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WPS Thanksgiving Food Drive a 'huge success'

By AMY PORTER
Staff Writer

WESTFIELD – The annual Thanksgiving Food Drive for Westfield Public School district families was a huge success, according to organizer Sue Figy Nov 22.

“This was the most successful community food drive with over 100 people in our community donating. Some donations came from out of state as well,” Figy said at the end of a day that began at 6 a.m. with Elm Electric bringing bags filled with green bean casserole ingredients for all the families.

Sue and Ralph Figy have organized the collection for many years and have a team of donors and



Coordinator Sue Figy called the Thanksgiving Food Drive “the most successful ever.” (PHOTO SUBMITTED)

volunteers who make it all run smoothly. Figy said in all, 287 Thanksgiving turkeys were donated to go to that many families, 100 of which were donated by sister companies ROAR and John Raymakers and Sons.

Other large groups of turkeys were underwritten by Firtion-Adams Funeral Home, Westfield City Council, Municipal Light Board commissioners, Westfield School Committee, and Westfield Gas & Electric,

Community members also sponsored turkeys. “North Elm Butcher Block made donating turkeys very easy and safe. People were able to call or walk in and make a donation. Every single one made a difference,” Figy said.

Large monetary donations were made by Westfield Bank, Advance Manufacturing, Westfield Lions Club, Westfield Education Association, Dr. James and Kathy Wallis-McCann, and Dr. Stan Konefal. Westfield Bank also donated bags for the drive, as did Polish National Credit Union and Whip City Fiber.

Parts of the meals were donated by various segments of the community, Figy said.

Potatoes were donated by Westfield Food Bank; corn by Westfield Coldwell Banker Real Estate Agents; cranberry sauce by Real Living Real Estate Agents; and brownies by the Westfield



Elm Electric volunteers Paul, Sheila and Trent Asselin. (PHOTO SUBMITTED)

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Westfield student musicians chosen for unique virtual music festival

By AMY PORTER
Staff Writer

WESTFIELD – Westfield High School Band Director Patrick Kennedy this week announced the student musicians chosen by audition to participate in the Massachusetts Music Educators Association-Western District (MMEA-WD) music festival.

This year, due to COVID-19, each student was required to prepare a video of the audition and submit it for adjudication. Kennedy said most kids recorded their submissions at home, although some chose to record them at

school.

All of the students listed below will participate in this year’s Western Massachusetts Virtual Music Festival on March 13, 2021. This year’s festival will be unique, Kennedy explained.

“The virtual festival will happen remotely. Students will choose from a menu of specific musical topics that will meet via Zoom with guest clinicians. They will also meet virtually in their ensembles with their conductor and rehearse their concert music. After rehearsal, they will submit individual video recordings of their parts and



WHS and WTA Band Director Patrick Kennedy with the Westfield Technical Academy band. (THE WESTFIELD NEWS)

MMEA will stitch them together into one video performance. It is our first time doing things this way, so it should be a very cool adventure for students and

music directors,” Kennedy said.

Students marked with an asterisk also received an All State Recommendation based on their scores. They

students will be eligible to audition for Massachusetts Music Educators Association Virtual All

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Westfield man arraigned on drug, firearms charges

By PETER CURRIER
Writer

WESTFIELD — A Westfield man was arraigned Nov. 20 in Westfield District Court for multiple weapons and drug charges after Massachusetts State Police executed a search warrant with the assistance of the FBI and Westfield Police.

Demetrius Caballero, 24, of 19 Rider Road, Westfield, was arraigned on charges of three counts of possession of a large capacity firearm, possession of ammunition without a Firearms Identification Card, possession of a Class C drug, and possession of a Class D drug.

In a document from Westfield District Court, State Trooper Dane C. Jobst said that Caballero was arrested without incident in his home Thursday morning.

While there, law enforcement discovered an AR-15 style rifle with a loaded 30-round magazine, a Glock-42 sidearm with a loaded magazine, a large quantity of marijuana and various forms of THC products, a bag of illegal psilocybin mushrooms, a scale with calibration weights, a digital scale, assorted packaging that is typically used in the distribution of drugs, packaging and processing equipment, at least \$2,000 in cash, and a small ledger book.

Trooper Jobst found that Caballero did not have a license to carry a firearm and was a previously convicted felon in the state of Connecticut for firearms charges.

Caballero is being held on \$50,000 cash bail at the Hampden County House of Corrections pending a Dec. 18 pre-trial hearing.

Church plans remote Advent Candlelight Dinner – open to all

By LORI SZEPELAK
Correspondent

WESTFIELD — Area residents are invited to join the families of St. John’s Lutheran Church during the annual Advent Candlelight Dinner on Nov. 29.

“Because this year’s dinner is remote, it will start anytime at the individual homes,” said Linda Slozak, president of St. John’s ladies’ group called Women in God’s Service (WinGS), who is overseeing logistics along with the Rev. David Riley and his wife Vicki. She also enjoys singing in the church choir as well as directing the hand chime choir.

“I helped to choose the program and gathered the volunteers who would read,” she said, adding, “Our church is so very blessed to have the Rileys with us. Both Vicki and Pastor are always willing to help out in any and all events that the church puts on.”

Slozak said the annual festive gathering takes place on the first Sunday in Advent. This year the theme is titled “The Greatest Gift.”

Members of St. John’s WinGS is the branch of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League and is dedicated to promoting mission work throughout the world, nation, and in Westfield.

“We support two children at the Gbanga Lutheran School in Liberia, Shriner’s Hospitals for Children in Springfield, Wreaths Across America, Orphan Grain Train, as well as the Westfield Food Pantry, just to name a few of our projects,” said Slozak. “We also send over 1,000 Christmas cards to Lutheran chaplains overseas to distribute to the soldiers in their care.”

During the holiday season, WinGS members also donate a decorated Christmas tree to a local organization and next month, Mercy Adult Day Health in Westfield will be this year’s recipient.

For more than 25 years, parishioners have “hosted” a candlelight dinner table at the church by decorating it any way they wished

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A close-up view of a Christmas village theme graces the dining room table of Linda Slozak. (LINDA SLOZAK PHOTO)

WRITERS’ SERIES: A Holiday Memory

By LORI SZEPELAK
Correspondent

(Editor’s note: With the holiday season more needed than ever after a year that has been challenging to say the least, The Westfield News asked several members of the WhipCity Wordsmiths to share a thoughtful recollection of years past. We hope this series of cherished holiday memories by local writers will enlighten you and perhaps even remind you of a time from your past that you also treasure.)

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Russell Atwood is the owner of Blue Umbrella Books, 2 Main St., Westfield. His novels include “East of A,” “Losers Live Longer,” and “Apartment Five Is Alive.”

A HOLIDAY MEMORY

My parents, Russ and Mary Atwood, owned Atwood Drug at the top of the hill near the turnpike entrance in Westfield, and back when I was a kid from the 60s thru the 80s, my mom, dad and sister and I went in and worked on holiday mornings because this was

before convenience stores and 24/7 gas stations so we were the only local place you could grab a gallon of milk or a last-minute gift, as well as fill a much-needed prescription on a holiday morning.

We usually got in by eight a.m. and put together the morning paper. And it was always a lot of fun, seeing familiar faces and strangers who saw we were open, all on their way to their separate holiday destinations.

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Mary and Russ Atwood were the owners of Atwood Drug for several decades. (SUBMITTED PHOTO)

State Fire Marshal offers Thanksgiving safety tips

Thanksgiving #1 day for home fires in Massachusetts

STOW – “There are more house fires on Thanksgiving Day than any other day of the year and the majority are cooking fires,” said State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey. “Practice fire safety this holiday to prevent any unexpected guests (like firefighters) from ruining your festivities,” he added.

“As you prepare to celebrate this holiday, make safety a priority. Start by making sure you have working smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms,” said State Fire Marshal Ostroskey.

COOKING SAFETY TIPS

Cooking activities have been the cause of 86% of the 704 Thanksgiving Day fires in Massachusetts over the last five years. State Fire Marshal Ostroskey offered cooking safety tips that everyone can follow to prevent fires:

- Check to make sure your oven is empty before turning it on.
- Wear short or tight-fitting sleeves when cooking.
- Turn pot handles inward over the stove.
- Remember to “stand by your pan” and stay in the kitchen when boiling, frying or broiling.
- Use a timer when baking or roasting and never leave the house with the oven running.
- The best way to respond to a stovetop fire is to “put a lid on it” and turn off the heat.
- The best way to respond to an oven or broiler fire is to keep the oven doors closed and turn off the heat.
- If the fire is not quickly snuffed out, leave the house and call 9-1-1 from outside.

