in a reasonable manner. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. During these challenging times, we, at the Dudley Police Department, greatly appreciate the support we receive from our community.

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

LETTERS

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We think you’re important enough to tell all our readers to turn to the Opinion pages and read your Letters to the Editor.
But first, you have to write us!
Mail your letters to the Webster Times, P.O. Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550.
Or e-mail your letters to the editor at news@stonebridgepress.news.
You’ll need to provide your name and place of residence, along with a phone number, so we can verify the letter is yours.

We don’t have a set limit, but if you keep it around 600 words or so, you’re going to have a better chance at seeing all your words in print.
If you want to write a bit longer about a particular issue, maybe a guest Your Turn column is your cup of tea. If you do that, try to keep it between 700-800 words.
Remember, libelous remarks and/or personal attacks are a no-no and could lead to your letter not being published.
So, what are you waiting for? Start writing!

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Fall is in the air



The first picture shows a large black bear ,and the second shows a file photo from Fat Nancy's Tackle shop in Pulaski, N.Y. of a young lady with a nice salmon caught a few years ago on the Salmon River.

The feeling of fall is in the air! My two dogs also feel the cooler temperatures, and are running around like a couple of puppies. My Yellow Lab TWIG knows what the cool temperatures mean. Hunting! The Massachusetts pheasant season opens on Oct. 16 in the Central District. Mass. Fish & Wildlife no longer raises pheasant, and shut down their pheasant raising pens years ago. It is a lot cheaper to buy them during the season from New York & Vermont, and stock them throughout the pheasant season. Unfortunately, the valley area has lost a couple of prime hunting covers over the years,



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which prompted the state to reduce the number of birds, that are stocked in our area. Some local hunters are not happy with the situation, but take numerous trips to the Brookfield area to hunt birds with their dogs. They have found a few great spots to hunt birds and often find their limit of two birds on each trip. Unfortunately, the grouse population continues to dwindle in the valley area, and

reports from sportsmen north & west of the valley are reporting the same situation. The loss of prime habitat is the main reason, and is also affecting the woodcock populations in our area. Ground nesting birds have a lot more predators to contend with also. A report from a resident that lives on Henry Street in Uxbridge last week, about the possible siting of four bears that were spotted in his yard, was the first report of multiple sightings in Uxbridge. He was not too sure about what he had actually seen until he observed a number of large foot prints on his lawn. He showed me the picture of one print that was no question, made by



a black bear. Upstate New York salmon fishing is improving every day on the Salmon River. If you want to watch anglers fishing on the Salmon River on live cam, log onto Fat Nancy's Web page and click on their 24 hours live cam, showing anglers fishing the Salmon River. You can also get there daily hour by hour fishing report and water temperature in the river. If you are planning a trip to Upstate New York, the time is quickly approaching. On the 16th of this month, anglers fishing the Salmon River reported a large school of coho

salmon working their way upstream. There were also some kings mixed in. The tackle shop was quick to say that the big push of salmon has not started, but do expect it to start any day now. Get your rods and gear ready, and tell the boss you are going fishing. The Salmon River is only five hours away from the valley. This week's picture shows an angler with a nice salmon from the Salmon River, and the fishing is only going to get better. Goose hunting has been slow because of standing corn in most

fields. Hunters that have a golf course to hunt on, or a grassy field that has been cut are harvesting a few geese locally. Do not forget the Whitinsville Fish & Game Clubs annual field day this Saturday, Sept. 18, at their club headquarters on White Court in Douglas. Fun and games, along with shooting on all ranges, and great food will be available all day. The grounds open at 11 a.m. with plenty of free parking. Take a Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

Tips to Plant Fall Bulbs

Following a long New England winter, few signs of spring are more welcome than the first sprouts of green popping up in a barren garden. The promise of a season of beautiful blooms, the tiny shoots are the gardeners reward of a past autumn spent preparing and planting. Experts agree fall offers ideal conditions to plant perennials. In fact, this season is the preferred time to plant spring blooming bulbs. The following are tips to preparing, planning and planting bulbs now for a flourish of flowers come spring.



