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Friday, November 5, 2021

Town Meeting approves paving, TIF district

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

WEBSTER – About 80 voters took less than an hour to address the 11 articles of last month’s fall Town Meeting, with no debate over any of them.

Prior to the Oct 18 session, the most contentious item was the last one, a plan to pave private Loveland Road. While most of the residents in the affected stretch – numbers 21-37 – supported a petition to do the work as early as last year, residents of No. 33 strenuously opposed it at several meetings, including the selectmen’s public hearing, but did not speak at Town Meeting.

In the end, the plan passed 78-4, with the \$60,000 cost being paid upfront by the town, to be recouped either by one-time payments from or betterments assessed to each property owner. (That figure is \$20,000 higher than what the selectmen sought, but there was no explanation of the difference at Town Meeting.)

Additionally, two zoning language changes exceeded the two-thirds threshold for approval, while a third was passed over for more information. Voters changed language to clarify that all residential properties need to have at least 50 feet of frontage on a public or private street to be built upon and to clarify the law’s Table of Dimensional Regulations to make it clear “there are additional requirements” in various districts, in Planner Ann Morgan’s words. They postponed changes to the Lake Residential District rules.

A probably more impactful vote came when they

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DA honors Webster officers who saved house fire victims



Courtesy

Left to right: Sgt. Joseph Reed, Officer Thomas Motyka, District Attorney Joseph D. Early, Jr., Officer Jacek Ochocki, Officer Francheska Cedeno and her son, and Webster Police Chief Michael Shaw.

WEBSTER– Worcester County District Attorney Joseph D. Early Jr. today honored four Webster police officers for saving residents from a house fire.

Sgt. Joseph Reed, Officer Jacek Ochocki, Officer Francheska Cedeno, and Officer Thomas Motyka were presented with the District Attorney’s Team Excellence and Merit -- TEAM -- Award, which recognizes outstanding service by those in public

safety.

“A single cigarette sparked a fire that threatened multiple homes and lives,” Mr. Early said. “Despite having no protective gear, these four officers didn’t hesitate to rush into the buildings and ensure the safety of all residents. Lives surely would have been lost if it were not for their bravery.”

While on patrol at 4:42 a.m., Sgt. Reed reported a house fire on Robinson Street. The triple deck-

er home was engulfed in flames. With high winds, the nearby home was in danger of catching fire. Acting quickly, Reed, Ochocki, Cedeno, and Motyka ran into both houses, waking and evacuating all occupants.

“I am proud of the actions of these officers,” said Webster Police Department Chief Michael Shaw. “They are a fine example of the caliber of Officer the Webster Police Department has in its employ. I am honored

to be their Chief.”

All residents made it to safety and the Webster, Dudley, Southbridge, Douglas and Sutton Fire Departments responded to combat the flames.

Mr. Early created the TEAM Award in 2019 to recognize public safety employees who go above and beyond the call of duty. Contact the Worcester County District Attorney’s Office at (508) 755-8601 to nominate someone for this award.

Oxford finally breaks through with important victory over Wolverines



Oxford’s Robert Fisher looks for the open hole on a carry versus Leicester.

Nick Ethier

BY DEAN ST. LAURENT
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

OXFORD — It was a brisk Friday night on Oct. 29 at Oxford High when the Leicester High varsity football team traveled to take on the Pirates in a game that had playoff implications. Leicester has dominated the matchup for a while, but Oxford stood their ground and flipped the script in this game.

As the final ticks came off the clock, one could feel the excitement from the Oxford sideline. When time hit zero the Pirates’ team ran onto the field

after their 36-7 win over the Wolverines knowing that they just clinched a playoff spot for the first time in a while and for the first time in Jeff Clarkson’s seven-year stint as head coach.

Following the post-game conversation, led by junior lineman Zak Parmenter, the Pirates chased Clarkson around with a water jug looking to give their head coach a post-game shower. After a few moments of avoiding several attempts, Clarkson embraced the water shower and gathered his team with a big

smile, breaking them down once more before heading to the locker room.

“Unbelievable,” expressed Clarkson. “Everything went right this week; we did everything we were supposed to do. We were able to sit some kids last week that were injured and everyone put the time in this week. Especially the coaches, I can’t say enough about my offensive and defensive coordinators; they work their butts off for this. They

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Dudley Town Meeting establishes regional TIF District

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – The Dudley fall annual town meeting on Monday, Oct. 25 was mostly free of drama, with one major item taking center stage as the source of debate during the night.

While most of the night’s articles were acted on with little to no discussion, Article

13 took over a third of the meeting before it received a majority vote of approval by the citizens at large. The article sought to establish the Webster-Dudley French River District UCH-TIF Plan and an Urban Center Housing Tax Increment Housing Zone as well as a TIF (Tax Increment Financing) agreement with Stevens Mill, LLC. The approval opens the

door for the Stevens Mill to be renovated into an affordable housing complex pending the Planning Board processes while also establishing a dual-town partnership to see even more potential in the newly established zone, comprised of 63 properties in both Dudley and neighboring Webster on either side of

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How to show your appreciation for the military in a unique time

United States military personnel serve both domestically and abroad. Active-duty personnel are following in the footsteps of retired veterans and protecting the freedoms of their fellow Americans while also playing a vital role in protecting millions of non-Americans across the globe.

United States military personnel make myriad sacrifices every day. Recognition of those sacrifices is just one of the many ways Americans can show their appreciation for the military, even during the era of social distancing.

- Help a veteran.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, as of 2019 there were 17.4 million military veterans living in the United States. More than half of those veterans are 65 or older. As difficult as social distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic has proven for everyone, perhaps no group has sacrificed more than men and women over 65, millions of whom have been separated from their families. Aging men and women spent a year or more isolated at home to protect themselves from a virus that public health officials acknowledged was especially lethal to people over 65. Adults who want to show their appreciation for military veterans can reach out to local veterans' organizations and offer to lend a hand. Such organizations may be delivering meals to vulnerable veterans, driving veterans to appointments to see their doctors or get vaccinated or organizing events for veterans who have already been vaccinated. Pitching in to help with such efforts is a great way to show veterans their efforts are still appreciated, even if it's been decades since they last served.

- Help a military family. Data from the Office of the Undersecretary of Defense indicates that there were roughly 1.3 million active-duty military personnel in 2018. Many of those service members serve overseas for months at a time. Their families back home can use a helping hand even in the best of times, but they might be especially needy while confronting the pandemic. Though vaccination projections suggest hundreds of millions of Americans will be fully vaccinated by mid-summer, in the meantime neighbors can help local military families handle

life at home. Invite a local military family over for a weekly meal, offer to take kids to a sports practice if it's safe to do so or help out with chores like mowing the lawn or washing the car.

- Donate to charities that serve the military. Adults who have not been vaccinated and are hesitant to be around others can still show their appreciation for military service members. Various organizations help both active-duty military and veterans, and donating to such charities can be a great way to help an excellent cause. If you're unsure about which organization to support, visit Charity Navigator at charitynavigator.org. Charity Navigator evaluates hundreds of thou-



sands of charitable organizations and can be an invaluable resource for prospective donors.

Veterans and active military personnel deserve support. There are various ways for people to express that support, even as the world continues to confront the pandemic.

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A joyous celebration



OXFORD — On Sunday, Oct. 17, four Pastors who are serving or have served Zion Lutheran Church in Oxford were honored. Individual granite stones engraved with the names of Pastors Michael Bastian, Michael Lengel, Kenneth Bean, and Rafaela Morales Rosa were placed in the memorial garden, part of the outdoor chapel. Their names are now included with the markers commemorating thirteen faithful

shepherds who ministered at Zion before them. Pastor Sarah Anderson, associate to the bishop of the New England Lutheran Synod, presided over a blessing of the memorial stones, expressing gratitude on behalf of all for this group's leadership and care, a challenge during the pandemic. Oct. 17 was a day of another joyous celebration as it also marked the one-year anniversary of Pastor Bastian's work at Zion.

Zion is very fortunate to have two retired pastors, Reverend Kenneth Bean and Reverend Rafaela Morales Rosa, among their parishioners. Both have generously given of their talents and time whenever needs arose throughout the years, but especially during the lengthy wait for Pastor Bastian to move from Germany back to the United States to accept a call to both Zion Lutheran, Oxford and Church of the Reconciliation, Webster.

At the dedication, President of the Church Council, Isaac Gilliard, announced that a scholarship in the names of Pastor Bean and his wife, Patricia, and Pastor Morales Rosa has been established for students of the congregation seeking to further their educations. Mrs. Bean created the Stephen Ministry program at Zion, an outreach of Christian care for people in pain because of grief, illness, indeed, any crisis or life difficulty. She provided supervision, training programs and education for laypersons to be commissioned as Stephen ministers, enabling them to provide one on one care to anyone in the community seeking assistance.

A celebratory coffee hour followed, the perfect opportunity for fellowship, conversation and savoring delicious cakes, decorated especially for the honorees.

WEBSTER TIMES

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St. Joseph School celebrates All Saints Day



Saint Joseph School Fifth Grade students brought the saints to life during All Saints Day Mass on Monday November 1st at St. Joseph Basilica . Following their presentations, the students posed for a picture with Fifth Grade instructor, Ms. Kelly Bailey and Associate Pastor, Rev. Anthony Kazarnowicz.

WEBSTER — On Monday, Nov. 1, the Saint Joseph School community gathered to celebrate All Saints Day.

All Saints Day is a solemn and holy day in the Catholic Church dedicated to all who have attained heaven. This year's Mass was organized by the Saint Joseph School Fifth-Grade students and their instructor, Ms. Kelly Bailey. In preparation for the Mass, the students researched their saints and prepared presentations for their classmates. When All Saints Day arrived, the Fifth-Grade students processed into the Basilica dressed as their saint. The students were also responsible for proclaiming the readings and participating in the Prayer of the Faithful and Offertory Procession.

Simon Kowalczyk, Luke Surowaniec, and Rosemary Basha proclaimed the First and Second Readings. Ayla Reed sang the Responsorial Psalm, and Sophia Berthiaume, Tobi Akindele, Faith Muga, Braylyn McCarthy, Ethan Ryan, and Jacob Parafinowicz were responsible for the Prayer of the Faithful. Kyle Muchiru, Adam Wozniak, Lisa Kippax, and Alan Rubin presented the Offertory Gifts.

Following the Prayer of the Faithful, the students brought their saints to life and shared what they learned with the student body. Saints included: Tobi Akindele - Saint Mark, Ryan Amaral - Saint Martin de Porres, Rosemary Basha - Saint Joan of Arc, Sophia Berthiaume - Saint Bernadette, Alec Jachimczyk - Saint George, Jada Jackson - Saint Cecilia, Lisa Kippax - Saint Catherine of Siena, Simon Kowalczyk - Saint John Vianney, Jake Martin - Saint Ignatius Loyola, Braylyn McCarthy - Saint Rose of Lima, Kyle Muchiru - Saint Augustine, Faith Muga - Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Jacob Parafinowicz - Saint Luke, Gianna Pigeon - Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Ayla Reed - Saint Mary Magdalene, Alan Rubin - Saint Lawrence, Gabriel Rudnicki - Saint John Bosco, Ethan Ryan - Saint Anthony of Padua, Maria Sendrowski - Saint Martha, Jacob Singer - Saint Thomas, Luke Surowaniec - Saint Dominic, Liana Worth - Saint Clare, Adam Wozniak - Saint John the Apostle. It was an educational and memorable experience for all!

DUDLEY POLICE LOG

DUDLEY — The Dudley Police Department reported only one arrest during the week of Oct. 22-29.

A 59-year-old male whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Oct. 28 for Violation of an Abuse Prevention Order.

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

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

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

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS GROUP
Mondays @5:00PM – beginning September 20th!
Have you ever wanted to

learn to play D&D or are you a player looking to join a group? We have an experienced DM starting a group on Monday Nights at the pearle!
If you have a Player's Handbook or dice bring them with you. We will have extras for anyone who needs them.
Free; registration required.

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

LEGO CHALLENGE CLUB
Wednesdays @ 3:30PM – starting September 22nd!
Come join us each week for a different Lego challenge, from writing your name in Legos to making a Lego zipline. Ages 5+

DINOMAN!
Monday, November 8 6:00PM-6:45PM
Dinosaur tracks lead right to the library! Have no fear, Dinoman is here! With magic, merry mayhem, and magnificent props, the audience is taken on a trip throughout the Mesozoic Era. How do we know dinosaurs were here? What is a fossil? How are they made? Learn the answers to all this and more!

Free; children under 12 must be accompanied by an

adult. Sponsored by the Hugh W and Harriet K Crawford Endowment.

ADULT BOOK GROUP
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
Monday, November 15 6:00PM-7:00PM
Are you interested in joining our adult book group? Come to this meeting to help plan which titles we'll read and when we'll schedule our regular meetings.

