



Evangelidis’ annual coat drive donates winter coats to Webster-Dudley Food Share



Sheriff Evangelidis, representatives from the Worcester Red Sox, Webster-Dudley Food Share staff, and members of the community hold up the donated coats that will be distributed throughout the community.

WEBSTER — On Oct. 25, Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis and his teams visited the Webster-Dudley Food Share to deliver a donation of brand-new winter coats for the center’s clients. This visit was just one of over thirty stops that the Worcester County Sheriff’s Office made throughout the county during their Annual Winter Coat Drive.

“Our all-volunteer group appreciates the commitment from the Worcester County Sheriff’s Office to make

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Dudley continues to weigh potential of marijuana farming

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY — Officials in Dudley continue to weigh the potential for marijuana cultivation in the town as a means to bring new life and industry to Dudley’s farmland in the foreseeable future. Over the past few years, the cultivation of marijuana products on privately owned property has been a mildly contentious topic. The recreational marijuana industry itself has been accepted by the community with the recent opening of the town’s first recreational dispensary in the form of Greatest Hits and the approval of two marijuana cultivation facilities at town meetings during the pandemic. However, the public pushback against the proposed cultivation of marijuana on what has become known as the Doherty farmland in 2021 has sent mixed messages as to the acceptance of private marijuana cultivation in town.

During a recent meeting between the Dudley Economic Development Committee and Agriculture Advisory Commission on Nov. 1 the concept of marijuana farming was brought up once again during a roundtable discussion focusing on the potential futures of Dudley’s cherished farmland. When marijuana production was brought up as one of numerous possibilities many of the members leaned on the input of Agriculture Advisory Commission member Katie Rozenas-Hanson who also works for the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources. She noted that while recreational marijuana is legal, thanks to a vote during the 2016 election, she admits it has been difficult to get zoning in towns for different marijuana productions.

While admitting she was only speaking from her own observations, Rozenas-Hanson

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SAINT JOSEPH STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

Saint Joseph School would like to congratulate its newly elected 2022-2023 Student Council Officers: President – Leah Boudreau, Vice President – Marcus Muchiru, Treasurer – Molly Hachigian, and Secretary – Alvin Montreuil. In addition, the following students were elected Class Representatives: Grade 4 –Bella Kicilinski, Grade 5 – Nell Kuznecki, Grade 6 – Ayla Reed, Grade 7 – Laura Ibrahim, Grade 8 – Aiden Muchiru. The Student Council at Saint Joseph School is a group of students who are elected each year by the student body as an advocacy group for planning events and initiating new ideas. Activities include outreach projects, school dances, alumni connection, buddy projects, fun activities and student initiatives. The Council officers are guided by the principal, Mrs. Beth Boudreau, teacher moderator, Mrs. Mary Ann Weaver, and parish pastor, Rev. Grzegorz Chodkowski. The Student Council serves to engage students in learning about democracy and leadership. Congratulations, students!



Dudley Police Chief Steve Wojnar presented “Navigating the Waters in a Smaller Community” during the International Chiefs of Police Conference in October.

Wojnar presents at national conference

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY — Dudley Police Chief Steve Wojnar recently represented the small Massachusetts town on the national stage appearing at the International Chiefs of Police Conference in Dallas, Texas on Oct. 17 to present on the challenges of “Navigating the Waters in a Smaller Community.”

It’s not the first time the chief has represented Dudley at the conference. He gave a similar presentation in 2020, which was held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, 2022 was the conference’s official return to in-person attendance and Chief Wojnar was invited back to give his presentation in-person for the first time. The chief talked about the unique challenges and situations small community departments might face and explored ways that he has tried to navigate those scenarios while also learning from his fellow chiefs about how other communities have tackled similar struggles and roadblocks.

“It was a good opportunity to take the benefit of my nineteen-plus years and relay some things that worked well, some things that didn’t go so well, and lessons that I learned from those experiences. It was a great opportunity to go down and present to some of my colleagues,” said the Chief. “We had people from all over the country. It’s pretty good, the way they organize those classes. You have chiefs from not only the United States, but from all over the world who show up for these events. A lot of things are geared towards international participants and metropolitan cities and down to small towns, so they do all kinds of things. It was a good opportunity for me to go with what they call the small agency track and I think I probably had a hundred people show up that day out of 7,500 attending from all over the country and the world.”

One thing the chief himself took away from the conference is that most police chiefs are dealing with a lot of the same problems, especially in smaller communities. Staffing and retention are among the largest hurdles especially after a rocky two years for the professional dating back to mid-2020 when protests sparked by incidents of police brutality created a national movement that has impacted the perception of law enforcement and spark debates on a national scale. Chief Wojnar said the ripple effect has made it difficult to hire and retain new recruits essentially creating competition among departments to hire staff and quickly eroding the concept of part-time officers. The chief took the time during the conference to network with his colleagues about how other departments are tackling these issues.

“It’s interesting as you relate some of the stories and experiences you have and then you get feedback from them and you realize how similar things are whether it’s Massachusetts, Oregon, or somewhere else in the world. There are similar things we all face from the public perspective, political perspective, and everything in between,” said the chief. “It’s a big challenge and I think it’s one of those things you find out is taking place everywhere. It’s good to get some different perspectives and ideas from people on how they’re navigating those challenges.”

Wojnar said he would like to continue to participate in the International Chiefs of Police Conference in future years even as he approaches retirement. Wojnar announced earlier this year his intention to retire from Dudley in January of 2023 after 20 years serving the department.

Oxbow earth removal plan reconsidered

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

OXFORD — More than a year after originally rejecting it, the selectmen re-heard a request for an earth removal permit on Oxbow Road. Barring some major changes, the board seems to be inclined to reject it again when the hearing continues Nov. 15.

The case came back to them by order of Worcester Superior Court, when S&K Development appealed last year’s rejection. Among the issues then were the fact there wasn’t a full board (John Saad died in July), so then-member Mike Daniels had to participate despite being an abutter.

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United Way kicks off its 85th Campaign with a Fundación MAPFRE Donation and Pub Quiz

SOUTHBRIDGE — United Way of South Central Massachusetts welcomed over 150 supporters at its annual Campaign Kickoff with a dinner and a night of trivia with their “Sharpest Knife in Block” Pub Quiz sponsored by Dexter-Russell, Inc. on Friday, October 21st at the Southbridge Hotel and Conference Center.

Campaign Chairman Denise Gorski addressed the guests with her many years of experience of supporting United Way through workplace giving, being a member of United Way boards and now being the Campaign Chair celebrating this local United Way’s 85th Anniversary serving the towns of South Central Massachusetts.

Ms. Gorski stated, “ ‘Moving Forward Together’ is this year’s theme. As we recover from the

pandemic and financial insecurity many are facing, we want to be there and help the neighbors in our five towns move forward toward receiving the assistance they need. As we start our 2022 Campaign with a goal of \$584,000, it is important that we support the United Way in its mission of providing funding for 26 health, education and financial stability programs that address the needs of the youngest to oldest persons in our communities.”

“With the generous support of local companies and their willingness to hold workplace campaigns, along with our individual donors,”Ms. Gorski continued. “We can achieve this goal and be able to help 1 one in four people in the towns of Charlton, Dudley, Southbridge, Sturbridge, and Webster.”



Sharpest Knives in the Block, Team Bay State Maulers: Ben Bandeleon, Shana Bandeleon, Britta O’Connell, and Patrick O’Connell.

Fundación MAPFRE has been a valued corporate partner for many years and provided a grant of \$67,200 (70,000 EU) that will be used to support programs that address food insecurity, childcare and elder services in South County.

“We are proud to partner with United Way of South Central Massachusetts in its mission to improve lives and uplift

those in need,” said Jaime Tamayo, chief representative of Fundación MAPFRE in the United States and CEO of MAPFRE Insurance. “The services they provide are critical and show the important role organizations like United Way play in creating a brighter future for our communities.”

UW SCM Executive Director Mary O’Coin stated “Our donors are the life-

line for so many in the community. Our corporate partners, such as Fundación MAPFRE and all the individuals who make gifts to the United Way of South Central MA make a difference to all. Giving a hand up by providing access to affordable childcare, mental health resources, housing and utility assistance will make our community stronger. Workplace campaigns are starting now and residents should be receiving a mailer soon.

Donating is easy by visiting the www.uwscm.org to donate online, using a pledge form or directly through a credit card or check.”

The evening continued with the highly anticipated annual PUB QUIZ sponsored by Dexter-Russell, Inc. DJ Bruce Marshall of WARE 97.7 FM was the MC for the evening. Thirty teams competed for the highly coveted “Sharpest Knife in the Block” trophy. This year was a real nail biter, very competitive with a double tiebreaker to determine the winner. Team Bay State Maulers beat Let’s Get Quizzical for the top prize. Team RUTH BADER WINSBURG won best team name. All funds raised through team fees and raffles benefit the United Way campaign and supports all member agency programs.

The United Way of South Central Massachusetts serves the communities of Charlton, Dudley, Southbridge, Sturbridge and Webster and is located at 176 Main St., Suite 400, Southbridge, MA 01550. To learn more about programs and donate, visit www.uwscm.org, follow on Facebook @UWSCM or call (508) 765-5491.

Oxford selectmen approve craft cannabis grower

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

OXFORD — Selectmen unanimously approved starting host community agreement negotiations with a “craft cannabis” enterprise seeking to locate in Boulder Industrial Park last week.

The proposal came from Jenna and Jonathan Androlewicz of Dudley-based ProCure Development LLC, as presented mostly by their attorney Nick Adamopoulos. Adamopoulos said the project would take over part of Building #3 there, with growing inside and manufacturing of specific products in secure pre-fabricated trailers attached to the building outside.

“Their audience is looking for a very specific

type of product,” he said, noting they plan to have tinctures, edibles, rolled joints and vapes using certain marijuana strains.

He presented a general layout plan, but said they’d provide more detail for the Planning Board and Cannabis Control Commission, including for lights and security. Although there aren’t any firms using the trailers in Massachusetts currently, he said three are looking to do so and they’re in use in western states.

Town Manager Jen Callahan said there’s no restriction on the number of cultivation and manufacturing sites in town, but a recent Request for Proposals process filled the last remaining retail license available. The

only issue for this proposal is available space in the marijuana overlay district (mostly along Route 20), and the town okayed a seed oil manufacturing business recently.

“This is unique in the sense it’s small,” she said. “... Perhaps bringing in state of the art confinement of craft cannabis, we could be put on the map for doing this.”

One issue the town will have to deal with is the fact the CCC is changing its regulations regarding local impact payments, in light of a recent Supreme Judicial Court decision. Adamopoulos said towns can still get the 3 percent local tax, but CCC is requiring they directly document what those impacts are and will require renegotiation after five years, when the

existing fees phase out.

In other business, the board also disposed of several old policies. Two related to the police chief – one requiring him to provide a report of any incidents causing him to be called in while off-duty and the other noting he didn’t get paid for overtime. Those are now covered by contract. A third called for the board to appoint a delegate to the Worcester County commission, but that no longer exists, and a fourth enabled the board to approve but withhold paying bills for up to a week. Frick noted that conflicts with state law, which gives such authority only to the town accountant.