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eventually increase in size and bloom each year. ** When choosing a bulb, look for those that are firm and plump. Hold them in your palm and select bulbs that feel heavy for their size. Avoid bulbs with bruises, spots or signs of mold. And steer clear of soft, mushy and lightweight bulbs. Sprouting bulbs may indicate a bulb that has been in storage for a long time. **

A little thought and preparation go a long way in reaping the benefits of a successful spring and summer flower garden. The planning you take time for in the fall will be apparent when the flower garden plantings burst with color and texture next year. Know your flowers before you plan to plant. While most bulbs require an area where there is full sun, other varieties such as the iris and crocus enjoy some shade after blooming. For best results select a location in full sun or sun with morning shade only. Well drained soil is a requisite for flower bulbs. If you have poor soil, raised flower beds may be an effective alternative. *

For best results, design your garden with pen and paper first, mapping out the size of the beds and the flowers to scale. Keep in mind color, texture and fragrance are all important factors when deciding on a particular flower garden plan. ** Plotting a garden plan is an exciting chore, and there are some basic rules that ensure a pleasant mix of color for a showy display. Notice how a clump of daffodils and tulips are much more charming than a tidy row of the springtime flowers? The eye is drawn toward

the burst of color when these flowers are situated in generous groups of plantings. ** Be sure to take an accurate bulb count of such large splashes of plantings. Your layout plan should also include using flower bulbs as accents in perennial beds, or to fill in rock gardens or as an interesting border to greenery. Be sure to plan for extra bulbs to fill in areas or to add as landscape accents. **

For an interesting mix, merge short plants with tall specimens to give variety and depth as well as differing textures. And don't underestimate the power of fragrance! Nothing is more delightful than a pathway of floral scents welcoming visitors to your door. ** Scaling plants to the bed is another important factor when plotting your plan. A simple rule to follow is to keep in mind the tallest plant in an island flower bed should have a mature height that is equal to about half the width of the bed. Place these plants in the center, so they can be viewed from all sides. Also remember to take into account plants that grow and expand quickly. **

Color is another major consideration when planting your bulbs. If you want your garden to be a showcase all season, select a variety of bulbs that flower during early, middle and late spring and summer for a continuous burst of color. **

Just as in the home, in the garden bed cool colors seem to recede and warm colors appear to come forward. To make a small garden area appear larger and more spacious, plant flowers in cool, light colors. As a general rule white goes a long way in a garden bed, but if you use a lot of white flowers in an area, consider adding a dramatic splash of bright red or bright pink or purple for visual contrast. ** Dreading the long, cold winter ahead? Forcing

bulbs indoors allows the impatient gardener to enjoy springtime blooms during the winter season! Certain bulbs, such as the narcissus and hyacinth lend themselves to forced budding. To do: Drop a bulb into a glass jar and fill with water and small pebbles until the water level reaches the base of the bulb. Position the jar in a sunny window. Water must remain at the same level, so add moisture as needed. To prevent mold, change the water periodically. **

Win Dinner for Two

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

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

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Friday's Child

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Photo by Kathryn Morgan

Nacari and Nikira

Age 14 and 15

Hi! Our names are Nacari and Nikira and we want to be adopted together!

Nikira and Nacari are siblings of African-American descent who are looking forward to finding their forever home together! Nikira is a likable and friendly girl who gets along well with both adults and her peers. Her favorite activities include yoga, cooking, singing, dancing, and painting. She also enjoys going to church and loves being a part of her Girl Scouts troop. When she grows up, Nikira would like to be a teacher because she enjoys reading on her own and to others. Nikira is on the Autism spectrum, and her teachers describe her as intelligent, talkative, and able to follow directions and form relationships with others. Nacari describes himself as shy, quiet, likable and well-behaved. Others describe him as a sweet, smart and loving boy. His favorite activities include playing basketball and video games. Nacari is on the Autism spectrum and interacts well with his peers. Nacari does well in class with extra supports and loves going to school. Nikira and Nacari will do best in a loving but strong family that is able to provide the siblings with support and set appropriate limits and boundaries. Their social worker is open to exploring homes with a mother and a father, two mothers, or a single mother. The siblings will do best in a home where they can be the youngest or only children. Nikira and Nacari are legally freed for adoption.

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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Help for weather-stressed lawns



Melinda Myers

Fall is a good time to improve the health and appearance of a stressed lawn.

The extreme heat and drought of 2021 across much of the country has turned many lawns brown. Damaged lawns may be thin, contain dead patches or are over-run with weeds.

