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Annese promoted to Selectmen delay decision full-time Liutenant on TSKK liquor issue



Acting Lt. James Annese, shown here taking the oath during his appointment in February, has been appointed to permanent Lieutenant of the Dudley Police Department.

BY JASON BLEAU **CORRESPONDENT**

DUDLEY—The Dudley Board of Selectmen has promoted Acting Lt. James Annese to permanent Lieutenant after a seven-month probationary period.

The appointment came at the request of Chief Marek Karlowicz during the Board of Selectmen's Sept. 11 meeting. Chief Karlowicz previously served as Lieutenant but was promoted following the retirement of Chief Steve Wojnar at the beginning of the year. As part of Karlowicz's contract, an acting Lieutenant would be named, leaving the option open for the Chief to return to his previous position within the first few months of his hire if he saw fit. Karlowicz said he is comfortable in his current position and recommended Annese to be his permanent replacement.

"From what I've gone through the last seven months, I think I'll stick it out. Based on that, I did a six-month review for Lt. Annese. He has performed beyond what I expected. He has really done a good job with the position," said the Chief.
The selectmen whole-

heartedly agreed, unanimously approving Lt. Annese's appointment to permanent Lieutenant status. Unfortunately, while the Liutenant's position is now set, at least two more positions will need to be filled following resignations due, in part, to the recent both positions.

budget issues in town. Karlowicz confirmed the resignations of both Officer Mariano Conte Administrative and Assistant Lauren Milosh with Conte choosing to pursue a career outside of law enforcement and Milosh moving over to the New England State Police Information Network.

Karlowicz confirmed that these two positions were expected to be cut if the police department's override question failed in August which played a role in these individuals deciding to leave Dudley. The Board of Selectmen lifted the moratorium on hiring during the meeting allowing the police department to pursue qualified internal and external candidates for

BY GUS STEEVES CORRESPONDENT

WEBSTER — Due to a posting uncertainty, the selectmen delayed making a decision on whether to penalize TSKK for an alleged liquor violation on Sept. 11.

According to officer Sgt Rob Larochelle, he was investigating a stolen cellphone when it pinged near the TSKK, located at 21 Harris St. He said he went there about 1:30 a.m. on July 1 and saw several cars in the lot but knew it was supposed to be closed by then. When he knocked, he saw eight to 10 people inside, and the bartender who answered after about two minutes had "an odor of alcoholic beverage" and her 'speech was slurred.'

Larochelle said he did not see any open containers in front of the clients, and all of them departed without incident; only the bartender was taken into custody for intoxication. He said he assumed they had been serving alcohol afterhours.

He said the bartender claimed there had been about 20 people outside, but they didn't want to call the police "so they were hiding inside the establishment waiting for the people to leave.' There were no calls to the police about this

incident, and when he arrived, there was only one person in a car in the lot, smoking, he said.

TSKK attorney Nick Adamopoulos noted Larochelle's statement that nobody but the bartender "showed any signs of intoxication or alcohol use." That bartender was fired, and TSKK management talked to the staff about calling the police and various other issues to "address [it] internally," he said.

"We acknowledge the Webster Police did find an issue that night ... we do take this very seriously," he said. Later, he added, "They [took] steps to address this well before they came to my office."

He noted the club's "last call" is between 12:30 and 12:45 AM, with doors closing at 1 AM, when anyone there is supposed to leave. "No patrons are allowed in the facility after 1 AM," he said.

The board asked about TSKK's hiring practices, with one member noting that bartender, who was not identified, had previously had a very similar incident at another establishment. She'd been at TSKK about a vear.

"They'd have to think long and hard about having her go back behind that bar," Adamopoulos said, claiming TSKK has a "no tolerance policy for

anything like this." He noted the club's current president has been on the board more than 10 years and could not recall having to come before the selectmen for other incidents "in a very substantial amount of time,' and Adamopoulos said he couldn't find any when he searched the records.

The board postponed formally deciding the case until its next meeting. However, several other items on the agenda also related to liquor licenses, and it voted on those. Those included giving Golden Greek's license to a new owner, and approving a new license for El Morro Bar & Grill and a new manager for the PACC.

In other business, the board approved the new firefighter's union, an underground conduit for National Grid at the Webster Housing Authority, appointed two people to town boards and briefly discussed several remaining vacancies, read four proclamations for local centenarians, and revisited a long list of board policies they've previously discussed.

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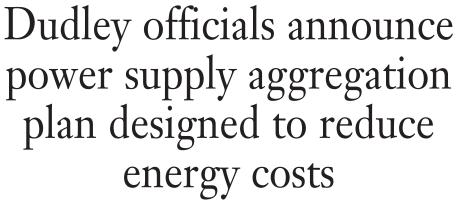
Monsen sisters enjoy friendly rivalry on soccer pitch Memorial Field. CHARLTON — It's The Monsen sisters not often that sisters are Cheyene Monsen, a matched up against one junior at Bay Path, and

another in a high school varsity soccer game, but that occurred on Thursday, Sept. 14 at Bay Path's George L. Fowler

the rest of the Minutemen hosted Oxford High, sophomore where Addisen Monsen is a member of the Pirates.

oftentimes play on club teams together, but when it comes to high school competition, they are rivals.

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DUDLEY — Dudley officials announce a community choice power supply aggregation plan designed to reduce energy costs for Dudley residents.

The Aggregation Plan was developed in compliance with state law regarding public aggregation of electricity consumers. It contains required information on the structure, operations, services, funding, and policies. The Plan was developed in consultation with the Town's municipal aggregation consultant, Colonial Power Group, Inc. (CPG) and the state Department of Energy Resources (DOER).

The purpose of this plan is to represent consumer interests in competitive markets for electricity. It seeks to aggregate Dudley consumers to negotiate rates for power. In doing so, it brings together the buying power of more than 11,900 consumers. It further enables the Town

to take greater control of its energy options, which includes the ability to pursue price stability, savings opportunities and the amount of renewable energy procured. Participation is voluntary for each consumer. Consumers may opt out or back into the plan at any time. The Town has published this Plan for public review prior to submitting it to the state Department of Public Utilities (DPU).

National Grid Basic Service rates change twice a year or more, depending on rate class. As a result, the aggregation rate may not always be lower than the Basic Service rate. The goal of the aggregation is to deliver savings over the life of the Program when compared to National Grid Basic Service rates. However, such savings and future savings cannot be guaranteed.

The Town of Dudley's Aggregation Plan is available for public review and comment from through Friday, Oct. 13 at 5 p.m.

Any person who desires to comment may do so in person at the Town Clerk's office or submit written comments using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail to townadmin@dudleyma. gov; or (2) by postal mail to Jonathan Ruda, Town Administrator, Town of Dudley, 71 West Main St., Dudley, MA 01571.

Comments must be clearly marked Town of Dudley's Aggregation Plan and must be received (not postmarked) by the end of the comment peri-

Questions are to be directed to Ruda at (508) 949-8000.

To read the Town of Dudley's Aggregation Plan and supporting documents, go to:

https://www.dudleyma.gov/home/news/ municipal-aggregation-plan-colonial-power-group. A hardcopy of the plan is also available at the Town Clerk's office.



Oxford's Addisen Monsen (19) moves the ball down the field via a header, while her sister Cheyene of Bay Path defends when the two played against one another last Thursday, Sept. 14. The Minutemen defeated the Pirates, 5-2.

From sisters to classmates to nursing colleagues

CHARLTON — Nataly Acheampong and Paulina Asante, both of Worcester, not only share a bond as sisters, but also in their choice of career and nursing school. Both sisters graduated from Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy and passed NCLEX-PN the first try, take one! Sister act

The sisters grew up in Ghana and often talked about life, dreams, and the future. Their jest for life and enthusiasm for a meaningful job inspired the sisters to consider a career in nursing.
"It is such

"It is such great achievement," says Nataly, who was previously a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA, Beaumont Rehabilitation & Notre Dame HealthCare), accounts officer (Ghana- All Saints

Catholic Church & Barclays Bank), and receptionist (Cagy Leather & Tanning production Ghana).

Having her sister Paulina creating footsteps together has made Nataly an incredibly strong individual. Influencing each other by example and being a positive role model. The sisters encouraged each other.

N a t a l y Acheampong, LPN led the way choosing both nursing and Bay Path Practical

Choosing Bay

Nursing Academy. "I had heard good things about Bay Path from a co-worker who was in the nursing program, Rachel Hitchcock, LPN" says Nataly. "The program has a reputation as being rigorous, was reasonably priced and close to home. Plus,

Rachel said there's

a superwoman there, the director, Professor Bolandrina!"

The sisters initially decided to study nursing at another Vocational Technical school. After considering all their options and working with Rachel, they both decided on Bay Path.

Neither remembered who had applied first and was accepted first. Both were ecstatic to be accept-

"I am full of gratitude in my heart," said Nataly. She thanked Bay Path for all the opportunities and love shown.

Having a sister in the same program has its benefits.

"Being a student nurse comes with responsibilities which require first, having a healthy mind then determination, humility, respect, compliance to rules and regulations and above all study as never before," stated Paulina.

Inducted into the National Technical Honor Society, Asante was also featured in the Acts of Kindness section of the Women's World Magazine.

She was quoted stating, "As a student nurse, the little every day blessings make me kind! I hold the door for custodians when they are passing through double doors with their hands full lugging in their cleaning supplies and equipment. They are always grateful, but I am even more grateful that I am able to show them small acts of kindness for it's the little bits of kindness put together that transforms the world. I am an eager participant to make the world even better as a future nurse!"

Looking to the future While the sisters excelled in different areas, both may also be interested in different specialties. They share their love and enthusiasm for nursing and may apply together at the same facility for their first jobs as LPNs.

Their words of wisdom to the current cohort, "Know your own learning style, create a study schedule that works for you. Solve practice questions. Take up study materials seriously, ask questions, seek help, and honor your professors with due diligence in all aspect."

Professors, advisors, and mentors have also provided support for the sisters and proved to be among their favorite parts of the nursing program.

"The Bay Path community is absolutely amazing, they check in on us. The professors are outstanding. They offered extra help, they really wanted us to succeed," said both. "We wish the current class success, and are here to help!"

About Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy The program is a

40-week (10-month), fulltime, 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 Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services Department of Public Health Board of Registration in Nursing (www.mass.gov/dph/ boards/rn) and is accredited by the Commission Occupational Education (www.council. org). For more information, visit www.baypath.





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Heat causes concerns DCRSD schools

BY JASON BLEAU CORRESPONDENT

C H A R L T O N- Extreme late-summer heat proved to be an issue for many schools in the region in the first week of September, forcing many to close due to unhealthy temperatures inside older buildings that lack modern air-conditioning amenities. However, schools in Dudley and Charlton did not release early or close despite complaints from parents about the heat, specifically inside Charlton Elementary School. Superintendent Steven Lamarche is owning the decision as a difficult call with no hard guidelines for a heat situation in place.

Lamarche was asked about the heat situation during a meeting of the Dudley-Charlton Regional School Committee on Sept. 13. Temperatures in the tristate area reached over 90 degrees the week leading prior, many schools in Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island to either close early or cancel school altogether. The **Dudley-Charlton** Regional School District did not close. The heat concerns lead at least one parent to contact Charlton Health Director James Philbrook who visited Charlton Elementary to assess the situation.

Superintendent Lamarche admitted that the school was indeed very hot but explained that closing due to heat is even more of a judgement call than winter weather as there is no clear guidance from any authority where to draw the line.

"The building was extremely hot, but also any building that didn't have air conditioning was extremely hot," he said. "Somebody called the Board of Health to go visit Charlton Elementary School. I was there when Mr. Philbrook was there. I visited all the schools as well. They were hot, there's no question about it. We tend to fall into those hot categories. As with any early

release or unscheduled release, it's a very difficult call."

Lamarche said he works closely with local officials and fellow superintendents to help determine when and how to make these calls, but there is not solid guidance on an absolute maximum for heat. In fact, the superintendent explained that there is more direct guidance for winter temperatures. When it comes to extreme heat conditions, different authorities offer different guidelines. While the Board of Health might designate 88 degrees as a health hazard, the Department Elementary and Secondary Education advises that as long as the temperature inside the building matches the outside, they are okay to host students. These guidelines also don't always consider the impact of humidity which can make safe temperatures feel even hotter.

Despite the heat, Superintendent Lamarche complimented the staff and students for being resilient during a frustrating late year heat wave.