The one policy sparking most discussion was

one from 1977 requiring all employees to be town residents. As Robert King noted, “this is kind of a touchy subject for some residents,” so he wanted it clearly stated why they’re doing this. He said it actually just calls for the board to authorize out-of-town hires.

Frick said it violates equal opportunity laws and the fact the board doesn’t hire, the manager does. Saying they need to reside here “makes a very affirmative statement against the whole notion you’re looking at people’s qualifications, not their residency,” she added.

Callahan agreed, dubbing it “very antiquated. ... It’s not relevant with-

in the jurisdiction of the Board of Selectmen” or current law.

All of them were eliminated unanimously except the bill-paying item, which was killed 3-2. King and Moriarty indicated they liked the idea of retaining oversight there.

The board also held off on accepting a \$3000 donation from Food Share to the Community Center, arguing they’d like to see the money be used to provide more services in light of the current economy. They postponed it to hear from the community center director.

Gus Steeves can be reached at gus.steeves2@gmail.com.

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FAMILY GAME NIGHT
Monday, November 14 6:00PM-7:45PM
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DEB'S SING AND SWING
Thursday, November 17 10:30AM-11:15AM
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YOUNG SCIENTISTS
Monday, November 21 10:00AM-11:00AM
It's never too early to spark our little children's interest in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. It is during the early years that children start to wonder, ask, think, explore and discover things around them. With each class, the children will learn STEM concepts through hands-on activities, engaging stories, music and movement, challenges, and even simple experiments ideal for little hands. Each day will be a fun, learning experience for your little ones! STEM is Fun! This program is for children ages 3-5.

Limit of 12 children, registration is required each week! Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.
Sponsored by the YMCA Family & Community Partnership which is funded by the Massachusetts Coordinated Family & Community Engagement (CFCE) Grant and awarded to the YMCA of Central Massachusetts by the Department of Early Education and Care.

ADULT BOOK GROUP
Thursday, November 17 6:00PM-7:45PM
The adult book group meets monthly for an informal discussion of the month's titles.
The November title is The Art Forger by B A Shapiro.
Titles are available at the circulation desk a month prior to the meeting.

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2 Lake St., Webster
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Want to receive updates about our upcoming events? Sign up for email alerts by visiting our website, or by reaching out to our Library Director, Sondra Murphy, at smurphy@cwmar.org.

Adult Programming FRIENDS FEATURED AUTHOR BOOK SALE – Ongoing
Featuring women of suspense and mystery: Mary Higgins Clark, Mary Janice Davidson, Anne Perry, and Elizabeth Peters, a grocery bag full of books just \$3.00 right now!

YOGA WITH JULIE – Saturdays in October and November, except 10/15 and 11/5 at 10:00AM

Join Julie at the Gladys E. Kelly Library for a vinyasa yoga class for all levels. In Sanskrit, Vinyasa yoga translates to the “uniting of movement with breath”. A typical class involves a centering of the mind with the breath, aromatherapy, movement of the body to release energetic blockages and, finally, a rest and relaxation. Classes are free. Sponsored by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library.

FALL CONCERT SERIES FEAT. ALEX MINASIAN TRIO – November 10th 6:30-7:30PM
The Alex Minasian Jazz Trio will introduce an evening of jazz at the Gladys E Kelly Library. Their musical selections will honor the legends of jazz music, such as Charlie Parker and Thelonious Monk as well as music from the Great American Songbook.

WHAT'S IT WORTH? ZOOM APPRAISALS WITH MIKE IVANKOVICH – November 17th 6:30-8:00PM

Author, Auctioneer, Appraiser and Radio show Host Mike Ivankovich will introduce you to “What Determines Value”...and reveal what your Antiques, Collectibles, and Personal Treasures are really worth today. Each attendee is invited to bring in 1-2 items for Mike to appraise. Time is limited, so attendees with items to

appraise will need to sign up in advance. Zoom link will be provided, and participants can also bring their items to the library. Contact Randa at rcox@cwmar.org for more information.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP – November 21st at 6:30PM
The Gladys E. Kelly Public Library Adult Book Discussion Group will be meeting in person this month! The group meets at 6:30 pm and the meeting will take place in the Library's Community Room. New members are always welcome! Next month's book discussion will be on Monday, November 21st. The group will be discussing The Uninhabitable Earth by David Wallace-Wells. Stop by the library, or reach out by phone to 508-949-3880, or by email to ehale@cwmar.org for inquiries.

HOLIDAY WRAPPING PROGRAM – November 29th 5:00-8:00PM

Come and learn how to wrap your presents in style! Learn how to use ribbons, bows, and other adornments to spruce up your holiday presents! For all ages!

DUSTIN PARI – GHOSTS OF CHRISTMAS PAST – December 15th 6:30-8:00PM
In this frightful, festive, and fun presentation Dustin Pari takes the cobwebs off of a classic tradition, the Victorian Christmas Ghost Story. Not only does he explain the history of this often-forgotten practice, but he shares a few timeless tales and even some real-life stories of holiday visits from the Ghosts of Christmas Past.

Children's and Young Adult Programming
MAKER MONDAYS – Mondays from 3:30-4:30PM
Feeling artistic? We will have a variety of craft materials available to put your creativity to the test! Every month we will rotate our craft material, stop in to see what we're making this month!

MINI STEM-CHALLENGE – Tuesdays from 3:30-4:30PM
Join us every Tuesday for a self-guided STEM-based building challenge, appropriate for all ages. Younger kids should bring a parent. Instruction sheets will be provided. Contact Andrew at 508-949-3880, or atai@cwmar.org for more details.

WIGGLES AND GIGGLES (REGISTRATION REQUIRED) – Wednesday Nov. 4th, 18th, Dec. 2nd, 9th, and 16th 10-11AM
Come sing, dance, and make music with Lainey Hanlon! Geared for children ages 2-5 and their caregivers, but all ages welcome! Go to our website to register!

STEM THURSDAYS – BREAD IN A BAG – November 10th 3:30-4:30PM

All you need to make bread is a bag and a few ingredients! Take your dough home, bake it, and enjoy! All ages. No Registration Required.

MUSIC TOGETHER – November 12th and 19th 11:15-12PM

Fun, fabulous, uplifting, magical early childhood music class! Sponsored by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library.

STEM PASSPORT EVENT – November 18th 4:30-5:30PM

Join us for an Amazing Race Themed STEM event where participants must complete multiple missions to get their passports stamped.

WICKED FUN GAMES MOBILE ESCAPE ROOM FOR TEEN/TWEENS (REGISTRATION REQUIRED) – December 1st 4-6pm

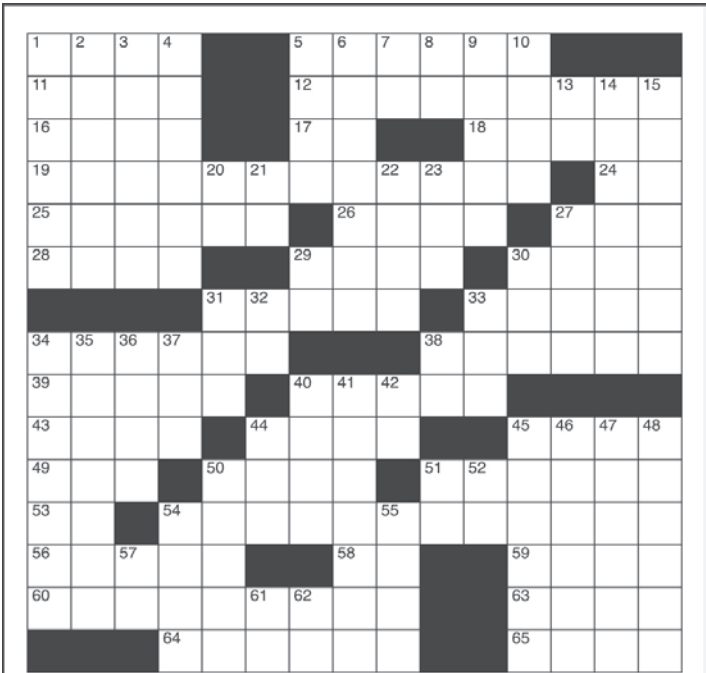
Join Wicked Fun Games in a space themed escape room! There is limited space to 10 people register by emailing rcox@cwmar.org or calling the library!

E C O T R A I U M UNDERSTANDING WEATHER – December 2nd 3:30-5PM

Through fun and replicable demos and models, discover how temperature and pressure combine to create everything from wind and rain to hurricanes and tornadoes.

STEM BEGINNINGS PRE-K CLASS – Wednesdays in December, starting December 7th – 10AM

With each class, the children will learn STEM concepts through hands-on activities, engaging stories, music and movement, challenges, and even simple experiments ideal for little hands. Each day will be a fun, learning experience for your little ones!



CLUES ACROSS

1. Clip a small piece

5. Enter forcibly

11. Southwestern Native American tribe

12. Helps you smell better

16. Sun or solar disk

17. Low frequency

18. Former Houston football player

19. Federal crime

24. Home to Boston (abbr.)

25. Approval

26. Those who fight an establishment (abbr.)

27. ___ student, learns healing

29. Indian groomer of horses

30. One where two pieces meet

31. One might be brief

33. Knife for fruits or vegetables
34. Stinkhorns

38. Stroke

39. Industrial process for producing ammonia

40. Sir ___ Newton

43. Wild goat

44. Muslim ruler

45. Scottish ancestor

49. Hat

50. Horse mackerel

51. Alcoholic accompaniment

53. Tech department

54. Manifesting approval

56. Upper bract of grass

58. Of I

59. Large wading bird

60. Military prisons

63. Famed American cartoonist

64. Rise

65. Greek God of war and courage

CLUES DOWN

1. Sewing needles

2. Functionary

3. Induces vomiting

4. The finger farthest from the thumb

5. Not moving

6. Sports official

7. Water purification process (abbr.)

8. University of Dayton

9. Indo-Malaysian evergreens

10. High schoolers' math course

13. Yankovic is a weird one

14. Adversaries

15. Merchandisers

20. Radioactive metal (abbr.)

21. Atomic #52

22. The back

23. One-time computer giant

27. Female of a horse

29. Football's big game (abbr.)

30. Vehicle

31. Single Lens Reflex

32. It's becoming more prevalent
33. Political action committee

34. Makes lightbulbs

35. Natural home of an animal

36. In bed

37. Superman villain

38. The Golden State

40. One who leads prayers in a mosque

41. They accompany a leader

42. Atomic #18

44. Electronic countermeasures

45. The appearance of something

46. Connecting line on a map

47. Deep red color

48. Secret affairs

50. Drenches

51. Contains music

52. Expression of surprise

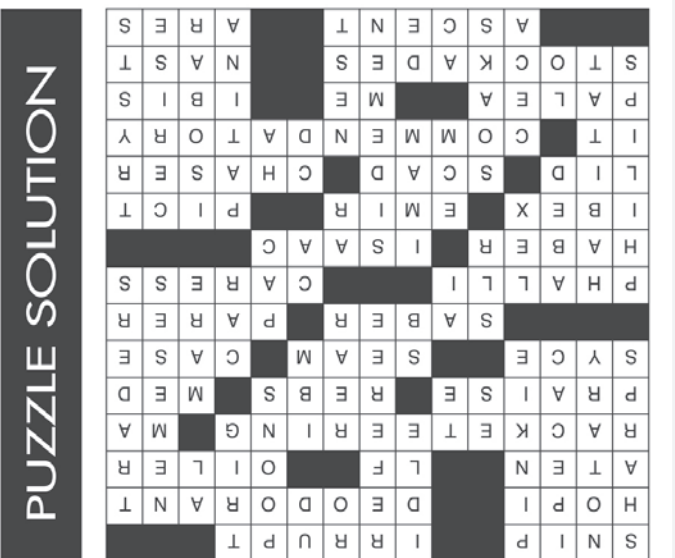
54. Intestinal pouches

55. Where birds are born

57. ___ and behold

61. Cools your home

62. The First State



Dudley receives housing and development grants

DUDLEY POLICE LOG

**BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT**

DUDLEY — The town of Dudley was one of 169 communities named as recipients of grant funds through the Community One Stop for Growth program, a single applications portal that provides collaborative reviews of numerous state grants funding a variety of projects.

The Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development announced the funding in late October after receiving 523 applications from 207 communities in the Commonwealth with 337 projects awarded from a series of 12 grant programs on the portal. Dudley received three of these grants. The town was one of 40 to receive a Community Program Grant with Dudley’s totaling \$75,000. The second grant was from the Site Readiness Program for \$50,000 to develop a feasibility study and conceptual plans for an industrial park for life sciences or advanced manufacturing with a focus on a 57.8-acre town-owned site that is zoned primarily for light industrial uses. The third grant, a Underutilized Properties Program grant for \$900,000, will assist with the ongoing renovations of Stevens Mill which is slated for redevelopment as rental apartments.

Gov. Charlie Baker, who chose not to run for reelection on Nov. 8, praised the funding for continuing his administration’s longstanding commitment to investing in communities across the state.

“Since taking office, we have been proud to make significant investments in helping our cities, towns and local partners achieve their economic development goals through a range of grant programs and legislation aimed at advancing the diverse needs

of municipalities across the state,” said Baker in a statement. “The projects awarded funding today build upon that work and will create jobs, build housing, revitalize spaces and empower communities in every region of the Commonwealth.”

Housing and Economic Development Secretary Mike Kennealy touted the significance and convenience of the One Stop portal in helping connect communities to these numerous financial resources.

“From project inception to getting shovels in the ground, the One Stop is delivering resources from multiple state programs to support economic development initiatives in our communities at every stage,” said Kennealy. “I appreciate the hard work of our teams at the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development, Department of Housing and Community Development, and MassDevelopment, who engaged with communities to identify projects in 169 cities and towns that will have a meaningful impact on local economic growth.”

A total of \$143 million in grants was awarded through the 12 programs hosted by One Stop including \$100 million from MassWorks alone in 2022. The funding is expected to continue to the creation of 6,950 new housing units across Massachusetts.

DUDLEY — The Dudley Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of Oct. 28 to Nov. 4.

A 25-year-old male whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Oct. 30 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

Daniel L. Krause, age 42, of Dudley was arrested on Oct. 31 for Assault & Battery with a Dangerous Weapon.

Sean C. Harvey, age 55, of Dudley was arrested on Oct. 31 in connection with multiple warrants.

Emilio M. Torres, age 26, of Dudley was arrested on Nov. 2 for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol, Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, a Marked Lanes Violation, and Use of an Electronic Device While Operating a Motor Vehicle.

Lions Low Vision Network is changing lives

OXFORD — Recently, Local Lions were contacted by a woman claiming to be legally blind, who was seeking financial assistance toward the purchase of a magnifier. She hoped this would significantly improve her independence and quality of life.

Her most recent test results reported steadily declining vision caused by severe widespread macular degeneration and other issues. She had minimal peripheral vision and very slight forward vision. She was legally blind and a white cane user.

She was seeking a product that would help get back some of the independence she prided herself on.

A product called the Da Vinci Pro was recommended; a high-performance desktop, video, closed-circuit television featuring a Full Sony HD camera and full-page text-to-speech optimal character recognition. The patient, with her slight forward vision could magnify print up to 90x of what is on the page or convert text to speech allowing her to hear the reading of text on bills, books, newspapers, or any printed material. They recommended the best local supplier in her area.

Lions visited the supplier’s office for a demonstration on the product. It was incredible and it was clear how significantly it could improve the patient’s independence and quality of life. The cost was \$4,600.

After approval from the local lions club, they decided to sponsor this case and they made a \$300 donation towards the purchase of the devise. The District’s Sight & Hearing Fund agreed to pay the remaining balance to purchase the Da Vinci Pro to benefit the local resident.

Months later, the grateful applicant reports this has changed her life restoring her confidence, in-home independence, and quality of life. For more information, on this statewide Lions service please contact: King Lion Fran King email: francisbking92@gmail.com cell: 508-277-6364.



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Evening appointments if needed.

Note: Office hours are for selectmen’s secretary and town administrator. S electmen do not hold office hours.

Town Clerk (949-8004)

Monday-Thursday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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DUDLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT (943-4411)
Staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week

DUDLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT (949-8040)

Monday-Sunday 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

DUDLEY

OXFORD TOWN HALL (508) 987-6027
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OXFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT (987-0156)
For emergencies, call 911

OXFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT (987-6012)

Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

OXFORD

WEBSTER TOWN HALL (508) 949-3850

Office Hours:

Monday 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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WEBSTER POLICE LOG

WEBSTER — The Webster Police Department reported the following arrests from Oct. 1 to Nov. 5.

Joshua J. Wonoski, age 31, of Webster was arrested on Oct. 2 on multiple counts of drug possession. Wonoski was also issued a summons for Receiving Stolen Property. A 45-year-old male from Webster was also issued a summons along with Wonoski for Nighttime Felony Breaking & Entering a Vehicle or Boat, Vandalization of Property, and Larceny in an amount less than \$1,200.

Jesse Folsey, age 29, of Dudley was arrested on Oct. 2 in connection with a warrant. Folsey was also issued a summons for Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended Registration, operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle, and operating a vehicle with no inspection sticker.

A 24-year-old male from Dudley whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Oct. 4 for Violation of an Abuse Prevention Order.

Joshua G. Corriveau, age 43, of Webster was arrested on Oct. 4 for Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended License, Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol, and Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle.

Brad Roger Akerson, age 45, of Webster was arrested on Oct. 5 in connection with a warrant.

Jesse David Jee, age 30, of Taunton was arrested on Oct. 5 for Destruction of Property valued at less than \$1,200, Unarmed Robbery, Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended License, and Larceny of a Motor Vehicle.

Tyler Barrett, age 23, of Webster was arrested on Oct. 6 for Disorderly Conduct, Resisting Arrest, and Assault.

Heathen Carattini, age 35, of Webster was arrested on Oct. 7 for multiple counts of Destruction of Property valued at less than \$1,200.

Kristin Marie Marando, age 29, of Webster was arrested on Oct. 8 in connection with a warrant.

Jasyn Calvin Phillips, age 18, of Boston was arrested on Oct. 8 for Nighttime Felony Breaking & Entering into a Vehicle.

Robert E. Bergeron, age 28, of Webster was arrested on Oct. 10 in connection with a warrant.

A 31-year-old female from Webster whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Oct. 10 for Assault & Battery.

Justin Alan Stately, age 25, of Webster was arrested on Oct. 11 as a Fugitive From Justice on a Court Warrant.

A 67-year-old female from Webster whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Oct. 12 for Assault & Battery with a Dangerous Weapon and Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

A 31-year-old male from Webster whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Oct. 12 or Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

A 51-year-old female from Dudley whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Oct. 13 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member; Resisting Arrest, and Disorderly Conduct.

Jamie Alan Klein, age 35, of Webster was arrested on Oct. 13 in connection with a warrant.

Joshua Adam Harrington, Sr., age 39, of Webster was arrested on Oct. 14 for Possession of a Class E Drug (subsequent offense), Failure to Signal, Improper Operation of a Motor Vehicle, and Possession of an Open Container of Alcohol in a Motor Vehicle. Alyssa S. Delaurie, age 32, of Webster was arrested during the same incident for Felony Possession of a Firearm, Possession of a Firearm Without an FID Card, Improper Storage of a Firearm, Possession of Ammunition Without an FID Card, and multiple counts of drug possession with intent to distribute.

Kelsey L. Remillard, age 24, of Webster was arrested on Oct. 14 in connection with a warrant.

Debra Lee Mongeon, age 62, of Webster was arrested on Oct. 14 in connection with a warrant.

Kevin M. Andrews, age 36, of Webster was arrested on Oct. 15 in connection with a warrant.

A 26-year-old male from Webster whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Oct. 16 for Intimidation of a Witness, Juror, Police Officer, or Court Official.

Joseph W. Ford, age 58, of Woodstock, Conn. was arrested on Oct. 15 Disorderly Conduct, Disturbing the Peace, Disturbing a Religious Service, and Trespassing.

Hayward Curtis Pace, age 59, of Webster was arrested on Oct. 17 for Possession of a Class B Drug and in connection with a warrant.

James J. Coveney, age 41, of Southbridge was arrested on Oct. 17 for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol (second offense), a Number Plate Violation, and Speeding at a Rate of Speed Exceeding the Posted Limit.

David Joseph Dittmar, age 34, of Webster was arrested on Oct. 18 in connection with multiple warrants.

A 20-year-old female from Charlton whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Oct. 19 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

Kris A. Fitton, age 44, of Webster was arrested on Oct. 19 for Shoplifting By Concealing Merchandise and Possession of a Class B Drug (subsequent offense).

Pardee, age 49, of Southbridge was arrested on Oct. 19 in connection with a warrant.

Jason R. Clapp, age 27, of Webster was arrested on Oct. 19 for Shoplifting By Concealing Merchandise.

Angel Louis Torres, age 27, of Webster was arrested on Oct. 21 in connection with an out of agency warrant.

Nicholas Jon Holmes, age 40, of Putnam, Conn. was arrested on Oct. 21 for a One Way Street violation, Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended License, and in connection with multiple warrants.

A 38-year-old male from Webster whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Oct. 21 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member. A 37-year-old female from Webster was issued a summons during the same incident for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

Brian Peter Girard, age 31, of Charlton was arrested on Oct. 23 for Shoplifting By Asportation (second offense), Disturbing the Peace, Resisting Arrest, and in connection with a warrant.