THANKSGIVING 2019

Last Thanksgiving, firefighters across the Commonwealth were busy responding to the 123 fires that caused several inju-



STAND BY YOUR PAN

ries and over \$1.4 million in damages.

• **On November 28, 2019, at 1:19 p.m.**, the Boston Fire Department responded to a gas stove cooking fire in a 4-unit apartment building. Alarms operated and alerted the occupants. No one was injured. Damages were estimated to be \$2,000.

• **On November 28, 2019, at 4:41 p.m.**, the Boston Fire Department responded to a stovetop cooking fire in an apartment building. Alarms operated and alerted the occupants. No one was injured at this fire. Damages were estimated to be \$2,000.

• **On November 28, 2019, at 11:33 a.m.**, the Worcester Fire Department responded to a cooking fire in a single-family home. One person trying to extinguish the fire, and one firefighter were injured at this fire. Alarms operated and alerted the

occupants. Damages were estimated to be \$1,500.

TURKEY FRYERS

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) discourages the use of outdoor gas-fueled turkey fryers that immerse the turkey in hot oil. There are no outdoor turkey fryers that have a listing from an independent testing laboratory such as UL or ETL. The NFPA states that home use of “turkey fryers that use cooking oil, as currently designed, are not suitable for safe use by even a well-informed and careful consumer.” This risk of an oil spill or the ignition of spilled oil is quite high. They recommend using new “oil-less” turkey fryers.

GAS OVENS: A SOURCE OF CO

Generally, the confined space of a closed gas oven used for cooking does not produce enough carbon monoxide (CO) to present any dangers, unless it is used for several hours consecutively like when roasting a turkey. If you have a kitchen exhaust fan, use it; if not, crack a window for fresh air when using the gas oven for a prolonged period.

HOME HEATING: #2 CAUSE OF FIRES ON THANKSGIVING

Heating is the second leading cause of fires on Thanksgiving. Give your furnace an annual check-up and have chimneys cleaned and inspected by a professional at the beginning of heating season.

• **On November 28, 2019, at 11:47 a.m.**, the Dartmouth District 3 Fire Department was called to a fire in a single-family home. The fire originated in one of the radiant heating panels under the floor. Alarms were present and operated; there were no injuries. The home had no sprinklers and damages were estimated to be \$7,000.

For more information, contact your local fire department or the Department of Fire Services' Thanksgiving web page.

POLICE LOGS

Major crime and incident report

Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2020
WESTFIELD

7:48 a.m.: breaking and entering motor vehicle, Whitaker Road, a caller reports that her truck had been rummaged through the night before and the contents of her glove compartment were all over the seat, the responding officer filed an incident report;

8:01 a.m.: breaking and entering motor vehicle, Whitaker Road, a patrol officer reports that a vehicle in the area was broken into the previous night, the officer filed an incident report;

9:39 a.m.: vandalism, Highland View Street, a caller reports

that his vehicle was vandalized, the responding officer filed an incident report;

2:46 p.m.: downed power lines, Sibley Avenue, a patrol officer reports that a tractor trailer unit took down some power lines in the area, a responding officer reports that Westfield Gas and Electric was onscene to fix the wires.

SOUTHWICK

11:59 a.m.: officer wanted, Feeding Hills Road, a fraudulent unemployment claim was reported;

12:13 p.m.: scam, Birchwood Road, a resident reports receiving a bill for a package he did not order;

2:23 p.m.: escort, Feeding Hills Road, an officer's presence

was requested while removing items from a residence;

4:34 p.m.: officer wanted, Woodside Circle, a resident reports a fraudulent unemployment claim.

COURT LOGS

Westfield District Court
Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2020

No cases were adjudicated on this date.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

WED., NOV. 25, 2020 IS THE 330TH DAY OF THE YEAR. 36 DAYS REMAIN UNTIL THE END OF THE YEAR.

ON THIS DAY

571 BC – Servius Tullius, king of Rome, celebrates a triumph for his victory over the Etruscans.

1034 – Máel Coluim mac Cináeda, King of Scots, dies. His grandson, Donnchad, son of Bethóc and Crínán of Dunkeld, inherits the throne.

1120 – The White Ship sinks in the English Channel, drowning William Adelin, son and heir of Henry I of England.

1177 – Baldwin IV of Jerusalem and Raynald of Châtillon defeat Saladin at the Battle of Montgisard.

1343 – A tsunami, caused by an earthquake in the Tyrrhenian Sea, devastates Naples and the Maritime Republic of Amalfi, among other places.

1487 – Elizabeth of York is crowned Queen of England.

1491 – The siege of Granada, the last Moorish stronghold in Spain, ends with the Treaty of Granada.

1510 – Portuguese conquest of Goa: Portuguese naval forces under the command of Afonso de Albuquerque, and local mercenaries working for privateer Timoji, seize Goa from the Bijapur Sultanate, resulting in 451 years of Portuguese colonial rule.

1667 – A deadly earthquake rocks Shemakha in the Caucasus, killing 80,000 people.

1678 – Trunajaya rebellion: After a long and logistically challenging march, the allied Mataram and Dutch troops successfully assaulted the rebel stronghold of Kediri.

1755 – King Ferdinand VI of Spain grants royal protection to the Beaterio de la Compañía de Jesus, now known as the Congregation of the Religious of the Virgin Mary.

1758 – French and Indian War: British forces capture Fort Duquesne from French control. Later, Fort Pitt will be built nearby and grow into modern Pittsburgh.

1759 – An earthquake hits the Mediterranean destroying Beirut and Damascus and killing 30,000-40,000.

1783 – American Revolutionary War: The last British troops leave New York City three months after the signing of the Treaty of Paris.

1795 – Partitions of Poland: Stanisław August Poniatowski, the last king of independent Poland, is forced to abdicate and is exiled to Russia.

1826 – The Greek frigate Hellas arrives in Nafplion to become the first flagship of the Hellenic Navy.

1833 – A massive undersea earthquake, estimated magnitude between 8.7 and 9.2, rocks Sumatra, producing a massive tsunami all along the Indonesian coast.

1839 – A cyclone slams into southeastern India, with high winds and a 40-foot storm surge destroying the port city of Coringa (which has never been completely rebuilt). The storm wave swept inland, taking with it 20,000 ships and thousands of people. An estimated 300,000 deaths resulted from the disaster.

1863 – American Civil War: Battle of Missionary Ridge: At Missionary Ridge in Tennessee, Union forces led by General Ulysses S. Grant break the Siege of Chattanooga by routing Confederate troops under General Braxton Bragg.

1864 – American Civil War: A group of Confederate operatives calling themselves the Confederate Army of Manhattan starts fires in more than 20 locations in an unsuccessful attempt to burn down New York City.

1874 – The United States Greenback Party is established as a political party consisting primarily of farmers affected by the Panic of 1873.

1876 – American Indian Wars: In retaliation for the American defeat at the Battle of the Little Bighorn, United States Army troops sack the sleeping village of Cheyenne Chief Dull Knife at the headwaters of the Powder River.

1905 – Prince Carl of Denmark arrives in Norway to become King Haakon VII of Norway.

1908 – A fire breaks out on SS Sardinia as it leaves Malta's Grand Harbour, resulting in the ship's grounding and the deaths of at least 118 people.

1915 – Albert Einstein presents the field equations of general relativity to the Prussian Academy of Sciences.

1917 – World War I: German forces defeat Portuguese army of about 1,200 at Negomano on the border of modern-day Mozambique and Tanzania.

1918 – Vojvodina, formerly Austro-Hungarian crown land, proclaims its secession from Austria-Hungary to join the Kingdom of Serbia.

1926 – The deadliest November tornado outbreak in U.S. history kills 76 people and injures more than 400.

1936 – In Berlin, Germany and Japan sign the Anti-Comintern Pact, agreeing to consult on measures "to safeguard their common interests" in the case of an unprovoked attack by the Soviet Union against either nation. The pact is renewed on the same day five years later with additional signatories.

1941 – HMS Barham is sunk by a German torpedo during World War II.

1943 – World War II: Statehood of Bosnia and Herzegovina is re-established at the State Anti-fascist Council for the National Liberation of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

1947 – Red Scare: The "Hollywood Ten" are blacklisted by Hollywood movie studios.

1947 – New Zealand ratifies the Statute of Westminster and thus becomes independent of legislative control by the United Kingdom.

1950 – The Great Appalachian Storm of 1950 impacts 22 American states, killing 353 people, injuring over 160, and causing US\$66.7 million in damages (1950 dollars).