Fall is a good time to improve the health and appearance of a weather-worn lawn. Start the process by evaluating the damage. Then plan a course of action and be prepared to follow through as needed with proper care.

Fall fertilization can help improve thin lawns and those with numerous small dead patches the size of a baseball or smaller. Apply fertilizer in early September to help lawns recover from summer stress while encouraging denser growth and deeper, more drought tolerant roots. Those in warmer climates growing grasses like centipede, Bermuda and zoysia should make sure the last fall application is at least one month prior to the average first killing frost. Use a low nitrogen, slow-release fertilizer that won't harm stressed lawns and young seedlings if repairing or overseeding the lawn.

Continue to mow high as long as the grass continues to grow. Taller grass produces deeper, more drought tolerant roots. Mow often, removing only a third of the total height. This is less

stressful on the lawn and results in shorter clippings that can be left on the lawn. The clippings return moisture, nutrients, and organic matter to the soil.

Use a sharp blade for a cleaner cut that closes more quickly, reducing water consumption and risk of insects and disease while leaving the lawn looking its best. You'll also save time as sharp blades cut more efficiently and reduce fuel consumption by as much as 22 percent.

Improving a lawn's growing conditions will help it recover more quickly and equip it to better manage environmental stress. Core aerate lawns that have more than one half an inch of thatch, those growing in compacted soils, or before overseeding. By removing plugs of soil, you will break through the thatch and create channels for water and fertilizer to reach the grass roots. For best results, core aerate the lawn when its actively growing; fall for cool season grasses and spring or early summer for warm season grasses.

Hand removal of weeds



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is the most environmentally friendly option. Organic broadleaf weed-killers with the active ingredient Fehedta or Hedta is another option. Spot treat problem areas to minimize the use of chemicals and reduce the stress on already stressed lawns. As always, read and follow label directions carefully whether using traditional, natural or organic chemicals.

Repair dead and bare patches in cool season lawns that are the size of a soccer ball or larger as needed. Those growing warm season grasses will have the best results when seeding in spring through early summer. Rake away dead grass and debris roughening and exposing the soil below. Spread grass seed over the area and lightly rake to ensure seed-to-soil contact. Or mix a handful of grass seed

in a bucket of compost or potting mix. The organic matter helps conserve moisture and promotes seed sprouting. Spread the mix over the soil surface. Water these areas often enough to keep the soil surface moist until the grass seed sprouts. As grass begins to grow, water more deeply and less often to encourage a robust drought tolerant root system.

Proper maintenance and a bit of cooperation from nature will help transform your lawn from a disappointment to an asset in your landscape.

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

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WEBSTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS Special Education Information - August, 2021

Child Find
This notice is provided in compliance with State and Federal regulations for conducting Child Find activities in order to identify students who may be in need of an evaluation to determine eligibility for special education services.

Parents/guardians of children ages 3 through 22, who reside in Webster and feel their child is in need of an evaluation for determination of eligibility for special education services, should contact the Office of Student Support Services at Webster Public Schools, 77 Poland Street, Webster, MA 01570. Information regarding the procedure for requesting an evaluation can be obtained by calling the Office of Student Support Services at (508) 943-3646.

NOTICE OF DESTRUCTION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION RECORDS

In compliance with Massachusetts Student Records Regulation, the Webster Public School District will destroy the Special Education records of any Webster student who transferred, graduated, withdrew or terminated from Special Education programs or services **prior to June 30, 2014**. This is in accordance with the requirement to destroy such records after a period of seven years.

Any parent/guardian or student, ages 14 years or older, can obtain their original record within two weeks of this notice. They may do so by contacting Webster Public School's Office of Student Support Services at 508-943-3646 no later than October 1, 2021.

All unclaimed student records meeting the above criteria will be destroyed after the October 1, 2021 deadline.