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

DEB'S SING AND SWING
Thursday, November 18 10:30AM-11:00AM
Join Deb Hudgins for this thirty minute interactive program featuring singing, guitar music, dancing, stories, and more! This program will be held via Zoom. Registered participants will receive the link 24 hours before the program.

Free; registration required. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library

ADULTCRAFTWORKSHOP: MAKE A HOLIDAY CRAFT
Saturday, November 20 10:30AM-noon
Join Library staff for a fun crafting workshop where you'll have the opportunity to make a variety of holiday crafts. All supplies will be provided – just bring your creativity!

Free, but space is limited, so please register. Sponsored by the Hugh W and Harriet K Crawford Endowment

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

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

YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL
Monday, December 6 5:00PM-6:00PM

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

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

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

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

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

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

MAKE A GINGERBREAD HOUSE
Saturday, December 11, multiple sessions

Come make and decorate a gingerbread house. We'll have everything you need to create your own unique house.

Free, but space is limited, so please register. Sponsored by the Hugh W and Harriet K Crawford Endowment.

MAKE A HOLIDAY CENTERPIECE WITH BEMIS FARMS
Saturday, December 11 10:00AM
Join Tina from Bemis Farms to make a beautiful holiday centerpiece for your table. All materials are provided for this free workshop.

Space is limited and registration is required.

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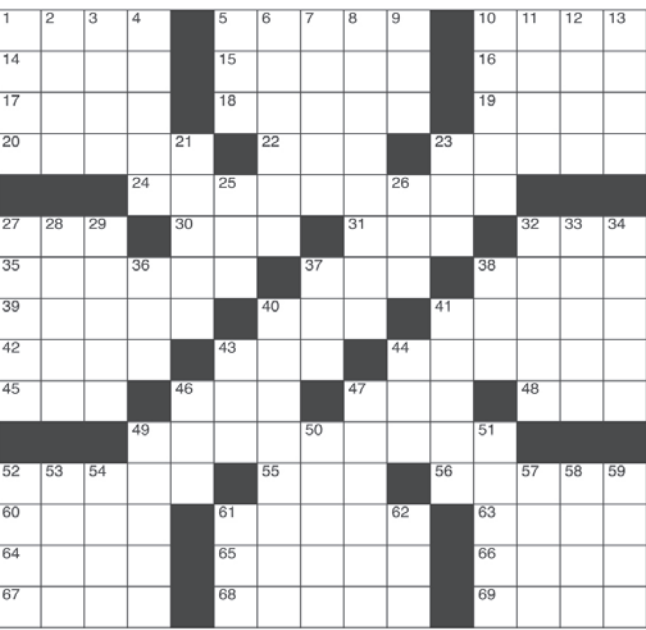
DEB'S SING AND SWING
Thursday, December 16 10:30AM-11:00AM

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

Free; registration required. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library

Dudley Woman's Club Pocket Book Bingo update

DUDLEY — Our fall 2021 fundraiser is Pocketbook Bingo to be held at Point Breeze Restaurant in Webster on Nov. 7 at 3 p.m. Tickets are on sale through Thursday, Nov. 4. At least 10 designer bags are up for winning, as is a 50/50 raffle and a unique item raffle. Your \$30 entry fee buys three bingo cards for all games and one entry into the door prize raffle. Additional bingo cards are available at \$5 for each set of 3 bingo cards. For our giving project: please bring a gently used pocketbook and/or feminine hygiene product for donation to the Webster/Dudley Food Share and receive one free entry to the door prize! Purchase your tickets online for this event at https://www.dudleywomansclub.org/pocketbookbingo. Our sponsors are: Andrea Kane Decorative Painting, Anonymous Friend of the DWC, Burlap to Boards, D. Mason Paving Inc., Dior On Main Salon & Spa, Marty's Liquor Store, Marzeotti Group/ReMax Advantage 1, New Start Nutrition, O'Connor Insurance, P&P General Contractors, Precision Auto Rebuilders, Inc., Prestige Salon Nails & Pedicures, Pro Automotive LLC, Sam S. Pappas CPA, Tracy Design and Webster First!! Come join us, have some fun and help support our charitable endeavors!

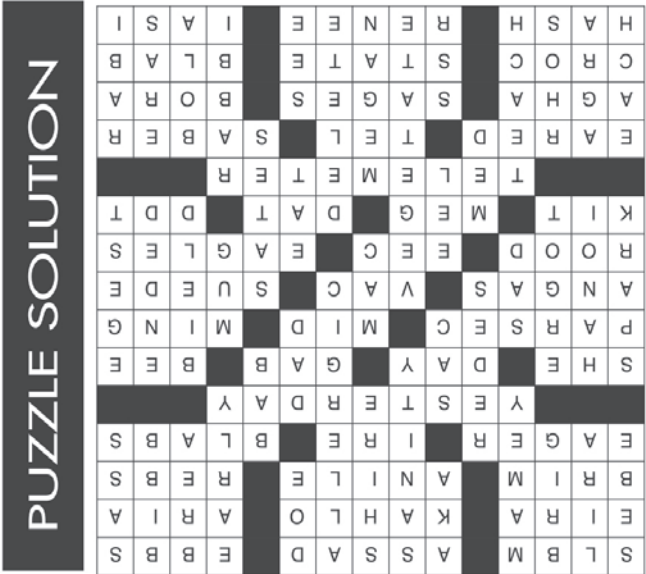


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Nuclear undersea weapon
- 5. President of Syria al-__
- 10. Partner to flows
- 14. "Snow" in Welsh
- 15. Famed Mexican painter
- 16. Song
- 17. ticks outward from the crown
- 18. Doddering
- 19. Resist authority (slang)
- 20. Antsy
- 22. Wrath
- 23. Spills the beans
- 24. Past
- 27. The woman
- 30. One has 24 hours
- 31. Talk
- 32. It can sting
- 35. Astronomy unit
- 37. Halfway
- 38. Chinese dynasty
- 39. Australian river
- 40. Software to transfer audio (abbr.)
- 41. Fabric
- 42. Crucifix
- 43. Defunct European economic group
- 44. "Hotel California" rockers
- 45. Michael Knight's car
- 46. Actress Ryan
- 47. A digital tape recording of sound
- 48. Insecticide
- 49. Scientific instrument
- 52. Golden-__ corn
- 55. Israeli city __ Aviv
- 56. Sword
- 60. Ottoman military title
- 61. Aromatic plants
- 63. Cold wind
- 64. Large, semiaquatic reptile (slang)
- 65. Political unit
- 66. Indiscreetly reveal secrets
- 67. Comfort food dish
- 68. Actress Zellweger
- 69. Romanian city

CLUES DOWN

- 1. One point east of southeast
- 2. Italian monetary unit
- 3. Warship prison
- 4. Tropical American tree
- 5. Alias
- 6. Normal or sound powers of mind
- 7. English county
- 8. Not compatible with
- 9. Female deer
- 10. Not late
- 11. La __ Tar Pits, Hollywood
- 12. "Jupiter's Legacy" actress Leslie
- 13. Impudence
- 21. Advises
- 23. Founder of Babism
- 25. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
- 26. Male parent
- 27. A type of plug
- 28. Capital of Vietnam
- 29. Fungal disease
- 32. Shelter
- 33. Finished
- 34. Excrete
- 36. Unhappy
- 37. Partner to cheese
- 38. Coffee receptacle
- 40. Spend time dully
- 41. Makes full
- 43. Snakelike fish
- 44. Take in solid food
- 46. __ student, learns healing
- 47. A way to take away
- 49. Impart a lesson to
- 50. "Transformers" actress Fox
- 51. Spiritual leader
- 52. Every one of two or more things
- 53. Indian city
- 54. 17th stars
- 57. Weapon
- 58. Amounts of time
- 59. Isodor __, American Nobel physicist
- 61. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 62. Witness



WEBSTER POLICE LOG

WEBSTER — The Webster Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of Oct. 24-30.

A 22-year-old female from Webster whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Oct. 24 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member; Assault with a Dangerous Weapon, and multiple counts of Assault & Battery with a Dangerous Weapon.

A 36-year-old female from Webster was issued a summons in lieu of arrest on Oct. 24 for Violation of a Harassment Prevention Order. A 42-year-old male from Webster whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested during the same incident for Violation of an Abuse Prevention Order.

Kellie Nan Alrbaee, age 51, of Webster was arrested on Oct. 25 in connection with a warrant.

A 36-year-old female from Webster was issued a summons in lieu of arrest on Oct. 26 for Violation of a Harassment Prevention Order. Henry Valentin, age 42, of Webster was arrested during the same incident in connection with a warrant.

David Bucklin, age 51, of Jacksonville, Fla. was arrested on Oct. 26 in connection with a warrant.

A 28-year-old female from Webster whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Oct. 27 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

A 28-year-old female from Webster whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Oct. 28 for Violation of an Abuse Prevention Order.

A 32-year-old female from Webster whose name was withheld from publication was arrested on Oct. 28 for Disorderly Conduct.

Nicole M. Smith, age 30, of Dudley was arrested on Oct. 29 in connection with multiple warrants.

A 32-year-old male from Webster whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Oct. 29 for multiple counts of Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

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Fall Concert Series – Claudia Schmidt – November 13th 2:00PM

Claudia Schmidt has been perfecting her craft of performing for almost four decades. It is a quirky and wonderful hodge-podge (her word!) of music, poetry, story,

laughter drama, and celebrating the moment. Work in clubs, theaters, festivals, TV, radio has added depth and dimension, and since she has always included her original work along with very personal versions of the work of others, what you get is a unique look at the world from someone who says what she sees with clarity, humor, and wonder. The San Francisco Bay Guardian said: Schmidt's shows are a lot like falling in love. You never know what's going to happen next, chances are it's going to be wonderful, every moment is burned into your memory and you know you'll never be the same again." More succinctly, Garrison Keillor said "when Claudia sings a song, it stays sung"

Book Discussion Group – November 15th 6:30PM

The Gladys E. Kelly Public Library Adult Book Discussion Group meets at 6:30 pm. New members are always welcome! Next month's book discussion will be on Monday, November 15th at 6:30PM the meeting will take

place via Zoom, and will be about the book The Other Einstein by Marie Benedict. Stop by the library, or reach out by phone to 508-949-3880, or by email to ehale@cwmars.org for inquiries.

Indoor Movie Night – Third Thursday of the month, next on November 18th at 6:00PM

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

Children's and Young Adult Programming

Stories with Mary Jo Maichack – November 13th 10:30-11:30AM

Join nationally recognized storyteller and singer Mary Jo Maichack in this fun mix of stories, songs, and dance. Suspense and high stakes for all ages are in this magical folktale event. Mary Jo always invites the audience to play along and co-create. Come

Listen and play with this delightful story mix from a kind and funny expert storyteller!

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

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

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

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

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

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LEGO Club – Tuesdays from 3:30-4:30PM

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

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Songs and Stories Storytime – Wednesdays at 10AM

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

Storytime is best for children 0-5, but all ages are welcome!

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STEAM Kids – Thursdays 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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UMass Memorial Health-Harrington to open new adult psychiatric unit in Webster

WEBSTER — The UMass Memorial Health – Harrington Behavioral Health Department is expanding its adult inpatient services with the opening of a new Adult Psychiatric Unit (APU) at its Webster campus located at 340 Thompson Rd.

On Thursday, Oct. 28, UMass Memorial Health – Harrington held an official Ribbon Cutting Ceremony in honor of the expansion and relocation of the new unit. Those in attendance included Brooke Doyle, Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health (DMH); Doug Brown, CAO & President of Community Hospitals for UMass Memorial Health; and Ed Moore, President of UMass Memorial Health – Harrington, along with local legislators and several members of Harrington's Board of Directors.

The new APU will replace an existing unit that is currently located in Harrington Hospital's Southbridge Campus. The new unit in Webster will consist of 24 newly renovated inpatients beds and will help to address the significant shortage of behavioral health services in the Commonwealth.

In addition to the Inpatient Adult Psychiatric Unit, UMass Memorial Health – Harrington's Webster Campus includes a 16-bed Co-Occurring Disorder inpatient unit, as well as a full continuum of outpatient behavioral health services, including Partial Hospital and Intensive Outpatient programs and Addiction Immediate Care, as well as group therapy and counseling.

"Our new Adult Inpatient Unit was made possible through a \$1.2 million grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, along with the resources and support provided to us by our new partners within the UMass Memorial Health leadership," said Ed Moore, President of UMass Memorial Health – Harrington.

"Through our ongoing partnership with the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health, we've been able to become one of the very few healthcare organizations to offer a continuous care model of mental health and addiction treatment," Moore said. "This model provides care for individuals all the way from crisis intervention through treatment and ongoing recovery and support. This expansion represents the latest step forward in our commitment to provide the best care possible to our patients."

