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# Blessed Backpack Brigade continues Thanksgiving tradition



The crew of B-Kind Café prepares Thanksgiving meals for those in need.

### BY JASON BLEAU CORRESPONDENT

WEBSTER - Each year, the Blessed Backpack Brigade celebrates the Thanksgiving holiday with a special meal to help feed the homeless and those in need while also embracing a sense of community unique o the Southern Worcester County area. In the past, the meal has consisted of a large feast at

the American Legion in Webster, but due to the COVID-19 pandemic large gatherings and meals are not recommended which forced the organization to reassess it's annual tradition for the current times.

As they have for months since the pandemic began, the Blessed Backpack Brigade brought their operation to Davis Street where they handed out complete Thanksgiving meals to anyone in need for two hours on Sunday, Nov. 22. The meals included most of the traditional fixings of a Thanksgiving feast all cooked and donated by the crew at B-Kind Café which is located adjacent to the Davis Street delivery site.

Ericka Labonte, owner of B-Kind Café, said it was a true pleasure for her to be involved and help the Blessed Backpack Brigade continue their holiday tradition.

"We've been trying to help the community for a while now and we think this is the best way to give back. We're thankful for all the community has done for us so we're donating the food to give back to them," Labonte said. "We feel really good that we can be able to do this even though it's a tough time. We committed to making it happen and we're happy to be involved."

Lauri Joseph, a found-



Volunteers of the Blessed Backpack Brigade prepare to hand out Thanksgiving meals during their annual holiday event.

ing member of the Blessed Backpack Brigade, said the format might be different, but the mission remains the same: to provide a hot meal and other goods to those in need in the local community.

"It's different, but Ericka and the crew at B-Kind Café are amazing. I have no words," Joseph said. "People aren't doing Thanksgiving dinners because of COVID and we really thought this would

be the next best thing. It's a hot, fresh Thanksgiving dinner to go.

As with most of the Backpack Blessed Brigades meals, the Thanksgiving special also included outside donations including the usual produce donations from Farmer Tim's, clothing items, and homemade pumpkin pies from Amanda's Army.

# School district stays on course despite COVID uptick

### BY JASON BLEAU CORRESPONDENT

The Dudley Charlton Regional School District does not plan to change its approach to the current school year, at least for the remainder of 2020. despite 19 COVID-19 cases being reported in the past month from within the school community.

The district reported its first case on Oct. 27, and since Nov. 18, more cases have been announced, with the most recent on

Nov. 21 as of this report. Charlton schools. With every new case, Superintendent Steven correspondence community and families touring the effectiveness of contact tracing and the quick response of families and employees to adjust when necessary. While the 19 cases may be alarm-Superintendent ing, Lamarche does not believe the situation is bad enough to warrant a shift to remote learning for the Dudley and

Lamarche addressed the situation during a DUDLEY/CHARLTON Lamarche has sent out meeting of the Dudley the same day the 17th case in the district was reported, and indicated that while they are taking the increased cases seriously there does not appear to be a correlation between these cases and the application on in-person learning within the district.

"To this point, we do not have evidence that a in our educational community is the result of attendance in school.

# Dudley police keeping holiday spirit alive

### BY JASON BLEAU CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY - While 2020 Charlton Regional School has been a year tull of Committee on Nov. 18, cancellations and limited celebrations, the Dudley Police Department is doing its part to help keep the holiday spirit alive working to continue two annual traditions, the annual toy drive and Dudley's visit from St. Nicholas himself.

Chief Steve Wojnar says the department will once again be collecting toys for those in need in positive COVID-19 case Dudley which, given the current times, may be even more families that usual. Every year, the Turn To **COVID**page **A12** Dudley Police set up a col-

lection bin for toys inside their lobby at the Town Municipal Building on West Main Street inviting anyone to donate to the cause to help make a child's holiday that much more joyful.

"We're still looking for pretty much anything that the people want to give. I know we always have challenges for kids that are ten years old and older. We usually get gifts for the younger kids but not so much for the older ones. We could always use gift cards. Even cash donations are accepted, and we can use that to buy what we need. We're not sure of a distribution day yet. We're looking at doing things differently, possibly delivering,' Chief Wojnar said. "With the times being what they are a lot of people are out of work and we feel like it will be a very in-demand season so anything anybody can give is always greatly appreciated."

As in past year, any kind of toy for any age is accepted and checks are also welcome to help the department buy gifts that may not come in through donations.