Thomas E. Archambeault, age 31, of Webster was arrested on Oct. 24 in connection with a warrant. A 21-year-old female from Webster was issued a summons in lieu of arrest during the same incident for Intimidation of a Witness, Juror, Police Officer, or Court Official.

Dallas Anson Nozzolillo, age 38, of Dudley was arrested on Oct. 24 in connection with a warrant.

Tara M. Mason, age 39, of Dudley was arrested on Oct. 24 for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol, Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended License, and Resisting Arrest.

Angel Louis Torres, age 27, of Webster was arrested on Oct. 25 for Armed Robbery, Carrying a Dangerous Weapon, and Disorderly Conduct.

Charles Oguia, age 33, of Webster was arrested on Oct. 26 in connection with a warrant.

Scott Joseph Kapurch, age 29, of Webster was arrested on Oct. 26 in connection with a warrant. Kapurch was also issued a summons for multiple counts of drug possession.

David A. Flynn, age 64, of Southbridge was arrested on Oct. 27 in connection with a warrant. Michael J. Bessette, Jr., age 51, of Webster was arrested during the same incident, also in connection with a warrant.

A 36-year-old male from Webster whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Oct. 27 for Violation of an Abuse Prevention Order.

Ryan W. Mcosker, age 29, of Webster was arrested on Oct. 29 for Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended License and in connection with a warrant.

Arthur Anderson, age 75, of Webster was arrested on Oct. 29 as a Fugitive From Justice on a Court Warrant.

Luis Munoz, age 26, of Norwich, Conn. was arrested on Oct. 30 in connection with a warrant.

Thomas Garway Sharpe, age 70, of Pawtucket, R.I. was arrested on Oct. 30

in connection with a warrant.

Jenna Lynne Creed, age 28, of Sturbridge was arrested on Oct. 30 in connection with a warrant.

Joshua Joel Littlejohn, age 23, of Webster was arrested on Oct. 31 for Resisting Arrest, Failure to Wear a Seat Belt, and in connection with a warrant. A 43-year-old female from Webster was issued a summons in lieu of arrest during the same incident for Carrying a Firearm Without a License, operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle, and operating an Unregistered Motor Vehicle.

Owen Gonter, age 22, of Eden, N.Y. was arrested on Oct. 31 for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol, not possessing a license, and Speeding at a Rate of Speed Exceeding the Posted Limit.

Michael P. Henault, age 55, of Webster was arrested on Nov. 1 for Vandalization of Property, Disorderly Conduct, and Disturbing the Peace.

Chad M. Purdy, age 44, no current address, was arrested on Nov. 1 for Disorderly Conduct, Disturbing the Peace (subsequent offense), and Arson of a Dwelling House.

Alexander R. Bouchard, age 31, of Webster was arrested on Nov. 2 in connection with multiple warrants. Bouchard was also issued a summons for Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended License and operating an Unregistered Motor Vehicle.

Brian Keith Coburn, age 51, of Webster was arrested on Nov. 2 in connection with multiple warrants.

Emilio M. Torres, age 26, of Dudley was arrested on Nov. 2 for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol, Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, a Marked Lanes Violation, and Use of an Electronic Device While Operating a Motor Vehicle.

Jake Almquist, age 27, of Webster was arrested on Nov. 3 in connection with a warrant.

Jordan Santiago, age 25, of Webster was arrested on Nov. 3 in connection with multiple warrants.

Leo James Fitton, age 58, of Worcester was arrested on Nov. 3 in connection with a warrant.

Yanniris Rivera, age 37, of Webster was arrested on Nov. 4 in connection with a warrant.

Barbara Bak, age 60, of Webster was arrested on Nov. 4 in connection with a warrant.

Joseph H. Fair, age 29, of Webster was arrested on Nov. 5 for Vandalization of Property, Assault & Battery, Disorderly Conduct (subsequent offense), Disturbing the Peace (subsequent offense), and a Civil Rights Violation.

A 43-year-old female from Webster whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Nov. 5 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

A 31-year-old male from Webster whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Nov. 5 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member and Assault & Battery with a Dangerous Weapon.

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OXFORD
\$625,000, 2 Cathy Way, 112 Old Webster Road NT, and Conner Land T LLC Tr, to Ricciotti Jr, Michael, and Laflamme, Paige A.
\$550,000, 5 Fox Run Dr, Sparhawk, Nancy L, and Sparhawk, Keith, to Balboni, Elizabeth.
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A time
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We would like to begin this Editorial by sharing words of gratitude to our veterans. Thank you for your valor, your sacrifices and your courage to defend our rights and to keep us safe. With that said, we thought we would share some history behind how Veterans Day came to be.

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

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

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

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

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VIEWPOINT

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Life is unfair

Life is unfair! We all know that. We can just look around and see how unfair it is. Sometimes we may look at others who have so much more than we do, who have better circumstances, who have better opportunities. Maybe we look at others with strong, supportive family situations and think they have such a charmed life.

Life is not fair. Of course, we can look at plenty of people who don’t have what we have, who face challenges and struggles we can’t even dream about. Just think of those living under war in Ukraine or Tigray or other places of violence. We can look at so much of what we have and find plenty who don’t have our possessions, our opportunities, the support we find in our family and friends. What about those who haven’t discovered the most precious treasure of our Orthodox Christian faith and our knowledge and relationship with God Almighty. Then for all of us who have gone to Mexico, we know how so many people live. Even after we built some families a tiny, simple home, we realize they don’t have running water and electricity and their new house is no bigger than our garage. And of course, we realize the unfairness of life even more so when we reflect how the majority of the world lives like those in Mexico!

Life is not fair. I don’t think anyone will disagree with this statement.

Our Lord Jesus clearly highlights this unfairness in the Gospel Story of the Rich Man and Lazarus. Pay attention to how Jesus compares two men. “There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table, moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.”

Let’s take a moment to reflect on this description. A person is abundantly wealthy. He’s in the 1 percent of the 1 percent. He clothes himself in the finest fashions, spends thousands of dollars on a single suit, \$500 on a pair of shoes, and his wardrobe is full of the nicest clothes money can buy. Every day, he feasts. He doesn’t hesitate to go out to a nice restaurant and spent thousands of dollars, buying a \$300 bottle of wine to go with his caviar. And this type of eating isn’t exceptional but a daily occurrence. Think of the extravagance, the excess, the over-the-top lifestyle.

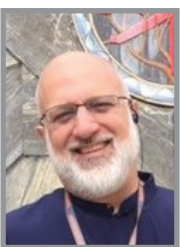
Just recently I read about a sort of hazing tradition in the NFL for rookie players who must take out their veteran teammates to a dinner and they may have to spend \$30,000 on one dinner! Imagine how absurd and crazy, and yet for many, we may simply envy the lifestyle of the rich and famous! This is the ridiculous extravagance of the rich man in the Gospel story.

Right outside the door of the rich man laid a poor man whose name is Lazarus. This man literally had nothing. It didn’t even seem that he had family or friends. He sat outside the gate of the rich man simply hoping to eat the crumbs that fell from the rich man’s table. He was so sick and pathetic, that he was covered with sores and the street dogs would come up to him and lick his open wounds.

You can’t portray a sharper contrast revealing the unfairness of life. Yes, life is unfair! Quite unfair! Yet, how do we respond to the unfairness of life?

Jesus shared this story not to highlight the unfairness of life but to remind and challenge His listeners to realize we have a responsibility to share our blessings with others. We are blessed so that we share our blessings with others!

It’s noteworthy that in the Gospel



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of Luke, right before our Lord offers this story of the Rich Man and Lazarus he tells a parable about how Dishonest Manager shrewdly manages his master’s money. He says, “Whoever is faithful with little will be faithful with much, but the one who is dishonest with little will be dishonest with much... Be careful, you cannot serve both God and wealth.”

Christ warns about the dangers of loving wealth and possessions and becoming possessed by our own possessions. Saint Paul will explain in his letters that “the love of money is the root of all evil.” This takes on deeper meaning when we reflect how the religious leaders of the day ridiculed and mocked Jesus for his simplicity. Jesus noted that they themselves were lovers of money.

All this talk about possessions precedes Jesus telling the story of the Rich Man and Lazarus. Christ draws our attention to the dangers of loving money and the sober responsibility that comes with having many possessions. Can you imagine what Christ would be say to us today if He compared how we live to all generations before us? Many of us in America live in a way that only the wealthiest of society ever lived throughout history. And imagine as our Lord sees what we possess, how we spend our money, how we feast sumptuously in our everyday, comfortable lifestyle, all the while ignoring the Lazaruses right outside of our own door.

I don’t mean to make us feel guilty, but I do want to challenge us in our often self-centered and extravagant way of life. Yes, life is unfair but for most of us it’s unfair in favor of you and me. Simply by living in America, having all we do, and possessing the opportunities and comforts that we experience, how richly blessed are we?

Yet, what are we doing with these blessings? How do we share from our abundance with those in need? Can we live simpler and give more generously? We can criticize the Rich Man in today’s story because the pathetic figure of Lazarus is right outside his door step but how many Lazaruses do we encounter in our lives and what do we concretely do to comfort them and alleviate their struggles and pain?

We are blessed so that we bless others. God gives to us so that we can give to others. We are called to act as good and faithful stewards of all that God has first given us. Our wealth, our possessions, our money, all we have is God’s gift to us. What we do with all we have is our gift back to God. How do we use our blessings to bless others? Are we generous in sharing our blessings with those in need, with those outside our door, with the ministries and people that are reaching out to others.

Life is unfair. For most it is skewed in our favor. We don’t identify with the poor and pathetic figure of Lazarus. We are more in line with the rich man who had more than enough. Thus, we must first realize how blessed we are. We then need to be conscious and notice those around us, right in front of us, who have so much less than we do. Finally, out of the abundance of our hearts, from the incredible blessings God has bestowed on us, we are called to act as good and faithful stewards in sharing all we have with others. Our Lord wants us to share joyously, generously, faithfully.

Life is unfair. Let us not act in an unfair manner by hoarding our own blessings for ourselves. God so richly and freely gives to us. May we strive to share as lavishly on others as He does on us!

Great weather pays off for local bow hunters



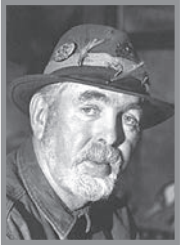
This week’s picture shows Andrea Henchey at the shooting range in Uxbridge.

It sure was nice to have such fantastic weather this past week. It was great for archers sitting in their tree stand waiting for the perfect shot at a big buck. It has already paid off for some archers who bagged big bucks last week, as the rut heated up. Some impressive does have also been harvested as of last week, making for some great eating. Of course, there are the stories of archers that made

bad shots, totally missing the deer. With Massachusetts still pondering the crossbow bill it is going to take more time to get this bill through.

Pheasant stocking in the Uxbridge area came to screeching halt this past week with no birds planned for future stockings. Speaking with Todd Olanyk, district manager for MFW, the two areas that are stocked with Pheasants are no longer suitable for stocking birds. Unfortunately, West Hill had the fields mowed without supervision and destroyed most of the bird cover. Hopefully, they will grow back in time for next year’s hunting season.