"This move is something that we've wanted to do for a long time," said Greg Mirhej, Vice President of Behavioral Health Services at UMass Memorial Health – Harrington. "Not only does this new unit offer an improved environment of recovery for our patients requiring inpatient psychiatric care, it also centralizes our behavioral health services to one location. Additionally, it will strengthen the ability for patients to access continuous care in one convenient location throughout their entire treatment journey and road to recovery."

"The pandemic has exacerbated the behavioral health crisis we were already in before March of 2020," said Eric Dickson, MD, president and CEO of UMass Memorial Health. "The communities we serve in Central Massachusetts deserve to have the best care when it comes to behavioral health. The opening of the Webster Behavioral Health Unit at UMass Memorial Health-Harrington is an important resource to provide that kind of world-class care"



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News from SHINE 2021: Every year Medicare part D and Medicare Advantage (HMO, PPO) Plans can change their premiums, co-pays, deductibles, formularies (list of drugs covered) and preferred pharmacies. In the case of Medicare Advantage Plans they can also drop and add medical providers from their networks. It's important to review your options EVERY year to make sure you have the plan that works best for you next year. Open Enrollment is Oct. 15 to Dec. 7. Central Mass SHINE Website www.shinema.org

SHINE (Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone) has certified counselors to help you with questions about Medicare. Services are free and un-biased; they

are available to discuss all options related to Medicare and additional coverage; they do not sell any plans. To make an appointment, contact Central Mass SHINE regional office at 508-422-9931 or by email at info@shinema.org. A certified SHINE Counselor will return your call. Counselors assist clients through in-person appointments, phone, videoconferencing, (such as Zoom or Face Time), email, or post mail. They also offer excellent resources online through their website at www.shinema.org and introductory Medicare 101 webinars.

OUR Weekly Schedule:
Mondays 11:30 am Dudley Lunch Club Please reserve your meal through Inge Gassner; at 508-949-9081 Please leave message to reserve a meal at least two/three days in advance.
Tuesdays at 1pm in the dining room: Card Players Pitch League/ also Dudley Senior Women knitters at 1PM
Wednesdays @ 10am Craft workshop with Delores Cowden is on a short leave and will hopefully resume her workshop soon. Over the summer, with Craft Instructor Dolores, we learned watercolor techniques, acrylics, decoupage, creating/sewing fabric pumpkins and more!

Please stay tuned for the re-start of this fun arts and crafts workshop! Also on Wednesdays, Dudley Lunch Club at 11:30am. Please contact Inge at number listed above. Also meeting @1PM Dudley Senior Women Knitters.

Thursdays, 9am to 12N Machine Sewing for fun and Crafts with Linda Prest. Weekly Projects and costs will vary from \$5.00 to \$15.00 depending on project and supplies needed. All supplies and expert instruction included in price. If you have a portable sewing machine, you are welcome to bring it to the weekly workshop. If interested, please leave your name and number Dudley COA 508-949-8015 to sign up. Newbie<new machine sewers are always welcome too!

Fridays 11:30 am Dudley Lunch Club, Friday Game Day will start up again after lunch if there's interest. Pre-pandemic we enjoyed Board Games such as Scrabble, Up words, Super Boggle, and Scattergories! We'd love to bring this activity back, tell your friends, better yet bring your friends!

Dudley Senior Center Events Planned:
Monday Nov. 8 at 10 am Bemis workshop with Tina Bemis. "Succulent Air Plant Gnome". These

Scandinavian Gnomes are the sweetest thing! This indoor decoration will last for months! In the spring you can take it apart and replant the succulents indoors or outdoors. Workshop is \$20.00 RSVP please to Margaret by Nov.5th.

Closed in Observance of Veteran's Day Nov. 11. We are Home of the FREE because of the BRAVE! Thank you for your sacrifice, dedication, and service to our Country.

Thursday Nov.18 3-5PM Common Ground Memory Café, with Chris Carter, & his amazing acoustic guitar music. This program is meant to be a fun time out for anyone affected by memory issues, such as Dementia, Alzheimer's, Lewy Bodies, Parkinson's, Stroke, Frontal Lobe Dementia, PTSD, or other cognitive difficulties, being together with caring friends in a non-judgmental social setting to enjoy musical entertainment, crafts, and a light meal. This is a FREE program, supported by donations form the community.

Nov. 24, Wed. Tri Valley Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner Lunch Club at 11:30 am. RSVP to Inge!

Happy Thanksgiving Nov. 25 and 26, Senior Center is Closed.

HAPPENINGS
Friday, Dec.3 @ 10AM A Tina Bemis Workshop, creating a Beautiful Holiday Boxwood Tree. \$20.00 Space is limited, Please RSVP to Margaret by Nov.24 508-949-8015
Friday, Dec. 10 @ 12:30 pm after lunch club. Pied Potter Rick Hamelin will be here for a workshop presentation: All about Poets and Potters. Writers have alluded to clay and the potter at work in numerous poems and stories throughout time. Massachusetts' Poets, Longfellow, Whitman, Thoreau and Gبران celebrated the potter in their writings, and reflected on the forming of clay as a metaphor for life in many ways. In this one-hour program, Mr. Hamelin demonstrates "throwing" at the pottery wheel while exploring verses and the historical connections of Massachusetts' potters to these poets.

Anyone who may be interested is welcome to attend! Come join us for this FREE program. Please note: Artist requests that audience please wear a mask.

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Dudley Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency. For more information, contact Margaret Bussiere, COA Director @ 508-949-8015.

Thursday, Dec. 16, 3-5pm Common Ground Memory Café and Senior Christmas party. FREE Program, light meal, refreshments included! Music entertainment by our great friend, Frannie Mik. Please bring one wrapped gift for the swap and one NEW un-wrapped gift for The Salvation Army. (Ideas: HBA items, shampoo, soap/body wash, towels, socks, hats, gloves, etc.)

Donations are also accepted and greatly appreciated for the memory café if you'd like to help support this program which began in 2016 and continued to an outside audience throughout the pandemic at Senior Housing/ Joshua Place (while the weather agreed). This memory café is supported by local donations from the community. Thank you for helping us make this important, non-judgmental, socially inclusive, come as you are, Dementia Friendly program FREE to the community.

Best Wishes for a Blessed and Happy Holidays for You and Yours, Including Health, Peace, Kindness, Compassion, and Love for the New Year 2022!
Margaret

D E C E M B E R

Webster Public Schools officially launches MassSTEP



Courtesy
Michael Farma (DESE ACLS Program Specialist) and Jenna Gouin (Director of Webster Adult Basic Education Linkages).

WEBSTER — On Monday, Oct. 25, Webster Public Schools officially launched the rebranding of MassSTEP. Webster's MassSTEP program is focused on Introduction to Machine Shop/ Manufacturing Technology and this is the fifth year of the grant. Webster has exclusively partnered with Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School in Charlton to offer this very

popular and extremely successful program.

The event not only served as the local launch of the newly rebranded program, but also a networking event for current students and local employers. In attendance were area employers, which included: North American Tool Corp., Incom, Inc., and Hyde Tools, Inc. All three organizations sent employees, who were not only able to speak about the organization and what they do to discussing open positions and the qualifications needed. A representative from MassHIRE Career Center was also present and discussed services that MassHIRE offers to those seeking employment; the representative, Edward Gagne, was also able to speak with the local employers present and offer support in their recruitment efforts.

"It is particularly powerful to have our students be able to network with these local employers in real time and face-to-face, nonetheless," says Jenna Gouin, Director of Operations at Webster Adult Basic Education Linkages. "The educational opportunity is the foundation, but helping the student develop a plan to achieve their next steps, which might include employment, is what we aim for!"

In addition to the local employers, Webster Adult Basic Education Linkages and Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School Superintendents and staff, Senator Ryan Fattman's Director of Communications, William Fredericks, was also present. The night concluded with Mr. Fredericks providing a Massachusetts Senate Citation to the program for its successful rebranding and exceptional work in the community.

Dr. Goguen provided closing remarks and was quick to comment that the highlight of the evening for her was seeing the students interact with the employers and ask their questions!

This was an amazing event and Webster Adult Basic Education Linkages/Webster Public Schools would like to sincerely thank Mrs. Terri Gillardi for all of her dedication and hard work in spearheading this program. While she is officially enjoying retirement, the inception and success of this program would not have been possible without her efforts.



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Dudley Spooktacular returns



Jason Bleau

A costumed visitor tries their hand at a ring toss game, one of many at the Spooktacular.



Staff from the Pearle L. Crawford Library were on hand dressed as classic characters for photo opportunities with visitors.



The Dumont family arrived in full costume for the Spooktacular event.



A young visitors dressed as Sonic the Hedgehog gets a treat for completing a game.



A popular costume in recent years and one of the most popular at the Spooktacular, this duo dressed as Mario characters including Karts from the popular Mario Kart series.



Young Colton shows of his Mickey Mouse skeleton costume



Volunteers from the Dudley Town Hall and elected boards and commissions helped organized several activities, including making smores for visitors.



Spooktacular participants got to test their artistic skills with all kinds of Halloween-themed crafts.



Those visiting the Spooktacular also got to enjoy the local scarecrow contest with numerous creations lining the front lawn of the Dudley Town Hall.

CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to aviation.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 11 = G)

A. 18 19 16 11 15 2
Clue: Act of flying

B. 4 16 9 11 20
Clue: Flight appendages

C. 1 25 26 5 23 16 9 11
Clue: Act of getting on an aircraft

D. 2 5 26 14 17 19
Clue: Make a journey

Answers: A. flight B. wings C. boarding D. travel

SUDOKU

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6	8	1	3	2	7	4	9	5	6
3	2	9	5	8	6	7	1	4	3
8	3	2	7	4	5	1	6	9	8
1	4	9	7	6	3	8	5	2	1
5	9	6	2	1	8	7	4	3	5
2	7	4	8	9	5	3	1	6	7
4	6	1	3	5	9	4	8	7	2
9	3	1	8	7	6	5	2	4	9

ANSWER:

Quaboag tops Indians, heads to State Tournament undefeated



Bartlett defender Michael Karontang, left, and Quaboag receiver Alex Worthington do battle as the ball is up for grabs while in the air.



Bartlett's Bryce Patterson takes the handoff from quarterback Michael Karontang.

MOHEGAN BOWL FALL LEAGUES, WEEK ENDING OCT. 31

Monday Men's Business
Single — Mike Nardone 141, Dan Labay 138, Tim Labay 131
Series — Mike Nardone 372, Tim Labay 358, Jon Dufield 349
Series over average — Mike Nardone +54

Ten Pin City
Single — Division 1: Claudia Allen 190, Joanne LaBonte and Dawn Kupiec 172
Division 2: Diane Julian 145, Lynn Webb 141
Series — Division 1: Claudia Allen 537, Joanne LaBonte 469
Division 2: Kristine Russell 383, Evelyn Rivera 369

Tuesday Chet's Social
Single — Ryan Pelletier 123, Joe Pranaitis 114, DJ Devish 112, Diane Levesque 111, Dawn Gleason 108, Kathryn Ward 100
Series — Ryan Pelletier 328, DJ Devish 313, Richard Girouard 309, Diane Levesque 315, Ellen Fugatt 268, Kellee Tella 266
Series over average — Jim Beaudry and Darren Mello +48, Diane Levesque +45

Wednesday Women's Industrial
Single — Lynne Smith 124, Noelle Gorski 112, Wendy Angelo 110
Series — Lynne Smith 348, Roberta Zacek 291, Linda Bernier and Noelle Gorski 287
Series over average — Lynne Smith +63

Summit Tenpin
Single — Division 1: Ron Suprenant 232, Butch Mattson 185
Division 2: Todd Fischer 224, Donny Altiery Jr. 158
Series — Division 1: Nat Wood 544, Al Nichols 518
Division 2: Joe Harvard 562, Fred LaBonte 439

Thursday AM Coffee
Single — Jackie Arpin 110, Pat Blake 107, Nancy Cutler 101
Series — Pat Blake 298, Nancy Camerano 288, Jackie Arpin 286
Series over average — Nancy Camerano +48

Thursday Men's Industrial
Single — Bob Bruno 127, Ryun Therrien 125, Jeff Therrien 124
Series — Ryan Pelletier 339, Bo Gauvin 337, Bob Bruno 327
Series over average — Mike Manseau +37

Thursday Mixed Tenpin
Single — Chris Wong Kam 200, Tim Johnson 169, Ann Hebert 141, Jenn Andino 139
Series — Kevin Gay 533, Todd Gaucher 465, Carol Chausse 427, Brenda Johnson 388



Jose Colon of Bartlett attempts to run free from the grasp of Quaboag defender Jaden Darnell while carrying the ball.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS EDITOR

WEBSTER — Leading 7-0 thanks to an early three-yard touchdown run by Brendan Burke, the last thing the Quaboag Regional varsity football team wanted to do was immediately give up the tying score when playing Bartlett High at Memorial Athletic Field on Friday, Oct. 29.