1952 – Agatha Christie's murder-mystery play The Mousetrap opens at the Ambassadors Theatre in London. It will become the longest continuously-running play in history.

1952 – Korean War: After 42 days of fighting, the Battle of Triangle Hill ends with Chinese victory, American and South Korean units abandon their attempt to capture the "Iron Triangle".

1958 – French Sudan gains autonomy as a self-governing member of the French Community.

1960 – The Mirabal sisters of the Dominican Republic are assassinated.

1963 – President John F. Kennedy is buried at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington County, Virginia, across the Potomac River from Washington, D.C.; his assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald, is buried on the same day in Fort Worth, Texas.

1970 – In Japan, author Yukio Mishima and one compatriot commit ritualistic seppuku after an unsuccessful coup attempt.

1973 – Georgios Papadopoulos, head of the military Regime of the Colonels in Greece, is ousted in a hardliners' coup led by Brigadier General Dimitrios Ioannidis.

1975 – Suriname gains independence from the Netherlands.

1977 – Former Senator Benigno

Aquino, Jr., is found guilty by the Philippine Military Commission No. 2 and is sentenced to death by firing squad. He is later assassinated in 1983.

1981 – Pope John Paul II appoints Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger (the future Pope Benedict XVI) Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

1984 – Thirty-six top musicians gather in a Notting Hill studio and record Band Aid's "Do They Know It's Christmas?" in order to raise money for famine relief in Ethiopia.

1986 – Iran-Contra affair: U.S. Attorney General Edwin Meese announces that profits from covert weapons sales to Iran were illegally diverted to the anti-communist Contra rebels in Nicaragua.

1986 – The King Fahd Causeway is officially opened in the Persian Gulf.

1987 – Typhoon Nina pummels the Philippines with category 5 winds of 165 mph and a surge that destroys entire villages. At least 1,036 deaths are attributed to the storm.

1992 – The Federal Assembly of Czechoslovakia votes to split the country into the Czech Republic and Slovakia, with effect from January 1, 1993.

1999 – A 5-year-old Cuban boy, Elian Gonzalez, is rescued by fishermen while floating in an inner tube off the Florida coast.

2000 – The 2000 Baku earthquake, with a Richter magnitude of 7.0, leaves 26 people dead in Baku, Azerbaijan, and becomes the strongest earthquake in the region in 158 years.

2008 – Cyclone Nisha strikes northern Sri Lanka, killing 15 people and displacing 90,000 others while dealing the region the highest rainfall in nine decades.

2009 – Jeddah floods: Freak rains swamp the city of Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, during an ongoing Hajj pilgrimage. Three thousand cars are swept away and 122 people perish in the torrents, with 350 others missing.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

1960 – John F. Kennedy Jr., American lawyer, journalist, and publisher (d. 1999)

1963 – Kevin Chamberlin, American actor and director

1963 – Chip Kelly, American football player and coach

1963 – Bernie Kosar, American football player and sportscaster

1964 – Mark Lanegan, American singer-songwriter

1965 – Tim Armstrong, American singer-songwriter, guitarist, and producer

1965 – Cris Carter, American football player, coach, and sports-caster

1966 – Stacy Lattisaw, American R&B singer

1968 – Erick Sermon, American rapper and producer

1973 – Erick Strickland, American basketball player

1973 – Eddie Steeples, American actor, producer, and screenwriter

1976 – Clint Mathis, American soccer player and coach

1976 – Donovan McNabb, American football player and sportscaster

1979 – Michael Lehan, American football player

1980 – John-Michael Liles, American ice hockey player

1980 – Josh Mathews, American wrestler and sportscaster

1980 – Nick Swisher, American baseball player[8]

1981 – Barbara Pierce Bush, American activist

1981 – Jenna Bush Hager, American journalist

1981 – Jared Jeffries, American basketball player

1981 – Chevon Troutman, American basketball player

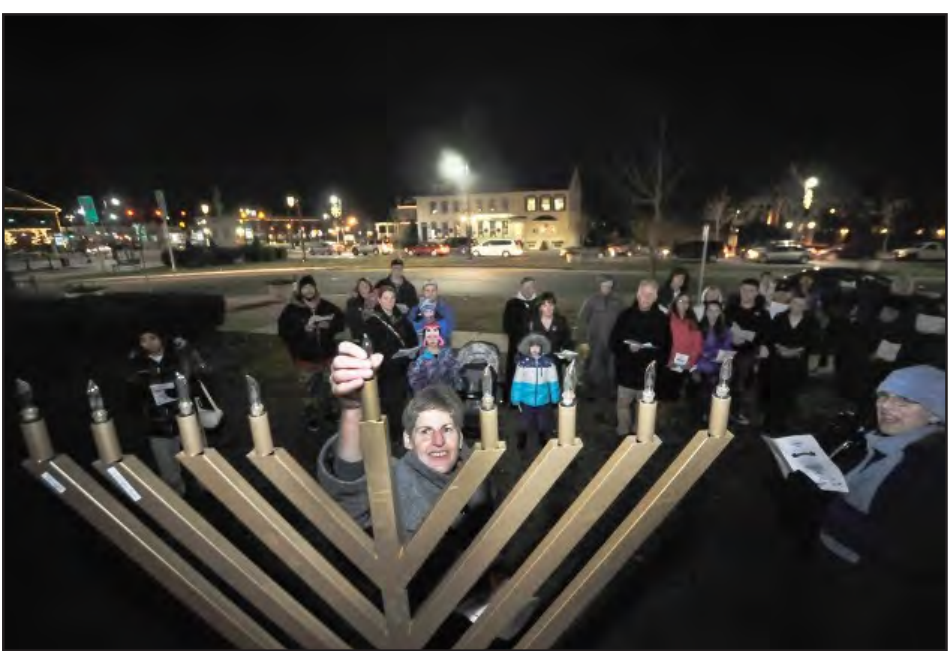
1986 – Katie Cassidy, American actress

1990 – Rye Rye, American rapper, dancer, and actress

1991 – Kyler Fackrell, American football player

1991 – Jamie Grace, American singer-songwriter, guitarist, and actress

1991 – Kevin Woo, American-South Korean singer and dancer



Westfield will host its annual Menorah Lighting event Dec. 11, 2020. (THE WESTFIELD NEWS FILE PHOTO)

Westfield Community Chanukah Menorah Lighting Ceremony

WESTFIELD – Mayor Donald F. Humason Jr. and Congregation Ahavas Achim invite you to Park Square at the downtown Westfield green for the annual Menorah Lighting Ceremony on Dec. 11 at 6:30 p.m.

The Mayor honors the wonderful Jewish community of Westfield on the second night of Chanukah for the lighting of the

Menorah candles. Everyone is welcome. Congregation Ahavas Achim's Cantor Reaboi and members of the congregation and Westfield will be participating in the ceremony with music, Chanukah songs, and some Chanukah gifts.

The public is invited to the ceremony and are asked to wear masks and socially distance.

Remote Advent

– including with a lot of candles – and would provide a dessert for their guests.

“The ladies of WinGS would provide the dinner as a gift to everyone,” said Slozak. “We would include a program of devotions, carols and a presentation. Themes for the dinners have ranged from the meaning of the colors of the candles on the Advent wreath, and the meaning of Christmas decorations, to Martin Luther’s Christmas.”

Slozak said the dinner is important to parishioners because the event “signifies the beginning of the Advent season which leads us to the birth of Jesus at Christmas. It has always been an occasion to meet in fellowship.”

“In past pre-COVID years we would have between 60 to 100 church family and friends joining us at the church,” she said. “We hope that our members will try to continue the tradition and hopefully we can meet together next year.”

Slozak is being assisted by the Rileys and WinGS members Eunice Recoulle, Doris Love, Susan Owen and Andrea Skully.

“Women from WinGS read the various parts while Erika Slozak filmed it,” said Slozak, adding that Erika also edited the video that would be available on YouTube.

In the past, Slozak said one of the highlights of the dinner was attendees singing Christmas carols together.

“Unfortunately this year we will have to sing them by ourselves at home,” she said.

In early fall, WinGS members knew that the traditional Advent by Candlelight Dinner would not take place.

“But WinGS wanted to continue the annual event even though obvious changes would have to be made,” she said. “Erika and I found this particular program online and, with a little editing, decided to find volunteers to read it and be filmed.”

While only Slozak’s immediate family will be around her dining room table on Nov. 29, she welcomes area residents to join church members during the virtual program at St. John’s Lutheran Church LCMS YouTube page.