The toy drive isn't the only event planned to help keep the holiday cheer alive. Every Christmas season Santa Claus himself makes a visit to

Turn To **DUDLEY** page **A12** 

# Harrington opens new addiction care center in Webster

WEBSTER — Harrington Healthcare is excited to announce the opening of its new Addiction Immediate Care (AIC) center at our Webster location. This facility will provide immediate treatment and ongoing comprehensive care to individuals with alcohol and substance use disorders. This center is the first of its kind in Massachusetts and nearby Connecticut.

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Please note, in the future our clinic will allow same day walk-ins, but due to current Covid-19 restrictions we are operating by appointment only. Also, please note that Addiction Immediate Care is not intended for the treatment of an overdose. Anyone suspected of an overdose should seek care at the Emergency Department right away. Rapid entry into addiction treatment can then be provided by AIC.

Please visit our Web site at www.harringtonhospi-

tal.org/aic for more information.



On Wednesday, Nov. 11, a group of veterans from the towns of Webster and Dudley held a brief wreath laying ceremony at Memorial Beach to commemorate Veterans Day. The citizens of the Towns of Webster and Dudley have always been able to show support of our veterans during the annual Veterans Day Parade and other activities associated with the day. This year, however, as we all know, the restrictions on social gathering have prevented the festivities usually enjoyed.

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# Tips to simplify shopping and wrapping

The holiday season is a busy time of year. People devote many hours to generating gift lists and planning their shopping Shopping excursions. can be all-encompassing during the holiday season, but it is only half of the gift-giving equation. After all of those toys, articles of clothing and other goodies are purchased, those items will need to be wrapped and hidden away. Gift-givers may be looking for ways to make these tasks just a little easier.

Shop early

The sooner you begin shopping, the more time you will have to purchase everything you need and then get it prepared for giving. While Black Friday and Cyber Monday sales feature great deals, there are discounts to be had all year long if you keep your

eyes open. Grab an item here and there when there is something that catches your eye and fits the needs of a gift recip-

Shopping early also affords shoppers a greater buffer if they plan to do some of their shopping online. Shipping times have changed due to COVID-19, which has disrupted some supply chains and put added pressure on shipping companies. The U.S. Postal Service says products and packages may require more time to be delivered due to limited transportation availability, so shopping early can help ensure everything arrives on

Tackle the kids' gifts

Watching children's bright grins and all their excitement opening premake all the hard work worth it. Be sure that you shop for all of the gifts for children in your household first, especially if you play Santa's helper. Use opportunities when the kids are in school or at daycare to bring gifts into the house and then wrap them. Wrapping as you go can help to ensure there are no "spoiler alerts" prior to the holidays.

Create a wrapping station

A dedicated area for wrapping can streamline the process. Gift wrapping supplies can be tough to keep organized because they're usually awkward sizes and can eat up a lot of space. That's where a wrapping station can come into play. It can be custom-made or you can use items already around the house. A laundry room or a large closet



can be the ideal location for a wrapping station. Because wrapping paper rolls are the most cumbersome wrapping supplies, find a way to corral them. A tall laundry hamper works, or consider hanging wrapping paper rolls horizontally

on thin curtain rods attached to a wall or the back of a door. Simply pull off the amount of paper you need and cut.

Organize other supplies in a nearby drawer or organizational caddy. Store gift bags and tissue paper in a fabric tote

bag. Having everything within arm's reach cuts down on time spent searching for supplies.

It's that time of year for shopping and wrapping. Ensure it is a lowstress experience with some time-saving tips.

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# People to tip and gift this holiday season

Are you making a list and checking it twice? If so, don't forget to add a few extra people to that list who are worthy of a gift this holiday season. Certainly friends and family are in mind for presents, but what about the service providers in your life?

After a challenging year, people in the service industry might benefit from a holiday boost this year more than ever. Here's who you may want to spread some cheer to this holiday sea-

 Hairdressers and nail techs: It takes a lot of effort to look one's best, and these individuals help people put their best selves forward. Consider tipping the amount you would normally spend on one visit. If you get your hair or nails done frequently and consider this person a friend, opt for a gift instead, such as a gift card to a nice restaurant or a pampering service for him or her.

· Babysitter or caregiver: This person is likely close with the family and may be deserving of more than a tip. Pick an age-appropriate gift you know this person will love. What about a coveted pair of Bluetooth-enabled earbuds or headphones? A gift card to a store you know this person frequents also can be fitting, or a year-long subscription to a streaming music or movie ser-

• Landscapers: If the same person crew services the lawn most of the time, a tip of \$20 each is an appropriate

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· Mail carrier: The mail is delivered six days of the week in any and all weather. Treat your mail carrier to a nice gift, but stick to the rules of the U.S. Postal Service. Mail carriers are not allowed to accept cash, checks or gift cards that can be used like credit cards. Stick to a gift of no more than \$25.