September 3, 2021
September 10, 2021
September 17, 2021

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate
and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO21C0407CA
CITATION ON PETITION TO
CHANGE NAME
In the matter of:
Jamie Lee DiMille**

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Jamie Lee DiMille of Dudley MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: **Jamie Miglionico DiMille**

IMPORTANT NOTICE
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Worcester Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 9/28/2021. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 01, 2021
Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate
September 17, 2021

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO21P2857EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Kenneth Lee Gatzke, Sr.
Date of Death: 08/05/2021**

To all interested persons:
Petition for **Formal Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Christine M Gatzke of Charlton MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: **Christine M Gatzke of Charlton MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/05/2021**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: August 30, 2021
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
September 17, 2021

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Division
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO20P1073EA
Estate of:
Vasilios T Siozopoulos
Date of Death: 03/21/2020
CITATION ON PETITION
FOR ORDER OF
COMPLETE SETTLEMENT**

A Petition for **Order of Complete Settlement** has been filed by **Steliane Thompson of Jefferson MA** and **Despina Kiely of Dudley MA** requesting that the court enter a formal

Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account, First and Final and other, and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition

IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court before: **10:00 a.m.** on the return day of **10/05/2021**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

Witness, Hon. Leilah A Keamy, First Justice of this Court
September 03, 2021
Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate
September 17, 2021

**TOWN OF DUDLEY
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**
Please take notice that: Alfred Loconto. Have applied to the Zoning Board of Appeals to vary the terms of the Zoning Board By Laws Section: Section 2.04.00 Density Regulations
Location: 40 Hall Road
In the following respect: To allow the petitioner to apply for a variance on setbacks in IND13.

The Public Hearing will be held on October 7, 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
September 17, 2021

**TOWN OF DUDLEY
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**
Please take notice that: Verde Organica LLC. Have applied to the Zoning Board of Appeals to vary the terms of the Zoning Board By Laws Section: Section 2.04.00 Density Regulations
Location: 35-37 Chase Ave
In the following respect: To allow the petitioners to apply for a variance of building height in IND43 district.

The Public Hearing will be held on October 7, 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
September 17, 2021
September 24, 2021

**TOWN OF DUDLEY
PUBLIC HEARING
LICENSE TO STORE
FLAMMABLE FLUIDS**

In accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 148, Section 13 and 527 CMR 14.00 Mace Polymers & Additives, Inc. has applied to the Dudley Board of Selectmen for the purpose of granting a license to

store flammable fluids, solids or gases on the property located at 38 Roberts Road within the Town of Dudley. A Public Hearing is scheduled for Monday, September 27, 2021, at 6:35pm at the Dudley Municipal Center, 71 West Main Street, Dudley, MA 01571. Anyone wishing to be heard on this matter should appear at the date and time specified.

John J. Marsi
Chairman
Board of Selectmen
September 17, 2021

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
Docket No. WO21P2584PM
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:
Nancy Olex
Of: Hopkinton, MA
RESPONDENT**

(Person to be Protected/Minor)
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Webster Manor Health CAre and Reh of Webster, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that **Nancy Olex** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that Anita Palmaccio of Lancaster, 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 **10/12/2021**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
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SPORTS

Despite setback to Auburn, Pirates' defense stands strong



Oxford's Julia Obrycki clears the ball down the field with a free hit.



Auburn's Hannah Swenson, left, and Oxford's Marta Hellstrom compete for possession of the ball.



Samantha Perry of Oxford pushes the ball around the reach of an Auburn defender.



BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS EDITOR

AUBURN — One may see the final score of Oxford High's varsity field hockey game with Auburn High — 8-0 in the Rockets' favor in the season opener on Wednesday, Sept. 8 — and think that the Pirates didn't put up much of a defensive effort. On the contrary, actually. Oxford's defense, led by senior goalie Harper Hutchings, stood tall. She finished with over 20 saves, continually limiting Auburn's chances. "She's a senior this year and this is kind of her first year to shine because our goalie the past few years, Nickole Biedrzycki, just graduated last year," explained head coach Lindsay Castonguay. "Harper's kind of been waiting her turn and she's excited. "We always know Auburn's tough for

us, so we just went in with a strong defensive approach," Castonguay added. "[Hutchings has] been really supportive, especially with our new kids on defense. She's been a real leader in the circle." The Rockets scored twice in the first quarter and took a 6-0 lead into the halftime break before scoring twice more in the second half to account for the 8-0 final, but the Pirates never quit and that strong defense and goaltending helped keep the score lower than it could have reached. Castonguay, who is the head coach of the varsity team for the first time while Lauren Drew is currently on maternity leave, explained how tough last season was on the squad. "We were the one team in our school that was quarantined because of COVID because we had someone who got it, so

it was really dysfunctional. And with the pods that they did, we only played Auburn, Sutton and Uxbridge, so it was tough. We had maybe a seven-game season," she said. Nonetheless, Castonguay, who was the JV coach for the past three years, is going to relish this "normal" return to a season and her opportunity to lead the Pirates. "It's different. When you step up and you have to be more assertive, it can't be about skills anymore. It's about strategy. I'm pushing them more than I ever have," she explained. Castonguay also calls on her assistant coach to help out while Drew, who Castonguay played field hockey with at Northbridge High, is away. "I have such a good assistant coach in Pat Button," she said.