"Visiting the schools, I thought the overwhelming majority did well. Yes, there were hot kids and hot adults, including myself. I've learned if I go to visit the schools not to wear long-sleeved shirts and a tie if I'm going to spend hours in the school. They were hot and hopefully we're

past that at this time. Just like winter storms tend to now fall in February and March, I think hot summer days tend to fall at the beginning of September," Lamarche

As for a future resolution, Lamarche said that if the School Committee wanted to create their own guidelines for heat closures, he would be happy to oblige. However, for now, it will remain a judgement call from his office. The committee decided to continue the discussion to a future meeting and engage with the policy subcommittee on the matter to ensure they have the best plan in place for any inevitable future heat waves.

Webster Five Foundation awards \$75,000 to local nonprofits

REGION — The Webster Five Foundation is thrilled to announce that they have awarded \$75,000 in grants to 14 organizations, the majority of which are based in Worcester County. Foundation has donated more than \$200,000 to 45 nonprofits in 2023 alone.

Each quarter, Foundation provides grants to nonprofit organizations or programs that support expanding or improving access to education, culture and the arts, social services, charitable activities, and community development.

In this grant cycle, the Webster Five Foundation awarded funding to the following organizations:

Community Legal Aid -- \$9,000 to support its Language Access Project, which provides necessary and free legal services to low-income and elderly residents in Worcester County regardless of their primary language.

Crocodile River Music -- \$2,500 for the Crocodile River Radio program where they will collaborate with CICN 90.5 FM to produce and broadcast a new year-long African music weekly radio show.

Old Sturbridge Village -- \$7,000 to support Educational Outreach to Webster Public Schools, where 584 students will visit OSV in the 2023-2024 school

Our Bright Future -- \$2,000 to help fund its WPI STEM Program, with the goal of helping students from low-income fami-



Participants in the Worcester Earn-a-Bike (WEAB) program, which received \$1,000 and a match of up to \$1,000 from the Webster Five Foundation. WEAB is a community bike shop teaching people bicycle maintenance while enabling them to earn a bike from their inventory of donated bicycles.

lies perform well academically and socially.

Project New Hope --\$2,500 to support the "Connecting the Dots" case management program, which provides one-onone assistance to veterans, active military, reserves, National Guard and their families to address their

Reach Out & Read --\$2,500 to contribute over 800 books to Worcester Rx for Success. In combination with this grant, Worcester Rx for Success hopes to provide pediatric offices in Worcester with approximately 14,000 new books for pediatricians to give to children.

RIA -- \$1,000 and a match of up to \$1,000 to assist its Groups Support

Survivors of Sex Trafficking in Worcester programming and services.

from Science Scientists -- \$2,000 to the During-School Scientistled STEM education for 3rd – 6th grade students at 5 elementary schools in the Worcester Public school system.

Southeast Asian Coalition of Central Massachusetts -- \$5,000 to fund its food security programming for food insecure elders and families.

Capital Good Fund -- \$2,500 to support its Impact Loan program in Central MA, which provides affordable and credit-building options for income low-to-moderate families for critical purpos-

Tri-Valley, Inc. -- \$6,000 to the Money Management Program to help provide seniors with the services and support to achieve and sustain independence and financial stability.

Worcester Earn-a-Bike -- \$1,000 and a match of up to \$1,000 for the Youth Earn-a-Bike program, a mentoring and skill building program designed for Worcester's youth.

Central YWCA Massachusetts -- \$15,000 to provide financial seminars to survivors of domestic violence as was previously announced this past December with funding awarded this grant cycle.

Gladys E. Kelly Public Library -- \$15,000 as an installment of the ten-year \$150,000 gift to the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library. Each grant installment has been used for the library's building enhancements as well as additional services.

"Here at Webster Five, we're deeply committed to empowering the communities in which we operate," said Donald F. Doyle, President/CEO, Webster Five. "We're excited to support these organizations and the important work they do here in Worcester County."

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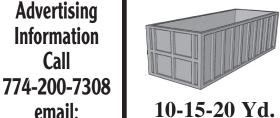
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The Grey Whisker Pickers play the Grange earlier this summer.

Dudley Grange celebrates AppleFest

DUDLEY — It's fall, crops are coming in and it's time to celebrate one of New England's stalwarts: the apple.

On Saturday, Sept. 30 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Dudley Grange is hosting the annual Apple Festival. The top of Dudley Hill will ring out with live music from the Grey Whisker Pickers and Old Fiddlers Club of Rhode Island, 1830s-era skills from at 6:30 p.m. The program for this meet-Old Sturbridge Village, crafts of all kinds presented by both Grange and Black Tavern. Kids will enjoy various games including cornhole, get to tour Dudley Fire's Smoke house, hang out with the petting zoo and more.

Of course, there's food – dogs, sausages, empanadas and burgers from Harney's on Wheels; apples and baked goods to take home; and the star of the show, apple crisp with or without ice cream (made this year by Bay Path culinary students). Be sure to make 139 Center Road one of your stops in the day's round of regional craft fairs!

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Philippine Island

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41. Filled with love

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ADULT BOOK GROUP

September 25 6:00-7:30 PM

All are welcome to join our adult book group for a discussion of this month's title, The Other Einstein, by Marie Benedict

Copies of the current title are available at the circulation desk one month prior to the meeting.

DEB'S SING AND SWING October 26 10:30-11:15 AM

Join the fun! Music, stories, singing and dancing! Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library

WINGMASTER'S October 28 11:00AM

Birds of prey are also known as raptors, and they are hunting birds characterized by hooked beaks and powerful grabbing feet armed with sharp talons. Raptors can also boast the best eyesight and the sharpest hearing in the animal kingdom. Raptors include hawks, falcons and owls, and this presentation, which incorporates 6 live birds of prey, all native to New England, gives an overview of these different categories. Because many birds of prey are declining in number, this presentation also features one or more of the endangered raptors that WINGMASTERS cares for, and explains why these species face an uncertain future.

This is for ages 6+. Sponsored by the Hugh and Harriet Crawford

The British are coming...to Auburn!

AUBURN — The Auburn Historical Society and Museum's monthly meetings will resume on Thursday, Sept. 21, ing will be, "The American War for Independence from the viewpoint of a British soldier." It will be presented by Guy Morin who does historical interpretive programs and may be in a British uniform with accoutrements.

Join us as we begin to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the American Revolutionary War. The meeting will be held at the Auburn Sportsman's Club, 50 Elm St. It is a free event and open to the public.

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Spice Club Each month will feature a new spice, recipes, and cookbooks. Stop by the lobby to grab a sample of that month's spice, then take it home and cook! September spice Cayenne!

Halloween Costume Swap—Starts September 1st! Drop off your gently used costumes and items. Receive tickets for the items you bring, and you can use those to get new items on the swap date.

Are you a Collector of Old Books? Come check out our display upstairs to see if any of them could be added to your collection!

Adult Programming YOGA WITH JULIE -Saturday September 9th 16th 23rd and 30th at 9:30

Join Julie at the Gladys E. Kelly Library for a vinyasa yoga class for all levels. In Sanskrit, Vinyasa

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connection.

yoga translates to the 'uniting of movement with breath". A typical class involves centering the mind with the breath, aromatherapy, movement of the body to release energetic blockages, and, finally, rest and relaxation. Classes are free. Funded by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library.

ADULT BOARDGAME NIGHT--- October 2nd and 23rd -- 6:00 PM

Come in and play games with other board game enthusiasts. Learn a new one, or play one you know and help others learn!

FRIENDS CONCERT SERIES: --- October 12th at 6:30 PM

seven-piece band featuring the music of New Orleans including tunes by The Meters, Dr. John, Jon Cleary, Professor Longhair, John Boutte among others.

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP— October 16th at 6:30 PM

month's This book discussion will be in the Library's Community Room. The Group will be discussing Fellowship Point by Elliot Dark. Stop by the library, or reach out by phone at 508-949-3880, or by email to rcox@ cwmars.org for inquiries.

COOKBOOK CLUB--- September 26th at 6:00

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Kevin looks forward to starting

who like to cook- and eat! Each month will feature

new cookbook. Take home this month's pick, choose a recipe, and bring what you make to the

next meeting! We welcome all cooking abilities! Pick up your copy at the circulation desk.

TASTING CLASS FOR ADULTS: NAAN PIZZA --- September 25th at 6:00 PM

This short tasting class will have you slicing fresh tomatoes, fresh mozzarella, and other fresh ingredients to make your own margherita pizza. will be using what we've grown in the library's garden, and supplementing from local farms. Please note no gluten free option will be available.

CLOSING UP THE GARDEN--- September 28th at 6:00 PM

While the end of the season can be depressing, it's also the best time to get a jump start on the following year. Blackstone Valley Veggies will explore pruning, seed saving, mulching, and compost-

Children's and Young **Adult Programming**

MAKER MONDAYS -Mondays from 3:30-4:30

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!

Build Tuesdays-Tuesday September 26th from 3:30-4:30 PM

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@cwmars.org for more details.

STORY HOUR WITH MISS MELONIE---September 19th at 9:30 AM

Please join "Miss Melonie" for a monthly fun and educational time exploring thematic stories, songs and games. For 3-4-year-old with accompanying adult.

DRUM CIRCLE WITH MIKE LEO--- September 23rd at 12:30-2:00 PM

Local musician Mike Leo will be facilitating a session of rhythm,

drumming, and interactive live music for all ages. Be both the audience and the performer as we connect

deeper with rhythm, interact with Musical and rhythmic games, and become the Rhythm Section of an interactive live concert.

TASTING CLASS FOR KIDS: NAAN PIZZA ----September 25th at 6:00

This short tasting class

will have you slicing fresh tomatoes, fresh mozzarella, and other fresh ingredients make vour own margherita pizza. We will using be what we've g r o w n in the library's garden, and sup-

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STEM BEGINNINGS---September 26th at 10:00

With each class, children ages 3-6, or preschool/kindergarten, will learn STEM concepts through hands-on activities, engaging stories, music and movement, challenges, and even simple experiments ideal for little hands.





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The process to adopt a child from foster care includes training, interviews, and home visits to determine if adoption is right for you. These steps will help match you with a child or sibling group that your family will fit well with.

To learn more about adoption from foster care visit www.mareinc.org . Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) can give you guidance and information on the adoption process. Reach out today to find out all the ways you can help children and teens in foster care.





Webster Senior CENTER

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Email: SeniorCenter@Webster-MA.gov

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. You do not have to be a resident of Webster to participate in our activities and programs. ALL Seniors are welcome!

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: Tuesday 9/26 Shepherd's Pie, carrots, peas. Wednesday 9/27 Baked Ham, mashed sweet potatoes, brussels sprouts. Thursday 9/28 Stuffed Pepper Casserole, mashed potatoes, carrots . Friday 9/29 Ranch Chicken, red bliss potatoes,

A SHINE (Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone) counselor is available at the Senior Center to assist you with any health insurance questions you may have. Just a reminder, Medicare Open Enrollment is October 15th to December 7th. Please call (508) 949-3845 to schedule an appointment.

Need help with your MassHealth application? Tri-Valley has Certified Application Counselors available to assist you. Appointments are available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm and Wednesdays from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Tri-Valley office in Dudley. Please call Tri-Valley at (508) 949-6640. Appointments are available on Fridays from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at the Webster Senior Center. Please call (508) 949-3845 to schedule Friday appointments at the Senior Center.

REC Farmer's Market every Thursday from 1:00 – 2:30 pm on the Town Hall front lawn.

Come on down to the Bomba Beauty Salon at the Webster Senior Center and enter a raffle to win a free haircut! No purchase necessary. Bomba Beauty Salon is open for walk in appointments on Wednesdays from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays by appointment only from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Call (508) 341-8724 to schedule an appointment.

Join us for a Movie Matinee on Monday, September 25th at 1:00 pm. We will be showing "Dog Gone" based on a true story about a father and son. Refreshments will be served. Please sign up at the Senior Center front desk.

Join us for a Soup Social on Monday, October 2nd at 11:30 am. Sponsored by Christopher Heights. Please sign up at the Senior Center front desk.

Come join us for our first ever Golden Bachelor Viewing Party on Thursday, October 5th at 10:00 am. We'll have trivia games, activities and light refreshments. Please sign up at the Senior Center front desk.

Ready – Set – Go Shopping!! The Friends of the Webster Senior Center are hosting a Craft Fair on Monday, Oct. 16th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Personalized gifts, home & holiday décor, clothing, birdhouses, jewelry, honey, chocolate, soaps, candles paintings, etched glass and much more will be available for purchase. Admission is free!

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.