· Cleaning person: You rely on this person to keep your home tidy and clean. He or she is deserving of the cost of one visit, according to Roseanne Thomas author of "Excuse Me: The Survival Guide to Modern Business Et-

Individuals can use their discretion concerning service providers in their lives who may be worthy of some extra cheer this holiday season.



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# Bay Path students awarded Horatio Alger National Career & Technical Scholarship





**Ashley Winters Tianna Welcome** 

CHARLTON — Tianna Welcome of Oxford and Ashley Winters of Spencer have been awarded the 2020-2021 scholarship from the Horatio Alger National Career & Technical Scholarship

Program (CTE Scholarship). Welcome and Winters, both full-time practical nursing students at Bay Path **RVTHS Practical Nursing Academy** will each receive an award of \$2,500 for their practical nursing studies. CTE Scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis of verification of good academic standing, high school completion or earned high school equivalency credential, enrolled in a career or technical certificate program leading to employment, attending a not-forprofit post-secondary institution, Pell Grant eligibility, US citizenship, and be under the age of 30.

Welcome works as a certified nursing assistant (CNA) at CareOne in Millbury. Prior to joining Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy, Welcome completed Medical Assistant Certificate at Salter College (Dean's Nursing Assistant/Home Health Aide Training program at Peak Medical Academy in Worcester, and courses towards General Studies Healthcare option at Quinsigamond Community College.

Winters is a CNA working closely with hospice nurses at Uxbridge, MA. She completed her CNA and HHA certification at the American Red Cross in Worcester. She took courses toward majoring in social work at Anna Maria College in Paxton. She is an elected officer for the PN Class of 2021's UNICEF Club.

Both Welcome and Winters are 14 weeks into the rigorous ten-month of academics and clinicals to complete the practical nursing program and make positive contributions while continuing their service to the nursing profession.

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## **Special Sunday** masses for **CCD** students at St. Andrew **Bobola Church**

DUDLEY — Saint Andrew Bobola Parish (Catholic Church), 54 West Main St. in Dudley, is conducting Religious Education (CCD) classes on Sundays at 10:30 a.m., starting with Mass for our students, parents, families and friends. All are welcome to attend. The Mass will be approximately 30 minutes in length, followed immediately by 45 minutes of CCD instruction for all grades (1 through 11) until 11:45 a.m.

The Worcester Diocese guidelines designed to keep us safe will be followed as part of our resumed CCD classes. The church is sanitized after each Mass. Masks must be worn and we will keep safe social distance endeavoring to keep our church safe. Please come worship with us and know, love and serve our God. Please contact David Bugajski at 508-461-7361 if you have any questions about the CCD program. May God bless our CCD students, their families, and teachers. Thank you.

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\*\* Friday's Child

DUDLEY — The Dudley Police Department reported the following

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Angel R. Mercado, age Southbridge was arrested on Nov. 16 in connection with an out of agency

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### Hi! My name is Raven and I am a fashionista!

Raven is a creative, fashionable teen girl of Caucasian descent. Raven describes herself as polite and well dressed, but others would add she is outgoing, happy, and just fun to be around! Raven's creativeness tends to shine through her art and her clothing choices. Some of Raven's favorite activities include reading, cheerleading, gymnastics, spending time outside, and going shopping. Raven is a highly motivated child with goals for her future. When she grows up, she would like to become either a nurse or a fashion designer.

Engaging and confident, Raven has made tremendous progress in school. She likes to advocate for herself and have her voice be heard. Raven also thrives in family settings and does best when given a structured environment with clear rules and expectations.

Raven is legally freed for adoption and hopes her future family will have two parents, an older sister and a dog. Her social worker is also willing to consider single female families with children in the home. Raven would do best as the only or youngest child in the home. Raven has close relationships with her sisters and their adoptive families, who live on the South Shore of Massachusetts, and it is important for her to keep these relationships.

## Who Can Adopt?

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# QCC doesn't just talk turkey this Thanksgiving

College's Food Pantry provides holiday meals to students in Need

WORCESTER — Quinsigamond Community College is out on the frontlines helping to make Thanksgiving a little bit better for its most vulnerable students. Recently, the college's Food Pantry and Resource Center provided turkeys with all the fixings for 40 students in need. The holiday meals were distributed to students in a safe, contactless way. Those students in need who did not get a turkey were given \$40 gift cards to Market Basket.

QCC President Dr. Luis Pedraja took part in distributing the food and said he was humbled by the students' need, as well as their gratitude.