Oxford's Kayla Dodge watches as the ball gets airborne in the defensive circle.



Goalie Harper Hutchings of Oxford kicks aside one of her 20-plus saves versus Auburn.

Sports



Shepherd Hill defender Zach Christenson hunts down Westborough ball-carrier Adam Steinberg.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY — Turns out, the 2021 edition of the Shepherd Hill Regional varsity football team is going to look exactly like your father’s Shepherd Hill Regional varsity football team.

Earlier this year, when Dave Buchanan was hired to run the Rams, some high school football “experts” speculated that Buchanan would do away with the run-oriented, double-wing offense for a more wide-open offense,

similar to the three-wide receiver, two-tight-end, empty-backfield set he ran as head coach of Quabbin Regional.

Buchanan quickly skewered that notion, both on the field — Shepherd Hill bludgeoned Westborough High, 53-6 — and with his comments after the game, played at Carmignani Memorial Field on Friday Sept. 10.

On the field the Rams’ offense was in control from its first snap, a 73-yard run by senior

Alex Siwik, which set up a 5-yard touchdown run by classmate Zach Christenson on the next play. The outcome was never in doubt after that pair of plays.

By the end of the third quarter nine Rams had combined to carry the football 28 times, gaining more than 400 yards and scoring all eight of Shepherd Hill’s touchdowns.

Siwik led Shepherd Hill’s rushing attack, gaining 112 yards on six carries — one being

a 13-yard touchdown — but he had lots of help. Christenson gained 86 yards on five carries and scored twice, the aforementioned five-yard scoring run as well as a 42-yarder late in the second quarter that gave the Rams a 33-0 halftime lead.

Junior Romeo Holland finished with 80 yards on three carries, scoring TDs on runs of 33 and 36 yards. Sophomore Aidan Watson gained 54 yards on three carries, one a 31-yard scoring romp. Seniors Nolan Legere and Jack List each scored on two-yard runs.

Off the field Buchanan made it clear, Shepherd Hill’s reputation for ground-and-pound, smash-mouth football will continue for the foreseeable future.

“We’re going to come out and we’re going to run the football. That’s what we do, that’s what

New coach, same philosophy for Shepherd Hill football

RAMS RUN FOR OVER 400 YARDS, TAKE DOWN WESTBOROUGH

we are. That’s what Shepherd Hill has been for a long time and it’s what Shepherd Hill is going to continue to be,” Buchanan said. “At the end of the day we’ve got to run what fits our personnel. At Shepherd Hill you’re always going to have offensive linemen you can run the football behind, and running backs who know how to do that. When you have that, you don’t mess with it.”

Christenson said the lopsided win over the Rangers was, plain and simple, the way the Rams play football.

“We just have to play that Shepherd Hill brand of football,” said Christenson, who was asked to explain just what that brand of football is. “It’s just a bunch of tough guys; tough linemen that are blocking hard, and tough backs that are running hard. We just want to go out, get our three or four yards on every play and push the ball down the field. That was the game plan going into the game and that’s what we did.”

Christenson was quick to add that there was no shortage of holes for the Rams’ bevy of backs to run through.

“The line played great. I’m really proud of all those guys,” he said. “They did most of the work.”

Buchanan said Siwik’s 73-yard run on the first play from scrimmage set the tone for the game.

“We have a relatively young offensive line, so that early success was huge for them,” Buchanan said. “Early success builds a lot of confidence, which leads to more success running the ball, which leads to more confidence in our ability to run the ball.”

Starting along the Rams’ offensive line are senior captain Justin Generella, juniors Charles Karp, Gavin Grenier, and James “JD” Robson, and sophomore Nick Dell’Ovo. Only Generella, at guard, and Karp, at center, have fixed positions on the offensive line.