Progressive Beginner Line Dancing with Forty Arroyo on Fridays, 1:00 – 2:30 pm. Cost: \$3.00 per class. We dance to all genres of music, come join us!

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. Bingo sheets are not sold after 12:45 pm. Why not 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. Thirteencard pitch meets on Thursdays at 1:00 pm.

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

Trip 1: Splish Splash, the Music of Bobby Darin at Lake Pearl in Wrentham, MA on Wednesday, October 18th. Trip Price of \$109.00 includes transportation, luncheon, meal tax, meal gratuity, & show ticket. Trip 2: Dancing Dream, ABBA Tribute Band at Lake Pearl in Wrentham, MA on Wednesday, November 15th. Trip Price of \$115.00 includes transportation, luncheon, meal tax, meal gratuity & show ticket. Our trips sell out quickly 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

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)

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.

Cornerstone Bank donates nearly \$9,000 to local nonprofits to sponsor fall events porting causes that provide financial assis with a personal touch

— Cornerstone Bank, a community bank with 10 locations throughout Central Massachusetts, has donated a total of \$8,750 to sponsor two upcoming local charity events: the Briarwood Golf Outing at the Wachusett Country Club in West Boylston on Thursday, Sept. 28; and the Fifth Annual 5K & Walk for Barton, Fall Festival & Craft Fair in North Oxford on Saturday, Oct. 14.

"It is a tremendous privilege to support both of these incredible organizations," said Cornerstone Bank CEO Todd Tallman. "The important work they each do is vital to the community, and we are proud to be part of these wonderful annual

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improve the quality of life for the residents of Central Massachusetts, Cornerstone Bank frequently makes monetary donations and donations of goods or services to local schools and civic groups in the communities it serves.

Cornerstone's \$7,500 sponsorship of the Briarwood Golf Outing will help Worcesterbased Briarwood Continuing Care Retirement Community in its mission to provide the highest quality coordinated housing, health, wellness and support services to its residents.

The bank's \$1,250 donation to the Barton Center for Diabetes Education, Inc., will be used to raise money to support camp operations, fund the campership program and tance to children who would otherwise be unable to attend camp.

To learn more about Briarwood's Golf Outing, visit briarwoodretirement.com. For more information about the Barton Center and the Fifth Annual 5K & Walk, visit bartoncenter.org.

About Cornerstone Bank

Cornerstone Bank was formed in 2017, born of a long history of supporting the community, and providing a strong foundation to help people and businesses thrive. Serving Worcester County, Massachusetts, Bank's Cornerstone local presence and community-based banking model enables a unique ability to deliver outstanding service,

with a personal touch. Cornerstone provides the highest level of service and expertise for individuals, businesses, and community organizations with branch locations throughout Central Massachusetts. Cornerstone works to connect customers with opportunities, through a broad range of deposit and loan products, and services. Built on Trust is not just a tag line, but also one of our guiding corporate values. Whether a business or personal partnership, Cornerstone on the foundation that relationships are built on trust. To learn about Cornerstone Bank's personal and business banking offerings, please visit cornerstonebank.com or call 800-939-9103.

Country Bank grants \$10,000 to MA Farm Resiliency Fund

REGION — Country Bank, a full-service financial institution serving Central and Western Massachusetts, proudly supports the MA Farm Resiliency Fund. The Governor and Lt. Governor, in partnership with the community and the United Way of Central Massachusetts (UWCM), has established the MA Farm Resiliency Fund, to respond to the recent storm impact Western and Central Massachusetts. This initiative aims to provide assistance to farms affected by the recent flooding and heavy rains that impacted an estimated 2,700 acres, across 100 farms, resulting in \$15 million in

by the Farm Fund is going to be life-changing for so many Massachusetts farmers," said Gov. Maura Healey. "The

"The relief provided

Lieutenant Governor and I spent time over the last sev-

eral weeks traveling around the state to visit with farmers that have been affected so severely by these rains. We saw the damage, and we know how much of their livelihoods are at stake. That's why I'm thankful to all of the organizations and foundations who have donated to the fund. It's because of their support that Massachusetts farmers will be able to start fresh for the new season," stated Healey.

"Our goal with the Fund is to support farmers and communities by raising and distributing funds with urgency, as they are facing challenges right now. We are so grateful to Country Bank for immediately stepping up and joining us to address the losses for farms, food pantries and the rural communities who rely on a vibrant agricultural economy," stated Tim Garvin, President & CEO, United Way of Central MA.

Country Bank welcomes Brunilda Demiri, First VP, Director of Internal Audit

REGION — Country Bank, a full-service financial institution serving Central and Western Massachusetts, is pleased to announce that Brunilda Demiri of Natick has joined its Auditing Division.

Before joining Country Bank, Demiri worked as a Lead Auditor for the Federal Reserve Bank Boston. She has more than 14 years of experience in the industry and is currently a member of the Institute of Internal Auditors and the Certified Fraud **Examiners Community**

welcome Brunilda to the Audit team; it was not only her background and experience with the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, but her specific interest in community banking and her personal commitment to community service make her a perfect fit for Country Bank. Her approach towards her role and building relationships internally has proven to be a winning strategy and aligns with our iSTEP Corporate Values of Integrity, Service, Teamwork, Excellence, Prosperity. We are excit-

"We are thrilled to ed she's on our team, and we're pleased that she has chosen Country Bank as her Employer Choice," stated Miriam Siegel, First Senior Vice President and Chief Culture & Development Officer, Human Resources. "At the Federal

Reserve Bank, I managed multiple audit responsible teams for some of the Fed's most complex and high-risk audit engagements," said Demiri. "Throughout my career, I have learned how impactful audit can be and look forward to providing valuable

helping Country Bank stay ahead of risks that could impact the success of objectives and strategic initiatives. I have enjoyed getting to know the people here and look forward to continued partnerships and working together."

Demiri Bachelor's in Accounting from Bentley University, and is currently enrolled in Babson's MBA program. Brunilda is also a certified fraud exam-





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Ithaca College students named to Spring 2023 Dean's List

ITHACA, N.Y. — Ithaca College student named to Dean's List for the Spring 2023

Thomas Lawrence of Dudley Grace Mattson of Dudley Ashley Vandenbrouck of Oxford

About Ithaca College Founded in 1892, Ithaca College is a residential college dedicated to building knowledge and confidence through a continuous cycle of theory, practice and performance. Home to some 5,200 students, the college offers more than 90 degree programs in its schools of Business; Communications; Humanities and Sciences; Health Sciences and Human Performance; and Music, Theatre, and Dance.

Students, faculty and staff at Ithaca College create an active, inclusive community anchored in a keen desire to make a difference in the local community and the broader world. The college is consistently ranked as one of the nation's top producers of Fulbright scholars, one of the most LGBTQ+ friendly schools in the country, and one of the top 10 colleges in the Northeast.

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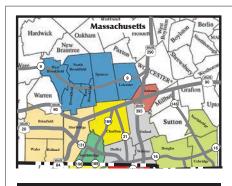
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EDITORIAL

Prelude to winter

As the leaves start to change their hues, New England officially welcomes yet another enchanting fall season this upcoming weekend. With the crisp air and vibrant foliage, the region's autumnal beauty is unparalleled. However, as we embrace the picturesque landscapes and harvest festivals, it's hard not to wonder what the upcoming winter has in store for us.

New Englanders are no strangers to harsh winter weather; however, speculation is brewing that the 2023-2024 winter might be especially snowy. While predicting the exact extent of winter weather remains an inexact science, several factors are causing meteorologists to raise their eyebrows.

First and foremost, the past few years have shown a pattern of increasingly unpredictable weather, influenced by changing global climate conditions. The Atlantic Multidecadal Oscillation (AMO) is currently in a positive phase, which typically means a colder and snowier winter for our region. La Niña conditions in the Pacific Ocean can also intensify these effects, potentially bringing more precipitation and frigid temperatures to our region.

In addition to these climate patterns, experts are closely monitoring the behavior of the jet stream. Shifts in the iet stream can significantly impact New England's weather, steering storms and influencing the severity of winter conditions. As we head into fall, the position and strength of the jet stream will be key indicators of what lies ahead.

It's important to remember that while a snowy winter can be challenging, it also brings its own magic. The pristine landscapes covered in a blanket of snow, the joy of winter sports, and the cozy moments by the fireplace all contribute to the unique charm of a New England

In light of these potential winter challenges, now is the time to prepare. Residents should ensure their homes are winter-ready, with sufficient heating, insulation, and emergency supplies. Motorists should have their vehicles winterized, and travelers should stay informed about weather forecasts and road conditions. Outdoor enthusiasts must also check the weather for summit temperatures before hiking or back country skiing.

As we savor the pumpkin spice lattes and apple-picking adventures of fall, keep a watchful eye on the horizon. While we cannot control the weather, we can prepare for whatever winter brings our way. And when the snowflakes fall, we'll embrace them with the same indomitable spirit that has defined our region for generations.

Letter submission policy

Letters to the Editor must include the author's name, address, and a daytime phone number for purposes of verification in order to be considered for publication. Only the author's name and the town in which they reside will be published. Letters submitted without all of the required information will not be accepted.

It is the sole prerogative of the Editor to determine whether a submission satisfies our requirements and decency standards, and any submission may be rejected at any time for any reason he or she might deem appropriate.

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The power of divine love

What is the most important question in life. Why are we here? What does God seek from us during this short time on earth?

The answer is simple, although it may be difficult to realize. We live in order to love! We are invited to understand that we are loved by God, we are His beloved, and from this foundation of love we are called to love others.

There is a story of a holy elder who was saying his morning prayers with his disciples. They were praying under a tree whose roots stretched out over the riverbank. In the middle of the prayers, the elder noticed that the river was rising and a scorpion happened to be caught in the roots of the tree. The elder was afraid that the scorpion might drown so he reached down to try and free the scorpion. Yet each time he tried to save the scorpion, the scorpion responded by trying to sting the

elder. One of the holy man's disciples said to his teacher, "Don't you know that a scorpion's nature is to sting? Why do you keep trying to save him? You will get stung!" The elder reached down to try and help the scorpion one more time. "Yes, that may be true, but don't you know that my nature as a child of God is to love and to save. Why should I change my nature simply because the scorpion does not change its nature?"

Our nature as a new creation in Christ is to love and to save. One of the most famous verses of the Bible says 'For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not come to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.'

These beautiful verses summarize the divine love of God. He loves us. We are His beloved. And when we are filled with His love, when we truly understand that we are His beloved deep within our souls, then it will become our nature to love others the way God loves us. This unconditional, sacrificial, divine love opens up an unending wellspring of love within our lives which we want to share with others!

Whenever we come across a person who treats us badly, we must ask ourselves, "Why should I change my nature simply because of his poor behavior?" If someone else wants to be angry and say evil things about us and even hate us, we must ask ourselves, "Why should I change my nature of love simply because the other acts out of their hatred and evil. If we hate someone who hates us, how are we allowing God's love to shine forth from us? In contrast, when we learn to respond with peace to anger, with love to hatred, with kindness and mercy to any offense, this shows that we are cultivating divine love in our heart.

Of course, such divine love is not easy. It is difficult to love those who hate us, to forgive those who hurt us, or to show mercy to those who offend us. Yet, God is ready to fill us with this divine love, to overflow our hearts with His divine agape. It is from the ocean of God's love that comes the tiny drops of our own ability to love.

We receive the ability to love through the new life that comes from Christ! His divine love helps us overcome any anger, bitterness, hatred, or evil that may tempt us. Through divine love, we discover the path to our true nature – our identity as God's beloved children.

THE Here is a beautiful descrip-PEWS By Fr. Luke

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tion of divine love in the midst of utter darkness. Bishop Nikolai Velimirovic suffered terribly from the evils of a Nazi concentration camp. Yet he responded to the evils of the world with God's love:

O Lord, bless my enemies. Enemies have driven me into Your embrace more than friends have. Friends have bound me to the earth, vet enemies have loosed me from

the earth and have demolished all my aspirations in the world. Bless my enemies, O Lord. Whenever I have made myself wise, my enemies have called me foolish. Whenever I have made myself mighty, they have mocked me as though I were a dwarf. Whenever I have tried to build a home for a long and tranquil life, they have demolished it and driven me out. Truly, enemies have cut me loose from the world and have stretched out my hands to the hem of your garment. Enemies have taught me to know what hardly anyone knows, that a person has no enemies in the world except himself.