Tick populations are extremely high right now, with numerous hunters sounding the alarm. Deer ticks can cause



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severe health problems in both humans and pets. I personally removed numerous deer ticks from my dogs last week after a short hunting trip. Parents need to check their family and pets regularly for these disease carrying insects that are no larger than the head of a pin.

Tautog fishing remains good to excellent, and should stay that way until at least Thanksgiving. Seabass are still be caught, but you need to fish in deeper water.

Trout fishing also is providing some great fishing for anglers that enjoy catching and eating them. Numerous anglers are smoking the fish and are enjoying the fish at numerous family gatherings.

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With the passing of Halloween, my favorite holiday of the year, Thanksgiving, is right around the corner. The pandemic changed many things in our lives, and certainly makes us appreciate the ability to gather for this special day. The Christmas and holiday season will be upon us soon. People who like to get a jump on their purchases will be buying gifts now in preparation for the season. By shopping online, people avoid the crowds and lines at stores and shop from the convenience of home. This results in an influx of package deliveries. With thefts of packages left on doorsteps prevalent during this time of the year, I wanted to remind everyone to take the necessary precautions when expecting deliveries.

The number one goal of online purchasing is to receive your items in a timely manner. Packages should be delivered to your residence if you will be there or to a trusted family member, friend, or neighbor. Leaving items unattended outside your home can be risky. If the item is taken illegally, you may not be aware of this until long after the incident. The best method of ensuring your delivery arrives safe is to arrange in advance to have these packages delivered while someone is at home or to leave them with a person you know.

It is always important to track your packages while they are in transit. Most companies provide tracking numbers and have up to date information on where your package is located. Check this process early and often. This can be done over the phone or on-line. If you experience any problems or have questions, contact the company or person who is responsible for shipping your package. There are other on-line options which allow you to track your packages. Do some research to determine what may be best for you. Safeguarding your investment is important to make sure your holidays are happy and not frustrating.

With gifts in mind, and with the approach of the holiday season, our department will once again be collecting Christmas gift donations for resident families in need. New and unwrapped toys and clothing can be brought to the Dudley Police Department at 71 West Main St. Of need in the past were gifts for children between the ages of 10 – 15 years old. Monetary donations as well as gift cards are also accepted. Anything remaining is distributed locally (at places such as Webster / Dudley Food Share) for families on our two towns. Checks should be made payable to the “Dudley Police Association” with a special note for the Holiday Drive. Officers Keith Remillard and Luis Pacheco will be leading this year’s drive and they can be contacted at the station if people have questions or require more information. Their efforts are greatly appreciated. The Department thanks everyone in advance for their continued generosity. Despite what many may believe, people in our area have a need and, thanks to you, we have assisted numerous local families in the past. Anything you can give will help bring some happiness to those who would otherwise go without during this holiday season.

For those still seeking vaccination or COVID related information, it can be found at www.dudleyma.gov or by calling The Board of Health 508-949-8036. During these challenging times, we, at the Dudley Police Department, greatly appreciate the support we receive from our community.

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

Here’s your ‘recession survival’ checklist

It’s unfortunate, but recessions are a fairly normal part of the economic landscape. When a recession occurs, how might you be affected? The answer depends on your individual situation, but regardless of your circumstances, you might want to consider the items in this recession survival checklist:

Assess your income stability. If your employment remains steady, you may not have to do anything different during a recession. But if you think your income could be threatened or disrupted, you might want to consider joining the “gig economy” or looking for freelance or consulting opportunities.

Review your spending. Look for ways to trim your spending, such as

canceling subscription services you don’t use, eating out less often, and so on.

Pay down your debts. Try to reduce your debts, especially those with high interest rates.

Plan your emergency fund. If you haven’t already built one, try to create an emergency fund containing three to six months’ worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid account.

Review your protection plan. If your health or life insurance is tied to your work, a change in your employment status could jeopardize this coverage. Review all your options for replacing these types of protection. Also, look for ways to



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lower premiums on home or auto insurance, without significantly sacrificing coverage, to free up money that could be used for health/life insurance.

Keep your long-term goals in mind. Even if you adjust your portfolio during times of volatility, don’t lose sight of your long-term goals. Trying to “outsmart” the market with short-term strategies can often lead to missteps and missed opportunities.

Don’t stop investing. If you can afford it, try to

continue investing. Coming out of a recession, stock prices tend to bottom out and then rebound, so if you had headed to the investment “sidelines,” you would have missed the opportunity to benefit from a market rally.

Revisit your performance expectations. During a bear market, you will constantly be reminded of the decline of a particular market index, such as the S&P 500 or the Dow Jones Industrial Average. But instead of focusing on these short-term numbers, look instead at the long-term performance of your portfolio to determine if you’re still on track toward meeting your goals.

Assess your risk tolerance. If you find yourself worrying excessively about declines in your investment statements, you may want to reevaluate your tolerance for risk. One’s risk tolerance can change over time — and it’s important you feel comfortable with the amount of risk you take when investing.

Keep diversifying. Diversification is always important for investors — by having a mix of stocks, mutual funds and bonds, you can reduce the impact of market volatility on your portfolio. To cite one example: Higher-quality bonds, such as Treasuries, often move in the opposite direction of stocks, so the presence of these bonds in your portfolio, if appropriate for your goals, can be valuable when market conditions are worsening. (Keep in mind, though, that diversification cannot guarantee profits or protect against all losses in a declining market.)

A recession accompanied by a bear market is not pleasant. But by taking the appropriate steps, you can boost your chances of getting through a difficult period and staying on track toward your important financial goals.

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In a Nutshell: Nuts are Rx for Good Health

If you plan to put a bowl of nuts on your holiday table this year, you should know nuts are much more than a tasty treat, they are full of vitamins, antioxidants and compounds that promote good health. Touted as a “brain boosting” food, fresh nuts are an affordable, healthy alternative to sugary snacks. Whether your favorite nut is a peanut or a pecan, breaking out the nut cracker can benefit much more than your palate. Read on for some reasons to go nuts over nuts!

Note: Nuts and peanuts can cause allergic reactions, which are sometimes severe and can be fatal. The following information and recipes are not for those who are allergic or suspect they may be allergic to nuts. Contact your physician for more information about nut allergies.

with type 2 diabetes. In addition, data published in the International Journal of Obesity², evaluated weight loss patterns of overweight men and women and found improved weight loss with consumption of foods such as walnuts.

Searching for the fountain of youth? Early studies show it could be as close as your nut bowl! Animal research published in the British Journal of Nutrition found a diet containing as much as 6 percent walnuts (equivalent to one ounce or 1/4 cup in humans) was able to reverse age-related motor and cognitive deficits in aged rats.

Walnuts have even been hailed as a mood booster. Professor James Duke’s book “Anti-Aging Prescriptions,” claims walnuts may be able to relieve the disorders commonly treated with antidepressant drugs such as insomnia, depression, overeating and other compulsive behavior naturally, without the dangerous side effects.

Walnuts, rich in omega-3 fatty acids which fight inflammation, contain manganese, which research indicates may reduce PMS symptoms. And walnuts can even help you sleep more soundly. The nuts boost melatonin levels, which induces sleep, to three times the norm!

Note: All walnuts are not created equal. For



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optimum health benefits choose raw, non roasted black walnuts.

Peanuts

At almost 30% protein, peanuts are a snack that packs a great nutritional punch. For those not allergic to peanuts, they are a healthy and tasty “health food.”

While peanuts have received a bad rap for their high fat content, 85% of the fats in the nuts are heart friendly unsaturated fats. In addition, half of peanuts’ unsaturated fat is monounsaturated fat, which aids in sweeping bad LDL from the blood. According to a FDA report, evidence suggests eating 1.5 ounces of peanuts a day, as part of a daily diet low in saturated fat and cholesterol, may actually reduce the risk of heart disease!

And, medical research shows peanuts may play an important role in controlling your weight if you eat them in moderation. Data shows that same 1.5 ounce serving of peanuts can help prevent weight gain. The vitamins in peanuts are also beneficial to hair and skin, and the potassium also improves muscle tone when your work out.

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Not sure which variety of peanuts to reach for? According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture figures, 1 oz. of oil roasted, salted peanuts contains about 0.5 grams more saturated fat and 89 milligrams more salt than the same amount of dry-roasted, unsalted peanuts. Raw peanuts contain slightly less saturated fat and calories than dry-roasted peanuts, but each nut packs more protein, fiber, iron, calcium and vitamin E.

Almonds; Almonds are one of the most nutritious nuts. So versatile are almonds, that they can be easily incorporated into a daily diet, enjoyed in both sweet and savory dishes.

While almonds are touted for their taste, they are a powerhouse of health promoting properties.

With all the talk today about blood sugar concerns, it’s important to know almonds may offer a great health benefit. According to a medical study, those who ate 20 percent of their calories from almonds for four months saw their bad LDL cholesterol drop and their insulin resistance decrease compared to a control group who didn’t eat the almonds.

Almonds consistently boast impressive heart healthy results. A study by the Health Research and Studies Center, Inc. showed that almonds improved blood cholesterol levels in study

groups. As a bonus, the addition of nuts didn’t create any weight gain. Furthermore, A Loma Linda School of Public Health study showed those who consumed nuts five times a week had a 50% reduction in risk of heart attack.

Containing three grams of fiber per ounce, which is higher than most other nuts, almonds are also the richest in vitamin E. According to a study published in the International Journal of Obesity dieters who included almonds in their meal plans lost more weight than those who ate more complex carbohydrates.

Mixed Nuts: Read on for a mixed bag of health benefits of nuts!

*Brazil nuts are not only one of the most challenging to crack open, they are also rich in magnesium and selenium, both powerful antioxidants. Selenium can help “bad” cholesterol and reduce the risk of blood clots and heart disease. In addition, the nuts are touted as especially beneficial for men. Studies show they support prostate health for men, who can get their daily dose of selenium in just one Brazil nut.

*While all varieties of nuts are hailed as “brain food” due to their antioxidant content, hazelnuts are particularly effective at reducing “brain fog” and enhancing good moods.

*Cashews contain

nearly 25% of the daily requirement of magnesium, which promotes more oxygen in the blood, translating into improved memory.

*Iron rich cashews can also help prevent anemia, while the zinc in the nut boosts immune health.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

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

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

What is fear?

If I were to walk down the street and ask each person what they were afraid of, they would most likely say, “nothing.”

What is fear? One definition is to be afraid of someone or something likely to be dangerous, painful, or threatening.

When we think of fearful situations, we may think of something dangerous like a war, painful like losing a loved one, or threatening like being face-to-face with a serial killer.

How many people would consider following your dreams dangerous, painful, or threatening?

Some dreams are dangerous and can result in death; think of Martin Luther King or Amelia Earhart. Other dreams are not so dangerous but may instill similar amounts of fear.