That scenario was certainly a possibility when the Indians gained 37 yards in three plays, taking the ball to the Cougars' 33-yard line. At that moment, Quaboag called a timeout.

"We weren't really pumped up — and then that put us in a hole," said head coach Dave Shepherd. "The next play they run for [30] yards and I think we needed to take a timeout and wake them up. I think that was a big timeout to get the kids refocused."

Defensive coordinator Nick Frank was the one that asked Shepherd if they could burn such an early timeout.

"He was frustrated with lack of enthusiasm and the poor tackling," Shepherd said of Frank.

That timeout turned out to be crucial, as just two plays later Quaboag's Andrew Gagnon recovered a Bartlett fumble and they ultimately scored on the ensuing possession. When all was said and done the Cougars emerged victorious, 47-8.

Quaboag has now completed its regular season undefeated at 8-0.

"You can't ask for more. This is

a great group and to be 8-0 heading into playoffs, we're thrilled," said Shepherd, who's best team before this season compiled a record of 6-5 over the program's 13-year run. "We've been building this program and to get to where we are now, you can see that everything is paying off."

The Cougars' second touchdown came when quarterback Derrick Shepherd threw a screen pass to Jaden Darnell, and he scampered into the end zone from 12 yards out.

Derrick Shepherd also threw touchdown passes to Tyler Withers (11 yards) and Alex Worthington (21 yards) as Quaboag took a 27-0 halftime lead.

The Cougars' defense allowed just 33 yards of offense the remainder of the first half following the early first quarter timeout. Bartlett's possessions resulted in the fumble, a turnover on downs, a punt, another turnover on downs and the final drive ending because of half-time.

Quaboag extended its lead to 34-0 with 8:15 to play in the third quarter when Derrick Shepherd (14 of 25, 197 yards, INT) threw a 21-yard touchdown pass, his fourth of the game, this one going to Darnell for a second time.

The Indians got on the scoreboard about four minutes later when quarterback Michael Karontang called his own number and ran into the end zone

from 4 yards out. He also tacked on the two-point conversion rush. Ben Karontang was also effective running the ball on the drive, accumulating 24 of his 78 yards during the possession.

Burke (9 carries, 85 yards) added fourth quarter rushing touchdowns of 18 and 11 yards to put the game away — and his performance gave him 2,548 career rushing yards, the most in program history — and Withers was 5 of 7 on his point after kick attempts.

Dave Shepherd expressed the small concerns his team will face during their "second season" as the Division 8 State Tournament commences. The Cougars are the No. 6 seed and will host No. 11 Oxford High (6-2) on Friday, Nov. 5 at 7 p.m.

"We have our lulls sometimes and we're trying to make a play-off run. We need to be as perfect as we can," he said. "We have a few things we need to clean up — they're not major things — we've got to be a little better on play-action fakes...and the tackling needs to be a little bit better."

Bartlett, meanwhile, is now 0-8, but head coach Mike Harpin saw the positives his team brought to the field, even while fielding only 16 players for the game.

"We gauge it on the effort and the way the kids represented the school," he explained. "We're happy. Our offense is so close. We see pieces of good stuff."

Raffle basket event to benefit the Blessed Backpack Brigade

DUDLEY — On Sunday, Nov. 14, the students of Nichols College are putting together a fundraiser for the Blessed Backpack Brigade.

Makenzie T., Timmy R., and Cassidy J. will be holding a basket raffle to raise money and donations to help them feed, clothe, and help the less fortunate in our own community during the holiday season and beyond. Food, music, and drinks will be provided, as well as face painting and caramel apple stations for the kids.

The festivities will be held at the Dudley Hill Golf Course, 80 Airport Rd., Dudley, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Donate \$5 or a physical donation and get 10 free tickets!

Want to donate and/or have any questions? Contact us at 508-494-7972 or email Cassidy.jacobs@nichols.edu.

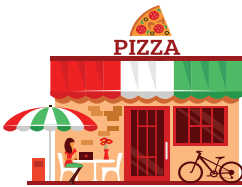
Dudley PTO Turkey Trot returns Nov. 25

DUDLEY — The Dudley PTO will hold its annual Turkey Trot road race Nov. 25 at 8 a.m. at the Town Beach.

Registration forms for this year's event are available at the Dudley PTO Facebook page, Mason Road School, Dudley Elementary School, Dudley Middle School, and the Pearl L. Crawford Memorial Library. Registration fees are \$20 per runner for adults, \$10 for children age five to 10, and prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third place and Most Festive. Forms can be mailed to Heather Bowes, 18 Mill St., Dudley, MA 01571.

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EDITORIAL

Remembering
our roots

We remember the ‘good ol’ days’ when the thought of a video phone conversation would be epic. We thought the best we might get is something along the lines of Max Hedroom, who was introduced in 1984. What we ended up with is substantially better. What a great way to keep in touch with family members and friends across a far distance.

That being said, the rate at which technology is advancing is moving a bit too fast. It seems as though once an item has been unveiled, it becomes obsolete in a nano-second, paving the way for something better, faster and with more bells and whistles.

As time moves forward, how can we maintain a solid grip on our past? A recent trip to a local Historical Society had us speaking with those in charge, in regard to how ‘most people just don’t care about history anymore’.

The destruction of old buildings is becoming more and more common, and we wonder how that will affect future generations. It is one thing to look at old photographs of old schools, buildings, churches and other landmarks, however the history becomes more alive when you have something you can stand next too, observe with your own eyes in person, touch it, walk around and get a feel for how things once were. There really is a magic to it.

History is fascinating. The way things once were, the way human beings have evolved over the years and how things have changed are some of the best stories one can hear. History keeps us grounded and in tune with who we are, especially family history dating back as far as you can go. You could find out that your great grandfather was an Editor of a newspaper in Philadelphia and have an ‘a-ha’ moment, that perhaps that is why you’re sitting in front of a newfangled typewriter, writing, which is the case for this Editor. DNA is a pretty neat thing.

History is what has shaped us into who we are as a society. Preserving history is crucial in that it, if it can be done, represents different aspects of our culture, politics and economy. Being able to walk through Paul Revere’s house in Boston, gives us a direct connection to that specific time and place, often representing major milestones. The ability for those sites to connect the dots to where you’re standing over the years is something that should never be taken for granted.

If old buildings and structures continually are demolished, what will be left of our past? While we do understand that sometimes this is a necessity due to safety or financial reasons, we also have the motto, “If they can put a man on the moon, they can save a building.”

Preserving history is a way to appreciate our local and national heritage. Some buildings may be the only iconic ones left in a small New England town. Those are the places that give these small towns and big cities character. Often, even just one old building is enough to define a town. While new structures can draw in investments into a town, it is the history of a place that lures people to it.

Every major city, and every town worth its salt has a historic village. We feel it is our duty, as we move throughout our lives, to do what we can to protect the past.

In the words of Marcus Garvey, “A people without the knowledge of their past history, origin and culture is like a tree without roots.”

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VIEWPOINT

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Prove to be a neighbor
to those in need

Who is my neighbor? Who is the least of my brothers and sisters? Who is the other? Holy Scripture often highlights this question when Jesus Christ equates himself with our neighbor. “Whatever you do to the least of our brothers or sister, you do unto me.”

In the famous story of the Good Samaritan, we hear Jesus change the question. When a lawyer asks Jesus “Who is my neighbor?” our Lord tells a story and then ends it by asking his own version of the question, “Which of these three – the priest, the temple worker, or the Samaritan - proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” In other words, which one acted like a neighbor to the person in need?

It’s interesting how Jesus changes the dynamic from focusing on understanding “Who is my neighbor” to “Which of these three people proved neighbor to the man in need?”

Sometimes we choose to look at other people in different ways, and thus separate them from our neighbor. Maybe we look at a person differently because they don’t believe the same way we believe, or they don’t vote the same way we vote, or they simply look different than we do, or they have a vastly different life story or experience, one with which we have difficulty relating. I often talk about the labels we place on one another and how we use these labels to distinguish others from ourselves, to separate us from one another.

Yet, in the Good Samaritan, our Lord changes the question from “Who is our neighbor?” to actually “Am I acting like a neighbor toward anyone and everyone in need?” This puts the emphasis not on the other person – it really shouldn’t matter if they are different than me anyway – but instead highlights my own actions and how I perceive my relationship with the other person. Am I acting like a good neighbor to this person???

Remember, to fully understand the story of the Good Samaritan, we must realize the context of Jesus’ time in which the Jews hated the Samaritans. These literal neighbors of the Jews

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were ethnically impure, religiously heretical, and historically at odds with the Israelites. Thus, they were the enemy! And this is precisely the reason why Jesus casts the Samaritan as the protagonist of the story.

A “Good Samaritan” was an oxymoron for a Jew. A Samaritan couldn’t be good in the eyes of a faithful Jew! Yet, Jesus consciously tells a story where he highlights that this despised and hated enemy is the one who acted in a loving and merciful way, much more so than the priest or temple worker. Imagine, a hated, impure, heretic showed greater mercy and compassion than the religious leaders, and this Samaritan was on a path that leads to eternal life before the others!

The question for us should never be simply “Is he or she my neighbor?” but instead “How can I act as a neighbor to anyone in need, regardless of whether someone is different than me. How can I act as a neighbor to the one who holds politically different views than myself? How can I act as a neighbor to the liberal when I’m a conservative, or to the republican when I’m a democrat? How can I act as a neighbor to the immigrant from Mexico or the foreigner from China, even if I consider myself an “America first” patriot? How can I act as a neighbor to the secular non-religious co-worker as well as to the militantly atheistic colleague, even though I’m a person of deep faith? And how can I act as a neighbor to the one who may be pro-choice, even when I am deeply pro-life?

We see Christ placed the emphasis on us and on how we act, regardless of who our neighbor is or what they believe. It doesn’t matter who the person in need may be. Christ looks at our actions, at our behavior, on our decisions, on the way we treat others, and asks us, “Are we proving to be a neighbor to the one in need?”

Archbishop Anastasios Yannoulatos of Albania reflected

on this parable by saying: “A Christian should never have enemies. Never call someone a ‘bad communist,’ ‘a bad atheist,’ or a ‘bad so-and-so.’ Every person has the image of

God in them, and they are all children of God! Every day we pray ‘for those who hate us and for those who love us.’ Thus, how can we have enemies? If others want to see us as enemies, that is their choice, but we never consider others our enemies. We refuse to punish those who punished us. Always remember that at the Last Judgment we are judged for loving Christ, or failing to love Him, in the least person. The message is clear. Our salvation depends upon respect for the other, respect for otherness. This is the deep meaning of the parable of the Good Samaritan; we see not that someone is my neighbor, but how someone becomes my neighbor. It is a process that teaches us how to respond to hatred?”

Saint Maria Skobtsova of Paris emphasized a similar point: “Christ’s earthly life is nothing other than the revelation of the mystery of the love of God and the love of humanity. These two great truths are two parts of a single whole. Destroy either one of them and you destroy truth as a whole.” Mother Maria goes on to explain how our communion with people is a deep mystery that turns into authentic communion with God. We are given a perfectly real possibility to experience to commune with Christ when we commune in love with our neighbor.

Saint John Chrysostom emphasized that we should never pass on the responsibility of helping others to someone else. “When we see someone in need, don’t say to yourself, ‘Why didn’t someone else take care of them?’ They are in front of YOU. It is your responsibility to act as a neighbor to them.

The Gospel story of the Good Samaritan begins with the question, “What must I do to inherit eternal life? Our Lord answer very clearly – Love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength, and love your neighbor, prove to act as a neighbor, to whoever is in need in front of you!

Accomplish
your goals

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All of us have dreams that we would love to accomplish during our life. For some people, their dreams are merely fantasies, and they do nothing to bring them to fruition; some take small steps but never fully commit, and then some transform their dreams into reality.

Many techniques in the positive thinking world can help you accomplish your goals but let’s not pretend that hard work and sacrifice won’t be required. If you’re going to achieve a big goal, hard work and sacrifice will become a daily activity.

I believe in the power of positive thinking, and if you’re optimistic, you’ll always get closer to your goals than if you’re pessimistic. I’ve also learned positivity alone will not bring you to the life you want; you’ll also need to work. You’ll need to put in the time, and you’ll need to burn the midnight oil; you’ll have to work harder than expected.

When you’re moving towards your goals, inevitably, obstacles will arise. You’ll find yourself working many hours doing things that seemingly have nothing to do with your goals. Still, if you approach every activity that crosses your path by doing the best you can, you’ll become a person of excellence, and a person of excellence will eventually get what they want.

One of my favorite speakers, Jim Rohn, said something profound, “How hard should you work? As hard as you can. Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might. How high does a tree grow? As high as it can!”

Working as hard as you can requires motivation. Finding motivation requires a goal; you’ll have to know where you want to go with a clear, detailed plan on how to accomplish it.