One hates his enemies only when he fails to realize that they are not enemies, but cruel friends. It is truly difficult for me to say who has done me more good and who has done me more evil, my friends or enemies. Therefore Lord, bless both my friends and my enemies. A slave curses his enemies, for he does not understand. But a son blesses them, for he understands. For a son knows that his enemies cannot touch his life but can teach him much about life. Therefore, we can freely walk among them and pray to God for them. Bless my enemies, O Lord, bless them and do not curse them.

Let me conclude with one final story. One day, an elder asked his disciples, "When do you know that the night has ended and the day has begun?" One disciple answered, "When you look in the distance and can distinguish between a fig tree and a palm tree." Another said, "When you look in the distance and can distinguish between a dog and a sheep." And others gave similar answers. One by one, the holy father rejected each. Finally, his disciples asked him, "When do we know that the night has ended and the day has begun?" And the elder answered, "When we look in the distance, and see no difference between our enemy and our friend - when we look at both with love, then we know that our night has ended and our day has begun."

Divine love reveals to us the eternal day! May we open our hearts and be filled with God's divine love and then live our lives sharing this love with others, loving even our enemies with His love.

What should you ask a financial advisor?



FINANCIAL Focus

DENNIS ANTONOPOULOS

Managing your finances and investing for your future are important tasks — and they can be challenging. But you don't have to go it alone. Many people benefit from working with a financial advisor, someone who knows their needs and goals and makes appropriate recommendations. If you're considering getting some help, you'll want to ensure a particular financial advisor is right for you, so it's a good idea to ask questions.

Here are some to consider:

Have you worked with people like me? All of us are unique individuals. Yet, you do share certain characteristics with others — age, income, family situation and so on. And you might feel comfortable knowing that a financial advisor has worked with people like you and can readily understand and appreciate your needs and specific goals: college for your children, a certain type of retirement lifestyle, the kind of legacy you'd like to leave and others. The more information you can provide about yourself upfront, the better your chances of finding a good match.

Do you have a particular investment philosophy? Some financial advisors follow a particular investment style, while others might focus on specific investments or categories. There's nothing inherently wrong with these types of approaches, but you might be better served by working with someone who takes a broader view — one that emphasizes helping clients meet their goals over any particular philosophy or

How will you communicate with me? Open and frequent communication are key to a successful relationship with a financial advisor. So, you'll want to know what you can expect. Will you have annual or semi-annual reviews of your accounts? In between these reviews, can you contact your advisor at any time with questions you may have? How will an advisor notify you to recommend investment moves? Is the financial advisor the individual you'll communicate with, or are other people involved?

How do you define success for your clients? Some investors track their portfolios' performance against that of a specific market index, such as the S&P 500. But these types of benchmarks can be misleading. For one thing, investors should strive for a diversified portfolio of stocks, bonds and other investments, whereas the S&P 500 only tracks the largest U.S. stocks. So, when you talk to potential financial advisors about how they define success for their clients, you may want to look for responses that go beyond numbers and encompass statements such as these: "I'm successful if my clients trust me to do the right things for them. And, most important, I'm successful when I know I've helped my clients reach all their goals."

How are you compensated? Financial advisors are compensated in different ways — some work on commissions, some charge fees, and some combine fees and commissions. There isn't necessarily any best method, from a client's point of view, but you should clearly understand how a potential advisor is compensated before you begin a professional relationship.

These aren't the only questions you might ask a potential financial advisor, but they should give you a good start. When you're trusting someone to help you with your important financial goals, you want to be completely comfortable with that individual — so ask whatever is on your mind.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Defending democracy depends on holding Trump accountable

To the Editor:

By now, we've all heard the news that Donald Trump was indicted for a fourth time, this time on racketeering charges in Georgia for the criminal conspiracy he led to overturn the 2020 election.

indictments in Georgia and Washington, D.C. made clear that Trump knew he had lost the 2020 presidential election, but worked with his cronies on a variety of illegal schemes to change the election's outcome so he could remain in power. When his plans to pressure state officials to overturn the will of voters and create fake elector certificates failed to secure him the presidency, Trump and his allies

resorted to instigating a violent insurrection to try to keep Trump in power.

We must make sure this never happens again in the United States of America. Accountability is essential to protecting our democracy, our freedom to vote, and future elections.

No one is above the law, including former presidents. Trump's trial must proceed without political interference so that a jury of everyday Americans can do their jobs.

CAROL HOWARD OXFORD

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Saltwater stories

Saltwater fishing started out great this past Monday, although many anglers decided to wait until the moved out. Fortunately, missing most of the bad weather from this past week's hurricane, anglers did not wait long for the ocean's waters to calm down, and if the weatherman is right, the rest of this week will provide great weather for saltwater fishing.

I was talking to a gentleman this past weekend at the Whitinsville Fish & Game Club's field day about his fishing activities on the saltwater so far this year. Great! He has his own boat and travels many miles to catch his fish, which included tuna, stripers, cod and more. His 28-foot boat is well equipped for ocean fishing, and he often goes fishing alone. "Want to go?" he asked. As much as I would love to go, this writer declined because of old age! I know my limits, and I need to stick to my bottom fishing for seabass and tautog at this time of year. I am fortunate to have a couple of fishing buddies that own their own boat, and invite me along on numerous



THE GREAT OUTDOORS **RALPH TRUE**

fishing trips throughout the year. I will be selling my 17-foot boat next year, as I have not used it one time this year.

The gentleman I was talking to remarked about the commercial fishing boats (draggers) miles off the coast of Rhode Island, and the amount of fish that he observed in some of their nets.

Much of the fish is considered bycatch, and is either thrown back to the ocean, as it is not profitable to keep. Most, if not all, will surely die and become a meal for the seagulls or crabs. For the Marine vears. Fisheries has changed the size of holes in the nets, making them larger so that undersize fish can escape, although tons of bycatch fish are still dragged into the nets and brought on board. These commercial fishermen need to make a living, and it is hard work, but more needs to be done to

cut down on the killing of tons of juvenile fish every day. There has got to be a better way. The day may come when all commercial draggers will be gone, and they will all need to catch fish by rod & reel. They do it for tuna!

week's This ture shows a 55-pound Cod that was caught in 2010 aboard the Clipper fleet boat in Salisbury, Mass.! This writer was on boardm, and our group also caught 40- to 65-pound cod, but that all ended when a couple of fish biologists were on board. Their statement to this writer was "You will not be doing this next year!" It all ended that year, and rightly so. These fish were the breeders, some carrying millions of eggs that were the future cod stocks. We are all paying the price for the outrageous limits of cod we were allowed to catch. Unfortunately, the regulators of our fish stocks, acted too late!

Trout stocking should start any day now in the Central district. All we need is a few more cold nights to drop the water temperature, and the stocking trucks will be rolling. Because of the high water in local rivers, major rivers could be stocked with trout this

& Wildlife will be accessdisappearing every year.

Pheasant chicks were delivered to Rod & Gun at the clubs, where they will be stocking, as well these clubs were lookbirds. Call them to see if they can use your help this year. Singletary Rod local club that annually raises state birds for

Archery season for deer in Mass. could start earlier next year, to the delight of archers. Zones

fall. The Division of Fish

ing pheasant stocking at many WMA'S this year. Flooding conditions at Bolton Flats will be assessed prior to the pheasant stocking this year, and will have a positive outcome for pheasant hunters. More and more hunting sites are

Clubs in the area. The birds are raised by the clubs until pheasant season, at which time the birds will be stocked in open covers, throughout the pheasant season. The stocking sites are posted as days the birds will be stocked. In the past, ing for help to stock the & Gun in Oxford is one release in open covers.

Do not forget to go



10 - 14 opened Oct. 2, and hopes are high that next year, Zones 1-9 will be the same. Other states like Rhode Island and Connecticut are already open to archery deer hunting. It is long over-

online on Sept. 27 if you want to buy a surplus deer permit for zones 3-7, 9, 12 at 9 a.m.!

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

Apple Fun Facts!

Take the Hint A Reader Exchange of Helpful Hints and Handy

This time of year, few simple pleasures compare to enjoying a favorite fall ritual: biting into a New England apple, fresh from the tree!

It's no secret crispy, sweet apples offer an abundance of health benefits from weight loss to heart health. Add to that a movement to "buy local," there's never been a better time to enjoy the virtues of locally grown To celebrate apples. the peak apple season, this week's column will review some apple facts and fun info!

Did you ever wonder why New England apples are uniquely delicious? The tasty blend of sweet and tart flavors is attributed to the region's long, hot summers, crisp fall days, and rocky soil.

Everyone has a favorite native apple; after all about 40 varieties of apples are commonly grown in New England apple orchards. The most popular today are McIntosh, Cortland, New England Red Delicious, Macoun, Empire, and Other favored New England varieties

include Crispin, Mutsu, Gala, Golden Delicious, IdaRed, Jersey Mac, Jonagold, and PaulaRed,

Apples have a long and vital tradition in New England. Many varieties were discovered here, or go back centuries. A commercial apple growing region since the 1700s, New England is still known for its distinctive varieties, particularly the McIntosh, which accounts for two thirds of the region's crop. Other classic New England varieties are the Macoun, Cortland, Empire, Eastern Red Delicious, and Rome. New England orchards are also keeping alive heirloom varieties like Northern Spy, Baldwin, Pippin, Roxbury Russet and Red Gravenstein.

Want to up the odds of your apple pie winning a blue ribbon? Take a tip from top chefs who recommend the following as superior pie apples: Cortland, Golden

Newton Pippin, Rome.

Also good for pie baking:

Braeburn, Empire, Fuji,

Jonathan,

Gala, Ginger Gold, and Jonagold.

Delicious,

Did you know the smaller the apple, the stronger the taste? That's because



TAKE THE HINT

KAREN TRAINOR

as large apples typically have more water content.

Pleasures of Picking: If you're picking apples off the trees, don't pluck or pull! Twist the apple firrmly yet gently and the apple will come off the branch with the stem intact - picture perfect!

Perfect Pick: Can>t make it to the orchard to pick your apples? In the store, look for apples are firm with an even color and smooth skin. Apples with a green stem means they ve been freshly picked and not stored away.

And if the apple has a blossom, it should be green.

Chill Out: Always refrigerate your apples. An apple at room temperature spoils ten times faster thanif its refrigerated. The optimum temperature to keep apples at their best flavor is about 35 to 38 degrees. While refrigerators aren't typically that cold, be sure to keep apples in the chilliest area of your refrigerator. To further

extend the freshness of apples, store them in a perforated plastic bag in the refrigerator. With this method apples can last up to four weeks, depending on the apple and how ripe it was when picked.

Frozen Assets: Did you know you can freeze apples? Simply peel, core, slice them and seal in heavy-duty zipper freezer bags.

Easy as Pie: To make quick work of apple pie preparation, freeze prepared apples in a metal pie tin. When frozen, pop out and transfer to a ziplock freezer bag. When you want to make a homemade apple pie, simply transfer the frozen apple filling into a pie crust and follow your favorite recipe.

A is for Apple: Cornell University researchers reported in the journal Nature in 2000 that one apple packs more cancer-fighting antioxidant capability than a 1,500-milligram dose of vitamin C.

Food for Thought: Research from University Massachusetts Lowell suggests that apple juice may protect against oxidative damage that contributes to age related disorders such as Alzheimer's disease. And it may also help to maintain brain performance.

Superior Strains: Studies show apples are not all alike when it comes to health benefits. In fact, Red Delicious apples, which account for 27% of U.S. apple production, have two times more antioxidant activity than Empire apples, according to a Canadian study. Northern Spy came in second; followed by Cortland, Ida Red, Golden Delicious, McIntosh,

Mutsu and Empire.

Coffee Cider: Apple cider is at its best this time of year, and coffee cider merges the fresh New England cider taste with classic coffee. This hot drink is a favorite at fall get togethers. Here's how you can make it easily in your drip coffee maker: Place one quarter cup of coffee grounds and one quarter teaspoon ground cinnamon into the brew basket of coffee maker. Then place one quarter cup brown sugar or honey and one cup of apple cider in the bottom of the pot. Add three cups cold water to the coffee maker and brew. When brewing cycle is complete, stir until well mixed.Serve in mugs with cinnamon sticks. A quick note: The glass pot and brewing basket may require a little more

cleaning after this recipe, but it's worth it!

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

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

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

Uncertainty is not your enemy

Many of us have an innate discomfort with change.

Humans crave predictability from the consistent taste of our favorite drive-through burger to the measurable calories burned in our workout routine.

This desire for standardized outcomes is natural; once we find something that works, we naturally gravitate toward replicating it. This repetition leads us into a comfortable routine, fostering a predictable pattern of thoughts and emotions. This predictability makes us feel as if we are eradicating most of life's uncertainties, wrapping us in a comforting blanket of stability.