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Linda Slozak has her dining room table all set for the Advent Candlelight Dinner on Nov. 29, hosted remotely by St. John’s Lutheran Church in Westfield. (LINDA SLOZAK PHOTO)

“This year, due to COVID, only our immediate family will be around the table,” said Slozak, noting she will be joined by her daughters in decorating the table with a Christmas village theme, featuring houses, snow-covered trees, churches and a lot of

candles, with the Christmas china and cloth napkins to finish the festive arrangements.

“In other years, friends who have been invited have said that it had become a tradition for them as a start to the season,” said Slozak.



Russell Atwood is the owner of Blue Umbrella Books on Main Street in Westfield. (SUBMITTED PHOTO)

Writers’ Series

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This may have somehow contributed to my becoming a writer, the realization and appreciation that there were so many other people celebrating in different ways, but all in the same emotional motion.

I miss those days and my parents, but through life I have taken jobs that required me to work on Thanksgiving or New Year’s Eve, because I still enjoy that panorama of experiences.

This Thanksgiving morning as I have for the past three, Blue Umbrella Books will be

open, hopefully see an old friend or two who might be in town, but mostly because it reminds me of my folks.

Thanksgiving For

All – Take Out Only

Thursday, November 26 @ 12 NOON

The Westfield Soup Kitchen will once again be providing a full Thanksgiving style dinner at noon (take-out only).

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As always, there is no charge, and all are invited. www.soup.kitchen.org (413) 572-9147.

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COMMENT

Health commissioner issues eleventh hour Thanksgiving appeal

Bharel: Sacrifice now, for sake of all

By **KATIE LANNAN**
State House News Service
BOSTON - It's not too late to rethink your Thanksgiving plans.

That's one message public health commissioner Dr. Monica Bharel wants to get out ahead of the Thursday holiday, as Massachusetts continues to confront a surge in COVID-19 cases and as data indicate many travelers are still hitting the road and the skies.

"We are asking individuals to consider the risks and to understand that the safest way to celebrate Thanksgiving this year is with our own households," Bharel said in an interview. "For me, what gives me hope is knowing that there is light at the end of the tunnel, and we can plan to get together next Thanksgiving and next year over the holiday season, knowing that a sacrifice this year can lead to ensured safety for our loved ones and our family, our communities, and to be able to have many more holidays to celebrate with those loved ones in the future."

For almost a month, Gov. Charlie Baker and state health officials have been urging Massachusetts residents to limit in-person Thanksgiving celebrations to only members of their own household and encouraging safer festivities like video-chats with far-flung relatives or dropping off favorite family dishes at the homes of friends and neighbors. The Department of Public Health has published a list of recommendations for celebrating Thanksgiving.

"We are in the midst of a surge in cases, there is community transmission across the commonwealth, and we are standing up at least one field hospital to treat a crush of ill patients," Baker said at a Monday press conference. "You can't afford to do Thanksgiving and the holidays the same way we've done it in years past."

Governors of other states have been spreading similar messages as COVID-19 case numbers rise nationally. "If you are still planning on holding a Thanksgiving gathering, please realize that it's not worth the risk," New Mexico Gov. Michelle

Lujan Grisham said in a Monday tweet, and Rhode Island Gov. Gina Raimondo last week lowered her state's gathering-size limit to the members of a single household.

Massachusetts caps indoor gatherings at 10 people, and visitors from anywhere but Vermont and Hawaii, including returning college students and Bay Staters coming back from their own holiday trips, are subject to a travel order that requires them to either quarantine for 14 days or have a negative result on a COVID-19 test administered within 72 hours of their arrival.

Numbers from AAA and the U.S. Transportation Security Administration indicate more people are traveling than has become the recent norm, but in numbers below pre-pandemic levels.

AAA projections from Nov. 12 showed 50 million people expected to travel on Thanksgiving, down from 55 million in 2019.

The TSA screened 1,047,934 travelers throughout the country on Sunday, less than half the 2,321,546 recorded the same weekday last year. Sunday marked only the third time since March that the total number of travelers had exceeded 1 million, along with Friday, Nov. 20 and Sunday, Oct. 18.

Baker said the fact that TSA numbers are lower than they'd normally be pre-Thanksgiving "implies that the message that's been delivered by folks like us and by many others across the country has clearly resonated with many people," and said he hopes those who do travel take precautions like wearing masks.

Bharel said she'd heard, anecdotally, over the past week or so of people canceling flights or deciding not to have older relatives visit.

"There is still time and space for people to reconsider their plans and think about the safest way to celebrate Thanksgiving, given that we are in this second surge," Bharel said.

The DPH on Monday reported 1,785 new COVID-19 cases, bringing the state's total caseload to 201,835.

Bharel, who battled her own case of COVID-19 in the spring, said she is "very worried that Thanksgiving could lead to

many super-spreader events." She said it's important for everyone to act in a way that will protect the most vulnerable and preserve the health system's capacity for treating both COVID-19 patients and those with other conditions.

"We know from our past experiences that COVID-19 grows exponentially, so once the numbers start going up, they could rapidly increase," she said.

The Massachusetts Health and Hospital Association circulated a letter Monday, signed by nearly 100 chief medical officers and chief nursing officers from across the state, urging people to think carefully about Thanksgiving by keeping gatherings small, setting up meal tables to allow for distance, celebrating outside when possible and staying mindful of seniors and those with chronic conditions.

"Throughout the pandemic, we have often been asked how people can support our caregivers as they combat COVID-19 with compassion and bravery," they wrote. "Wearing a mask and avoiding large gatherings is the greatest gift you can give."

Baker has said he's limiting his Thanksgiving festivities to his immediate family, and Bharel said her family made the decision to have everyone celebrate in their own households, in lieu of a tradition that involves people from ages 5 to 82 traveling to Massachusetts from six different states.

For those who do opt to gather on the holiday, Bharel said it is important to take steps to mitigate risks. Along with standard precautions like wearing masks, washing hands frequently and not sharing food or drinks, she recommended keeping meals short, spending time outdoors if weather permits and opening windows to increase ventilation if indoors, and considering eating in shifts so that those who are not eating can keep their masks on.

"The bottom line here is to do everything you can to keep it small," Baker said. "I know that sounds harsh and it runs counter to traditions and habits that we've all pursued around holiday seasons over the course of many, many years. Try to think about the fact that small can be intimate and just as special as larger gatherings and larger gatherings are simply not worth the risk to you or your loved ones."



Banks face new competition from tech giant

By **MICHAEL P. NORTON**
State House News Service

BOSTON - U.S. banks are facing competition for deposits from a new and formidable entity: Google.

Alphabet Inc., Google's parent company, last week announced plans for a 2021 launch of Plex Accounts, a digital bank account offered in its Google Pay app in partnership with 11 U.S. banks and credit unions. Moody's Investors Service quickly tagged the development as credit negative for U.S. banks.

"The launch of Google Pay Plex Accounts is an example of big tech's expansion into retail financial services," Moody's wrote in a credit outlook released Sunday. "It capitalizes on the rising popularity of digital wallets, an example of the widening application of digital innovations in financial services that we expect will continue to drive disruption across banking."

Analysts wrote that "digital innovation and a flourishing financial technology sector present a threat to U.S. banks." They noted a low barrier to entry into retail financial services for firms with large existing customer bases, contrasting that shift with the historical requirement that banks build out expensive branch networks.

Citibank is one of the 11 banks and credit unions partnering with Google on Plex Accounts.

Moody's capped it take on the development with a cautionary note. "In our view, partnerships in which banks cede control of a large share of customer relationships pose the greatest risk to incumbent financial institutions," it wrote. "Such developments increase the risk of our alternate scenario, where big tech firms control a larger share of distribution and displace incumbents that fail to execute timely, effective digital strategies."



With reminder of travel and parties, Baker launches new PSA

By **KATIE LANNAN**
State House News Service

BOSTON - A new public awareness campaign that state officials launched Monday links the importance of COVID-19 precautions like wearing masks, getting tested and maintaining distance to an eventual return of experiences like travel, birthday parties, and spending time with relatives.

"It's a reminder that we must continue to fight so we can get back to the things we love to do," Gov. Charlie Baker said.

The #GetBackMass ads are slated to run through February, which will mark a year since the first COVID-19 case was confirmed in Massachusetts. As of Sunday, 200,050 cases had been confirmed in the state.

Health and Human Services Secretary Marylou Sudders announced that nursing homes and rest homes across the state will now perform weekly surveillance testing of all staff -- up from every other week -- because of increased community spread of COVID-19. A rapid test program put in place last week for K-12 schools, which uses Abbott's BinaxNOW antigen test, will also be extended to long-term care facilities "as an extra level of precaution," Sudders said.