Is fear a bad thing? Fear is an emotion that can help protect us. It’s like a warning that cautions us to be careful. It makes you alert to danger and prepares you to deal with it. Imagine if you weren’t afraid of touching a hot flame, falling down the stairs, or walking off the edge of a cliff.

Fear can cause indecision, which in turn causes doubt, and when all three begin to mix, a person can become paralyzed. When overcome by fear, it can cause a person to stop moving forward, overcome with worry. Worry is a subtle sustained fear that little by little, destroys your reasoning, self-confidence, and initiative.

What are the different types of fear? What symptoms do they cause? What, if anything, is the remedy?

There are many types of fear. Some fears are rational, others are instinctu-

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al, and others are irrational; they tend not to make logical sense and vary significantly from person to person.

Rational and primal fears serve a useful purpose. What about irrational fear? They might also be helpful, but irrational fear is the type of fear that could also be holding you back from your dreams and doing what you want to do with your life. Irrational fear can cause one to live in a false reality, not be present,

and influence one to make unhealthy decisions.

On the face of it, none of these fears sound irrational, but how they can make you behave can be irrational and detrimental.

Fear of poverty: It can be good if it makes you work hard or not waste money. Often this can cause someone to behave irrationally, like being dishonest in business and taking advantage of others.

Fear of Criticism: If you’re afraid of

criticism, you may be more self-conscious, unable to express your true personality, and generally feel inferior to those around you. This fear is a significant impediment to following your dreams. What’s more rational? Living your life purpose or being so afraid of what others think, you never try.

The Fear of Ill Health: When studying the placebo effect, it’s been suggested that those who fear a disease the most

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Dudley seeking input on Open Space and Recreation Plan

DUDLEY — The town of Dudley is in the process of updating its Open Space and Recreation Plan. Help us update our plan by sharing your suggestions and vision for the future of open space and recreation opportunities in Dudley. Visit www.surveymonkey.com/r/DudleyOSRP to participate in the town's Open Space and Recreation Survey.

St. Andrew Bobola hosting frozen Polish food sale

DUDLEY — Just in time for the approaching holidays, St. Andrew Bobola Parish, 54 W. Main St. in Dudley, will be holding a frozen Polish food sale on Saturday, Nov. 19 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Pierogi – Cabbage or cheese, kapusta (Bigos), Gołąbki (Stuffed Cabbage) and Kielbasa will be available along with your favorite babkas and strudels. Stock up now for the holidays or winter months, and be ready for entertaining! Easy Drive Up ordering. For more information, please call the rectory at 508-943-5633.

Nursing students hold first craft fair

CHARLTON — The season of crafts and vendor shows is upon us. For Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy this year marks the first organized SkillsUSA Fundraiser.

The special event was a fundraiser for the Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy SkillsUSA Team. The nursing students raised funds and sought donations all in the name of competing for SkillsUSA all the way to Nationals.

According to Heidi Bedard, LPN, sub-secretary who helped organize the fair, “We wish to thank the knitters, potters, bakers, jewelers, bedazzlers, and candlestick makers, as well as the food and baked goods vendors who joined us on Saturday, Nov. 5.”

We all worked diligently to raise as much money as possible to support nursing student SkillsUSA champions. The nursing students will use the money raised for state and national competition in the five categories namely Medical Math, Medical Terminology, Health Knowledge Bowl, First Aid/CPR, and Practical Nursing.

The Craft Fair was held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School gym-

nasium. Attendees had ample time to peruse through booths, and tables, and make selections of their favorite items. Even the Academy Director, Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN participated with a table full of home-grown plants, propagated from seeds or cutting in various curated pots and containers. Payment may be made in many ways to Bay Path, cash, check, or money order. Those wishing to use electronic payment may do so through <https://unipaygold.unibank.com/customerinfo.aspx>.

“All money raised will go towards the nursing students’ SkillsUSA competition,” Bedard reminded. For more information contact Heidi Bedard, LPN 508-248-5971, ext. 1674 or via email HBedard@baypath.net.

About Bay Path RVTHS Practical Nursing Academy

Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy offers a 40-week (10-month), full-time, Monday through Friday, evening program. The program begins mid-August and is completed in late June. Graduates receive a Practical Nursing Certificate and are eligible to take the NCLEX-PN licensure exam. The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy is fully approved by the: Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Human Services



of Public Health Board of Registration in Nursing, 239 Causeway St., Boston, MA 02114 617-973-0800 www.mass.gov/dph/boards/rn The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy is accredited by the: Council on Occupational Education 840 Roswell Road Building 300, Suite 325 Atlanta, GA 30350 Telephone: 800-917-2081 www.council.org. Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School is fully accredited by the: New England Association of Schools and Colleges 209 Burlington Rd., Suite 201 Bedford, MA, 01730-1433 781-271-0022 www.neasc.org

“Atomic Veterans” receive overdue recognition

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

REGION — Barred from discussing the nature of their service for more than four decades, Atomic Veterans like Ronald Benoit are finally receiving their long overdue recognition.

Benoit, of Holland, and his fellow “Atomic Veterans” were among the enlisted personnel who participated in atmospheric nuclear weapons tests between 1945 and 1962.

Exposed to radiation and other dangerous conditions during their service, Atomic Veterans totaled about 225,000 servicemembers. To date, approximately 80-percent of these veterans have already passed away.

Working diligently over a ten-year period, with significant assistance provided by Congressman

Jim McGovern, Benoit helped ensure that Atomic Veterans are properly honored. McGovern, along with Minnesota Congressman Tom Emmer, sent a letter to the Senate and House Armed Services Committees, urging them to include a provision which would create a service medal to honor Atomic Veterans.

On July 5, the Department of Defense announced the establishment of the Atomic Veterans Commemorative Service Medal.

Veterans eligible to receive the medal include those who performed duties related to the nation's atomic and nuclear weapons programs between July 1, 1945, and Oct. 1, 1992.

“Atomic veterans were exposed to dangerous levels of radiation in performance of their duties,

yet they have never been given the full respect and recognition they deserve,” said Congressman McGovern. “Sworn to silence for decades, these courageous and committed patriots paid a high price for their loyalty to our country.”

For Benoit, who serves as a State Commander for the National Association of Atomic Veterans, it's an honor to advocate for fellow veterans and help bring their stories to light after four decades in the dark. During their period of sworn silence, Atomic Veterans were not even allowed to discuss the details of their service with each other or family members.

“Not many people know about Atomic Veterans. They don't realize what happened because we were sworn to secrecy for all those years,”

said Benoit, who was a member of the team that guarded a hydrogen bomb at Bikini Atoll in 1954.

Now, as a State Commander for the National Association of Atomic Veterans, Benoit represents Massachusetts, Connecticut, Maine, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

Atomic Veterans Commemorative Service Medals are expected to be available by the end of the year. This will allow eligible veterans to finally receive the official recognition they deserve, leaders said. Several other Atomic Veterans passed away before the information on the testing program was declassified by the Clinton Administration in 1994. Many of them suffered health problems as a result of their service, but they nonetheless

maintained silence.

After watching these veterans take the government-mandated secrets of their service to the grave, Benoit and others are committed to making sure they posthumously receive their due honor.

If you would like to contact Benoit about an Atomic Veteran eligible for recognition, call 413-245-7819. You can also send an email to atomicvet024@aol.com.

To learn more about the National Association of Atomic Veterans, visit www.naav.com.

Meanwhile, officials are urging residents to take a few moments this Veterans Day to acknowledge Atomic Veterans and the sacrifices they made.

“These veterans deserve our support. They committed to serving their nation and incurred serious health challeng-

es due to their service. They should receive the honor and recognition they deserve,” said Congressman Emmer. “I have long advocated for our Atomic Veterans. They suffered in silence for their unique service to the United States, and it is time they are honored publicly.”

Benoit thanks legislators, particularly Congressman McGovern, for their steadfast support over the years.

“Jim McGovern fought tirelessly for 11 years and successfully secured the approval of service medals to honor my fellow Atomic Vets,” Benoit said. “The Department of Defense informed us of the creation and distribution of the service medals by year end.”

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**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
Docket No. 22 SM 003118
ORDER OF NOTICE**

TO: Virginia D. Gogolinski and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act: 50 U.S.C. c. 50 § 3901 (et seq): Reverse Mortgage Funding LLC claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Webster, numbered 26 Perryville Road, given by Virginia D. Gogolinski to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Genworth Financial Home Equity Access, Inc., dated September 28, 2011, and recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 47914, Page 339, and now held by the plaintiff by assignment, has/ have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/ Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **December 5, 2022** or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the grounds of noncompliance with the Act. Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of said Court on October 21, 2022.

Attest:

Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder

November 11, 2022.

(SEAL)
**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
Docket No. 22 SM 003223
ORDER OF NOTICE**

TO: Linda J. Leo and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. C. 50 §3901 (et seq): Mortgage Assets Management, LLC claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Webster, numbered 17 Community Road, given by Emanuel J. Leo and Linda J. Leo to Bank of America, N.A., dated April 22, 2009, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 44149, Page 233, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/ have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/ Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **12/12/2022** or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act. Witness, GORDON H. PIPER Chief Justice of this Court on 10/28/2022. Attest: Deborah J. Patterson, Recorder November 11, 2022.

**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. WO22P2019EA
CITATION ON PETITION
FOR SALE OF REAL ESTATE
BY A PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE
Estate of:
Elizabeth M Zingarelli
Date of Death: 04/22/2022**

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

Paul A Zingarelli of North Grafton MA

requesting that court authorize the Public Administrator 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 11/29/2022.**

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 27, 2022
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
November 11, 2022

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Division
Docket No. 22P3580EA
Estate of:
John S Mordas Jr.
Date Of Death: February 26, 2022
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate by Petition of Petitioner **Claudia J. Mordas** of **Webster MA**

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Claudia J. Mordas of Webster MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

November 11, 2022

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The Bartlett High School class of 1967 recently held its 55th reunion at Point Breeze in Webster.

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Like the Webster Senior Center Facebook page to view our photographs, news and announcements. Please stop by to pick up our monthly newsletter for a complete list of activities, upcoming events and our monthly lunch menu.

Come create an Evergreen Door Swag with Bemis Nursery! Sign up for Bemis Evergreen Door Swag Workshop to be held December 2nd at 9:30am. Cost: \$25.00. Please sign up at Senior Center front desk. Payment due at time of sign up.

Tri-Valley Lunches are served Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 11:30 am. Please call (508) 949-3845 at least 48-hours in advance to reserve or cancel your meal. A \$3.00 donation is appreciated. All meals include milk, bread and fruit or dessert. This week's menu: Tues. 11/15 Roast Pork, mashed potatoes, Cali vegies Wed. 11/16 Chicken Picatta, rice pilaf, broccoli Thurs. 11/17 Beef w/Onions & Peppers, potatoes, glazed carrots Fri. 11/18 Crumb Topped Fish, seasoned rice, peas & onions.