The routines are good. Plenty of information indicates they are good for you. Still, even in a routine, we often desire

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accomplish more and do something different and extraordinary.

favor-

ite author, Joe Dispenza, says, " Routines lull us to sleep...becoming the person we aspire to be requires that you stop

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being the old self." What does that mean? Sure, we may like change when it comes to trying a new food, reading a new book, or watching a new show on TV. But how often do we like change when it causes uncertainty? If you're like most people, the answer is never.

Certainty is comfortable, and over time, it becomes familiar. We can become so familiar with something that deviating from the norm feels unnatural and uncom-

fortable. Take an angry person, for example. They always have a dark cloud over their head and typically respond to most circumstances angrily. Why is that? Over time, they've become so comfortable with their anger, and it becomes so familiar that

any other emotion feels

foreign and unsettling.

Indeed, emotional habits can feel like a constant, but life rarely adheres to the scripts we write for it. Whether it's the loss of a job, the death of someone close, or an abrupt move to an unfamiliar city, life's curveballs have a way of upending our emotional equilibrium. The immediate reaction is often one of discomfort and fear.

Questions flood our minds: How will I manage my finances? Will I ever find a loving relationship again? Can I adapt to this new place? This iuncture is our encounter with the unknown, the point where we're forced to navigate the murky waters of uncertainty.

Uncertainty has its transformative magic. To take advantage of this magic, you must step out of the known and venture into new territory: the unknown.

Dispenza says, "After all, if you focus on the known, you get the known. If you focus on the unknown, you create a possibility ... the longer you invest your energy into the unknown, the more you are going to create a new experience or new possibilities in your life."

Far from being an unwelcome intruder, change can act as a catalyst, compelling us to break free from the mundane and the familiar.

In those moments when the rug is pulled out from under us, we're not just thrown into disarray but also presented with an invaluable opportunity for growth, exploration, and possibility.

When we adapt to new circumstances, explore new skills, or cultivate new ways of thinking, we're presented with something greater than simply adjusting. We're changing our reality. How? By changing our

personality. Dispenza says, "Your personality creates your personal reality, and your personality is made up of how you think, act, and feel...most people try to create a new reality as the same personality, and it doesn't work, you literally have to become someone else. The process of change requires breaking the habit of the old self and becoming a

new self." Uncertainty propels us to think differently, and only when we begin to think and feel differently can we become that new

self. When unsure what to expect, our minds explore uncharted territory, conceiving new ideas, solutions, feelings, and emotions that we might not have considered otherwise.

In this light, uncertainty isn't our enemy but rather an untapped potential reservoir. In the tension between the familiar and the unknown, we discover who we are and who we can become. So the next time life throws you a curveball, don't just brace for impact embrace it.

As Dispenza puts it, "The best way to predict your future is to create it not from the known, but from the unknown."

LEGALS

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Division Docket No. WO23P3071A Estate of: **Harriet Alona Moore** Also Known As: **Harriet A. Moore** Date Of Death: July 20, 2023 **INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate by Petition of Petitioner

Pamela L. Keyes of Spencer MA a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Pamela L. Keyes of Spencer 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.

September 22, 2023

Warrant Articles #15 (Zoning) and **Articles #20, #21, and #22 (General)** of the Annual Town Meeting held on May 22, 2023, has received approval from the Attorney General's Office on September 5, 2023. The entire text of this by-law is posted in the following five places in accordance with G.L c. 40 § 32: Dudley Municipal **Complex, Pearle Crawford Memorial** Library, Mason Road School, Dudley **District Court House and Shepherd** Hill High School.

Attest: Lori A. Smith, Dudley Town Clerk

September 22, 2023 September 29, 2023

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT **DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL** COURT

ORDER OF NOTICE Docket Number: 23 SM 003355 TO: Nigel J. Doyle and Tara L. Doyle and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seg) **Webster First Federal Credit Union** claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Dudley numbered 12 (Lot 33) Stebbins Drive, given by Nigel J. **Doyle and Tara L. Doyle** to Webster First Federal Credit Union, dated September 11, 2015, and recorded in Worcester County Registry of Deeds in Book <u>54290</u>, Page <u>342</u>, has 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 abovementioned 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 10/16/23 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act. Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice 09/01/23. of this Court on Attest: A True Copy Attest

NOTICE OF SALE OF MOTOR VEHICLE **UNDER G.L.C. 255, SECTION 39A**

Deborah J. Patterson Recorder

September 22, 2023

Notice is hereby given by: School Street Towing 17-31 School Street, Webster MA 01570 pursuant to the provisions of G.L.C. c. 255, Section 39A, that on: 30 Sept. 2023 at 9:00 AM at 17-31 School Street, Webster MA by private sale the following Motor Vehicle will be sold to satisfy the garagekeeper's lien theron for storage, towing charges, care and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicle.

Vehicle description: Year 2009 Make: Mini Cooper

Registartion#/State: Un Reg.

VIN: WMWML33509TX36222 Name and address of vehicle owner Maxwell D. Folgert, 71 Forest Hill Rd

Apt. I, Jamaica Plains 02130 By Frank A Czechowski 6 Sept 2023

This notice has been given under the provisions of G.L.c. 255, Section 39A. September 15, 2023

September 22, 2023 September 29, 2023

PUBLIC NOTICE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMEN-TAL PROTECTION WATERWAYS REGULATION **PROGRAM**

Notice of Simplified License Application pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 91 23-WW-PRE-0091-APP

NOTIFICATION DATE: Friday, September 22, 2023 PERMITTEE: Thomas T. Klebart **PROJECT SITE ADDRESS: 27 Bates Grove Rd. Webster MA**

Public notice is hereby given of the application for a Chapter 91 Simplified License by

Thomas T. Klebart to construct/maintain a retaining wall replacement, with an existing dock in the waters of Webster Lake at 27 Bates Grove Rd., Webster. MA. Worcester County.

The Department will consider all written comments on this Waterways application received by within 30 days of the "Notification Date". Failure of any aggrieved person or group of ten citizens or more to submit written comments to the Waterways Regulation Program will result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing in accordance with 310 CMR 9.13(4)(c). The group of citizens must include at least five citizens who are residents of the municipality in which the proposed project is located.

Project plans for this Waterways application are on file for public viewing electronically, by request to dep.waterways@ mass.gov. If you do not have access to email, please leave a voicemail at (617) 292-5929 and you will be contacted with information on alternative options.

It is recommended that public comments be filed electronically with dep. waterways@mass.gov when possible. Alternatively, comments may be mailed to the Waterways Regulation Program at: 1 Winter Street, 5th Floor, Boston. MA 02108.

September 22, 2023

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. WO23A0333AD

WO23A0334/0335AD **CITATION G.L.c. 210, § 6** In the matter of: Nateli Aundrea Barjoro, Izayah Barjojo, Nyameri Jazarah Barjolo

George Barjolo

To:

any unnamed or unknown parent and persons interested in a petition for the adoption of said child and the Depart-

of Children and Families of said Commonwealth.

A petition has been filed by said court by

Perry D'Wight of Webster MA Theresa Callaghan of Webster MA in requesting for leave to adopt said child and that the name of the children be changed to

Nateli Athena Perry, Izayah Zeus Perry, **Nyameri Aphrodite Perry** IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERE-TO.

YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT: Worcester ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00AM) ON: 10/31/2023 WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A Keamy, First Justice of this Court.

Date: July 172, 2023 Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate September 15, 2023 September 22, 2023 September 29, 2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

Worcester Probate and Family

Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 Docket No. WO23P3024GD CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF **GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO**

G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 In the matter of: Tanner D. Vienneau Of: East Douglas, MA RESPONDENT

Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Christine P. Vienneay of East Douglas, MA

Theresa Gagne of Oxford, MA in the above captioned matter alleging

that Tanner D. Vienneau is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Theresa Gagne of Oxford, MA Christine P. Vienneay of East Douglas, MA

(or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 09/26/2023

This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the abovenamed person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court. Date: August 29, 2023

Stephanie K. Fattman Register of Probate

September 22, 2023

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. W023P2981EA **CITATION ON PETITION** FOR SALE OF REAL ESTATE

> **TIVE** Estate of: **Elaine Carol Bradley** Also Known As: Elaine C. Brady

BY A PERSONAL REPRESENTA-

Date of Death: 07/28/2023 To all interested persons:

A Petition for Sale of Real Estate has Kenneth Holmstrom of Nashville TN requesting that court authorize the Personal Representative to sell the decedent's real estate at a private sale. IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attornev must file a written appearance and objection at this court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/03/2023. 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 no-

tice to you. WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A Kearny, First

Justice of this Court. Date: September 07, 2023 Stephanie K. Fattman,

Register of Probate September 22, 2023

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE **OF REAL ESTATE**

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage dated July 14, 2022 given by Richard Burbo to ASW Fund 1, LP, said mortgage recorded with the Worcester County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 67909, Page 327, and which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:30 a.m. on the 9th day of October, 2023 at 314 Main Street, Oxford, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage. To wit:

Property Address: 314 Main Street,

Oxford, MA

A certain tract or parcel of land, bounded and described as follows:

The land with the buildings thereon of every nature and description and all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, situated on the easterly side of Main Street, Oxford, Worcester County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at an iron rod set in the easterly line of said Main Street at the northwest corner of the premises hereby conveyed, which iron rod is about seven hundred (700) feet north of a County Bound set in said easterly line of Main Street;

Thence South 21 degrees West by said Main Street forty-one and 65/100 (41.65) feet to an iron pipe set in said easterly line of Main Street;

Thence South 69 degrees East by land formerly of Andrew W. Sigourny et al one hundred twelve and 60/100 (112.60) feet to an iron pipe;

Thence North 23 degrees East by said Sigourny et al land forty-five (45) feet to an iron pipe at land formerly of Emma M. James:

Thence North 71 degrees West by said James land one hundred fourteen and 40/100 (114.40) feet to the place of beginning.

Being the same premises conveyed to this Mortgagor by deed recorded herewith [Book 67909, Page 324].

Premises to be sold and conveved subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens and rights of any tenants and parties in possession, if there be any, or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed. The successful bidder will pay all costs of recording the foreclosure deed and any other foreclosure documents including, without limitation, all state and county excise stamp fees, and shall also be responsible for any Title V inspection and repair requirements.

Terms of sale: A deposit of Ten Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$10,000.00) by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check to Baker, Braverman & Barbadoro, P.C., 300 Crown Colony Drive, Suite 500, Quincy, MA 02169 within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. In the event of an error in this publication, the description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

ASW FUND 1, LP Present holder of said mortgage By its Attorneys, Baker, Braverman & Barbadoro, P.C. 300 Crown Colony Drive, Suite 500 Quincy, MA 02169 September 15, 2023

September 22, 2023 September 29, 2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Division Docket No. WO23P3091EA Estate of:

Barbara A. Phelps Also Known As: Barbara . Brostek Date Of Death: May 29, 2023 **INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate by Petition of Petitioner Joel Phelps of Webster MA Joel Phelps 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. September 22, 2023

REAL ESTATE

AUBURN

\$575,000, 316 Leicester St, Aliu, Shqipdona, and Sejdiji, Leonard, to Sims, Marshall W.

DUDLEY

\$559,000, 28 Corbin Rd, Mckendry, Sean M, and Mckendry, Ann M, to Antoine, Farrah.

\$525,000, 7 Jaybee Ave, Ringer, James F, and Ringer, Sara L, to Langis, Erin, and Russo, Patrick.

\$500,000,6 Truman Dr, Haynes, David F, to Vincequere

4th, Anthony, and Caccavelli, Katrina M. \$430,000, 67 Airport Rd, Huscusson, Cynthia L, and Huscusson, Steven, to Fandino, Elsa.

OXFORD

\$350,000, 5 Wild Rose St, Hibbard 3rd George B Est, and Hibbard, Irene V, to Mason Jr, Michael G.

WEBSTER

\$842,000, 294 Killdeer Rd, Llap LLC, to Oleynik,

Colleen, and Batlle, Jonathan.

\$520,000, 30-A Brookside Ave, Tcp Homes Inc, to Nguyen, Hung.

\$460,000, 2 Hall Rd, Manak, Peter L, and Manak, Jill E, to Dos Santos-Cosme, Luann E.

\$395,000, 146 High St, Leboeuf, Lawrence R, and

Leboeuf, Donnamae M, to Gerber, Eric D, and Gerber,

\$250,000, 6 James St, Dudek Christine A Est, and Dudek, Alan P, to Tcp Homes Inc.