Baker reiterated his ask that people celebrate Thanksgiving with their households only and avoid large gatherings.

"We can't afford to do Thanksgiving and the holidays the same way we've done it in the past," he said.

Mass. records 50,000 COVID-19 cases in 25 days

By **CHRIS LISINSKI**
State House News Service

BOSTON - In a sign of the power of the second COVID-19 surge that has been underway, Massachusetts jumped from 150,000 cumulative cases to 200,000 in just 25 days. Getting from 100,000 to 150,000, by comparison, took from June 1 until Oct. 28, a stretch of 149 days.

More than 5,700 additional COVID-19 cases were confirmed over the weekend and the state hit another harrowing milestone Sunday by surpassing 200,000 confirmed infections since the start of the pandemic.

While new cases are being detected and counted in daily totals similar to those last seen in the spring, far more tests are being conducted this fall and the positive test rate is significantly lower than during the initial peak.

The 5,712 new cases reported across Saturday and Sunday came alongside reporting of 219,519 new tests, and the seven-day average positive test rate dropped from 3.5 percent last week to 3 percent on Saturday.

Hospitalization data showed mixed trends over the weekend as the Baker administration prepares to reestablish field hospitals in case they become necessary.

Confirmed COVID-19 cases among hospitalized patients dropped from 904 on Friday to 893 on Sunday, but the count of cases in intensive care units increased over the same span from 179 to 192. The number of patients intubated also grew from 75 on Friday to 88 on Sunday.

Statewide, 69 percent of non-ICU hospital beds and 53 percent of ICU beds were occupied Sunday, including both COVID cases and unrelated hospitalizations.

John Kerry to take on climate role in Biden administration

By **COLIN A. YOUNG**
State House News Service

BOSTON - John Kerry, the state's longtime U.S. senator who later served as secretary of state, is heading back to Washington, D.C., this time to serve as President-elect Joe Biden's climate czar.

Biden's transition team announced Monday that Kerry will serve the incoming administration as Special Presidential Envoy for Climate and will also hold a climate-focused seat on the National Security Council. His job will be a full-time position and does not require U.S. Senate confirmation.

Kerry, who negotiated the emission-reduction goals of the Paris Climate Agreement and signed it on behalf of the United States in 2016, served two years as Massachusetts lieutenant

governor before being elected to the U.S. Senate for nearly 30 years. He was secretary of state for President Barack Obama's second term.

This summer, Kerry joined an oversight hearing of the Senate Committee on Global Warming and Climate Change to thank lawmakers and advocates who were pushing the Massachusetts Legislature to get a climate change policy bill to Gov. Charlie Baker's desk before the session ends.

"We're not getting the job done. When I say we, I mean collectively everybody -- parliaments, legislators, presidents, prime ministers," Kerry said. He later added that the denial of climate change "should motivate people to say we've got to get off our asses and make things happen, and that's what you're trying to do right now."

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Westfield State University students launch campaign to benefit the Children's Advocacy Center of Hampshire County's CSEC Program

WESTFIELD — Westfield State University public relations students are launching a social media campaign next week that is focused on a pledge to enhance community awareness of online sexual exploitation and human trafficking, and will also raise money for the Children's Advocacy Center of Hampshire County's CSEC Program (Commercial Exploitation of Children).

Called Behind the Screen, the virtual campaign will be held Dec. 1-8 via Facebook and Instagram. The money raised from the campaign will be donated to the CSEC program to buy gift cards for basic needs that will be given to the victims of sexual exploitation and human trafficking who receive services through the program. Campaign participants will take a pledge to educate themselves on child abuse and child exploitation.

Taught by Professor Suzanne Boniface, Westfield State's Advanced Public Relations course students will host an online Bingo game as part of the campaign, and it will feature prizes such as a Yeti cooler, Apple AirPods, and much more. This will take place on Facebook and Instagram using the hashtag #behindthescreenCSEC. Professor Boniface's students will coordinate and manage content and engagement on social media platforms.

"Under Civic Engagement at Westfield State University, the Advanced Public Relations students are working to bring awareness in our community to the disturbing trend of sexual exploitation and human trafficking of children," said Boniface. "The WSU students are working diligently on this campaign to bring a better understanding of these issues to the public, let others know that there is help available, and to raise funds for victims who have suffered under these circumstances. In turn, the students are learning about social justice and how to address it within their field of study."

Professor Boniface explained that the campaign's theme was created because children are highly susceptible to online predators, due to the wide availability of internet access and personal media use. According to the National Children's Advocacy Center, the average age of a CSEC-involved child is 14. Since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic, the reported number of cases has declined by 80% but the rate of exploitation has increased by nearly 75%. The Center for Cyber Safety and Education states that 40% of children in grades 4-8 reported that they interacted with a stranger online.

The Children's Advocacy Center of Hampshire County helps children who have endured child abuse, human trafficking, and sexual exploitation. Using a team approach, CAC works with law enforcement, Massachusetts Department of Children & Families, medical and mental health professionals as well as prosecutors to reduce the stress of a police investigation. In particular to the CSEC (Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children) program, CAC provides support and resources to children and teen survivors. They also train the community on how to identify and help children going through abuse.

Those preferring to donate to the program without participating in the Bingo game may do so at <https://cachampshire.org>. For more information, email sboniface@westfield.ma.edu.

Musicians

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- State Festival.
- Samantha Adamtsev*** – grade 10, Concert Band Tuba. Adamtsev received the highest score of all auditions on that instrument from all schools across Western Mass.
- Steven Bonacci*** – grade 12, Jazz Band Tenor Saxophone, Highest Western Mass score.
- Camille Bruno*** – grade 9, Chorus Alto.
- Hannah Bruno*** – grade 12, Chorus Soprano.
- Ziyad Ghalayini** – grade 11, Jazz Band Auxiliary Percussion.
- Ella Hamel** – grade 9, Chorus Soprano.
- Pratham Makonahally – grade 11, Chorus Bass.
- Caitlynn Thomson*** – grade 12, Jazz Band Baritone Saxophone, Highest Western Mass score.
- Jay Scherpa*** – grade 11, Concert Band Bass Trombone,

- Highest Western Mass score.
- Kyle Scherpa*** – grade 11, Concert Band French Horn.
- Wunnyuriti Ziblim*** – grade 9, Concert Band Trombone, Highest Western Mass score.



North Elm Butcher Block manager Dan Puza and employee Tom Bozek prepare 287 turkeys for delivery. (PHOTO SUBMITTED)



Holly Lurgio, assistant to Mayor Humason, volunteers to pack bags. (PHOTO SUBMITTED)



Long-time food drive volunteer Mary Beal packing bags. (PHOTO SUBMITTED)

WPS Food Drive

Police Department. The Figy family — Sue Figy, Ralph Figy, Lauren Figy and John Cadigan and Dr. Sean Figy — donated the stuffing and gravy. Bill and Sue Phelan and a local anonymous farmer donated squash, and Lorena Dondley donated over 100 boxes of cereal, peanut butter and other items. Two people who wished to remain anonymous donated a large amount of various items that they put together for two families.

Figy said that there were many gift cards purchased to supplement the dona-

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tions. Gift card donations ranged in all denominations, with people donating from \$10 to \$100.

By 6 a.m. Monday, they had 12 cars and 12 volunteers that then transported over 1,500 pounds of potatoes and 287 bags of food to be delivered to all 11 schools.

"Our first delivery was at 6 a.m. by Elm Electric. From there, the volunteers filled their cars with turkeys, green bean casseroles, and potatoes. The cars drove in caravans to deliver the meals to the schools that they were assigned. All

meals had been delivered to their schools by 10:30 a.m. It was a good day in spite of the rain," Figy said.

She said this was the second part of the meal, because the first part of nonperishables had been delivered on Friday, Nov. 20 by the same volunteers. "These volunteers have been doing this for seven years now," she added.

"I am most thankful for this community. During this really stressful time, this was the most stress-free food drive we have ever had," Figy said.

Holy Trinity hosts gift card fundraiser

WESTFIELD - Holy Trinity Church, 335 Elm St. is again hosting its annual Gift Card Fundraiser to help the church with winter fuel expenses.

Gift cards are great for anniversaries, birthdays, special occasions, friends, relatives, coaches, employees, co-workers and online shopping. No credit card info is needed so they help prevent Identity theft. They are great to use for your own daily shopping, dining and for raffle donations and charity events. These gift cards are the same ones you buy at restaurants and stores and there are no expiration dates. Gift card wrappers are also available.