The Webster Senior Center will be closing early at 12:30 pm on Wednesday, November 23rd (lunch will be served) and will be closed Thursday, November 24th and Friday, November 25th in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Come celebrate the holiday season with us! The Webster Senior Center Christmas Party will be held on Monday, December 12th and starts at 11:00 am. We'll be serving a buffet luncheon and entertainment will be provided by Tommy Rull. Tickets are \$10.00 and you must sign up by Monday, November 21st.

Are you interested in playing chess? We now have a chess club meeting on Wednesdays at 12:00 pm. All skill levels are welcomed!

Join us for a movie matinee on Monday, November 14th at 1:00pm. We will be showing "Jerry & Marge Go Large" based on the true story about a married couple who win the lottery and use the money to revive their small town. Popcorn and refreshments will be served. Please sign up at the Senior Center front desk.

Summit Health will be offering a Smart Kitchen presentation at the Senior Center on Wednesday, November 16th at 10:30 am. Sign up at the Senior Center front desk.

The Friends of the Webster Senior Center are sponsoring a Friendsgiving get together on Monday, November 21st from 1:00pm-2:30pm. Homemade Apple Crisp with ice cream will be served and there will be live music! You must sign up by Wed., Nov. 16th. Sign up at the front desk.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Tax Aide, a partnership between the IRS and the AARP Foundation, need volunteer counselors to help low- and moderate-income persons in your community prepare their Federal and Massachusetts income taxes. Volunteers work 4-6 hours

per week during tax preparation season. Training for volunteer preparers starts in November, with most of the training online. Internet access and basic computer skills are necessary. For an application visit www.aarp.org/volunteer/programs/taxaide

The Bomba Beauty Salon at the Webster Senior Center is closed on Mondays. Open Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays 10:00 am – 3:00 pm BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. Walk-ins Are Welcome on Wednesdays 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. Please call (508) 341-8724 to schedule your appointment!

Mondays and Wednesdays: Exercise Classes with Forty Arroyo – Chair Dancing – the perfect workout for any fitness ability! 9:30-10:30 am. Cost: \$3.00 per class.

Mondays: Knitting/Crochet Social 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Bingo: Every Tuesday, starts promptly at 1:00 pm. Please plan to arrive by 12:30 pm to allow time to buy your bingo sheets. Better yet, sign up for lunch, come early and spend the day!

Do you like to play cribbage? Our weekly cribbage group now meets every Thursday at 1:00 pm – feel free to join us!

Calling card players or interested persons to the Webster Senior Center – come join us for 6-card or 13-card pitch! Six card pitch meets on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm. Thirteen-card pitch meets on Thursdays at 1:00 pm.

Mahjongg group meets every Friday at 1:00 pm – beginners welcome!

Open Enrollment ends December 7th. A SHINE (Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone) counselor is available at the Senior Center to assist you. By appointment only. Please call (508) 949-3845 to schedule an appointment.

Trip 1: Christmas with Paul Anka Holiday Tribute, Wednesday, December 7th. Trip price of \$99.00 includes transportation, luncheon, meal tax & gratuity, and show ticket. Trip 2: An American Bandstand New Year's Eve Day, Saturday, December 31st. Features the Tom LaMark Orchestra. Trip price of \$110.00 includes luncheon, meal tax, meal gratuity, entertainment, party favors and champagne toast. Our trips are quickly selling out so don't wait to reserve your seat! Trip prices do not include bus driver gratuity. Please call the Senior Center at (508) 949-3845 for more information.

The Worcester County Sheriff's Office House Numbering Program will create a custom wooden sign with your house number free of charge. One sign per senior household. Please contact the Webster Senior Center if you are interested in having a house number sign made for you. (508) 949-3845.

Senior SAFE is a program that supports fire and life safety education for seniors. The Webster Fire Dept. will do a home visit to ensure that you have the correct smoke and CO2 alarms and that they are working properly, at no cost to you! All you have to do is give them a call at (508) 949-3875.

Please call the Senior Center at (508) 949-3845 or stop in to pick up our monthly newsletter for a complete list of additional activities and upcoming events.

Samuel Slater Experience announces special school vacation hours

WEBSTER — The Samuel Slater Experience, a popular addition to the cultural scene in Central Massachusetts since opening last March, will celebrate its first holiday season with special hours during school vacation week between Christmas and New Year's and a visit from Santa on the museum's popular recreation of Webster's Main Street at the turn of the 20th Century.

Described as "Disney-like," the Samuel Slater Experience, employs state-of-the-art 4-D digital technology to tell the story of Samuel Slater and covers two time periods: the early 1800s and the early 1900s.

A welcome sight on Main Streets everywhere in December is Santa Claus and on Saturday, Dec. 10, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., young visitors will have an opportunity to meet St. Nick for a holiday photo with this historical figure and young Samuel Slater.

A great family activity during school vacation week, The Samuel Slater Experience is designed to be educational and entertaining. It encourages visitors to experience history in a new, immersive way as they climb aboard the ship that carried Samuel Slater to America, learn about life in the early 1800s with interactive exhibits and ride a trolley through downtown Webster a century later.

Samuel Slater traveled from England to America 1789 with Britain's textile industry secrets in his head. He suc-

cessfully created the country's first cotton spinning jenny and established the American factory system and became known as the "Father of the American Industrial Revolution."

By the early 1900s, rural New England was dotted with thriving mill towns. One of these was Webster, Massachusetts, where Slater owned and operated six cotton and woolen mills. Webster became a vacation destination for tourists from as far away as New York City. The Samuel Slater Experience recreates downtown Webster as it was in the early 1900s.

The Samuel Slater Experience is supported by the Janet Malser Humanities Trust, the Massachusetts Cultural Council, and individual donations.

Hours of Operation

Special December Vacation Hours Dec. 27-29 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Daily Schedule: Fridays & Saturdays: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday: Noon to 4 p.m. Note, the Museum will be closed Dec. 23-25, Dec.30-Jan.1

Samuel Slater Experience is located in the former National Guard Webster Armory at 31 Ray Street, Webster, Massachusetts, and open to the public year-round. For more information and tickets, visit samuelslaterexperience.org

Black Tavern Historical Society to host “Fashions in Flowers” program

DUDLEY — Have you ever wanted to have a truly New England garden?

The Black Tavern Historical Society will host Fashions in Flowers, a program on ornamental gardens in the early 18th century, on Thursday, Nov. 17, at 7 p.m. at the Tavern, 138 Center Rd., Dudley. The presenter will be Christie Higgenbottom, former coordinator of horticulture at Old Sturbridge Village.

Using research and documentation from the collections at Old Sturbridge Village and gardens at historic residences as examples, Christie will discuss the practices of gardeners in that historic period and their attitudes respecting garden styles and favorite ornamental plants. This is a great program to start you thinking about plants for your garden in 2023!

This program is free and open to all, and will be held in the historic Black Tavern meeting room. Join us for the program and stay for the refreshments and opportunity to meet old and new friends!

Colonial tinner to speak at Historical Society meeting

AUBURN — The life of a colonial traveling tinner will be explored at the Nov. 17 Auburn Historical Society and Museum's monthly meeting, which will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Auburn Senior Center, 4 Goddard Dr., Auburn.

Brother Jonathan, a.k.a. Larry Leonard, will be demonstrating the art of making period tin items as he tells stories of traveling the roads from Sudbury to Auburn in 1774 selling tankards, lanterns, candleholders, and such. The thoughts of the colonist about the king and his taxes may also be expressed. The meeting is free to the public and refreshments will be served.

Oxford winter parking ban takes effect Nov. 15

OXFORD — Chairman of the Oxford Board of Selectmen Norman J. LeBlanc, Jr., announced the board recently voted to set the dates for the town's Winter Parking Ban.

"Out of concern for public safety, the Board sets the Winter Parking Ban to help keep residents safe. The Winter Parking Ban supports our Department of Public Works with the space needed to clear roads during inclement weather," stated LeBlanc.

D.P.W. Director Jared Duval affirmed the need to enact a winter parking ban.

"We have one of the best teams around, but we need to afford them with the space required to effectively plow and salt the roadways. We all want to keep the streets safe for our residents and those traveling through our Town," stated Duval.

The Town of Oxford's Winter Parking Ban will be in effect from Nov. 15 through April 1. On-street parking is prohibited between the hours of 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. The Parking Ban will also take effect when there is an accumulation of three or more inches of snow, day or night. Fifteen (15) minute parking is allowed for postal and package delivery.

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SPORTS

Oxford rolls through Thunder in State Tournament opener



Oxford's Brett Morgan jumps in front of a Taconic pass and makes an athletic interception.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS EDITOR

OXFORD — Aside from a delayed start to the game and a sluggish first few minutes, the Oxford High varsity football team began its run through the Division 8 State Tournament the way it wanted to: with a dominant victory.

The Pirates, seeded No. 3 in the bracket, defeated No. 14 Taconic High of Pittsfield, 33-0, on Friday evening, Nov. 4.

The game, scheduled for a 6:30 p.m. kickoff, didn't commence until a few minutes after 7 due to a backed-up Massachusetts Turnpike for Taconic to reach town. And, following both teams opening with three-and-outs, the Thunder were able to orchestrate a solid second drive. But Oxford eventually got Taconic to turn the ball over on downs, and it was smooth sailing for the Pirates from there.

"We called a timeout. We had to regroup when they got it going. We had to put the boys in check," explained Oxford head coach Jeff Clarkson. "They lit the fuse, and we just went."

On their second drive the Pirates scored on their eighth play, a 10-yard keeper by quarterback Lucas Lambert. Alexander Perry then booted the first of three point after kicks to make it 7-0 nearing the end of the first quarter.

Oxford then extended the lead to 14-0 early in the second when Lambert connected with Robbie Fisher — a common trend for the remainder of the contest — on a 13-yard screen pass to pay dirt.

The Pirates' defense then grabbed their lone turnover on Taconic when Brett Morgan made an athletic play

to pick off quarterback Matthew McIntosh. Oxford wasted little time, scoring on the next play to make it 21-0 when Lambert chucked an 88-yard touchdown pass down the right sideline to a streaking Fisher, who outraced his defender to the end zone.

"It's all to our line holding it down for our QB and our QB getting the ball where it needs to be," said Fisher.

"It was just the right play in the right situation," added Lambert. "They thought we were going with the screen, but we faked it and he was open."

Oxford wasn't done there, though, as they added two more scores before halftime. First, Jadan Morales (12 carries, 70 yards) scored on a 5-yard rushing plunge, making it 27-0, and the lead ballooned to 33-0 when Lambert and Fisher connected on their third score, this one from 18 yards out.

"Robbie Fisher, I've known him since he was in second grade, he's playing the best football I've ever seen," said Clarkson. "We needed him to have a good game. It's good to see Robbie coming, when we need him especially."

Fisher didn't want to take any credit for his performance — which included a stat line of 5 receptions for 127 yards and 6 carries for 48 yards — instead putting the team first.

"Everybody on this team is a play-

maker," he said. "Everybody can put the ball in the end zone when it's needed. Everybody has their week."

Lambert (11 of 19, 250 yards; 7 carries, 70 yards) echoed Fisher's sentiments.