\$79,900, Hall St, Pmz Development LLC, to All Surface Technology Inc.

LEGALS

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court Worcester Division** Docket No. WO23P2981EA Estate of: **ELAINE CAROL BRADLEY** Date Of Death: **JULY 28, 2023 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate by Petition of Petitioner KENNETH HOLMSTROM of NASHVILLE, TN A Will has been admitted to informal probate.

KENNETH HOLMSTROM of NASH-VILLE, TN 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. September 22, 2023

Notice of Public Hearing Dudley Planning Board

Changes to Fee Schedule Pursuant to Mass. General Laws Chapter 40A, Section 9, Chapter 41, Section 81Q, and Chapter 44, Section 53G, the Dudley Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at 7:15 pm in the Dudley Municipal Complex, Room 321-A, 71 West Main Street, Dudley, MA to consider revisions to the Planning Board's fee schedule. The fees were last revised in 2005 and no longer reflect current costs of processing land use applica-

The proposed fee schedule is on the Town web site and in the offices of the Planning Board and Town Clerk, 71 West Main Street, Dudley, MA during the hours of 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Tuesdays and Thursdays. Any person interested or wishing to be heard on the proposed fee schedule should appear at the time and place designated. Guy Horne, Chairman

Dudley Planning Board September 22, 2023 September 29, 2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 Docket No. WO22P1297GD CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF **PETITION FOR REMOVAL OF CONERVATOR** In the matter of: Neil Stockwell Of: Webster, MA

Alleged Incapacitated Person To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Lanessa Extended Care of Webster, MA in the above captioned matter requestig that the court: Remove the Conservator

RESPONDENT

The petition asks the court to make a determination that the Guardian and/ or Conservator should be allowed to resign; or should be removed for good cause; or that the Guardianship and/or Conservatorship is no longer necessary and therefore should be terminated. The original petition is on file with the court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 10/03/2023.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court. Date: September 12, 2023

Stephanie K. Fattman Register of Probate

September 22, 2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family** Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 Docket No. WO22P1296GD CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF **PETITION FOR** REMOVAL OF GUARDIAN FOR **INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO** G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 In the matter of: Neil Stockwell Of: Webster, MA RESPONDENT

Alleged Incapacitated Person To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Lanessa Extended Care of Webster, MA in the above captioned matter requestig that the court: Remove the Guardian

The petition asks the court to make a determination that the Guardian and/ or Conservator should be allowed to resign; or should be removed for good cause: or that the Guardianship and/or Conservatorship is no longer necessary and therefore should be terminated. The original petition is on file with the court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 10/03/2023 .

This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the abovenamed person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense. WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy,

First Justice of this Court. Date: September 12, 2023

Stephanie K. Fattman Register of Probate

September 22, 2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court **Worcester Probate and Family** Court

225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 Docket No. WO23P2263GD CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF **GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO** G.L. c. 190B, §5-304

In the interest of: Neil H. Stockwell Of: Webster, MA RESPONDENT

Person/Protected (Incapacitated Person)

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Lanessa Extended Care of Webster, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Neil H. Stockwell is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Stephen Michael Fournier, Esq. of Leominster, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond. The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 10/03/2023. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petitions. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

September 22, 2023

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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court. Date: September 12, 2023 Stephanie K. Fattman Register of Probate

> LEGAL NOTICE **MORTGAGEE'S SALE**

OF REAL ESTATE By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Patrick Yess and Melinda Yess to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for The Money Source Inc., its successors and assigns, dated December 5, 2018 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 59780, Page 157 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage Allied First Bank, SB DBA ServBank is the present holder by Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for The Money Source Inc., its successors and assigns to Allied First

Bank, SB DBA ServBank dated May 4, 2023 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 69104, Page 10, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 4 Pine Street, Oxford, MA 01540 will be sold at a Public Auction at 2:00 PM on October 3, 2023, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit: A certain parcel of land with the

thereon, in Oxford, buildings Worcester County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point located One Hundred sixty and no hundredths (160.00) feet southerly from the intersection of Charlton Street and Pine Street, said point being on the westerly line of Pine Street in Oxford THENCE along a curve on Pine Street in a southerly direction with a radius of Two thousand four hundred thirty-five and no hundredths (2435.00) feet and a length of One hundred eighty-three and thirty hundredths (183.30) feet to a point; **THENCE** N. 79 ° 17' 35" W. One Hundred forty-nine and twelve hundredths (149.12) feet to a point N. 9 ° 45' Twenty-five and no hundredths (25.00) feet to a point **THENCE** N. 78 ° 39' 57" E. Sixty and no hundredths (60.00) feet to a point **THENCE** 9° N. 45' 13" W. one hundred twenty no hundredths (120.00) feet to a point **THENCE** S. 88° 58' 05" E. One Hundred forty-eight and four hundredths (148.04) feet to said point of beginning. Being shown as Lot 2B on a Plan of Land in Oxford, MA. Owned by: Realty Trust Date: Mongoose June 14, 2001 and recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 771, Plan 118. Said Lot contains 22,519 Square according to said plan. For our title, see deed recorded herewith.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 59780, Page 154.

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

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

Allied First Bank, SB DBA ServBank Korde & Associates, P.C. 900 Chelmsford Street Suite 3102 Lowell, MA 01851 (978) 256-1500 Yess, Patrick and Melinda Yess,

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September 8, 2023 September 15, 2023 September 22, 2023

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There are reasons many love daffodils. These spring-blooming bulbs aren't fussy about where they are planted. They come back to bloom again year after year and are not bothered by deer, rabbits, or other garden pests.

But there's also a whole world of beautiful daffodils beyond the classic yellow ones. Daffodils are available in unusual flower styles and unexpected colors that can bring a whole new look to spring gardens.

Get an early start on next year's daffodil season with Barrett Browning, a variety with pure white petals and brilliant red-orange trumpets. It is an excellent choice for naturalizing. Pink Charm also boasts white petals but has a large coral-pink trumpet with ruffled edges. It is considered one of the best pink daffodils and is known for its vigor and reliability.

Add eye-catching color with the dependable heirloom Red Devon's brilliant yellow petals and flashy orange cups. For a more subtle approach choose the pastel hues of British Gamble. Its white petals are a perfect backdrop for the ruffled

GARDEN MOMENTS

> **MELINDA MYERS**

peachy-pink trumpet on these enormous, fiveinch blossoms.

Change the shape of things with some split trumpet daffodils. Cassata is a strong grower with a ruffled lemon-yellow cup that lies almost flat against broad white petals. Cum Laude boasts big, bright, extra frilly flowers with peachy accents. Lemon Beauty's flowers feature pure white petals, and its split trumpet resembles a bright yellow star.

Double daffodils add

elegance to gardens and spring floral arrangements. They also stretch the season by blooming several weeks later than most other types. La Torch's upward-facing fragrant double flowers are a mix of vellow petals and bright orange Delnashaugh ruffles. is a late-blooming double with layers of pure white petals interspersed with apricot-pink ruffles.

Lingerie's extra-large

blooms have thickly ruffled centers of white and golden yellow pet-

Some daffodils produce a bouquet of blossoms on each stem. Pueblo grows just twelve inches tall, and its primrose yellow flowers gradually fade to creamy white. Beautiful Eyes has two to three flowers per stem, with white petals, bright orange cups and a gardenia-like fragrance.

Take it down in size by planting a few miniature daffodils. Tuck them into rock gardens, under shrubs, along paths, in containers, and mix them with other spring flowering bulbs and perennials. Tete a Tete has perky, bright yellow blossoms and grows just seven inches tall. Tete Boucle is similar in size, but its double flowers display layers of yellow, gold, and green petals.

Jet Fire is another outstanding miniature daffodil. It has bright orange trumpets and golden yellow swept-back petals and is a great small-scale naturalizer in the landscape. Minnow is an adorable little gem with pale-yellow petals and bright yellow trumpets. Sundisc's petite flowers have pale

yellow petals and an almost flat, deep yellow trumpet. Miniature daffodils are a particularly good choice for perennials gardens, where they won't overwhelm neighboring plants.

For more on these and other unique daffodils, see Longfield Gardens Types of Daffodils to Know and Grow. With so many daffodil varieties to choose from, you are sure to find new ways to add spring beauty to your yard and gardens.

Melinda Myers has than written more gardening books, including the recently released Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition and Small Space Gardening. She The hosts Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD instant video series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and was commissioned by Longfield Gardens for her expertise to write this article. Her Web site is www.MelindaMyers.



Late-blooming Delnashaugh double daffodil has showy layers of pure white petals coupled with apricot-pink ruffles.

SISTERS

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"They're both good kids, good players and they both work really hard." Oxford head coach Colby Harvey said of the Monsens.

There were times during the contest when Chevene and Addisen would engage in one-on-one battles, as Cheyene defends and Addisen plays striker.

We just tell them to not beat up each other," joked Tammy Legere, head coach of Bay Path.

As far as who won the matchup this time? That would be Cheyene, as Bay Path defeated Oxford by a score of 5-2. The Minutemen also defeated the Pirates the other two times the Monsens did battle, 2-1 and 1-0. To read more about this year's game, please turn to the sports page.

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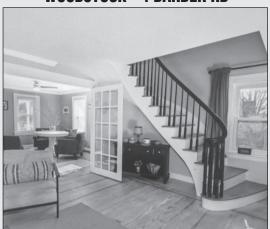
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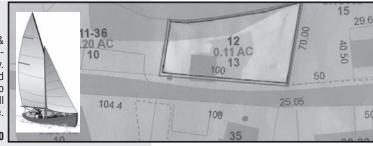
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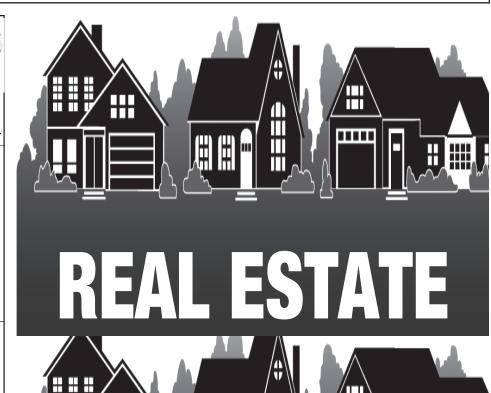


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SPORTS

Oxford outlasts Southbridge to remain unbeaten





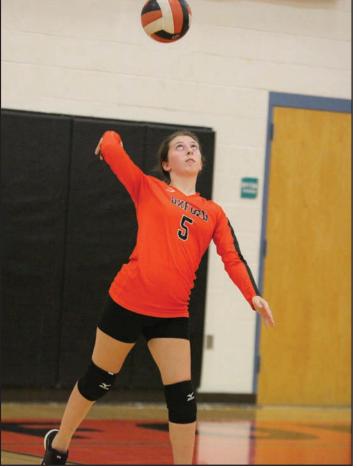
Angelica Kopec of Oxford leaps high to spike the ball back toward Southbridge's side.

Oxford's Chloe Dumas watches the ball sail over the net.

OXFORD — In a very close match that took over two hours to complete, the Oxford varsity volleyball team outlasted Southbridge when the two met on Monday, Sept. 18, 3 sets to 1. Set scores were 27-25, 25-19, 21-25, 25-23.

The Pirates are now a perfect 5-0 to open their season. The lost third set was their first of the year, as their prior four victories were 3-0. The Pioneers dropped to 4-2.









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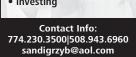
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Seeking first victories of season, Bay Path's hot start key in defeating Oxford

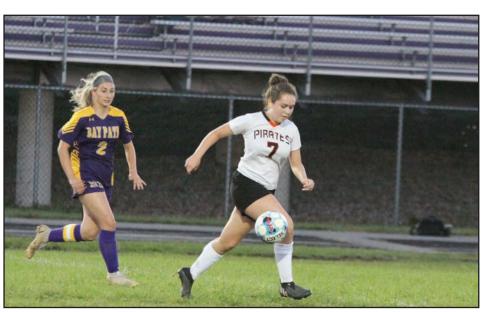


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Reese Reynolds of Oxford cuts toward the middle of the field while dribbling the ball.

Oxford's Jordan Grazulis holds off a Bay Path defender while possessing the ball.



Valerie Magill of Oxford traps the ball with her right leg while moving down the field.

BY NICK ETHIER SPORTS EDITOR

CHARLTON — When the Bay Path and Oxford girls' varsity soccer teams trotted onto a soggy George L. Fowler Memorial Field on Thursday, Sept. 14, both Minutemen and Pirates were looking for their first victories of the 2023 season. Bay Patn's hot start enabled them to a 3-0 halftime lead, and from there they held on for a 5-2 win.