“We like to shuffle our offensive linemen around,” Buchanan said. “We try to teach them to be interchangeable and versatile. It helps them at this level, which helps us, and then it helps them at the next level, too.”

“It’s the reason you can have a kid like [former Ram] Chris Lindstrom who played tackle his entire high school career go to the next level [Boston College] and not only play guard but be an outstanding guard,” Buchanan added. “That happened, in part, because the process of learning how to play the position began as a junior in high school.”

Lindstrom is currently a starting guard for the National Football League’s Atlanta Falcons, who selected him with the 14th overall pick in the 2019 NFL draft.

Nick Ethier



A swarm of Shepherd Hill defenders get after Westborough’s Ben Verheijen.



On the first offensive play from scrimmage, Alex Siwik of Shepherd Hill busts off a 73-yard run.



Shepherd Hill’s Romeo Holland celebrates after scoring a touchdown.



Ethan Barre of Shepherd Hill secures a first-quarter interception versus Westborough.

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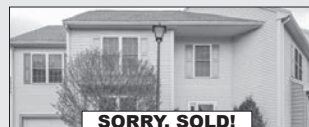
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and education for kids in Dudley, a small community where many can commute too and from areas on easily on bicycles.

“We wanted to reach out to the community to make sure the kids were safe and that the understand bike safety. As the Board of Health that’s part of our job is to promote health and safety to

the town,” Johnson said. Board of Health Chair Jennifer Cournoyer added that the support of emergency personnel made the event a full package introducing children of all ages not only to safe cycling practices but also to the individuals who may interact with them either positively or in the case of an emergency.

“Having the support of the police and fire was very important to us,” said Cournoyer. “They’re

the ones who will be out seeing what’s going on. They’re in the community and will be the first ones there. I think it’s important we get our children to know the police and fire so they’re not afraid that if an officer comes up to them on the street, they may not have done something wrong they might just be saying ‘nice helmet’ or something.”

Dudley Fire Chief Dean Kochanowski also stressed the importance

of emergency responders being involved with the event.

“It’s like when we go to the schools and teach fire prevention. We show them what the firefighters look like and show them the ambulance, so they know if you get in a bike accident this is what we’ll do for you. There are some things that could scare them in an emergency situation, but it’s important they know we’re there to help them. It could be overwhelm-

ing to be in the back of an ambulance too so we show them what that is, and the idea is to quell the fear should they ever need us,” the chief said.

Riders were taught proper bike safety in stations starting with education on road signs and then proper hand signaling. They were then challenged with different riding courses in the parking lot of the Dudley Municipal Complex each with varying difficulties testing their turning

and handling abilities as well as their execution of signals. Each child’s bike also received repairs when necessary including filing up tires. Children without helmets or with damaged or poorly fitted helmets were provided ones through a partnership between the town of Dudley and the Boston Children’s Hospital. The Board of Health said they plan to hold the 2022 event in June, right after the end of school.

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a better job, and everybody has to do a better job at fundamental stuff,” he said. “We made way too many mistakes.”

Lambert, who threw for 92 yards and

ran for an additional 34 in the second half alone, used his dual threat ability throughout. He launched two deep passes in the second half and avoid two would-be sacks on the winning touchdown throw.

“He’s phenomenal. He’s been the

starting center fielder since eighth grade and he’s been playing for me in youth football since the fourth grade,” Clarkson said of Lambert’s athleticism. “Two years ago, when we played [Uxbridge] that was Lucas’ first start. I think it’s a little nostalgic that this is his first regular season win [not including four victories during last season’s COVID-pod system].

“Coach Jay Royster, the offensive coordinator, does an unbelievable job,” Clarkson added. “When I see the two of them high-fiving each other, I love it. It’s great to see the camaraderie and the bond that they have.”

Blood was also complimentary of Lambert’s winning play.

“He did a great job getting to open grass and then floating one to his receiver, who got to open grass too. We had him in our grasp, but the play doesn’t stop until the whistle blows.”

With Uxbridge attempting to rally and win the game in the final minute, Oxford’s defensive line rose to the occasion. Antoine Lacourt and Zak Parmenter each sacked Spartans’ quarterback Kellen Lachapelle to effectively end the game.

“Our D-line, we kind of called them out at halftime. You saw them turn it on,” said Clarkson.