There are tons of area restaurants and stores on the order form but many more are available for stores across the United States. If a gift

card you want is not on the list, please call or email because it may be available. American Express, Discover & VISA gift cards are available and have no activation fees like they charge you in the stores.

Order forms are available in the Church and at the Parish Office. They can also be mailed or emailed to you upon request. Just fill out an order form and return it with cash or a check made payable to Holy Trinity Church. The final order for Christmas goes in on Wednesday, Dec. 9. Orders and payment must be received by this date. Gift cards take 4-7 days to come in. You will receive a call when your gift card order is available for pickup. If you have any questions, please contact Alicia Haluch at aliciawh@comcast.net, 568- 9768 or the Parish Office at 568-1506.

Rotary Southwick planning Summer Concert Series for 2021

SOUTHWICK — As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to create uncertainty and hardship around the world, Rotary members continue to innovate, care for those affected, and showing that even remotely, help is possible.

Fundraising has always been a challenge for service clubs. However, Rotary Southwick is taking a positive approach and is currently making plans for a summer concert series to be held during the months of July and August at Whalley Park in Southwick.

The concerts are being scheduled for Wednesday evenings starting at 6 pm until 9 pm. The concerts will be FREE. A special thanks goes to our local businesses and services for helping Rotary to get these programs together.

Details will be posted as we get closer to summer. If you should have any questions or comments, contact Fundraising Chair Bob Fox at 413 579 4585, rfox52@comcast.net. You can also email the club at southwickrotary@gmail.com.

Best wishes to the community for a safe and happy Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday.

Rotary Southwick are "People of Action" who share a passion for community service and friendship working together as volunteers under the motto of "Service above Self." The Club meets at Nora's Restaurant every Wednesday at 6:00 pm. For information, visit southwickrotary.org or Facebook

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SPORTS

High school winter sports season set for Jan. 4

By **CHRIS PUTZ**
Sports Editor

WESTFIELD – Local student-athletes who participate in high school winter sports will soon receive a holiday gift.

The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association voted late last week to approve basketball, ice hockey, swimming/diving, and skiing for the high school winter sports season. Although the MIAA also came to an agreement to begin the 2020-21 winter sports season on Dec. 14, the Pioneer Valley Interscholastic Athletic Conference has delayed the season's official start date until Jan. 4, 2021 for Western Mass area high schools, which includes Westfield, Westfield Technical Academy and St. Mary's.

The MIAA, based on recommendations made by their respective COVID Task Force committees, opted to move indoor track to the floating "Fall II" season, and wrestling has been put on hold until spring.

"I think it's very positive," Westfield/Westfield Technical Academy high schools coordinator Ryan Dunphy said. "We are giving the chance for kids to participate and still allowing the other sports [i.e. wrestling, indoor track] that are a bit more complicated (due to the state's guidelines regarding the coronavirus) the opportunity too."

In order to comply with state and local regulations, jump balls have been eliminated from basketball. Modifications to hockey involve limiting play along the boards to just one offensive and one defensive player and



RYAN DUNPHY

keeping the penalty box free from all but one player at a time with additional players positioned on the bench as close to the box as possible while maintaining six feet between players, among others. In swimming, cheering from the pool deck area will not be allowed. Masks are required for all student-athletes as well.

Although the modifications to each sport may appear to be yet another obstacle in the overall progress of student-athletes' success, if the fall sports season was any indication, there is still optimism about playing sports this winter.



MATTHEW COLLINS

"(The fall season) was incredible," Dunphy said. "It was a success. ...I would walk outside on the fields and inside the gym, and you could just see the kids were focused."

While the Westfield School Committee has already given Westfield and Westfield

Technical Academy the green light for winter sports, it is unknown which direction Southwick will take. Southwick was one of the region's lone high schools which opted to cancel high school sports this past fall. The School Committee, which serves the Southwick-Tolland-Granville area, is expected to vote on the winter season Dec. 15.

Challenges abound all around.

Co-op ice hockey programs like Southwick's boys ice hockey team, which co-ops with Westfield Tech and St. Mary's, and the Longmeadow girls ice hockey team, which has featured a large contingent of players from Westfield, will likely require some out-of-the-box thinking in regards to logistics involving play in local "bubbles."

Similar to the fall, there will be no MIAA-sanctioned postseason tournaments. Registration for the winter sports season is now open.

"I'm just excited that after the holidays there will be a winter season," Dunphy said.

St. Mary's principal/athletic director Matt Collins agreed. "We will have a shortened season just like we did in the fall," Collins said. "I am optimistic that the coaches and players will follow the sport-specific rule modifications."



STEM Champ

Franklin Avenue Elementary School student Evelyn Timmerman from Mrs. Ayers' second grade class was recognized as a STEM Week Challenge Champion by Mass STEM Hub. Participating students across the state in grades K-5 embarked on a hands-on challenge to design a game that teaches math concepts. Evelyn's math game "I Sea My Gameboard" was selected as the 3rd prize winner! Industry professionals from 60+ companies reviewed and provided feedback on submitted student projects to determine winners. Evelyn will now have the opportunity to further collaborate with industry partners at the New England Aquarium. (FRANKLIN AVENUE SCHOOL PHOTO)



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Keep Leaves out of storm drains

WESTFIELD — Autumn brings brilliant colors to Westfield's trees, but fallen leaves can cause challenges for our drain system and streams.

Leaves left on the ground can block and clog storm drains, contributing to street flooding when it rains. Excess leaves can also cause nutrient pollution and oxygen depletion in our streams and rivers when carried there through storm drains and pipes, which harms fish and other wildlife.

Do your part to help prevent flooding and protect rivers and streams:

- Do not rake or blow leaves off your property into the street.
- Do not pile leaves or other yard waste near

storm drains.

- Place your leaves in a paper bag for curbside yard debris collection. Please make sure there are no foreign objects in the bag (yard waste only). Or compost them at home.

- If you have a mulching lawnmower, use it to recycle leaves and their nutrients into your lawn.

- If you see leaves or other debris on top of a storm drain grate, carefully remove them and dispose of them properly if safe to do so. However, never attempt to reach inside a storm drain or lift the grate.

If you see a clogged or broken storm drain, please call the Department of Public Works so that we can send out a crew.

WG&E Early Closing On November 25

WESTFIELD — The 100 Elm Street office of Westfield Gas + Electric/Whip City Fiber will be closed starting at 12 PM on Wednesday, November 25 and will re-open on Monday, November 30 at 8:30 AM after the Thanksgiving holiday. While the office remains closed to in-person visits, the drop box and online payment portals will be available all day, every day, as usual. The Dispatch team is always available at (413) 572-0000 if you have an emergency with your gas or electric service. Whip City Fiber technical support is available 24 x 7 at 413-485-1204.

WG+E/WCF is thankful for all our customers wishes you a safe and happy holiday.

City departments to close for Thanksgiving holiday

WESTFIELD - Mayor Donald F. Humason Jr. announced that the City of Westfield will shut down operations on Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2020 at noon through Friday, Nov. 27, 2020 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

All emergency personnel will continue to work their regular shifts. Regular operations will resume on Monday, Nov. 30, 2020.

Humason said as always, we thank the citizens of Westfield for their understanding during this time and wish you all a happy and healthy beginning to the holiday season.

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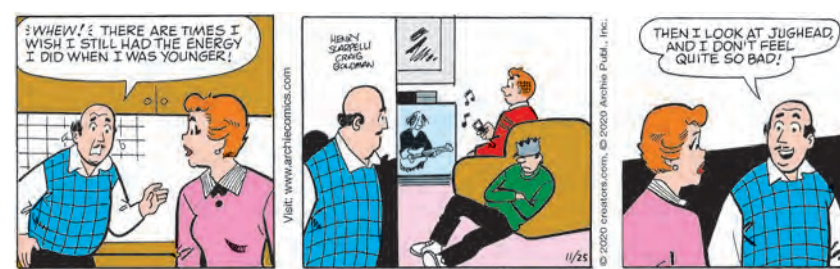
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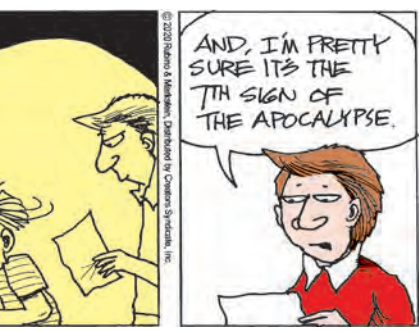
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DADDY'S HOME Tony Rubino and Gary Markstein



JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS



YOUR HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2020:
Dynamic, productive and accomplished, you know how to save your energy for the long haul. You're driven to realize great success in your field, and 2021 establishes your legacy. Establishing yourself independently makes you even happier. If single, you reveal a sensitive and thoughtful personality, and take your time in deciding on a mate. If attached, your partner is a powerful individual and you're a fantastic team. **SAGITTARIUS** adores you.