Within the first 35 minutes of opening we distributed all 40 turkeys and a total of 49 students were served in one hour. The students were so thankful for the assistance and said it would make such a difference for them and their families," Dr. Pedraja said. "Prior to the pandemic, we found 49% of our students were hungry and many were not sure where their next meal would come from. Today, we are seeing firsthand this need increasing and we are doing everything we can to help mitigate it.'

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Advisor Bonnie Coleman, who is one of the weekly QCC volunteers, said she was the last person the students saw as they left with their holiday meals.

'After the students picked up their turkeys and other food they stopped and thanked me. So many said 'God bless you for doing this," Ms. Coleman said. "It was heartwarming to see that we are able to make a small difference in the lives of students who are working so hard for a better life for themselves and

To date, 409 students have signed up to use the food pantry and with the cold weather and holidays, the college anticipates that number to continue to increase. Since the start of the pandemic, QCC's Food Pantry partnered with the Worcester County Food Bank to deliver 2,000 pounds of food.



Quinsigamond Community College Foundation President Dr. Linda Maykel braves the cold as she helps distribute turkeys to

"We are helping feed our students, as well as hundreds of family members. The word community in our college name is no accident. We are part of the community and as such, we will

ble," Dr. Pedraja said.

### **CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Cold War player
- 5. Flat-bottomed sailboat 10. Jamaican tangelo
- 14. Debauched man 15. Less covered
- 16. Require to live 17. Patrick and Aykroyd are two 18. Mixes
- 19. Insurance claim expenses
- 20. Tries to persuade 22. Equal (prefix)
- 23. Czech name for Prague 24. London soccer team
- 27. Greek letter 30. Small Eurasian deer
- 31. Swiss river 32. Miller beer
- 35. Less appealing
- 37. 8th month (abbr.)
- Alto, California city 39. Grandmothers
- 40. American time
- 41. NW Chinese people

Rachel Wood 43. Northeastern US university

42. "Westworld" actress

- 44. Poplar trees (Spanish) 45. Hip hop legend Kool Moe
- 47. Corpuscle count (abbr.)
- 48. Comedienne Gasteyer 49. Fonts
- 52. Female cattle mammary gland 55. Down time
- 56. Spiritual leader
- 60. Small brown and gray American rail
- 61. Trimmed by cutting 63. NY Giants owner
- 64. A long narrative poem
- 65. Old World lizard
- 66. Product for sale 67. Shut Your Pie Hole (abbr.)
- 68. Pacific Island country
- 69. Whale ship captain

## **CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Language 2. Fly high in the air
- 3. Made musical sounds 4. Organized again
- 5. TV channel
- 6. Unable to fly 7. Get up
- 8. Air traveler 9. Married woman
- 10. Take weapons from
- 11. Sicilian city 12. Actress Remini
- 13. Thought
- 21. Infections 23. Golf score
- 25. Hill or rocky peak 26. Witch
- 27. Adjusted
- 28. Succulent plant 29. Forearm bones

- 32. Hot fluid in the earth's crust 33. Subatomic particle
- 36. 007's creator 37. Burned material residue
  - 38. Brain layer: \_\_ mater
  - 40. Unable to partake 41. Lesion

34. Part of an organism

- 43. Historic railroad company (abbr.)
- 44. Basics 46. Scottish port
- 47. Flower cluster
- 49. Instruct 50. Untamed
- 51. Moth genus
- 52. Utilizes
- 53. Foolish
- 54. Fall in small drops 57. A place to get clean
- 58. La \_\_ Tar Pits
- 59. Metrical foot 61. Semiliquid food
- 62. Small crow

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For more information about QCC, contact Josh Martin, Director of Institutional Communications at 508-854-7513 or jmartin@qcc.mass.edu.

## QCC's GivingTuesday campaign launches early due to increased student need

Community Quinsigamond College is asking for the support of the community in helping its students during a time when their need is greater than ever before. The College has rolled out an aggressive fundraising campaign with the goal of raising \$30,000 in honor of its alumni, in conjunction with the national campaign GivingTuesday. QCC is an integral part of the City of Worcester and has well over 30,000 alumni, with close to 7,000 who live in Worcester.

donating QCC's GivingTuesday campaign, you are helping a friend or a neighbor who may be one of the many front-line workers helping to keep us safe and our essential businesses operating," said Associate Vice President for External Affairs, Dr.Viviana M. Abreu-Hernandez.

Donors can specify where they want their donations to go to such as the QCC Foundation's Student Emergency Fund, the QCC Food Pantry and Resource Center or student scholarships.

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, student need at QCC has greatly increased as jobs have been lost or severely cut and students have been struggling to make ends meet. While the college received CARES Act funding like most in the country, the stipulations for students to receive aid precluded many, due to their part-time status or other disqualifiers.