Leading, 13-12 at halftime, Uxbridge scored midway through the third quarter to up its advantage to 21-12. Lachapelle used an end-around and scampered 50 yards down the field for a touchdown, and then he found Aidan Blood for the two-point conversion and coinciding 21-12 lead.

“We came out and felt good early. We got some momentum and scored, so we thought we had something going for us,” said Matt Blood.

But touchdowns by Oxford’s Darius Richardson (8-yard run; plus a Lambert to Richardson two-point conversion throw) and the Lambert to Fisher winning score gave the Pirates the comeback victory, sending the majority of the large crowd home happy.



Connor Fantasia of Oxford hauls in a deep reception.

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peace and quiet away from their hectic lives, recruiting team members through their kids’ local sporting events. The runners began in waves at 4 a.m. at Blackstone State Park in Lincoln, R.I. The race ended at the Connecticut River at Mortensen Riverfront Plaza in Hartford. There were 18 different legs of the race, with a majority of it taking part on scenic multi-use trails.

The Real Housewives of Worcester County included Amanda St. George, Rachel Foskett, Michele Loughlin, Danielle Thornbrugh, Sadie Vivencio and Amanda White. White was unable to compete and Danielle Leboeuf was able to fill her spot.



Oxford’s Darius Richardson carries the ball and breaks a tackle on his way down the field.



Defender Brett Morgan of Oxford hunts down Uxbridge quarterback Kellen Lachapelle.

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refusing Josephine’s requests to leave her behind, a decision and specific placement that likely saved their lives. They were seven of only 22 survivors of the collapse of the North Tower who were later rescued by their fellow first responders.

The ceremony was capped off by a moment of silence and the ringing of the bell followed by those in attendance placing flags on the green, symbols of America’s undying unity in the face of what remains today, 20 years after one of, if not the worst terrorist attacks recorded on United States soil.

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OBITUARIES

Jacqueline M. Skrocki, 67



Dudley- Jacqueline M. (Zalewski) Skrocki, age 67, passed away Friday evening with her loving family at her side. She leaves her husband of 42 years, Richard J. Skrocki, two sons Brian R. Skrocki of Natick and Andrew R. Skrocki and his wife Lauren of Chelmsford, MA, three grandchildren, Olivia, Vivienne and Lena. She also leaves three brothers, Robert Zalewski of Oxford, David Zalewski of Webster and Richard Zalewski of Coram, NY, two nephews, Mark and Derek Zalewski two nieces, Rachel McKinney and Natalie Zalewski. Jacqueline was born in Webster daughter of the late John (Trapper) Zalewski and Barbara Milowicki Murphy and lived in Dudley for the past 40 years prior to living in Webster. Jackie's greatest love was her family and grandchildren. She enjoyed the Maine and Florida coasts and beaches. She dedicated her life to helping others, especially through education. She was a graduate of Westfield State, worked in the Webster School System

as a 2nd grade teacher, Title 1 math and reading specialist, Tools of the Mind consult reading specialist. Prior to the Webster School System, she taught at St. Louis in a classroom rented by the town as well as at St. Anne's and St. Joseph's. Her devotion to her profession and children at Park Avenue Elementary School was paramount. She was also a member of the Women's Club and an officer, Holy Rosary and Sacred Heart Sodalties, Chairmen School Consultative Board. Her kindness and nurturing will never be forgotten. There are no calling hours. A Mass of Christian burial will be held Friday, September 10, 2021 at St. Joseph Basilica, Whitcomb St., Webster, at 10 AM, with burial at a later date in St. Joseph Garden of Peace, please go directly to the church. Please omit flowers and donations may be made to the Notre Dame Hospice, 555 Plantation St., Worcester, MA 06105. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with her arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

