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New co-owners Mike Wetmore, left, and Tom Couturier met while bowling years ago at North Chelmsford Duckpin Bowling Lanes in Vinal Square. PHOTOS BY JOHN WALKER/DAILY NEWS AND WICKED LOCAL

‘We’d love to see new faces come in’

Joanna K. Tzouvelis Wicked Local | USA TODAY NETWORK

If you like nostalgic experiences and places, visit 22 Vinal Square in North Chelmsford. Enter through a red door on the far-left side of the building and go down the cement stairs to the basement, where you’ll feel like you’ve been transported back to the 1940s. • This is the home of North Chelmsford Lanes, one of only two original duckpin bowling alleys in Massachusetts.

Michael Wetmore, of Chelmsford, and Tom Couturier, of Hudson, purchased North Chelmsford Lanes from Ron Hennessy in April. Since then, they have refurbished the six duckpin bowling alleys and plan to reopen Labor Day weekend..

What is duckpin bowling?

Duckpin bowling balls are smaller than 10-pin, with no holes, but a little bigger than candlepin balls. You get three tries with duckpin bowling if you don’t produce a strike on your first attempt. If you knock down all of the pins on the second try, you get credited with a spare.

Scoring is done just like candlepin. But unlike candlepin, all fallen pins are removed after each roll, as is done in 10-pin, so you have a clean look at the remaining pins if you didn’t get a strike on the first ball.

“It’s odd. One fact that is still out in existence right now is that no one has bowled a perfect 300 game in duckpin yet in all of the United States,” Wetmore said. “No one has been able to do it yet.”

Couturier, who has been playing duckpin since he was 15, said he finds it more challenging than 10-pin, which is like throwing a beach ball at tiny pins, making strikes and 300 scores more common.

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Owners Tom Couturier, left, and Mike Wetmore at North Chelmsford Duckpin Bowling Lanes in Vinal Square on Aug. 20.



Duck pins go down from a throw.

Ashland students stung by bees on day one

Norman Miller The MetroWest Daily News | USA TODAY NETWORK

ASHLAND — The David Mindess School was abuzz on the first day of school on Wednesday, Aug. 27 — but unfortunately, not with excitement.

Rather, it was the buzz of angry bees or yellow jackets that stung dozens of students as they arrived for class.

“I’m in my 13th year as superintendent and... things happen, craziness,” Ashland Superintendent of Schools James Adams told the Daily News on Wednesday afternoon.

According to a press release from the Ashland Fire Department, at 7:49 a.m. the firefighters responded to the Mindess School, at 90 Concord St., after a report of several students being stung by bees. Firefighters assessed 40 students for allergic reactions or other medical issues. No students were taken to the hospital.

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Framingham Police released this photo of the disguise used by a man who is accused of killing his child in Ohio. FRAMINGHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

Framingham officer thought man’s wig looked odd

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An alert Framingham police officer is being credited with spotting a man who was wanted for killing his 2-year-old child five years ago in Ohio.

Framingham Police, along with the U.S. Marshals Service and Massachusetts State Police, arrested Dioblis Williams, 25, at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 27. Williams was walking in an alleyway near 42 Union Ave. while wearing a wig, sunglasses and a hair tie to hide his identity, according to a Police Department press release.

According to the release, the Marshals Service tracked Williams to Framingham. Police spokeswoman Rachel Mickens said it was not known how

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