"We have so many playmakers. You can't game plan against all of them," said Lambert.

There was no scoring in the second half, which meant that the defense pitched a shutout. The eight Taconic (4-5) drives included four punts, three turnovers on downs and the Morgan interception. Oxford's special teams also recovered a kickoff, Lambert squibbing the ball to open territory and Kellen Clarkson coming away with it.

"Our defense, they're just a bunch of people who want to go out there, work hard and get to the ball," said Lambert.

At the end of the day, the Pirates accomplished what they set out to do, and that was to advance to the quarterfinals. There, Oxford (8-1) will play No. 11 Murdock High of Winchendon (7-2), who upended No. 6 Brighton High (6-2) in an upset, 36-6. The game will be in Oxford on Friday, Nov. 11 at 6 p.m.

"We were an 11 seed last year and we were the spoilers. I said, 'it happens, don't let it be you,'" Clarkson told his team before playing the Thunder.

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SPORTS

Rockets reach CMADA Final, then fall in State Tournament

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

Top-seeded Nipmuc Regional halted third-seeded Auburn High's 10-game winning streak in the championship game of the Central Mass. Athletic Directors Association's (CMADA) Class B Girls' Soccer Tournament, defeating the Rockets, 1-0, Tuesday, Nov. 1, at the Whitcomb Middle School in Marlborough.

Alyssa Crotty scored for Nipmuc (16-2-1) off an assist from Josie Hayes.

"Nipmuc scored on a counter," Auburn head coach Emily Burokas said. "They sent a player (Hayes) wide with the ball and then she played the ball between our outside mid and our fullback to (Crotty). Our outside mid tried to catch up to (Crotty), but she had already taken off. She ended up dribbling in and placing the ball to the far post behind our keeper."

Burokas was disappointed by the loss but pleased with her team's effort.

"We fought hard. I'm proud of them," Burokas said. "Nipmuc was the better team, but I think we held our own. We shut down a couple of their girls that have scored a lot of goals this season."

The Warriors entered the CMADA final with three of the top goal scorers in the Dual Valley Conference (DVC) – Kyah Montano (33 goals, 4 assists, 37 points), Anya Montano (12 goals, 6 assists, 18 points), and Abby Mullins (7 goals, 7 assists, 14 points).

"I think our defense did really well shutting them down," Burokas said. "As far as our chances, we had a few that would have been nice to capitalize on, but we ended up being on our heels a little bit, playing mostly defense in the game."

Auburn headed to the Massachusetts Division 3 Girls' Soccer Tournament with a 12-6-1 mark. The Rockets, the No. 22 seed in the 43-team tournament, traveled to West Newbury to play Pentucket Regional, the No. 20 seed, Sunday, Nov. 6. Unfortunately for the Rockets, their season ended there following a 2-0 loss.

Playing in a CMADA championship game and qualifying for the state tournament weren't even in Burokas' thought process when she woke up on Thursday, Sept. 29. Her team was 3-5 and had lost three straight, including a 9-0 drubbing by Grafton High the night before.

"The spanking we got

at Grafton was needed," Burokas said. "I think that was a big learning opportunity. It allowed the team to realize that we had work to do."

A formation change keyed the turnaround, which led to the winning streak.

"I switched to a three-back formation," Burokas said. "The teamwork of our goalie, junior Katie Valentine, with senior midfielder Abby Kaye and my freshmen defenders – Haylee Baniukiewicz and Molly Grandazzo – really set the tone."

"The formation shift allowed more movement through the midfield," Burokas said. "It enabled seniors Fia Fortunato and Morganne Lucier, junior Lexi Nordman and sophomore Molly Hilditch to move the ball extremely well."

Burokas also attributed the Rockets' uneven start to overall youthfulness.

"We're very young; most of the girls that get the most minutes are freshmen and sophomores," Burokas said. "I think it took a few weeks for them to figure out the pace and physicality of a varsity-level game. It took time for them to get their confidence up. At that point we started



The Auburn High girls' soccer team reached the final of the Central Mass. Athletic Directors Association's Class B Tournament and the Round of 32 in the Division 3 State Tournament.

clicking, stayed positive and worked hard."

Key wins in the streak included Leicester (a 2-0 home win on Wednesday, Oct. 5), Uxbridge (a 6-2 road victory Wednesday, Oct. 12), and Millbury (another 2-0 home win, on Thursday, Oct. 20).

"We probably played our best game of the season against Leicester and we followed that with a fantastic game at Uxbridge where we came out of the gate and scored three goals in the first 10 minutes," Burokas said. "I think that was the game where they were like, 'holy crap, if we play our hardest we can do really good things.'"

"The Millbury game was a makeup game and they always come in hard; they're our big rival," Burokas said. "Beating them and playing as well as we did in doing so; I think that's when the team knew they were ready for the play-

offs and knew they could compete."

Leading goal-scorers for Auburn during the regular season and the CMADA Tournament were freshman striker Zhunay Moulton (12 goals, 4 assists, 16 points), sophomore Natalie Frazier (10 goals, 3 assists, 13 points), senior Katherine DeFosse (10 goals, 2 assists, 12 points), and sophomore Julia Rocheford (7 goals, 1 assist, 8 points).

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Wednesday, Nov. 2
Division 5 Volleyball Preliminary Round
(30) Norfolk Aggie, 3, (35) Oxford 1 — The Pirates were unable to advance to the Round of 32, and their season finished off with a record of 11-10.

Friday, Nov. 4
Division 5 Football Round of 16
(6) Bishop Fenwick 42, (11) Auburn 7 — Despite a strong regular season record of 6-2, the Rockets had to travel for their first round playoff matchup. And Auburn couldn't keep up with Fenwick. The Rockets will now host Shepherd Hill Regional in a non-playoff game on Friday, Nov. 11 at noon.
Division 2 Boys' Soccer Preliminary

Round
(34) Fitchburg 3, (31) Shepherd Hill 2 (PK) — In a game that couldn't be decided after regulation or two overtimes, the Rams ultimately fell just short in penalty kicks. Shepherd Hill closed the season with a record of 8-8-3.
Division 3 Boys' Soccer Preliminary Round
(31) St. Mary's Lynn 1, (34) Auburn 0 (PK) — A scoreless game through 80 minutes of regulation and a pair of overtimes led to a shootout, where the Rockets fell just short. Auburn finished with a record of 8-7-4.
Division 4 Volleyball Round of 32
(3) Joseph Case 3, (30) Bay Path 0 — After the Minutemen hosted and defeated No. 35 Tech Boston Academy, 3-0, in the Preliminary Round two days prior, Bay Path ran into one of the tournament's top seeds and fell short. The 1-1

postseason record had the Minutemen finish 10-11 overall.

Saturday, Nov. 5
Division 3 Field Hockey Round of 32
(10) Hanover 4, (23) Auburn 1 — Despite a strong season this fall, the Rockets were unable to pull off the upset against Hanover, as Auburn finished with a record of 12-6-1.
Division 4 Girls' Soccer Round of 32
(6) Millbury 4, (27) Bay Path 0 — The Minutemen had the tall task of facing off against the perennially powerful Woolies, and Bay Path's season came to a close with a record of 9-10.

Sunday, Nov. 6
Division 4 Boys' Soccer Round of 32
(2) Pope Francis 2, (31) Bay Path 0 — The Minutemen played one of the top seeds tight, but their season ended

with a Round of 32 exit. First, Bay Path defeated No. 34 Greater Lawrence Tech, 7-1, in the Preliminary Round two days prior. The Minutemen finished 10-8-2.
Division 5 Boys' Soccer Round of 32
(18) Hopedale 6, (15) Oxford 1 — Despite a poor record, the Blue Raiders (6-11-3) proved to be a strong squad in defeating the Pirates. Oxford closed their successful season with a record of 10-6-3.
Division 5 Girls' Soccer Round of 32
(11) Quaboag 2, (22) Oxford 1 — After defeating No. 43 Pioneer Valley Regional in a Preliminary Round matchup, 4-0, two days prior, the Pirates' season came to a close with a record of 6-14 after a loss to the Cougars, their Southern Worcester County League rival.

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In addition to winter coats, the Worcester Red Sox and their mascot, Smiley Ball, joined the Sheriff’s Office for their distribution. The Worcester Red Sox and the WooSox Foundation donated WooSox hats and winter caps.

“The Sheriff’s Department’s Winter coat drive is an exemplary model of members of a community working together to help one another. As recipients tell us, these coats represent so much more than a winter jacket, they represent a community that cares,” commented Evangelidis. “We are on track for our largest distribution to date and this initiative has been around for over 10 years. Thank you to our partners whose overwhelming kindness and generosity will help make this year’s coat drive a success.”

This year, the Sheriff’s Office is expected to distribute over 4,000 brand-new winter coats throughout Worcester County. Through the procurement of grant money and the generous support of local businesses and community partners, this initiative was made possible.

In addition to the stop in Webster, Evangelidis and his team also made deliveries of warm winter jackets to non-profits in Southbridge and Worcester.

FARMING
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explained that specifically when it comes to situations like the Doherty farm proposal misconceptions can play a big role in how the public perceives such projects. I think there needs to be a lot of education because the complaint that they had was I think they were growing hemp and they had the complaint a few times that they had to burn because their THC was just a little too far over the threshold. I know there was a lot of unrest in the neighborhood about that because people don’t want to smell that

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Many of the project issues remained the same, with S&K’s engineer Mikael Lassila noting the board and residents cited sight distance, noise, truck numbers, road conditions and impact on nearby wells and septic among them at last year’s long hearing. He said they’re trying to essentially finish an earth removal project the town approved about 20 years ago, but then shut down for various violations. Today, the site is “not stabilized,” with “discarded materials everywhere,” dirt bikes “ripping it up,” some tree regrowth and an old construction shed, among other issues, he said. S&K’s owner James Smith said his goal is to leave the property “a nice flat pasture, for the most part,” on which he could build three houses. He said he doesn’t plan to do any blasting, as that would be “cost-prohibitive” and probably unnecessary, with Lassila noting bedrock on neighboring properties ranges from 30 to more than

if that’s not what they signed up for when buying their houses. What people don’t understand is if you zone that as marijuana they don’t have to burn because there’s no threshold to be over at that point,” Rozenas-Hanson said. Town Planner Bill Scanlon said he wouldn’t rule out the viability of marijuana production as a future market for Dudley’s farmland, especially with two cultivation centers already green lit. However, he did admit it will take some work to determine if any public support could be salvaged for private production. “I think if (the EDC) got behind that idea we could try it again. I think there could be support for it if it was present-

ed in the right way,” said Scanlon. “If you felt it was an opportunity for farmers to grow marijuana we could try it again, but it needs more education and publicity.” Members of both the EDC and Agriculture Advisory Commission made it clear their goal is to keep farmland intact and free of development. Marijuana production was just one of several solutions discussed in the nearly hour-and-a-half roundtable. Other topics discussed included grape farming for wineries, increased focus on agricultural education in local schools, and how to better incorporate and promote the town’s farming roots and identity.

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