"Many of our students were unable to access the CARES Act aid; thankfully the QCC Foundation began a Student Emergency Fund before the CARES Act was even being considered in Congress. This has already helped well over 500 students," said President Dr. Luis Pedraja. "As the pandemic deepens and we enter the colder months the need continues to grow."

A survey of those who received Student Emergency Fund aid noted that 47 percent of working students lost their jobs, 72 percent of working students had a reduction in their working hours, and 33% had out of pocket medical expenses related to

"If all of our alumni and everyone in the community who knows a QCC alumnus were to make a donation, we would more than hit our goal," Dr. Abreu-Hernandez said, adding, "QCC is not a just college in Worcester, QCC is Worcester's college and by supporting our students you are supporting the community."

QCC's GivingTuesday campaign is running through the month of November and culminates on GivingTuesday, December 1. To be a part of QCC's GivingTuesday initiative, visit www.QCC.edu/QCCGives.

For more information about QCC, contact Josh Martin, Director of Institutional Communications at 508-854-7513 or jmartin@qcc.mass.edu.

## Open Sky Community Services appoints new Vice President of Behavioral Health



**Karen Duby** 

WORCESTER — Open Sky Services Community announced the appointment of its new Vice President of Behavioral Health, Karen Duby, LICSW. As part of her role on Open Sky's Senior Leadership team, Duby will be responsible for oversight of all of the organization's behavioral health programs, including Career Services, Respite Services, and the Adult Community Clinical Services Division.

"Karen comes to us with extensive experience in leading behavioral health programs in the Central Massachusetts area,' said Ken Bates, President and CEO of Open Sky Community Services. "Her strong clinical and management background, paired with her passion for the field, will greatly strengthen our services at Open Sky and we're excited for what she brings to the team."

Duby began working in the mental health field after obtaining her Master of Social Work in May 1993, from Boston College. Duby previously served as a Vice President at Community Healthlink in Worcester, where she led division leadership of up to 20 directors and supervisors in operating their respective programs. Duby also provided clinical oversight for Community Healthlink's primary care services, Homeless support services and the Continuum of Inpatient Substance Use Disorder services.

Duby's career at Community Healthlink spanned 20 years during which she held an additional eight titles, held roles including Assistant Vice President of Recovery Services, Director of Emergency Services of Program for Assertive Community Treatment and Crisis Stabilization Clinician.

"I'm excited for this new opportunity to utilize my skills in leading, developing and inspiring excellence in a behavioral health organization," said Duby. "I think I can bring a fresh perspective and new approach, and I am excited to get started with Ken and the entire Open Sky team."

About Open Sky Community Services

Community Open Services is dba for Alternatives Unlimited, Inc. and The Bridge of Central MA. Open Sky offers a wide range of services for adults, adolescents, and children with mental health challenges, developmental and intellectual disabilities, substance use disorders, brain injury, homelessness and other challenges throughout Central Massachusetts. Open Sky Community Services has over 1,200 dedicated employees and an annual budget of \$83M with more than 100 programs throughout the region. For more information, please visit www. openskycs.org.

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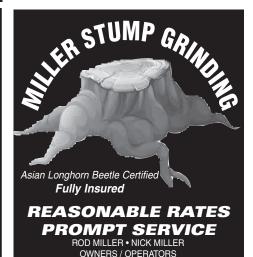


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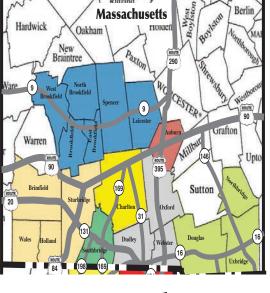
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## Bay Path LPN lands "dream job" with Day Kimball Hospital

Student former Representative for Practical Nursing Class of 2018, Reagan Gosselin, LPN of Charlton is accustomed to moving fast. Even so, she was surprised by how quickly her nursing journey is turning up roses! Gosselin landed her dream job at Day Kimball Hospital at the Putnam Pediatric Center.

Gosselin entered the ten-month, full-time practical nursing program at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy in the Fall of 2017. She managed her studies alongside her role as a Student Representative, member of the UNICEF Club, her job as a Dietary Aide at Harrington Hospital, and part-time Night Secretary for the Bay Path Adult Evening School. She was hoping to pivot into her nursing career that would align more closely with her passion for working with children. Within a short time, she achieved just that.

"I accepted a full-time position at Day Kimball Hospital at their Putnam Pediatric Center," says Gosselin. "It's my dream job."