I haven’t always accomplished my goals. I’ve failed a lot, but in doing so, I’ve found a pattern in my successes and failures.

When I have a clear goal written on a piece of paper and hanging on the wall in my bedroom, I almost always accomplish it.

I wake up in the morning, and before I walk out of my room, I read the goals, and I’m reminded of where I’m headed and how I will get there. Before I go to sleep, I read them. It’s easy to get sidetracked, and reminding yourself of your goals several times a day is necessary.

Norman Vincent Peale wrote his goals on a card and put them in his shirt pocket over his heart. He read them several times a day.

If you have a big goal, you’ll need to think about it several times a day. Empty your mind of negativity, believe with all your heart that you will turn your goal into reality. If you do this, you’ll find the desire inside of you to do whatever it takes. You’ll wake up early, you’ll stay up late, you’ll show up early, and you’ll be the last to leave. You’ll excel in every area of your life.

What if you don’t have the time?

So many of us think that if we have a full time job and a family to take care of, and other obligations that we don’t have enough time to accomplish our goals.

What if you only spend one hour a day working toward your goals? It may not seem like much, but if you commit yourself to one hour a day for an entire year, you’ll have spent three hundred and sixty-five hours working on your dream! For some of us, that may be all that’s required.

Try it out, write your goal down with a plan to accomplish it, read it several times a day, work hard even if it’s just for an hour a day, stay committed and see what happens. I’m betting you’ll like the results.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I will be voting for Norman LeBlanc

To the Editor:
As I was considering who to vote for in the upcoming Oxford selectman election, I was happy to find the Oxford Democratic Town Committee conducted a Q&A with both candidates to help us understand their positions on certain issues. I really appreciated Norman LeBlanc’s ability to answer questions directly and thoroughly. He had a realistic and practical approach to addressing

the town’s issues, and provided substantiated facts to back up his reasoning. I was also impressed with his commitment to serving the town and bringing order back to the current board.

I will be voting for Norman LeBlanc, Jr. this Nov. 16. He is exactly what this town needs.

Thank you for your consideration.
LORI TINSLEY
OXFORD

Norman LeBlanc will be getting our vote

To the Editor:
We are writing to show our support for Norman LeBlanc, Jr. in the upcoming special election for the Oxford selectmen’s seat.

Norman brings a wealth of knowledge, experience and love for our town that is hard to be beat. As Chairman of the Master Plan and member of the Master Plan Implementation Committee, he is aware of the issues the town faces and has already played a

significant part in addressing them. He, along with the rest of the Master Plan Committee, have done a tremendous job of creating and implementing a plan to improve and sustain our community while minimizing costs to the citizens.

Norman will be getting our votes on Nov. 16 to continue the momentum. Thank you for your consideration.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LeBlanc has Oxford’s best interests at heart

To the Editor:

We are writing to show our support for Norman LeBlanc in the upcoming Oxford Board of Selectmen special election.

For those of you who do not know Norman, he is a lifelong resident of Oxford, and is deeply committed to the community. Not only is he a man of character, family and faith, but he continually goes out of his way to help others without seeking any recognition. He has served on numerous town committees and boards, and has the necessary knowledge and experience to lead and serve our town.

More than ever, our town needs people who have the town's best interest at heart; Norman LeBlanc, Jr. is that person. I encourage the residents of Oxford to vote for Norman LeBlanc, Jr. on Nov. 16.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Changing of the seasons



This week’s picture of an English pointer holding a beautiful point on a pheasant in a local field.

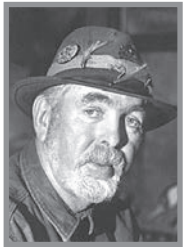
It is hard to believe that October has come & gone already. One thing about New England — if you do not like the weather, just wait a while. The four seasons are the one thing this writer enjoys. This past week, I decided to winterize my boat and put it in storage in my back yard. Removing the batteries from the boat every year, and storing them in my cellar, prolong their life for many years. Storing them away after a full battery charge will ensure me that they are ready for the first fishing trip in the Spring. Winterizing my outboard motor takes little time. The lower unit needs to be drained and new oil is added.

Fogging the motors pistons and carburetors is done every year, and gasoline is protected by a gas stabilizer. Time to cover the boat with a good tarp, and securing it with some bungee cords, is the final step. Protecting the wheels by placing the tires on a piece of wood, will help extend the life of the tires, especially if the trailer is parked on a grassy area.

Fishing rods need to be cleaned and reels oiled to ensure that they are ready for the start of the fishing season in the spring. As I was putting my fishing gear away, I spotted my ice auger in the shed, and realized it was time to give the motor a quick start. A couple of pulls on the starter cord and away it went. It sure pays to add gas stabilizer to the gas prior to storing it for the summer. I use it in all of my power lawn equipment, to keep them running. The gas today has numerous parts of ethanol that can eat up the seals in your carburetors, not only in your outboard motors, but in all of your power yard equipment. This writer loves ice fishing, but I still like to jig fish over fishing with ice tip ups (tilts). It is not far off. More in the coming weeks.

Deer hunting continues to improve for archers, as the bucks come into the rutting season. Numerous impressive bucks have been harvested to date, along with some huge does. Archers now harvest more deer, than during the shotgun season annually! It may turn out that the 2021 Massachusetts hunting season will again have a record harvest, if mother nature cooperates.

Deer do the strangest things to survive or move from one piece of property to meet new friends. A number of



THE GREAT OUTDOORS
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years ago, I was fishing with the late Doc Fenzel of Douglas. He was a highly respected Veterinarian in the valley ,and had a practice for many years on Quarry Hill. We had decided to fish around the Block Island area. As we headed out, we were half way to the island, when I noticed something in the water. I pointed it out to the Doc, and he slowed the engine to get a better look at the strange object in the water. We were both shocked and amazed that the object was a good size buck, swimming from the Island to the Mainland. I guess he just got tired of the scenery at the island, and was looking for love somewhere else.

Deer are good swimmers as their hairs are filled with air to keep them buoyant, but their navigation is very slow. Our main concern was that it may get run over by a vessel, but we never heard of any deer collision in the coming days and weeks after the incident. Just recently, I read in the Hawkeye magazine in New Hampshire about a buck that had gotten himself into a precarious situation. A homeowner heard the grunting of a deer, he thought. As he waked down to the end of his driveway, he noticed a six-point buck with his antler stuck in the rear leg. He must have had a serious itch and decided to scratching the area with his antler which they often do, & ended up piercing through the flesh and lodging in the back leg between the bone and tendon. The resident walked around the deer

and made a quick decision to help the animal by very quickly grabbing the rear leg and gave it a quick tug. It was a dangerous move, but it worked and the buck was free and scampered off into the nearby woods.

Numerous bucks have lost their life during the rutting season by getting their antlers locked together while fighting for their does. Many times, they end up dying locked together with their antlers, unable to free themselves from each other. One local hunter found a pair of deceased big bucks in the Maine woods a few years ago and reported the find to the state environmental police. He had cut the antlers free from the animals, with the antlers still locked together. The environmental police confiscated the antlers, and it took some time before they were returned to the hunter. It was the proper thing to do.

Local freshwater fishing continues to provide anglers with numerous trout and bass with an occasional pickerel mixed in. Hornpout fishing is also improving on the Wet River, for anglers that enjoy catching them, and they also provide great eating. Most hornpout (a member of the catfish family) are caught bottom fishing with worms and nightcrawlers. At this time of year, the hornpout is migrating up or down river to their winter home. During the summer, hornpout fishing is best at night, but this time of year can be caught during the daytime hours. Give it a try and bring the kids. Be careful when handling the fish as they have sharp horns on both sides of the head, and at the top, which can be somewhat painful if your skin is accidentally punctured by the fish.

Take a Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

Historic preservation and genealogy through Find A Grave

OXFORD — The General Ebenezer Learned DAR Chapter of Oxford will be presenting a program showing how to use Find A Grave for historic preservation and genealogy on Saturday, Nov. 13 at the Oxford Police Station at 503 Main St.

The program will be conducted by Cathy Nikosey, chapter member, at 1 p.m. The program is free to the public, but donations are being collected for the Oxford Food Pantry. Registration is suggested as space may be limited. Parking is at the Oxford Junior High School which is adjacent to the Police Station. Please do not park in the police parking lot. To register or for more information, contact the chapter at: gen.e.learneddar@gmail.com.

Join me in supporting Norman LeBlanc

To the Editor:

Norman LeBlanc, Jr. is the perfect candidate to fill the open seat on the Oxford Board of Selectmen.

With the passing of the deeply respected John Saad, we must consider what is needed to fill those shoes. We need someone who can see all perspectives and work collaboratively towards common goals. We need someone who is knowledgeable and experienced, who remains calm and level-headed under pressure. We need someone who has the town's best interest at heart, with no hidden agendas. We need someone

who can look at things objectively, be direct while still respectful and make difficult decisions based on facts for the greater good. That person is Norman LeBlanc, Jr.

For over 30 years, Norman has consistently demonstrated this behavior in his various roles in the town, and I know he can successfully fill this seat. Please join me in electing Norman LeBlanc, Jr. for Oxford Town Selectman on Nov. 16.

Thank you,

HANK LAMOUNTAIN
OXFORD

Thank you for a successful Spooktacular

To the Editor:

The Board of Selectmen would like to thank everyone who participated in the Third Annual Spooktacular on Oct. 28. We had a great night with awesome costumes as families paraded up Brandon Road to the town hall for games, food, and prizes!

Dudley Fire Department, especially Assistant Fire Chief Konieczny and FF Trifone who organized the Safe House; Dudley Police for leading the parade safely, Dudley Highway, especially Jesse Russell and Rich Wetherbee for all their help, town hall staff, including friends and family, Jennifer Cournoyer, Don Cournoyer, Zachary Cournoyer and Lori Smith for their mastery of a perfect smore, Mary Petro, Andrew Berg and Jackie Phelps for organized the games, Thu Vo, Corey Benson, Olivia Antonson and Michelle Jervis who prepared the food, library staff, Lida Carroll for organizing the prizes and awards.

We are fortunate to have such wonderful staff who take time out of their busy schedules for this event, and we thank them!

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
DUDLEY

There is no more fit candidate for selectman than LeBlanc

To the Editor:

In the over 50 years that we have lived in Oxford, we have never known a more fit person than Norman LeBlanc, Jr. to be a selectman for the town. He is not only an honest and hard-working man who acts with integrity, but he has contributed to the town in so many ways. He has solid ideas on how to develop the community, but more importantly, he knows how to collaborate and work with others to implement collective ideas. He has a proven track record of building

consensus and achieving results.

Norman truly wants what is best for Oxford. The combination of his passion for the town and his experience, along with his strong leadership ability, makes him the best candidate to serve our community. Norman LeBlanc, Jr. will be getting our vote this Nov. 16, and we hope others do the same.

Sincerely,

STEVE & DEBBIE GORDON
NORTH OXFORD

Proudly voting for Norman LeBlanc

To the Editor:

My name is Judy Caissie, and I am a lifelong resident of Oxford and a senior citizen currently on a fixed income. With the cost of living soaring, it is so important for seniors and all taxpayers to vote in our town election and to vote for a person who understands how important holding the tax rate is for folks like me and so many hardworking families in our town. I am proudly voting for Norman LeBlanc for Selectman.

I have known Norman for many years, as did my late husband, Russ “The Corn Man” Caissie. Norman loves our town, and will work hard to serve the taxpayers and put our hard-earned tax dollars to good work for all. He is running for all the right reasons.

Please join me and vote for Norman on Nov. 16.


Sincerely,

JUDY CAISSIE
OXFORD

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Friday’s Child

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Maxxon
Age 13

Hi! My name is Maxxon and I love music!

Maxxon is a sweet, inquisitive, and kind boy of Caucasian and Hispanic descent. He is generally easy-going and calm. His favorite activities include riding his bike and watching television. Maxxon is fascinated with broadcasting and radio. He also enjoys interacting with adults and loves music, especially classic rock. Maxxon has a good sense of humor and will often surprise everyone with a funny joke out of nowhere.

Maxxon is currently attending a therapeutic school with extra supports. He is doing well overall in school and gets along with his peers. He can do his own daily care and hygiene, and with a little adult support is comfortable accessing his community.

Legally freed for adoption, Maxxon is eagerly awaiting his forever home. His social worker believes that he will thrive in a nurturing family of any constellation, with or without other children in the home. Maxxon has an Open Adoption Agreement and an adoptive family must be willing to help him visit with his birth father three times a year. Maxxon also has two half-sisters in Massachusetts who he would like to remain connected to. Maxxon can be placed outside of Massachusetts but must be within driving distance of the central part of the state.

Who Can Adopt?