The Minutemen are now 1-2 after losing to

two of the tougher teams they'll see all season in Blackstone Valley Tech and the Advanced Math and Science Academy, while the Pirates slipped

to 0-4. "The first half we came out like we never have before," said Bay Path head coach Tammy Legere. "We took our shots. We want them to shoot. We told them to shoot high and wide, and it worked.'

In the 18th minute, the Minutemen's Aliyah Gauvin got a step on her defender and launched a

high shot that sailed into the net for the game's first goal.

Then, in the 25th minute, Hannah Cavan had a carbon-copy goal from that of Gauvin's strike.

Bay Path then took its 3-0 lead into the halftime break when Miya Chauvin scored in the 31st minute. She streaked down the left side of the field after collecting a pass from Kayla Schroeder and outraced the defense before putting her shot past keeper

Paige Reynolds (10 saves). Oxford head

Colby Harvey was not pleased with his team's performance following the first 40 minutes of

"To be totally honest, the first half we didn't play soccer. We didn't play well at all," said Harvey. "In the second half we turned everything around, for sure."

In that second half, the Pirates came out with an offensive aggression that led to many shots on net. Early on it appeared that Jordan Grazulis would get Oxford on the board, but Bay Path keeper Arianna Flores made a sensational save. In fact, Flores, made eight of her 10 saves in the second half alone.

'She made some decent saves, crucial saves,' Legere said of the efforts from Flores.

Although the first 20 minutes of the second half were dominated by the Pirates, it was the Minutemen who scored next to up their advantage to 4-0. Cavan took a shot in the 62nd minute that was saved, but Chauvin followed up the rebound and deposited the ball into the net.

Bay Path then took a 5-0 lead in the 75th minute. Kayla Nguyen was awarded a free kick and



her high-arcing shot went

Oxford found some fortune in the 77th and 78th minutes, though, scoring two late goals to trim the deficit. First, Reese Reynolds' shot was saved, but Jackie Thomas pounced on the rebound for the first score. And then Grazulis took a shot which was saved, but Summer Hudson had the rebound strike.

"We've only scored one goal all year, so those two goals are huge for us. That's going to help

us move forward," said

Despite the two late goals against, Legere was pleased with the victory.

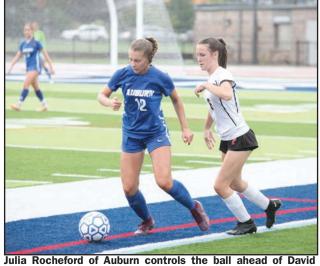
"I'm very happy because it's a rival team. We have a lot of players from Oxford," she noted, adding that the win could now springboard the team toward more suc cess.

"I think if we keep playing like this, we should be pretty good the rest of the season," Legere con-

Rockets top Prouty as both teams battle through the elements



Nick Ethier photos



Auburn's Kaitlynn Baker moves the ball away from David Prouty's Aubrey Messier. Prouty defender Aubrey Messier.

BY NICK ETHIER

AUBURN — Whenever the Auburn and David Prouty girls' varsity soccer teams have met in the recent past, you can count on two things: it'll be a competitive game and both sides will have to battle through the harsh weather.

On Oct. 4, 2021, at Auburn High, the Rockets topped the Panthers, 2-1, in a game that rained throughout and featured some downpours. Then, on Oct. 3, 2022, at Prouty, Auburn won again, this time 3-2, on a cold, misty afternoon.

Then, on Wednesday, Sept. 13, and back at Auburn, the Rockets emerged victorious, 4-2, after waiting out a 30-plus

minute weather delay midway through the first half due to nearby thunder and lightning.

"It's always raining," Auburn head coach Emily Burokas said of whenever the Rockets and Panthers match up. "We try to tell the girls that it's going to be slippery and messy. Just stay over the ball and have more of a purpose.'

"We were laughing about it two days ago when we were looking ahead. It's just going to be that game again," added Prouty head coach Derek Blodgett. "You're looking to shoot early and shoot often. We're really trying to pressure the (opposing) players because the first touch is crucial in a game like this.'

Auburn struck first before the lightning struck — in the seventh minute when Natalie Frazier centered a pass to the foot of Zhunay Moulton. From there, Moulton faked left and dribbled right, creating enough space from her defender to blast a shot past keeper Madison Ethier (17 saves) and into the net.

The weather delay then ensued and, when play resumed, Auburn quickly doubled its lead to 2-0 with another goal by Moulton in the 23rd minute. There, she stole Prouty's clearing attempt, took a couple of

touches and scored again. Burokas was pleased with the Rockets' energy coming out of the delay.

"I think they were

excited that we didn't have to postpone. They came out and did a little warmup and they were happy, goofy, but excited,' said Burokas.

Feisty Prouty trimmed its deficit in half in the 32nd minute when Eliana Barnett had a step on her defender and was tripped up in the box. She was awarded a penalty kick and went top shelf in the right corner, scoring past diving keeper Katie Valentine (3 saves) for the

regained Auburn its two-goal lead in the 36th minute when Anna O'Connor sent a high-arcing shot from the left that ultimately went up and over the reach of Ethier. But the Panthers responded in the 38th minute, Emilee Larson's shot



Auburn's Haylee Baniukiewicz chases after a loose ball.

being saved by Valentine but Aubrey Messier following up the rebound for a goal, to make it a 3-2 game at the half.

The second half featured just one goal, Auburn scoring in the 44th minute. There, Nora Staley's pass went to Frazier, who did the rest from in tight.

The Rockets improved to 3-1 in what could be a promising season.

"We should compete. I expect them to take it pretty far," Burokas said of her now more experienced team. "Last year, we had a lot of freshmen and sophomores that were starting and now they're a little bit older. They're not intimidated, so they're getting their

confidence up." Prouty, meanwhile, dropped to 0-2-1.

"I think overall we played really well," said Blodgett. "We've got a mix of players this year, a bunch are new to the game. In a tough battle with a big school like this, it's hard to go beyond those 11 or 12 players that

I have on the field. But,

overall, I'm proud of the girls. "Whether we're going to have the skill or not, we're going to have the grit. I'm going to try to coach these girls to fight until the end," added Blodgett, which his team

certainly did against Auburn.

SPORTS

Tantasqua outlasts Rockets in OT with walk-off victory



Jason Mckay photos



Brayden Belanger of Auburn attempts to dodge and weave his way through the mess of players.

Auburn's A.J Oliveria kicks the ball off toward Tantasqua.



Brayden Belanger of Auburn attempts to dodge and weave his way through the mess of players.

BY DEAN P. ST. LAURENT

STURBRIDGE — The Reservation at Tantasqua Regional played host to a thriller of a varsity football game on Friday, Sept. 15 when the Warriors hosted Auburn High.

Tantasqua took the field for their offensive possession in overtime after holding the Rockets to a field goal. Down 20-17, it only took two plays for the Warriors to punch it in for a touchdown to secure a 23-20 walk-off win at home.

Tantasqua (1-1) secured their first win of the season on a beautifully placed fade ball thrown by junior signal-caller Adam Howe to the left corner of the end-zone where senior Isaac Colon made a nice body-controlled catch for the five-

Howe ended the game with 207 yards through the air and three touchdowns. Howe connected with senior Jack Rapose eight times for 118 yards and a touchdown and connected for two scores with Colon. Colon tallied 41 yards on five catches.

"Those guys are pretty special, they're talented. Adam (Howe) had a heck of a game, and Isaac with a good catch and Jack with a bunch of big plays," expressed Tantasqua head coach Nate Orzech. "We know if we have to, we can do that, but I want to run the ball, but we will do that if

we need to win games."
Auburn (0-1-1) had their run game going all night and it led to many long drives for the Rockets. The tandem of quarterback Brayden Belanger and Nathan Cook gave the Warriors fits most of the night, but the Warriors made stops late in the fourth quarter, and that was the difference. The Warriors were down 17-10 with 6:32 left in regulation and forced a three-and-out. This propelled the scoring drive that ultimately forced overtime. Howe connected with Colon for their first touchdown, a 13-yard strike with 3:54 left on the clock.

"We talked at halftime that we are done with moral victories around here," explained Orzech. "We need to be done with moral victories and challenge them to make plays when it mattered. It was a great catch for Isaac (Colon), but defensively we made a couple of stops when it looked like we wouldn't, but we responded very well. I am proud of those guys."

The Warriors stopped the Rockets on back-toback drives late in the fourth to force overtime and also held the Rockets to a field goal in extra

Despite the stops, the Rockets controlled most of the game with their strong run game led by Belanger and Cook. Belanger tallied 82 yards on the ground and a pair of scores and Cook accounted for 107 yards on the ground. The offensive line did a great job creating lanes for the two ball carriers.

"When we go it's because of them and that is with every football team," stated Auburn head coach Jeff Cormier. "We are no different than everyone else. If we are going to move the ball on the ground, your offensive line is going to have to get after it. They did a pretty good job, but there is always room for improvement whether you win or lose. Nobody stays the same, you have to get better and these guys will hit the field on Monday and we will get

Auburn is coming off back-to-back overtime games, as week one was called due to weather and resulted in a tie and this game they fell in a hard-fought battle. Effort is not in question for the Rockets.

"You can't say any more about the effort," Cormier expressed. "We have good leadership, we have real good seniors. The captains are good and our young guys are playing hard. We have great effort, but we are learning that there is always one more play, we can't take a play. We will be OK, our kids work hard and practice hard. Like I said we have good leadership and I think we will get a break and get rolling here."

Webster Middle SCHOOL WILDCATS <u>KICK OFF 2023</u> FOOTBALL SEASON

On Sept. 14, the Wildcats football team of Webster Middle School opened up their season with a complete team effort against a well-coached hardworking Northbridge Ram football team. In a highly energetic atmosphere, at Bartlett High School, the Wildcats and Rams battled it out on the field in a back and forth in a hard-fought game. Offensively, the Wildcat offensive line was physical and opened holes for a tough group of hard running Wildcat backs. Defensively, the Wildcats made some big plays. The defensive hustle stopped Northbridge in the Red Zone as their pursuit to the ball created key turnovers throughout the contest. Overall, the young Wildcats from Webster played outstanding as they opened up their first game of the season. Also, thanks to all those who helped volunteer their time on the sidelines during the game.

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Holly Veshia-Linnehan, 46



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ter and sister, and friend to so many. Holly's radiant spirit touched countless lives, cheering on those around her with unwavering support and positivity. Although she has left this world, her legacy of love and compassion will forever be etched in those who knew her.

Holly was a graduate of Southbridge High School where she was an outstanding student (National Honor Society and twice winner of the VFW Voice of Democracy). She also represented her school at the National Young Leaders Conference in DC. She was a 4-year member of the cheerleading squad selected to attend the National Cheerleading Contest in FL.

After high school, Holly attended Penn State University and the Salter School of Massage Therapy which led her into the business of massage therapy. Holly was very loyal to her family and friends and was the protector of everyone she met: rich or poor, man or

woman, successful or destitute.

She leaves behind her husband Justin Linnehan and their beloved son Phillip Michael. Also her loving parents, Michael Veshia and his wife Abigail Veshia of Southbridge, MA, Marcia Lukon of Wakefield, RI, and parentsin-law Bruce and Nancy Linnehan of Worcester, and their families.

She also leaves her brother, Josh Veshia of Boston, her special cousin/sister, Dina Wilson and her family in Texas, also her uncles Mark and Tom Burzvnski and their families, her stepbrothers, Mark Denault and James Denault and their families, and brother-in-law Matthew Linnehan and his

She is predeceased by her grandparents, her sister Vanessa Lynn, and her Aunt Paula Dacoles and Uncle Jim Dacoles.

Her family and friends appreciated her love, sense of humor, and deep courage, which she displayed even in her final days. Holly, you will be deeply missed.

Holly's services and burial will be private. There will be a Celebration of Life for Holly at later date.

The Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, is directing arrangements.