As an LPN Gosselin previously worked at The Overlook in Charlton, Brookhaven Rest Home in West Brookfield (as Medical Coordinator), Lincoln Hill Manor in Spencer (as Patient Care Assistant).

Gosselin said, "when I decided to start my nursing journey, I knew I wanted to work with children. I have four siblings that I adore and dedicated my nursing career to. I'm excited to start working in pediatrics and further my career." Gosselin is currently taking courses at Quinsigamond

Community towards her BSN and hopes to one day work at the Boston Children's Hospital. Gosselin attributes her success to her strong family support and adds, "thank you to the amazing faculty at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy for setting me up for such success!"

About Bay Path Practical RVTHS Nursing Academy

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Reagan Gosselin and her family.

## Learn "How to Master Your Mindset During A Crisis" with Mike Savage Dec. 1

WORCESTER - Mike Savage will present "How to Master Your Mindset During A Crisis: The Seven Secret Weapons of Great Business Leaders Who Thrive During Challenging Times" at a Zoom meeting of The Communicators Club from noon to 1:15 p.m. Tuesday,

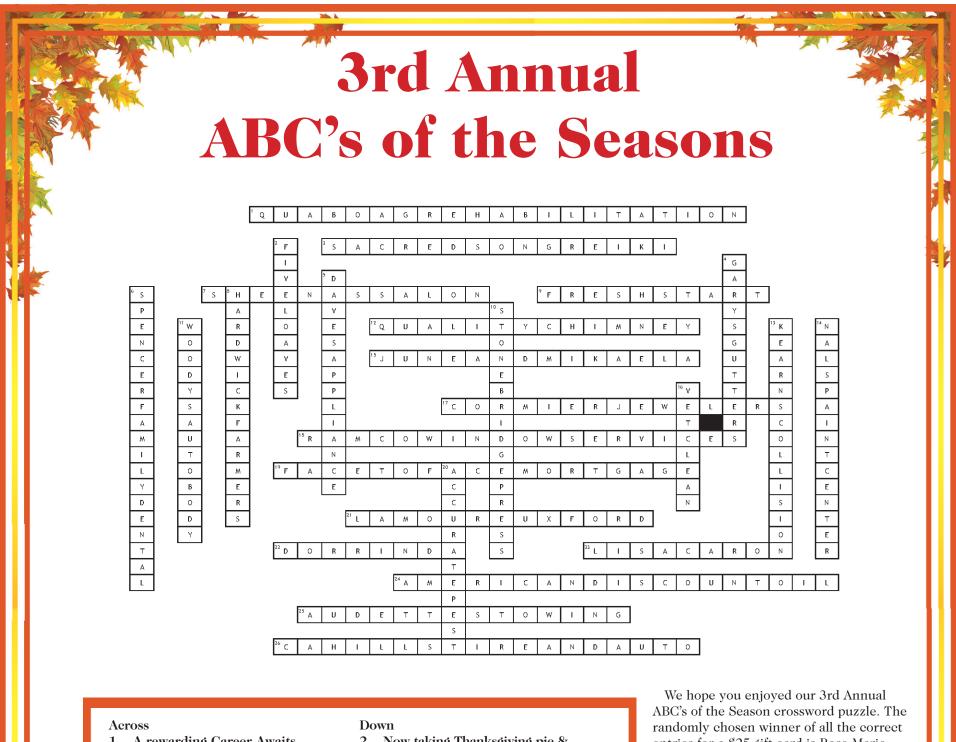
Savage said the pandemic is a curveball that none of us could have imagined. While most business leaders have assessed the reality of their situation, applied for a PPP or EIDL loan, and taken the necessary steps as required by law, they may not be addressing an important aspect of this crisis - their mindset and mental state. Mike, who has more than 30 years of entrepreneurship, believes that mindset, language, focus, daily routine, peer network, and

thought process are significantly more important to success than a tactic, product or marketing plan.

Savage will dig into how great leaders summon their inner powers when faced with seemingly insurmountable challenges and emerge victorious. He will explain how entrepreneurs can win this battle as they manage their state of mind, believe that the universe is unfolding as it should, and have faith that they will successfully navigate through this adversity.

There is a \$10 fee for the virtual program. To register, go to https://conta. cc/38uuUvp.

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## BARTLETT HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

WEBSTER — Bartlett High School has released its honor roll for the first quarter of the 2020-2021 school year.