THE STARS SHOW THE KIND OF DAY YOU'LL HAVE: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ Your warmth and confidence can lead to a new opportunity coming up. Your standard of living is about to improve. Push yourself forward. Believe in yourself. This is the time when almost anything could happen. Be alert to opportunities for promotion. **Tonight:** Brainstorming.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Today brings emotions of partners into the open. They will let you know how your decisions are affecting them. There can be a desire to guard possessions and acquire new and important purchases. Resist the temptation to argue about money. **Tonight:** Talk over compromises instead.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Today helps you understand recent experiences. Events that were puzzling before might suddenly make sense. There will be many calls and emails revolving around friends. Communicate clearly regarding social events. **Tonight:** Details are still in a state of flux.

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You will have a special flair for probing beneath the surface. A home theme needs prodding. Today will be happy and productive if you let it be. Others exhibit care and concern about you. Family members want a family meeting. **Tonight:** You seek time alone.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Today can bring financial assistance or ideas from another. There will be a great deal of commotion and many short outings. Transportation issues might need attention. Follow through in exploring offers that come your way now. **Tonight:** Avoid anyone who exhibits addictive behavior.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★ Today points to major changes in your professional situation or your reputation. Be progressive; realize that growth can come about if the old patterns are disrupted. It's not the time to be stubborn. Stay in tune with the latest trends in your field. **Tonight:** Relax.

BORN TODAY

Baseball player **Joe DiMaggio** (1914), choreographer **Trisha Brown** (1936), actress **Christina Applegate** (1971)

CONTRACT BRIDGE

The right medicine

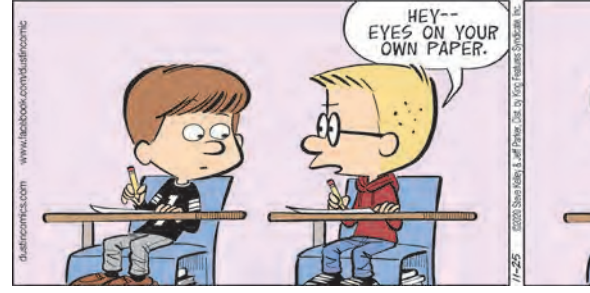
North dealer.
East-West vulnerable.
NORTH
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♦ K 3
♣ A Q 4
WEST
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♦ J 6 5
♣ 10 9 8 7 6 2
EAST
♠ A Q 4 3
♥ A Q 6 4
♦ Q 7 4 2
♣ 5
SOUTH
♠ 9 8 2
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The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 NT Pass
2 NT Pass 3 NT Pass
Opening lead — ten of clubs.

replied. "He played spades first."
"And you took the nine with the queen," continued Holmes. "and no doubt returned a low diamond, covered by the ten, jack and king."
"Precisely," Watson continued, "and when I won the second spade and led another diamond, declarer finessed the nine. After I next took South's eight of hearts with the queen, I played a diamond again — once more to no avail as declarer won with the eight to make exactly three notrump."
"Ah, dear friend," sighed Holmes, shaking his head, "you think, but you do not reason. You should have returned the queen of diamonds rather than a low diamond at trick three!"
"But, but," Watson protested.
"Tut, tut," Holmes chided. "I am aware of the proviso that one should not lead a queen when lacking the jack. In the present case, however, logic surely supersedes convention. South is known to have the K-J of clubs and ace of diamonds for his bids. The only honor card West can have is the jack of diamonds, and you should assume he has it. Once you played the queen, the contract is doomed. As soon as you gain the lead again, you play another diamond to establish West's jack as the setting trick."
"Holmes," said the doctor, "you amaze me."
"Elementary, my dear Watson," the great sleuth replied.

Tomorrow: A well-played hand.
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DUSTIN By Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker



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SCARY GARY Mark Buford



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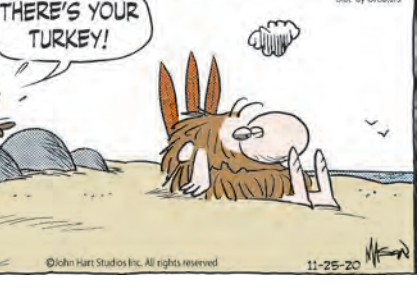
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ONE BIG HAPPY Rick Detorie



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ANDY CAPP Mahoney, Goldsmith and Garnett



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ZACK HILL John Deering and John Newcombe



JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS



ACROSS

- 1 Fishing rod
- 5 Cauldron
- 8 Mast
- 12 "So be it"
- 13 Paris street
- 14 Jet speed measure
- 15 Leopards
- 17 Never again?
- 18 Noah's landfall
- 19 Sitting Bull's tribe
- 21 Tours season
- 22 Say it's so
- 23 Jungfrau, e.g.
- 26 Conclusion
- 28 Obliterate
- 31 "Hud" actress Patricia
- 33 Speck
- 35 Diving duck
- 36 Taboos
- 38 Cattle call
- 40 Chopper

DOWN

- 1 Mama's mate
- 2 Actor Sharif
- 3 Sultry Horne
- 4 Strictly nious
- 5 Feign
- 6 "— Town"
- 7 Inventor Nikola
- 8 BBQ appliances
- 9 Grand view
- 10 Bank statement no.
- 11 Mother of Zeus
- 16 Loathe
- 20 St. crosser
- 23 New England cape
- 24 Zodiac feline
- 25 Breakfast orders
- 27 Monk's title
- 29 Gender
- 30 Lamb's lam
- 32 More wacky
- 34 Stylish bun
- 37 Blue
- 39 Reed instrument
- 42 Expire
- 44 Hayek of "Frida"
- 45 Queue after Q
- 46 Military conflicts
- 48 Actor Hems-worth
- 49 "The Thin Man" dog
- 50 Doc's "Now!"
- 53 Branch

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CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF SOMEBODY WERE MISTAKEN ABOUT HOW THE SENSE OF TOUCH WORKS, WOULD HE BE TACTUALLY INCORRECT?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: T equals P

Dear Annie

By ANNIE LANE



Want to keep working from home

Dear Annie: I am in my mid-20s and fortunate enough to have a job that I've been able to do remotely since the outbreak of the pandemic back in March. Working from home has its drawbacks, but on the whole, I've come to really enjoy it.

For one, I used to drive an hour and 15 minutes each way for work. During the time I used to be sitting in traffic in the morning, I am able to wake up, make myself a nice breakfast, call my parents and even meditate. I log on for the day feeling ready to go. After work, I jog or walk two miles, and then make dinner, all before the time I used to get home.

And I've actually gotten to know my co-workers better during this pandemic than I did before, as we make more of an effort to catch up with one another and set up "happy hours" via Zoom, when we ever went out to happy hours together in real life.

I know that I am incredibly lucky to have a job at all right now, especially one where I'm able to work from the comfort and safety of my own home. (I want to acknowledge the fact that there are front-line workers who have had to risk their lives every day just to keep an income, and others who have been laid off for months now, with dwindling unemployment funds.) So, I don't mean to sound like I'm whining, but I really don't want to return to the office and that commute. Moving closer to the office is not an option, as I can't afford the rent in that part of town.

Am I the only one wishing I could keep working

from home? And should I try talking to my boss, when the time comes for us to return to the office, to see if I might be able to continue working from home? I know that, in general, he's never loved the idea of remote work. -- *Working From Home Works*

Dear Working From Home Works: You're right. You are lucky -- and not just because you've held onto your job and health during this tumultuous year. You're lucky because you've been given a unique opportunity to evaluate what is important in your life, what helps you to feel healthy and grounded. Don't squander the lesson. When a return to the office seems imminent, talk to your boss. In the past, he didn't like the idea of remote work, but that was before the world turned upside-down. He might have gained some insights this year as well, about what's possible with remote employees. It won't hurt to ask; it will hurt not to.

If you get shot down, then decide how much of a priority it is to you to be able to work remotely, and plan your next career move accordingly.

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HINTS FROM HELOISE

Getting organized

Dear Heloise: I read your helpful hints every day in the paper.

I bake a lot, and I make sure I add all the ingredients in the recipe. I put all the ingredients in a row on the counter as they are listed on my recipe. After I use them, I put them away in the cupboard. No more guessing if I put the ingredients in my recipe.