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Frances V. "Franny" Lavallee, 91



WEBSTER-Frances V. "Franny" (Starzec) Lavallee, 91 died Lavallee, 91 died Sunday, September 10, 2023 with her family at her side. She was predeceased by her loving husband of 61 years, Robert O. Lavallee, who died in

She leaves 3 children, David R. Lavallee and his wife Ann, Paula Aubin and her husband David, all of Webster, and Paul Lavallee and his wife Christine of Auburn; 8 grandchildren, Richard Cameron and his wife Andrea, Nicholas Cameron. Kristen Forgues and her husband Jared, Jonathan Lavallee and his wife Colleen, Katie Lavallee, Jordan Lavallee, Nicole Lavallee and Tyler Lavallee; 3 great-grandchildren, Elodie and Isla Cameron, and Jack Lavallee; sisters in law Jeanette Lavallee and Carol Lavallee; nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by 4 brothers, William, Chester, Raymond and Edward Starzec and by a sister, Emily

She was born at home on January 12 1932, the daughter of Alexander A. and Veronica (Motrucinski) Starzec and lived here all her life. She graduated from Bartlett High School in 1949.

Her first employments were Underwood in Southbridge and Thrifty's Supermarket. Mrs. Lavallee was also a receptionist and office manager for her family's business, Webster Bottling Company. After her marriage she worked for her husband's business Lavallee & Sons Trucking Company. Finally Frances retired after 32 years as a cafeteria worker for Bartlett High School at age 80.

Franny was a lifelong communicant of St. Joseph's Basilica and a member of the former St. Joseph Polish Women's Club. She was active in the Webster Senior Center. She loved to play pitch and dance the polkas. She was an accomplished organist.

Her funeral will be held on Monday, September 25, from Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home, 340 School Street, with a Mass at 11:00 AM in St. Joseph Basilica, 53 Whitcomb Street. Burial will be in Saint Joseph Garden of Peace. Visitation will be held from 9:15 to 10:30 AM in the funeral home prior to the Mass. Donations in her name may be made to either St. Joseph Basilica, 53 Whitcomb Street, or to St. Joseph School Fund, 47 Whitcomb Street, both in Webster, Ma 01570.

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Diane E. "Di" Dwyer, 58



WEBSTER – Diane E. "Di" (Rondeau) Dwyer, 58, passed away on Thursday, September 7, 2023.

She is survived by her husband of 34 years, Kenneth R. "Ken" Dwyer; three daughters, Samantha

E. Dwyer-Connolly and her husband, Mark, of Danvers, Meghan T. Dwyer Sullivan and her husband, Timothy, of Waltham, and Julie A. Dwver of Natick; two brothers, David Rondeau and his wife, Gail, of Adams, and Alan Rondeau of North Adams; two sisters, Susan Lecorre and her husband, Joel, of Ottawa, Canada, and Karen Rondeau-Brigham and her husband, David, of North Adams; a brother-inlaw, Robert Dwyer and his wife, Kathy, Wells, ME; a sister-in-law, Paula Dwyer Isakson, and her husband, Neil, of Worcester; several nieces and nephews; and her granddog, Finn. She is predeceased by her parents Albert E. and Barbara A. (Brelia) Rondeau of North Adams and her Mother and Father in Law, Clarence R. J. and Pauline D. (Loiselle) Dwyer of Millbury.

She was born on April 11, 1965 in North Adams to Albert and Barbara. She was a 1983 graduate of Drury High School in North Adams and received her bachelor's degree in accounting with a minor in religious studies from Assumption College in Worcester, where she graduated eighth in her class, in 1987. From early in her life, she was a natural born athlete. In high school, she played several sports, but dominated in track and field, breaking her high school's record for the 440. She also led Drury's basketball team as its point guard and was an All-Berkshire and All-Western Mass selection. Her love of sports continued into her college years and throughout life. She was a huge Celtics fan and wouldn't miss a

game.

After graduating from Assumption, she and Ken married, and she worked as an accountant. After Julie was born, she decided to stay home to care for her girls, and for a time, worked as a home care aide for Catholic Charities. She was a faithful follower of God, the most wonderful, dedicated wife and mother, and tireless helper of those in need. She was truly selfless, and acted as a moral compass to many who knew her. She loved the Catholic faith, attended daily Mass, and felt a special connection to the Blessed Mother. She was a member of Saint Louis Church and was an hourly captain at the Blessed Sacrament Adoration Chapel in Webster. She was also part of the Alpha Program at Saint Louis and the Light of the World Retreats at Saint Anthony of Padua Church in Dudley.

Beyond this, she loved nature and was an avid birder. She had the utmost respect for all living things, and she walked through life gently. She had a quiet sense of humor that only came out around those who were lucky enough to know her well, and she found joy in simple but meaningful moments with God and her family.

She was so incredibly loved and will be missed beyond measure.

Her funeral was held Saturday, September 16 from the Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster, MA with a Mass at 9:00 AM in Saint Louis Church, 14 Lake Street, Webster. Burial will be private. Calling hours were held Friday, September 15 from 4:00 to 7:00 PM in Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home. Donations in her memory may be made to Visitation House, 119 Endicott St, Worcester, MA 01610 https://www.visitationhouse.org/

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donation-options Vincent Martinek, Jr., 86



BENNINGTON Vincent Martinek, Jr., 86, of Bennington, VT passed away on Monday, September 4, 2023 at home surrounded by his family and loved ones after a period of declining health. Vincent was

born in Webster, MA, the son of the lateVincent and the late Anita (Wagner) Martinek.

Members of his family include three sons, Christopher (Mary Lou) Martinek from Albany, NY; Thomas (Patsy) Martinek from North Creek, NY; the late V. James Martinek from Albany, NY; one daughter JoAnne (Stephen) Petro from Braintree, MA; eight grandchildren Kyle, Patrick, Marissa, Kristie, Jarred, Daniel, Bryon, Keri; six great grandchildren Cody, Konnor, Logan, Jordan, Calum, Cian, nieces, nephews and exnded family in Webster and Dudley, MA.

of Instant Games.

Vincent proudly served in the Marine Corps for over 24 years during the Vietnam He received the Vietnam Service Medal with one star,, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Good Conduct



Services: Calling hours were held on Monday, September 11, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. at Bartel Funeral Home, 33 Schofield Avenue, Dudley, MA followed by a mass of Christian burial at 11:00 a.m. at St. Anthony Padua Church, 24 Dudley Hill Road, Dudley, MA with burial to follow in St. Anthony of Padua Cemetery. The Webster-Dudley Veterans Council will provide Military Honors for GySgt. Martinek.

William Vincent Raszka, Senior, 91



William Vincent Raszka, Senior, of Burlington, Vermont, passed away peacefully at his home at the Residence at Quarry Hill on August 21, 2023. He had recently shared a joyful 91st birthday celebration

with his family and friends. He was very much loved.

William "Bill" was born on July 16. 1932 to the late William Stanislaus and Wincenta Raszka in Webster, Massachusetts. He grew up in an extraordinarily loving home, doted on by his parents, by his two older sisters - Celia and Irene, and by aunts, uncles and cousins. Bill's father worked as a weaver in a woolen mill; he had begun working full time while still a young boy. His mother immigrated to the United States by herself at the age of 14 from Poland. Throughout the Depression and World War II, his parents continued to teach Bill the value of hard work, resilience, and the imperative of an education. Bill was a standout multi sport athlete. He graduated from high school at the age of sixteen, and served as class president. Bill continued to play semi professional baseball and was scouted by professional teams. His military service in Korea enabled him to use the GI bill to become the first member of his family to go to college; he later earned his MBA

and became a highly successful business executive.

Bill's greatest joy was meeting his wife. Jeanne. They wife, Jeanne. were married for 63 years until her death in 2022. Bill and Jeanne built most of

their houses and Bill lovingly created many fine woodworking pieces for their home. He also enjoyed black and white photography and had his own darkroom. Bill was a natural athlete and excelled at golf and tennis. One of his greatest joys was taking walks along the beautiful beach of Duxbury, MA with Jeanne.

Bill is survived by his son and daughter-in-law Dr. William Raszka, Junior and Rosemary Raszka of Charlotte, Vermont; by his daughter and sonin-law Valerie Raszka Maher and Dr. David Maher of Philadelphia; by his grandchildren Peter, Will, Sam and Kate Raszka; by his brother-in-law Robert Heon of Cape Cod; and by many nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated for Bill and Jeanne at St. Joseph's Basilica in Webster, MA at 10:00 am on September 30, 2023, and interment for both will take place immediately following the service. More information is available at vraszka@gmail.com.

Robert J. Mason, (Bob), 93



BRUNSWICK, ME Robert J. Mason, (Bob) age 93, was born April 1, 1930 in Webster, MA. He died Tuesday, September 12 th , 2023 with family at his side. His first wife, Doris (Nadeau) Mason, died

in 1993 and his second wife, Barbara (MacLean) Mason, died in 2022

He leaves a daughter, Nancy Fabrizio and her husband Eugene of Woodstock Valley, CT: 4 sons, William Mason and his wife Nancy of Putnam, CT, Thomas Mason and his wife Karen of Inman, SC, Michael Mason and his husband Peter Murphy of Bath ME, and John Mason and his wife Shawn of Phoenix, AZ; 4 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces. He was a stepfather to 3, as well as a step grandfather to seven and great grandfather to 2. He was the last living of 9 siblings; predeceased by 2 brothers, Harold and James Mason, and by 6 sisters, Mary Rose Lyons, Doris Kroll, Marjorie Bernier, Jeanette Lozinski, Shirley Deary, and Lorraine Kilborn. He was also predeceased by a grandson,

Ryan Mason. Bob was the son of Atwood and Rose (Breault) Mason and graduated from Saint Louis High School in Webster MA. He then furthered his education with a two year correspondence program with Chicago Technical College, studying architectural drafting, estimating and design. He raised his family in Thompson CT and then retired with his first wife Doris to South Yarmouth, MA and Ft Myers FL. After Doris passed,

he continued to share his time between Ft Myers FL and South Yarmouth MA with his second wife, Barbara. The couple moved to independent living in Portland ME in 2020 until Barbara's death, and most recently Bob moved to assisted living in Brunswick ME.

Bob and his brother Jim owned A. Mason & Sons and Mason Brothers Construction Company. The Mason companies constructed many commercial buildings from approximately 1950 to 1980. These included Schools, Banks, Grocery Stores, Churches and Courthouses in MA and Ct. During his working years, Bob was an active member in the Webster Lions Club, the Guaranty Bank & Trust Board, and the parents Committee at Marianapolis

Preparatory School in Thompson Ct. He enjoyed golf, baseball, beaches and living close to the Ocean.

The family will gather for funeral services at St. Louis Church on September 27, 2023 at 11:00 AM the address is 14 Lake Street, Webster, MA (please meet directly at the church). Burial will be at the convenience of the family in Chandler Gray Cemetery in Yarmouth, MA. Both Bob and his second wife Barbara lost their first spouses to ALS. The family requests that in lieu of flowers donations in the name of Robert Mason be made to the ALS Foundation, Massachusetts Chapter, als.org/Massachusetts, or by mail to ALS Association 200 Friberg Parkway Suite 1000 Westborough, MA 01581. Arrangements are under the direction of Scanlon Funeral Service 38 East Main Street, Webster, MA

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Janet L. Ozak, 79



WEBSTER - Janet (Denham) Ozak, died Sunday, September 10, 2023 in Webster Manor after a period of declining health. Her beloved husband of 44 years, John S. Ozak, died in 2021.

She leaves 4 brothers, John Denham, Albert Denham, Francis "Butch" Denham and Gary Denham, all of Webster; 3 sisters, Barbara Burns and Ellen Stinchfield, both of Webster, and Arlene Denham of Florida; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her brothers Fred Denham, Jr., Ronald Denham, Richard Denham and by her sister Jean Watson.

She was born in Worcester on

November 2, 1942, a daughter of Frederick Denham, Sr. and Helen (Gagnon) Denham. She lived Worcester for 10 years and then moved to Oxford where she graduated from Oxford High School in 1962. She lived in Webster for many years.

Mrs. Ozak worked as the unit secretary in the oncology and gerontology units at Saint Vincent Hospital in Worcester for 31 years before she retired.

She enjoyed crocheting and reading. Burial in Worcester County Memorial Park, Paxton will be held privately at the convenience of the family. There are no calling hours. Arrangements are under the direction of Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home, 340 School Street.

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The food share is located at 79 Elm St. in Southbridge, and has been around for many years. It serves Southbridge, Sturbridge, Holland, Wales, Brimfield, and Charlton. Times have been very hard for many people in this community and keeping children and family feed has been the top priority for this local food share. Quinebaug Lodge will be holding a food drive at Big Bunny Market, located at 942 Main St. Southbridge, on Saturday, Sept. 23 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. In addition to food donations, they are accepting personal items such as toothpaste, deodorant, etc. A famous know Master Mason, Benjamin Franklin, once asked "Is there greatness in you" if so come out and support this food drive.

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