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High Honors: Muahammad Aslam, Peter Lavache, Charles Roche

Honors: Kwadwo Agyemang, Aarilyn Arley, Jose Colon, Jared Evora, Reece LeBeau, Hilda Paiz Cordova, Damian Pye, Madisynn Segarra, Hung Tran, Isaiah Zayas, Dezmin Zona

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## **EDITORIAL**

# To infinity and beyond

On Nov. 15, the world watched as a Space X spacecraft blasted into space with four astronauts on board. As one news outlet put it, it was 'eight minutes of terror' as the fiery bullet took off. This title nailed it. As we watched the rocket take off, we were awestruck at how far mankind has come. The science and intelligence that is behind what was once unthinkable, is mind blowing.

Watching the takeoff on Sunday evening was just as exciting as it was nerve wracking. In 1986, while in school, we all watched as the Challenger met it's fatal fate after just 73 seconds after taking off. In 2003, the Columbia shuttle broke apart while attempting to renter the Earth's atmosphere, killing all seven crew members.

The crew, made up of Victor Glover, Shannon Walker, Soichi Noguchi (of Japan) and Michael Hopkins, traveled the 27 hours it takes to get to the International Space Station. As we write this, the crew is safely in orbit.

The launch was delayed from Saturday to Sunday due to bad weather from Hurricane Eta. The trek is historical in that it's the first fully operational mission for the private company, SpaceX, founded by Elon Musk. A test mission did take place this past spring with two test pilots, Robert Behnken and Douglas Hurley who successfully traveled to the space station.

The crew will remain in space for six months, where they will administer several experiments. One experiment includes how microgravity affects human heart tissue. Microgravity is defined as the condition in which people or things appear to be weightless. An attempt to grow radishes will also take place, which could lead to longer space missions.

In 2011, NASA did away with the Space Shuttle program. Since then the United States has used Russian spacecrafts to bring astronauts to the International Space Station. SpaceX created and developed the Crew Dragon capsule.

In 1961, Russian Lt. Yuri Gagarin became the first person to orbit the Earth in Vostok 1. The flight lasted for 108 minutes, reaching an altitude of 202 miles. That same year, Alan Shepard became the first American to go to space. A year later in February, John Glenn became the first American to land on the moon.

In 1969, Neil Armstrong was the first

human to walk on the moon. Some interesting facts about space are that it is completely silent. Because there is no atmosphere in space, sound has no way to travel. Astronauts use radios to communicate. In 1986, NASA discovered what could be fossils of microscopic living organisms on a rock brought back from Mars. Halley's Comet won't orbit by the Earth until 2061. A space suit from Nasa costs \$12,000,000. A research by Yale scientists suggests that there may be a planet made out of diamonds, that is twice the size of Earth and eight times greater. They say it's 40 light years away; however, it can be seen by the naked eye in the constellation of Cancer. The footprints left on the moon will last for 100 million years. One day on Venus is longer than one year due to a slow axis rotation which takes 243 Earth days to complete it's day. If two pieces of metal touch while in space, they will weld together. There is floating water in space. The moon was once a piece of the Earth. Scientists say that when Earth was young, it was struck by a giant object breaking a piece off that began to orbit the Earth due to gravity.

Sunday evening's excitement was a much needed break from the national news cycle. Listening to the ground crew at NASA headquarters was like listening to something out of a movie. It was a refreshing reminder that there are bigger, more positive things taking place in our lifetimes and for that, we are thank-

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# A spirit of gratitude

ful for the good things that happen in our live is easy, but to be grateful for all of our lives the good as well as the bad, the moments of joy as well as the moments of sorrow, the successes as well as the failures, the rewards as well as the rejections – that requires hard spiritual work. Still, we are only truly grateful people when we can say thank you to all that has brought us to the present moment. Let's not be afraid to

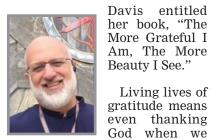
"To be grate-

look at everything that has brought us to where we are now and trust that we will soon see in it the guiding hand of a loving God." (Henri Nouwen)

It's hard spiritual work to maintain an attitude of gratitude. Yet it is possible! When Saint Paul languished in a prison cell, he encouraged the Christians in Philippi who were suffering persecution themselves with the words, "Rejoice in the Lord always and even when we worry still give thanks." He advised the Christians in Thessalonica to "give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus." When Saint John Chrysostom was on a death march in exile because of his faith, his final words were "Glory to God for all things.'

God's will for us is to be filled with joy and thanksgiving. His will is not for us to complain about life, to grumble about what we don't have, to whine about our circumstances, or to compare how others may have something we don't have. Our Lord Jesus has blessed us in our own unique ways, and He wants us to face life with gratitude.