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

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

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

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OBITUARIES

Norma C. Wiggin, 89



BROOKFIELD – Norma C. (Keith) Wiggin, 89, passed away peacefully at her daughter's home in Hull on Thursday, October 28, 2021. Norma was born in Worcester, the daughter of Willard and Edith (Howe) Keith of West Boylston. Norma graduated from Major Edwards High School in West Boylston and Green Mountain College in Poultney, VT. She married her beloved husband of 25 years, the late Nathan Wiggin of Rockland, ME, in 1955. The couple lived in West Boylston, Southbridge, and lastly on Stiles Reservoir in Spencer and had owned and operated the Donut Chateau in West Boylston and Southbridge. Nathan passed away in 1980 and Norma continued working at the business for several years. Norma also worked as a Home Care Attendant for Nurse's House Call in the Worcester area and was named Employee of the Year. She later reconnected with her high school classmate, Bob Parkin, and they lived together in Brookfield until his passing in 2011. Norma is survived by her daughters,

Deborah Wiggin and her husband, Paul Beresis, of Hull and Diane Wiggin of Naples, FL; four grandchildren, Sarah Wiggin of Tampa, FL, Adam Eldean and his partner, Yaritza Velez, of Baltimore, MD, Aaron DeFeo and his girlfriend, Ashley Durham, of Pompano Beach, FL, and Nora Eldean of Sandy, UT; her honorary granddaughter, Layla Eldean; her great grandchildren, Gavin and Garrett DeFeo; her nephew and nieces, Randy Keith and his wife, Patty, Linda Blake and her husband, Ned, and Lisa Hartman and her husband, Rick; her sister-in-law, Evelyn Keith; and the daughter of her longtime companion, Bob Parkin, Karan Parkin and her wife, Marianne Winters. Norma was predeceased by her brother, Robert Keith, of West Boylston's Pinecroft Dairy. Relatives and friends are invited to attend a calling hour from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. followed by a funeral service at 12 p.m. on Friday, November 5, 2021 at Miles Funeral Home, 1158 Main St., Holden. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Wachusett Greenways, P.O. Box 121, Holden, MA 01520. To find a live streaming link for the service and to share a memory or offer a condolence visit www.milesfuneralhome.com

Delight friends and family with winter-blooming bulbs

Give a holiday gift that is guaranteed to bring joy and feelings of well-being. Research by Rutgers University found the gift of flowers generates a smile, elevates the recipient's mood, and provides feelings of happiness that last for days. Amaryllis and paperwhite bulbs make it easy for anyone to enjoy these benefits by growing their own living bouquet of flowers. Non-gardeners will appreciate receiving an amaryllis or paperwhite gift kit that includes the bulb, soil, and pot. All they need to do is open the box, water the soil, and wait for the beauty to unfurl. Or make your own ready-to-grow gifts by purchasing bulbs and planting them in decorative pots.

Each amaryllis bulb sends up multiple stems topped with flowers that can measure up to eight inches across. Nurturing amaryllis or paperwhites from bulb to bloom requires no experience or special care, but answers to any questions can be found at LongfieldGardens.com.

Are there gardeners on your list? Keep it simple by selecting some winter-blooming amaryllis or paperwhite bulbs and tucking them into an attractive gift bag. While most people are familiar with the classic red amaryllis, there are many other colors and flower styles to choose from. Make your gift extra special by ordering some of these less-common varieties.

Elvas is a double white amaryllis with petals outlined in red. As the flowers mature, they gradual-

ly open wider and the red highlights become more apparent. Giant Amadeus features layers of petals that start out white and blush to pink, coral and salmon. The color and intensity increase as the petals open. For a twist on traditional red, consider Magical Touch. Its cherry red blossoms have broad, ruffled petals edged in white. When the flowers are fully open, they are flat rather than trumpet shaped. Ruby Star is another uncommon amaryllis. Classified as a papillon or butterfly amaryllis, it has large, irregular-shaped petals in a striking color combination of wine red and apple green.



Courtesy Longfield-Gardens.com

The flower petals of Giant Amadeus amaryllis start out white and turn to pink, coral and salmon.

of stones and water. For maximum fragrance, plant Ziva paperwhites. Varieties such as Nir and Inbal produce the same snowy-white flowers but have a much lighter fragrance. Store winter-blooming bulbs in a cool, dry and dark place until you are ready to plant. Once you put up the bulbs and place them in a warm, bright location, they will break dormancy and begin to sprout. Watching as the stems emerge, buds develop, and flowers appear is all part of the fun. Be sure to order a couple extra bulbs for yourself. You will enjoy the stress relief these beautiful winter bulbs provide during the holiday season and long winter months.

Melinda Myers is the author of more than 20 gardening books, including Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series and the Melinda's Garden Moment TV &

GARDEN MOMENTS

MELINDA MYERS



Brighten dark winter days with the cheery, lemony yellow flowers of amaryllis Yellow Star. Each bulb will send up multiple stems topped with four to six long-lasting flowers.

The flowers of amaryllis Cape Horn feature big, rounded petals in a lovely shade of rose-pink. Each blossom has a white star at the center and a lime green throat. Most amaryllis bulbs begin flowering eight to ten weeks after planting. Paperwhite narcissus bulbs bloom in half the time and can be grown in soil or a shallow bowl

Dudley receives MassWorks funding

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – The town of Dudley is one of 50 communities named as awardees of a 2021 MassWorks award. Gov. Charlie Baker and Lt. Governor Karyn Polito made the announcement on Oct. 25 in Lowell revealing the communities that will each receive a part of the \$66.5 million in funding. MassWorks is a competitive program that offers cities and towns flexible capital funding to support and accelerate housing production and job growth. It's the largest program among the Community One Stop portfolio, a program debuted in January of 2021 that consolidated application processes for grant programs that support economic development initiatives. "MassWorks and the programs accessed through One Stop support local infrastructure projects that spur housing, workforce development and private investment," said Baker during the pre-

sentation in Lowell. "We appreciate the partnership with the Legislature and local leaders to make these investments possible and look forward to our continued collaboration." "One Stop has transformed the Commonwealth's role from simply a patchwork of funding sources into a true partnership that puts the economic and community development goals for more cities and towns within reach," added Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito. "By enhancing access to key programs like MassWorks, One Stop allows us to bring a heightened sense of urgency to our efforts to rebuild the economy." The town of Dudley is receiving \$179,000 which will be used for infrastructure improvements for the Ardlock Place Neighborhood. It was not specified what improvements are planned for the neighborhood which sits just off of Village Street across from the Stevens Mill, an area of town that has been at the center of economic development conversations in Dudley for the past few years.

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 7 Sherwood Drive, Oxford, MA 01540
By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Roger D. Harris to Citizens Bank, N.A., and now held by **Citizens Bank, N.A. f/k/a RBS Citizens, N.A.**, said mortgage dated April 12, 2017 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 56989, Page 212, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at **Public Auction** on November 15, 2021 at 02:00 PM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:
The land situated on the northerly side of Sherwood Drive, in the Town of Oxford, being Lot No. 29 as shown on a Plan of Land in Oxford owned by Mascor Homes, Inc., Albert L. Fitzback, Surveyor, dated April 25, 1975 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 415, Plan 39, more particularly bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at the southeasterly comer of the premises described herein as a point along the northerly line of said Sherwood Drive, said point being Six hundred twenty-three and 87/100 (623.87) feet measured westerly along the northerly line of said Sherwood Drive from a cement bound/at the intersection of said Sherwood Drive and Cherry Street; THENCE S 86° 13' 52" W One hundred five (105/00) feet along the northerly line of said Sherwood Drive to a point at Lot No. 30; THENCE N 03° 46' 08" one hundred twenty (120.00) feet along Lot No. 30 to a point at remaining land of the grantor; THENCE N 86° 13' 52" E One hundred five (105.00) feet along said remaining land of the grantor to a point at Lot No. 28 THENCE S 03° 46' 08" E One hundred twenty (120.00) feet along Lot No. 28 to point of beginning. CONTAINING 12,600 square feet Meaning and intending to convey the same premises described by Deed dated and recorded September 19, 1975 with Worcester Registry of Deeds in Book 5800, Page 168.
The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated September 19, 1975 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 5800, Page 168.
TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described. FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within thirty (30) days after the date of sale. Other terms to be announced at the sale.
Brock & Scott, PLLC
1080 Main Street, Suite 200
Pawtucket, RI 02860
Attorney for Citizens Bank, N.A. f/k/a RBS Citizens, N.A.
Present Holder of the Mortgage
401-217-8701
October 22, 2021
October 29, 2021
November 5, 2021

NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND FORECLOSURE SALE
SINGLE FAMILY MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE
LOCATION: 4 Prospect Street, North Oxford, MA 01537
WHEREAS, on January 16, 2014 a certain Mortgage Instrument was executed by Kathryn M. Lane as Mortgagor in favor of Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation, a Subsidiary of Lehman Brothers Bank, PSB as Mortgagee and was recorded on March 8, 2004 in Book 32989, Page 259 at the Worcester County Registry of Deeds; and
WHEREAS, the Mortgage was insured by the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (the Secretary) pursuant to the National Housing Act for the purpose of providing single family housing; and
WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of the Mortgage Instrument is now owned by the Secretary pursuant to an assignment dated May 7, 2015 and recorded on May 21, 2015, in Book 53745, Page 391 in said Registry of Deeds; and
WHEREAS, a default has been made

in the covenants and conditions of the Mortgage Instrument because of the violation of Paragraph 9 Grounds for Acceleration of Debt: (b) (i) Property ceases to be principal residence of a Borrower for reasons other than death; and
WHEREAS, by virtue of this default, the Secretary has declared the entire amount of the indebtedness secured by the Mortgage Instrument to be immediately due and payable; NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the powers vested in me by the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. Section 3751 et seq., by 24 CFR Part 27, subpart B and by the Secretary's designation of me as Foreclosure Commissioner filed for registration in the Worcester County Registry of Deeds in Book 54831, Page 144 notice is hereby given that on **November 19, 2021 at 10:00 AM** local time, all real and personal property, if applicable, at or used in connection with the property located at **4 Prospect Street, North Oxford, MA 01537**, as more particularly described in Instrument, will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, subject to any and all outstanding real estate taxes and municipal charges. The foreclosure sale will be held at 4 Prospect Street, North Oxford, MA 01537. There will be no proration of taxes, rents or other income or liabilities, except the purchaser will pay, at or before closing, his/her prorated share of any real estate taxes that have been paid by the Secretary to the date of the foreclosure sale. When making their bid, all bidders (except the Secretary) must submit a deposit in the amount of 10% of the purchase price in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to the Secretary of HUD. The deposit of the successful bidder is non-refundable and will be applied to the purchase price. The remainder of the purchase price must be delivered within thirty (30) days of the auction or at such other time as the Secretary may determine for good cause shown, **TIME BEING OF THE ESSENCE**. The balance of the purchase price must be delivered in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to the Secretary of HUD. If the Secretary is the successful bidder, he need not pay the bid amount in cash. The successful bidder will pay all conveyance fees, all outstanding real

estate taxes, municipal charges, condominium charges, if any, and all other costs associated with the transfer of title. At the conclusion of the sale, the deposits of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them. The Secretary may grant an extension of time within which to close. All extensions will be for fifteen (15) days increments for a fee of \$500.00, paid in advance. The extension fee shall be paid in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to the Secretary of HUD and delivered to the Foreclosure Commissioner. If the successful bidder closes prior to the expiration of any extension period, the unused portion of the extension fee shall be applied towards the amount due at closing. If the successful bidder is unable to close within the required period, or within any extensions of time granted by the Secretary, the deposit will be forfeited. At the election of the Foreclosure Commissioner after consultation with the HUD representative, the successful bidder will be liable to HUD for ant costs incurred as a result of such failure. The Foreclosure Commissioner may offer the property to the second highest bidder for an amount equal to the highest price offered by that bidder. All other terms of the sale would remain the same. If the second highest bidder accepts the Foreclosure Commissioner's offer, the second highest bidder must remit a deposit in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to the Secretary of HUD within twenty-four (24) hours. If the second highest bidder rejects the Foreclosure Commissioner's offer, no further offers will be made and the sale will be canceled. There is no right of redemption, or right of possession based upon a right of redemption, in the mortgagors or others subsequent to a foreclosure completed pursuant to the Act. Therefore, the Foreclosure Commissioner will issue a Deed to the purchaser(s) upon receipt of the entire purchase price in accordance with the terms of the sale provided herein; HUD does not guarantee that the property will be vacant. The scheduled foreclosure sale shall be canceled or adjointed if it is established, by documented written application of the mortgagor to the Foreclosure Commissioner not less than three (3) days before the date of the sale, or otherwise, that the default or defaults upon

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which the foreclosure is/are based did not exist at the time of service of this notice of default and foreclosure sale, or all amounts due under the Mortgage Instrument are tendered to the Foreclosure Commissioner, in the form of a certified or cashier's check payable to the Secretary of HUD, before the public sale of the property is completed. Tender of payment by certified or cashier's check or application for cancellation of the foreclosure sale shall be submitted to the address of the Foreclosure Commissioner provided below. Shabnam Mashmasarmi, Attorney & Foreclosure Commissioner
Mashmasarmi Law, PC
1359 Hancock Street, Suite 7
Quincy, MA 02169
(508) 846-6021
October 29, 2021
November 5, 2021
November 12, 2021

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 11 Old Depot Road, Oxford, MA 01540
By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Mark A. Lundstrom to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Concord Mortgage Corp, and now held by **Bank of America, N.A.**, said mortgage dated January 2, 2008 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 42284, Page 139, said mortgage was assigned from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. to Bank of America, N.A. successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP fka Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP by assignment dated September 20, 2011 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 47884, Page 114; said mortgage was assigned from Bank of America, N.A. successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP fka Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP to Secretary of Housing and Urban Development by assignment dated May 28, 2003 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 51145, Page 50; said mortgage was assigned from Secretary of Housing and Urban Development by RBS Financial Products Inc. its attorney in fact to RBS Financial Products Inc. by assignment dated June 20, 2013 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 51368, Page 361; said mortgage was assigned from RBS Financial Products Inc. to U.S. Bank, National Association, as trustee on behalf of GRA Legal Title Trust 2013-1 by assignment dated August 1, 2013 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 51560, Page 13; said mortgage was assigned from GRA Legal Title Trust 2013-1, U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee to Bank of America, N.A. by assignment dated July 18, 2018 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 59196, Page 61; for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at **Public Auction** on December 6, 2021 at 10:00 AM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

ALL THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY SITUATED IN THE OXFORD IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER AND STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS, BEING DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: LOT NUMBER(S) 12A-201, AND BEING MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN A DEED DATED 04/22/2005 AND RECORDED 06/01/2005, AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF THE COUNTY AND STATE SET FORTH ABOVE, IN DEED VOLUME 36468 AND PAGE 269.