William J. "Bill" Doyle, 91



Dudley- William J. "Bill" Doyle 91, passed away in his home with his family at his side. His wife of 62 years, Doris M. (Mullaney) Doyle died September 13, 2013. He leaves behind his companion Patricia Cloutier of Oxford, a son Keith J. Doyle and his wife Cynthia of Westport, MA. a daughter Kathleen A. Woods and her husband Gary with whom he lived, three grandchildren; Travis , Ryan and Chelsea and a great grandson Dylan. Bill was born December 23, 1929 in Deland, Florida son of F. Joseph and Florence B. (Heroux) Doyle later moving to Attleboro, MA, where he graduated from Attleboro High School and the graduated from Bryant College with a degree in business. He then worked as a merchandise manager and vice president of the former Fair Department Stores where he spent countless hours planning for the new stores and setup all the different departments, he was also the person who first set up their Dollar Section in the stores which became very successful. As busy as he was , he never missed his sons baseball

games. He always was respected by the employees of the stores. In his younger years he was a boxer and boxed at the Jack Witchies Arena in Attleboro. Bill wintered for many years at Horseshoe Cove in Bradenton, Florida, he extensively travelled the country in his R.V. was an avid golfer and was a member of the Nichols Golf Club, enjoyed boating and fishing and also playing bridge. He was a former president of the Toast Masters International Club, the Greendale Men's Club and a long time communicant of St. Anthony of Padua Parish. There are no calling hours. A Memorial Mass will be at a time to be announced in St. Anthony of Padua Church, 24 Dudley Hill Rd., Dudley, MA. (Please meet at the Church) Burial will be at a later date in St. Anthony's Cemetery, Webster. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: St. Anthony of Padua Church, 24 Dudley Hill Rd., Dudley, MA. 01571. The ROBERT J. MILLER FUNERAL HOME and LAKE CHAPEL, 366 School St., is honored to be assisting the family with arrangements. To leave an on-line condolence or share a memory, please visit: RJMillerfunerals.net

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OBITUARIES

Brian D. Farrar, 42

Bernard Mroczek, 82,

WEBSTER – Brian D. Farrar, 42, of Hartley Street, passed away on Wednesday, September 8, 2021, at UMass Memorial Medical Center – Memorial Campus in Worcester. He is survived by two children, Collin T. Farrar of Oxford, and Claire P. Farrar of Webster; his mother, Debra Ann LaBuff of Webster; two brothers, Chad E. Shonbeck of Paxton and Gerard P. Shonbeck of Webster; his girlfriend of 8 years, Tarese R. Lopriore of Webster, her children Dayna M. Staples and her husband Scott of Grey, ME, and Andrea M. Nickerson and her husband Edward Jr. of Webster, and their children Teddy Nickerson, Owen Nickerson, and Cullen Staples; his former wife, Cristy A. Farrar of Webster; his step father, Paul Shonbeck of Paxton; his former mother-in-law, Patricia A. Lavallee and her husband Robert of Oxford; his dog Ellie; and several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was predeceased by his beloved grandmother, Betty Baldwin. He was born in Worcester and lived most of his life in Oxford before moving to Webster 6 years ago. He graduated from Oxford High School in 1997.

Mr. Farrar was a locksmith at Blackstone Valley Lock and Safe in Uxbridge for 17 years. Later, he assumed ownership of the company, renaming it Blackstone Valley Lock and Security, and was currently operating as a mobile locksmith. He will be remembered as a caring, hard-working person who was good to everyone. He had a wonderful sense of humor, always had something entertaining to say, and loved to dance.

Calling hours were Sunday, September 12, 2021, from 1-4 p.m. at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. Burial will be private at a later date at North Cemetery in Oxford. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Brian Farrar Memorial Fund, c/o Webster Five Cent Savings Bank, 343 Main St., Oxford, MA 01540, for the benefit of his children.

Bernard Mroczek, 82, of Webster died Monday, September 6, 2021 at home .Bernard was born August 20, 1939 . He is the son of the late Edward and the late Lorretta (Dumouchel) Mroczek.

He is survived by one sister: Arlene and her Husband Edward Polewarczyk of Wiscasset, ME; Nephew and god son Joseph Polewarczyk and his fian- ce Angel and children Olivia and Christopher. Niece, Mary and her hus- band John Perschke and children Noah and Michaela

He also leaves great grand nieces, nephews and cousins.

Bernard Mroczek was a member of Sacred Heart Of Jesus Church . He enjoyed daily mass on television. He was an avid reader and enjoyed many collections .

He was employed at the former Sandlerette Shoe and Stevens Linen

A Mass of Christian burial was held 11:00 am on Friday, September 10 at Sacred Heart Of Jesus Church, 16 East Main St., Webster. Burial followed in Sacred Heart Of Jesus Cemetery, Webster . Calling hours were prior to mass from 930-1030 at Bartel Funeral Home, 33 Schofield Avenue, Dudley.

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