Hope you can use this tip in your column. -- *Linda C., Oxford, Ohio*

Linda, that's a very organized way to bake and to make certain nothing is left out. Thanks for your wonderful hint. -- *Heloise*

GOLDEN CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP

Dear Heloise: It's been a long time since you printed your Chicken Noodle Soup recipe, and my three kids loved it. I've lost the recipe, so could you reprint that for all of us soup lovers? -- *Grace M., Kearney, Neb.*

Grace, this should taste really good on a cold Nebraska day. You'll need:

- 2 eggs
- 2 half eggshells full of milk
- Pinch of salt to taste
- Enough flour to make a dough
- 1 whole chicken
- 2 carrots (chopped)
- 2 stalks of celery (chopped)
- Enough water to cover chicken in pot

Crack two eggs into a bowl, then measure two empty half eggshells full of milk. Add a pinch of salt and enough flour to make a dough (dough should be a little sticky). Roll out on floured wax paper or a cutting board. Set dough aside and let dry for four to six

hours. The dough may be too sticky to cut before that amount of time. When dough is more manageable, cut into thin strips (1/4 to 1/2 inch wide, depending on your taste). In the meantime, cook a whole chicken in a large pot with enough water to cover. When fully cooked, remove chicken and debone it. Skim all the fat off the broth and put deboned chicken back in. Add carrots and celery. Cook until tender. Add noodles and cook for 15 to 20 minutes or until done.

If you love that homemade taste of soup, rich and warm on a cold day, you'll love my pamphlet "Heloise's Spectacular Soups." To get a copy of these tasty recipes, just send \$5, along with stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Heloise/Soups, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. By the way, did you know that chicken noodle soup is America's favorite soup?

BAD WINE

Dear Heloise: How can I tell if wine has gone bad? We were given a bottle of aged white wine for our first wedding anniversary, but I think there's something wrong with it. -- *Chloe and Doug, Shawnee, Okla.*

Chloe and Doug, if you smell or taste vinegar in wine, the cork has leaked and it's bad. However, some people use wine like that to marinate meats. If a white wine has been chilled for an excessive time, white crystals may be found in the bottom. The taste should be OK. When you find white flecks of sediment in wine it spoils the appearance but probably not the taste. Just strain and decant it before serving.

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LEGAL NOTICES

(November 25, 2020)
(December 2, 9, 16, 2020)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE
FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN
AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ADA

Case No. CV01-20-11280

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

ANN M. SCOTT FAMILY LIMITED
PARTNERSHIP, an Idaho limited partnership,

Plaintiff,

vs.

HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF THE ESTATE OF
VINCENT B. RUSH; HEIRS AND DEVISEES
OF THE ESTATE OF DOROTHY M. RUSH,
HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF THE ESTATE OF
JAMES SWINDELL; LESLIE SWINDELL;
SUSAN HART; DOES I-X,

Defendants.

TO: HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF THE ES-
TATE OF JAMES SWINDELL:

**NOTICE: YOU HAVE BEEN SUED BY THE
ABOVE-NAMED PLAINTIFF IN THE DIS-
TRICT COURT IN AND FOR ADA COUNTY,
IDAHO, CASE NO. CV01-20-11280**

The nature of the claim against you is a quiet
title action to quiet in Plaintiff the title to, and
the right of possession in, the following de-
scribed real property in Ada County, Idaho:

Parcel I:

Lots 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29 in Block
1 of Lee's Addition, according to the official plat
thereof, filed in Book 2 of Plats at Page 66, re-
cords of Ada County, Idaho.

Parcel II:

That portion of the Northwest Quarter of Sec-
tion 10, Township 3 North, Range 2 East,
Boise Meridian, Ada County, Idaho, more par-
ticularly described as follows:

Beginning at the most Northerly corner of Lot
28, Block 1 of Lee's Addition, according to the
official plat thereof, filed in Book 2 of Plats at
Page 66, records of Ada County; thence

Southeast along the South line of Lee Street
and along the South line of Lee Street exten-
ded, 50 feet more or less, to the Westerly side
of 11th Street; thence

Southerly along the Westerly line of 11th
Street, 122 feet, more or less, to the intersec-
tion with the Northerly line of the alley exten-
ded, in said Block 1 of Lee's Addition; thence

Westerly along the Northerly side of said alley
in Block 1, 50 feet, more or less, to the lot line
common to Lots 27 and 28 of said Block 1;
thence

Northeasterly on the lot line common to said
Lots 27 and 28, 122 feet, more or less, to the
Point of Beginning.

Any time after 21 days following the last pub-
lication of this Summons, the Court may enter a
judgment against you without further notice,
unless prior to that time you have filed a writ-
ten response in the proper form, including the
Case Number, and paid any required filing fee to
the Clerk of the Court at 200 West Front
Street, Boise, Idaho 83702, 208.287.6900, and
served a copy of your response on the
Plaintiff's attorney, Hawley Troxell Ennis &
Hawley, LLP, P.O. Box 1617, Boise, ID 83701-
1617, (208) 344-6000.

A copy of the Summons and Complaint can be
obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the
Court or the attorney for Plaintiff. If you wish
legal assistance, you should immediately retain
an attorney to advise you in this matter.

DATED 11/16/2020 2:22 PM

PHIL MCGRANE
Clerk of the Court

By *Bethany Edwards*
Deputy Clerk

(November 25, 2020)

Commonwealth of
Massachusetts

The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division

Docket No. HD20P1967EA

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

Estate of:
Catherine F Goodman
Date of Death:
September 9, 2020

To all persons interested in the above cap-
tioned estate, by Petition of

Petitioner **Mark D Goodman of Lakeland, FL**

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Mark D Goodman of Lakeland, FL

has been informally appointed as the Personal
Representative of the estate to serve without
surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under inform-
al procedure by the Personal Representative
under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate
Code without supervision by the Court. Invent-
ory and accounts are not required to be filed
with the Court, but interested parties are en-
titled to notice regarding the administration
from the Personal Representative and can peti-
tion the Court in any matter relating to the es-
tate, including distribution of assets and ex-
penses 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 Represen-
tatives appointed under informal procedure.
A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be
obtained from the Petitioner.

LEGAL NOTICES

(November 18, 25, 2020)
(December 2, 2020)

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale
contained in a certain mortgage given by
**Southbridge RE, LLC, A Massachusetts
Limited Liability Company** to LendingHome
Funding Corporation dated October 11, 2018,
recorded at the Hampden County Registry of
Deeds in Book 22401, Page 130; said mort-
gage was then assigned to Christiana Trust, a
Division of Wilmington Savings Fund Society,
FSB, Not In Its Individual Capacity but as
Trustee for Victoria Capital Trust by virtue of an
assignment dated December 16, 2019, and re-
corded in Book 23033, Page 26; and further
assigned to of which mortgage the under-
signed is the present holder for breach of con-
ditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of
foreclosing the same will be sold at PUBLIC
AUCTION at 12:00 PM on **December 17,
2020**, on the mortgaged premises. This prop-
erty has the address of 25 Pleasant Street,
Westfield, MA 01085. The entire mortgaged
premises, all and singular, the premises as de-
scribed in said mortgage:

Two certain parcels of land situated in West-
field, Hampden County, Massachusetts,
bounded and described as follows: **FIRST
PARCEL:** Commencing at the northeast corner
of land formerly of Charles I. Snow, being the
Second Parcel herein described; thence run-
ning Northerly by the west line of Pleasant,
sixty (60) feet; thence running Westerly at right
angles to said street; one hundred five (105)
feet to an iron pin; thence running Southerly
about eighty-five and one-half (85 1/2) feet to an
iron pin at said land formerly of Snow, being
the Second Parcel herein described; thence
Easterly by said Second Parcel herein de-
scribed, one hundred (100) feet to the point of
beginning. **Second Parcel:** Commencing at a
point on the west line of Pleasant Street and at
the southeasterly corner of the First Parcel
herein described; thence running Southerly by
said westerly line of Pleasant Street to the
northerly line of Pearl Street; thence running
Westerly by the northerly line of Pearl Street,
one hundred (100) feet to land formerly of the
estate of Charles I. Snow; thence running
Northerly by said lane formerly of Snow to the
southwesterly corner of the First Parcel herein
described; thence running Easterly by the
southerly line of said First Parcel to the point of
beginning. **TITLE REFERENCE:** See deed re-
corded herewith

Subject to and with the benefit of easements,
reservation, restrictions, and taking of record, if
any, insofar as the same are now in force and
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the second highest bidder, providing that said
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				6		8		2
8		6		7				
		1	3	4		7	6	

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