The land, together with the buildings and improvements thereon, located on Old Depot Road in Oxford, Worcester County, Massachusetts and being the parcel of land shown as Lot No. 1 on a plan dated September 8, 1961 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 259 Page 124, and to which plan reference may be made for a more particular description of said lot No. 1.

Containing 25,055 square feet of land, more or less. ADDRESS: 11 OLD DEPOT ROAD; OXFORD, MA 01540 TAX MAP OR PARCEL ID NO.: 12A-C01

The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated April 22, 2005 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 36468, Page 269.

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance

of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within thirty (30) days after the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Brock & Scott, PLLC
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Present Holder of the Mortgage
401-217-8701

October 29, 2021
November 5, 2021
November 12, 2021

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Timothy J. Hamlin to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Pacific Union Financial, LLC, its successors and assigns, dated January 31, 2018 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 58395, Page 141 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage Nationstar Mortgage LLC successor by merger to Pacific Union Financial, LLC is the present holder by Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Pacific Union Financial, LLC, its successors and assigns to Pacific Union Financial LLC dated September 21, 2018 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 59443, Page 206, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 17 Thayer Pond Drive, Unit No. 5 a/k/a Unit No. 17-5, of the Thayer Pond Village Condominium, North Oxford, MA 01537 will be sold at a Public Auction at 10:00 AM on November 29, 2021, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

Unit No. 17-5 (the "Unit") in Thayer Pond Village Condominium, created by Master Deed dated September 28, 1983 and recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 7930 Page 203 as amended in accordance with M.G.L. c. 183A. The mailing address of said Unit is 17 Thayer Pond Drive, Unit 17-5, Oxford, MA. Said Unit is laid out as shown on a plan, to which is affixed to a verified statement in the form prescribed by M.G.L. c. 183A, Section 9, and which plan is a copy of a portion of the plans filed with an amendment to the Master Deed. The Unit is conveyed together with:

a. An undivided interest of .7179% in the common areas and facilities described in the Thayer Pond Village Condominium Master deed. In the event that, and at such time as a subsequent Phase or Phases are added to the condominium by amendment of the master deed, the undivided interest of the Unit in the common areas and facilities shall be and become that specified in any Amended Exhibit B recorded at such time;

b. An appurtenant easement for the exclusive use of Parking Space No. 98 as described in the Thayer Pond Village Condominium Master Deed and shown on the Plan of Land recorded therewith;

c. An appurtenant easement for the exclusive use of Storage Locker No. 17-5 as described in the Thayer Pond Village Condominium Master Deed;

d. The benefit of, and subject to, all easements, rights, observations, restrictions, agreements and provisions contained in said Master deed the Declaration of Trust creating the Thayer Pond Village Condominium and the By-Laws contained therein, dated September 28, 1983 and recorded with said deeds in Book 7930 Page 261, as the same may be amended of record, and the Rules and Regulations from time to time promulgated thereunder, all of which are hereby incorporated by reference and constitute covenants running with the land and are and shall remain binding upon any person or persons claiming through or under them. Subject to and with the benefit of the provisions of said General Laws, Chapter 183A as now in force and as from time to time amended, and subject also to (a) municipal taxes attributable to such Unit and common areas and facilities, assessed as of the current tax year and that are not yet due and payable, which the Grantee, by accepting this Unit Deed, assume and agrees to pay, (b) building and zoning laws; and (c) those encumbrances set forth or referred to in Exhibit A of the Master Deed.

Title reference deed recorded herewith. For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 58395, Page 138.

The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations

and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

Terms of the Sale: Cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.
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Hamlin, Timothy J., 19-035768
October 29, 2021
November 5, 2021
November 12, 2021

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**Docket No. WO21C0445CA
CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
In the matter of:
Nevin Askari**

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Nevin Askari** of **Webster MA**

requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

Alina Nevin Askari

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Worcester Probate and Family Court before 1 0:00 a.m. on the return day of 1 1/30/2021. 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: October 26, 2021

Stephanie K. Fattman
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November 5, 2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court

**Probate and Family Court
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**Docket No. WO21P2708EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR SALE OF REAL ESTATE BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE**

Estate of:

Dhansukhial Chhabildas Mandalaywala

Date of Death: 05/18/2020

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Sale of Real Estate has been filed by:

Amol D Mandalaywala of Sturbridge, MA

requesting that court authorize the Personal Representative to sell the decedent's real estate at a private sale.

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 11/16/2021.** 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.

Date: October 21, 2021

Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate

November 5, 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. WO21P3539EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

Estate of:

Geraldine Ann Filion

Also known as:

Geraldine A Filion

Date of Death: 09/26/2021

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **James Howard of Dudley MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **James Howard of Dudley MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **an unsupervised** administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/23/2021.** 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: October 27, 2021

Stephanie K. Fattman,
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November 5, 2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court

**Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
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**Docket No. WO21C0490CA
CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
In the matter of:**

Amanda Marie Ritacco

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Amanda Marie Ritacco of Webster MA**

requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

Amanda Marie Pinto

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Worcester Probate and Family Court before 1 0:00 a.m. on the return day of 1 1/23/2021. 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: October 14, 2021

Stephanie K. Fattman
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November 5, 2021

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**Docket No. WO21C0504CA
CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
In the matter of:**

Isabella Jaimylise Collazo Vega

A Petition to Change Name of Minor has been filed by **Isabella Jaimylise Collazo Vega of Webster MA**

requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

Isabella Jaimylise Vega Casanova

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Worcester Probate and Family Court before 1 0:00 a.m. on the return day of 1 1/16/2021. 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: October 22, 2021

Stephanie K. Fattman
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November 5, 2021



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Webster Lake - 300 Killdeer Island

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS! A WEBSTER LAKE waterfront property on Killdeer Circle, you won't want to miss! Offers a prime waterfront location! 64' of water frontage and a gently sloping landscape to waters edge. Crystal clear, sandy bottomed shoreline. Everyday is a new day at the Lake! Nicely arranged floor plan. 5 rooms 2 bedrooms, 2 baths! Walk out lowerlevel to nice size patio! Garage. **\$650,000.**

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Recipes for Leftover Pumpkin

Halloween might be over, but the pumpkins live on. Whether leftover pumpkins were used as harvest decorations, or were passed over for carving, the big question is: What to do with perfectly good sugar pumpkins? Each year, this column tackles the annual dilemma by promoting pumpkin repurposing! Read on for some recipes that use up pumpkin leftovers.

Pumpkin Martini
Talk about pushing pumpkin power up a notch! Several years ago Food Network star Sandra Lee came come up with this pumpkin cocktail that continues to please!

Ingredients: one half cup brown sugar; two teaspoons pumpkin pie spice, divided; two tablespoons granulated sugar; two cups half-and-half; two tablespoons pumpkin puree; one half teaspoon vanilla extract; ice cubes; four ounces vanilla vodka; one liter sparkling water

Instructions: In a small saucepan over medium heat, combine the brown sugar, one teaspoon pumpkin pie spice, and a half cup water. Stir until the sugar is dissolved and bring it to a boil. Remove from heat and cool for 30 minutes. Syrup can be

stored in the refrigerator for up to two weeks. Mix together the granulated sugar and remaining one teaspoon pumpkin pie spice and put it onto a shallow plate. Pour two tablespoons of the simple syrup onto a plate. Dip the rims of four martini glasses into the syrup, and then in the spiced sugar. Set aside.

In a large measuring cup, combine the half-and-half, pumpkin puree, vanilla, and half the simple syrup and whisk until well blended. Pour in to a pitcher filled with ice. If using the vodka, add it to the pitcher before serving and stir. Pour into the prepared glasses. Top with sparkling water. Makes four servings.

Homemade Pumpkin Soup

What can be better than homemade pumpkin soup? How about a recipe from the kitchen of Food Network's "Pioneer Woman" Ree Drummond?

Ingredients: Two whole pie pumpkins; one quart vegetable or chicken stock; one half cup heavy cream; one third cup maple syrup; dash of nutmeg; salt to taste; extra cream for serving.

Instructions: Preheat oven to 300 degrees. Place

pumpkins on a cookie sheet and roast them until slightly shriveled and soft. Allow to cool slightly, then slice in half and carefully scoop out seeds and pulp. Scoop yummy flesh into a bowl. Set aside.

In a pot, heat up the pumpkin flesh with the stock and maple syrup until simmering. Mash out the big chunks, the transfer the mixture to a blender or food processor (or use an immersion blender) and puree until velvety smooth. Add cream and nutmeg, and then blend again.

Reheat if you need to, or just go ahead and serve in a hollowed-out pumpkin of whatever size you'd like.

Pumpkin Cake Squares

A boxed cake mix makes this homemade pumpkin dessert quick and easy!

Ingredients: one pound pumpkin, pureed (see method below); one can evaporated milk (12 oz); one cup granulated sugar; one half cup brown sugar; four beaten eggs; one tsp. cinnamon; one quarter tsp each salt, ginger, and cloves; one box yellow cake mix; one cup butter, melted

Instructions: Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Mix the pumpkin, evap-

orated milk, sugars and spices together. Pour mixture into a 9 x 13 glass baking dish. Sprinkle dry cake mix evenly over top of mixture; then pour melted butter over all. Bake for about an hour or so until cake is fully cooked. Cover top loosely with foil if top becomes too brown. Cut into squares to serve.

Pureeing Pumpkin: Freezing cooked, pureed pumpkin is a favored way to preserve the taste and texture of pumpkin for use in holiday recipes. Sugar or pie pumpkins are ideal candidates for freezing as the pulp is thicker and firmer. To easily prepare a pumpkin for pureeing, simply place the whole fruit in the microwave for about a minute or so to soften the skin. This will make the pumpkin much easier to peel. Cut the pumpkin in large slices, peel the skin and remove the strings and seeds. Then cut the slices into smaller pieces. Boil the pumpkin pieces until tender, then mash or process the pumpkin pulp until it forms a smooth, thick puree.

To store, freeze in Ziploc bags or frost safe containers.

Pumpkin Raisin Bread Pudding

Warm, bread pudding merged with spicy pumpkin creates a double dose of comfort food!

Ingredients: 12 slices cinnamon-raisin bread, cut into 1-inch cubes (about 8 cups); four eggs; one cup milk; 15 oz fresh pumpkin; one cup plus one Tbsp. packed brown sugar, divided; one tsp. pumpkin pie spice, divided; tsp. vanilla; one half cup pecans; one half cup sour cream; one cup Cool Whip, thawed; one quarter cup maple syrup.

Instructions: Heat oven to 350 degrees. Place bread cubes in 13x9-inch baking dish sprayed with cooking spray. Beat eggs, milk, pumpkin, one cup brown sugar, one half tsp. pumpkin pie spice and vanilla with whisk until well blended. Pour evenly over bread; sprinkle with nuts. Bake 45 min. or until knife inserted in center comes out clean.

Meanwhile, mix sour cream, remaining sugar and remaining pumpkin pie spice in medium bowl until blended. Stir in Cool Whip.

Drizzle syrup over pudding. Serve warm topped with sour cream mixture.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House – Contest has resumed! Your tips can win you



TAKE THE HINT
KAREN TRAINOR

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.

Tips for selling your antiques and collectibles

If you're interested in selling your antiques and collectibles, today's column is for you. I'll share some tips to help you get the most of your sale.

My first tip relates to timing: sell holiday collectibles in season. If you have Halloween collectibles, selling them in early October is best because Halloween is on peoples' minds. November and early December would be the right time to sell your vintage Christmas bulbs.

Second, sell items where they were made. I often get calls or emails from people around the country who have Massachusetts-related items because they realize their local items will sell better here. I collect old Worcester-related photos, advertising pieces and other items because I live in the area.

Beyond photos and ephemera, additional items do well when sold locally. Joseph Greenwood was a Worcester impressionist painter. Whenever we auction one of his paintings, it sells very well because so many of our local bidders are interested in his works.

Third, decide how you want to sell



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FOOTBALL

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work every week, but this is just amazing what we were able to put together this week. I have the upmost respect for the Leicester team; I am friends with all of them. Like I said to the kids, we're due. This is my seventh year coaching and every game has been fantastic against them, they beat us good a couple of times, but it was time."

Oxford got off to a quick start once they saw how Leicester was covering their receivers and decided to air the ball out. Junior quarterback Lucas Lambert connected with sophomore wide receiver Connor Fantasia twice on the first drive, one being a 30-yard strike for a touchdown with 9:54 left in the first quarter for the first points of the contest. Oxford led 8-0 early after converting a two-point conversion. Fantasia caught two passes for 62 yards on the first drive. The sophomore ended with 5 catches for 112 yards and two scores and also added an interception.

WEBSTER

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created a new urban center housing tax increment financing development zone straddling the Webster-Dudley border by a 61-9 margin. That project aims to encourage the redevelopment of several vacant and semi-vacant properties along the French River and nearby by making owners eligible for TIF deals with one or both towns. According to interim Town Administrator Greg Balukonis, the first one is likely to come from owners of the Stevens Mill, who laid out their plan to convert the building to apartments at a recent public hearing.

Balukonis said the two towns "have worked very closely together over the last few years" to design the concept and he believes it "would benefit both."

Voters also okayed spending \$25,000 to update the town's historic survey, last done in 2000 and 1979. According to Historical Commission Chair Ted Avlas (who had to step down from his moderator role for this item), the plan is to identify historical resources and how to protect them, help the public understand they're not well protected, and lay out "what can we realistically accomplish each year."

Lastly, voters approved rescinding three old borrowing authorizations as no longer necessary and paid a prior-year bill.

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"We just saw how they were covering our receivers and Connor Fantasia this kid is a sophomore and what can I say about him," stated Clarkson. "Never mind on offense, he had an interception on defense. He got the Michael Ellsesser Pirate Practice Player of the Week. We do it every week in memory of Michael Ellsesser. The kids that get it could get it every week and the kids embrace it. He was the man this week and he has been getting better and better every week."

The Pirates led 14-0 early into the second quarter after scoring on their first two drives of the game. Jaden Morales sprinted for a 25-yard score on the second drive. But, following Oxford's second scoring drive, Leicester was able to cut into the lead and make a mark in the game. Senior Griffin Metcalf corralled the kickoff at the Wolverines' 29-yard line and scored for a 71-yard kickoff return.

The return gave Leicester a little life, but they were still unable to use that momentum completely. Despite the offensive struggles, the Wolverine defense kept the score close going into halftime, 14-7. AJ Drenzo and Hunter Senior were able to come up with red-zone interceptions to negate promising Oxford drives.

"We needed something," expressed

head coach Tim Griffiths. "We never got any momentum. If we could've scored before half it would've been a tie game. We played a horrible first half and we were only down seven. They were hungry and we were not. That is all there was to it."

In the second half, Oxford took control and exploded for three second-half scores. They had their passing game going and Lambert was able to find running lanes to keep the chains moving. Lambert threw three touchdown passes and also accounted for 100 yards on the ground and a score. The junior made the highlight plays, but it was the offensive line that deserved a bulk of the credit. They controlled the trenches the whole game.

"When we dropped back to pass, the offensive line was just about flawless," stated Clarkson. "He had no pressure all night long. I am so proud of the boys. These kids go on both sides and play every down in the game, Antoine Lacourt Ramos, Zak Parmenter, Quinn Clarkson, Travis Benoit, and Sam Boucher. Other than Antoine all those kids have been playing on the offensive line together since second grade. The offensive line is all juniors and one senior. I am proud of them. What a night."

The only senior in the trenches, Lacourt Ramos was great on the offensive line, setting the edge for his quarterback on many big runs, but he also made a huge impact defensively. He accounted for two sacks and sniffed out Leicester's tunnel screen many times.

"I have been reading that screen all week, watching film every day," Lacourt Ramos expressed in great excitement. "I read it all game."

Lacourt Ramos lastly expressed what it feels like to get into the playoffs his senior year.

"It feels good and motivating," said Lacourt Ramos. "We have to work hard every day. That is what we have to do. We have been working all week and it feels good to get this win and get to the playoffs. It has been a while, 13 years since we have beat them. It feels good."

Oxford, now 6-2, earned the No. 11 seed in the Division 8 State Tournament. They will tangle with No. 6 Quaboag Regional (8-0) in Warren on Friday, Nov. 5 at 7 p.m.

Leicester is 4-4 and snuck into the Division 7 State Tournament. The Wolverines will play at No. 3 Hamilton-Wenham (6-2) on Saturday, Nov. 6 at 2 p.m.

DUDLEY

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the French River.

Dudley's approval came a week after Webster approved the plan as both communities seek to bring in new developers and economic development opportunities for an area of both communities considered to be blighted. The Stevens Mill, while only a small part of the district, has been a central piece of the discussions as plans are already in place to renovate the property into affordable housing. Those plans took center stage at the Dudley Annual Town Meeting as well with those for and against the initiative and the TIF agreement attached to it speaking their minds.

John Briare, a former member of Dudley's Economic Development Committee, made a motion to solidify the Stevens Mill projects commitment to the betterment of Dudley citizens by recommending an amendment to

include local preference for existing Dudley residents when the housing in the mill is made available.

"One of the sad things that we saw from our senior population was that as we got into those older ages it was tough for them to maintain their house. On a fixed income with taxes, a lot of them were forced to sell their homes and there's no place in Dudley for them to go," said Briare. "By giving local preference to existing Dudley residents for those affordable units its gives them an option."

Briare added that it would also provide a benefit those who may have hit rough times and need a cheaper living option, and would allow Dudley to "take care of their own." The idea was praised by selectmen and the amendment was approved overwhelmingly by the citizens.

However not everyone was on board, especially with the Stevens Mill TIF agreement. Citizen Anton Kucherov felt that the agreement put more burden on the taxpayers and

would create added problems the town of Dudley will need to resolve, costing more than it would benefit the town.

"We'll get more traffic. We'll have to improve our sewer and water systems and we'll have more strain on our school systems," Kucherov argued.

Tammy Ducharme, one of the owners of Duke's Twenty-One Sports Bar on West Main Street, said she felt the article would benefit the community especially in terms of economic growth.

"I don't want to see everyone view this as a threat to our community," Ducharme said. "This is a big opportunity for many of the businesses and for the people of this community to start growing as the towns around us are going to soon surpass us. This is our opportunity right now. This will bring businesses and more opportunity to our town now."

Selectman John Marsi praised the article and its many layers as a positive move for Dudley and

responded to those concerned about the intricacies of the Stevens Mill Project by reminding them that the mill project still has a long way to go in the planning process.

"Traffic, parking, those will be handled during the Planning Board process, the issue of special permit. There's going to be a public hearing on Nov. 10, and I invite everybody to go there. Ask your questions. Find out and then understand that we have an extreme opportunity here that we haven't seen ever," said Marsi. "We have an opportunity in front of us. The people get to decide what is acceptable and what's not."

After input from several other departments and a short presentation about the proposals in the article the voters spoke decisively and approved the formation of the district.

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Auburn, finding its stride, wins important game over Pirates



Oxford keeper Jenna Katsoulis dives to keep the ball out of her team's net.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS EDITOR

OXFORD — Due to a COVID-19 scare, the Auburn High girls' varsity soccer team had to shut its season down for about 10 days. And, fighting to finish at or above the .500 mark and automatically qualify for the Division 3 State Tournament, that pause could have derailed the Rockets.

Instead, Auburn defeated Quaboag Regional by a 2-1 count on Monday evening, Oct. 25, and then played at Oxford High in cold, rainy conditions the following afternoon. They also won that game, 3-1.

"The girls are healthy and it feels good," Auburn head coach Emily Para said of getting back onto

the pitch and winning important contests.

"I was definitely itching to get back on the field," added senior Emma Johnson, who scored two goals against the Pirates and once versus the Cougars. "I know everyone else on the team was. It was a long 10 days and I was glad to get back."

After a scoreless first half with limited offensive chances — "For both teams it took a while to really get it going," said Oxford head coach Colby Harvey — the action opened up in the final 40 minutes.

Johnson gave the Rockets a 1-0 lead in the 52nd minute when her initial shot was blocked but she stayed with it and

gathered the rebound before finding the back of the net.

Not backing down, the Pirates tied the score in the 56th minute when freshman Jackie Thomas found an opening and took a shot that found the lower right corner of the net.

"She has a great shot, she really does," Harvey said of Thomas and her first career varsity goal. "She's actually a goalie normally, but she's got some opportunities and her speed is huge."

Johnson had the last laugh for Auburn, though, when she potted her second goal of the game a few minutes later. Her high, arching shot got over the fingertips of junior keeper Jenna



Allison Carney of Oxford settles a bouncing ball versus Auburn.

Katsoulis (13 saves).

"They were both sloppy goals, lucky shots," said Johnson. "Every shot counts, especially in this weather."

Para gave more credit to Johnson than Johnson did herself, exclaiming, "I thought they were good. Scrappy — I like scrappy."

The Rockets' Mackenzie Keeney, a senior, put the finishing touches on the 3-1 victory with a goal in the 78th minute.

Auburn improved to 8-7 and needed just one point in its final two regular season games to automatically qualify for the State Tournament.

"It's doable, as long as we can just finish," said Para. "It's been our issue,

finishing in the final third. They work so hard, move the ball and sometimes we can't finish."

"We just have to want it more as a team, and I think we do. We showed it today and yesterday," added Johnson.

The Rockets then went on to defeat Douglas High on Thursday, Oct. 28, 2-1, to qualify. They finished the regular season the following day — having played four games in five days — with a 4-0 setback to Uxbridge High, finishing 9-8. Auburn then waited for its seed in the state tournament, which was released after press time on Tuesday, Nov. 2.

Oxford, meanwhile, finished its regular season 3-12, but played its best soccer toward the

end of the year.

"Yesterday we showed in the game against Hopedale, a fairly equal team, we beat them 7-0. We possessed the ball well, we stuck together, we counter-attacked, we crashed the net, the goals came from everywhere," said Harvey.

The Pirates were waiting and hoping for a bid into the Division 5 State Tournament — "I think we'll be sweating it out, but nobody knows the algorithm really," Harvey mentioned — since the top 32 teams automatically qualify and they were hovering around that number. Oxford was seeded 29th and would be in as of Oct. 29 with the Nov. 2 release to follow.

Charlton Dudley Rams enjoy fine seasons

CHARLTON — The Charlton Dudley Rams football teams all had great seasons and began their postseason play last weekend.

The second/third grade tackle team learned a lot this year, getting better every game. They finished their season with a great game in the Mitey Mite Bowl in Clinton on Halloween.

The fourth grade teams started the season slowly, as they played tackle football for the first time. However, after

winning their last four games in a row, they finished as the No. 3 seed in the Division 1 playoff bracket. They lost their playoff game to the No. 2 seed Worcester Vikings 26-6.

The sixth grade Rams dominated their division this year, finishing a perfect 8-0. This earned them the No. 1 seed in the Division 1 playoffs. They earned a bye and begin their playoff run this weekend. They will play Wachusett on Sunday, Nov. 7 at Shepherd Hill Regional

at 10:30 a.m.

The seventh grade Rams improved all season. After starting with a win, then a loss, these guys won their last six games. They finished 7-1 and claimed the No. 2 seed in the Division 1 Playoffs. They earned a bye and also begin playoffs this weekend. They will play Northbridge/Uxbridge on Sunday, Nov. 7 at Shepherd Hill Regional at noon.

The eighth grade Rams (two-time defending Massachusetts State

Champions) battled injuries all season but made everyone proud by posting a 4-3 record against the toughest schedule in Central Mass. They claimed the No. 5 seed in the Division 1 playoffs and beat No. 4 seed Lunenburg last Saturday night, 12-0.

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