How pleasant life becomes with an attitude of gratitude. Cultivating such a spirit transforms our entire perspective. Instead of focusing on what we don't have or what others have, we thank God for every blessing! We express gratitude to God for life itself; for the world around us; for nature and beauty; for the love of family and friends; for health and well-being; for our Lord Jesus Christ and His Holy Church; for the meaning of life that our faith gives us; for the opportunity to experience the Kingdom of God here and now. As the author Mary



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spiritual malaise. Pride is lurking within. We do not thank others because by thanking them, we acknowledge that they have done something special for us. Too many people allow their hidden pride to hinder expressions of gratitude.

What makes us truly human is our ability to continually thank our Creator, praising and blessing Him at all times. By forgetting or ignoring this, we reject a fundamental purpose of

In the Psalms, King David and other writers thank God more than 60 times for His goodness, love, and infinite blessings. One of the most beautiful passages comes from Psalm 103, "Bless the Lord O my soul, and do not forget all that he has done for me!" How can we ever count the innumerable blessings of God and properly express our gratitude to Him without ceasing?

Apostle Paul warns the ungrateful. 'Although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking." (Rom 1:21) More than 50 times throughout his letters, the Apostle reminds his spiritual children to thank God! "Give thanks to God at all times" (Eph 5:20) "Devote yourself to prayer, keeping alert in it with thanksgiving." (Col 4:2) "In whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, giving thanks to God" (Col 3:17).

Even the ancient and traditional worship in the Christian Church celebrates the Eucharist, which is a Greek word for "thanksgiving." In the middle of our Divine Liturgy, the priest turns to the people and says, "Let us lift up our hearts.

Davis entitled Let us give thanks to the Lord." Following this call of gratitude, the priest offers a prayer which enumerates all for which we should thank God, including our very existence, our salvation from sin and death, our entrance into His heavenly Kingdom, the promise of eternal life, and for every blessing seen and unseen. In our private daily prayers as well, thanksgiving should

play a central part.

Of course, we should not limit our gratitude to God alone. What about expressing thanksgiving to all the people God brings into our lives? How often will people do something special for us, and we don't properly acknowledge their act? Don't let our pride determine our behavior. Let us continually humble ourselves, and thank all those around us - our parents for giving us life, our families for showing us love, our friends who stay near us during our times of need, our teachers and other special mentors who have inspired us, guided us, and enlightened us throughout our lives. When we pause and reflect on our lives, I am sure that numerous people have influenced our lives in positive ways. What is stopping us from thanking them with our words, by writing a letter, dropping them an email, and expressing our gratitude in concrete ways?

As we celebrate our national holiday of Thanksgiving, it's an appropriate time reflect on what role gratitude plays in our daily lives, and think about how we can make gratitude more central to who

One simple, yet powerful, habit each can all cultivate is to start out our day with an attitude of gratitude. Before we even get out of bed each morning, let's make the sign of the cross and thank God for five people in our lives. Every morning throughout the week, thank God for five different blessings. Do this every morning until Christmas and see how it changes your perspective. You will notice that as you reflect more on gratitude, you will find many more things for which you will be grateful. Beginning each day in this manner will help cultivate and nourish the blessed spirit of thanksgiving and gratitude.

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In the last week, we experienced some cars break ins during the overnight hours. These occurred in the Schofield / Chase Ave. area and they were parked in the owner's driveway or near their home. It is terrible to think people will take advantage of others in such a way during a time of increased stress. I wanted to

take this opportunity to once again publish some reminders for people to assist them in preventing these incidents.

Dudley and many towns in our area have experienced similar issues in recent times. The best way to prevent most of these break-ins is to keep your vehicle locked. Many people simply forget, or they have a false sense of security that nothing will happen in their neighborhood. This is especially true while the vehicle is parked outside their home. Many criminals look for unlocked vehicles to enter. These are easy targets and the individuals have a lower risk of being discovered since they are not causing damage (breaking glass, etc.). Perhaps as important as locking your vehicle is to never leave items of value in your car. Items like cell phones, wallets, pocketbooks, etc. that are in plain view, can be attractive to criminals. If these items are not there or at least hidden (combined with locked doors), there is a strong likelihood the perpetrators will move on elsewhere.

In addition to securing your vehicle, remember the value of lighting around your home. The more lights you have, the better off you are. Burglars and other criminals do not like to be seen. Motion detection lights are a great tool. They only work when movement takes place. This limits the amount of electricity used and provides illumination at times when it is needed most. Cameras are also more prevalent today. Many of these systems can be relatively inexpensive, easy to operate, and enable you to see in or around your home easily, even when you are not there.

Perhaps it is most important to call the police if you hear or see anything unusual taking place around your home. Many people wait until the next day to report suspicious activity. Often, people will dismiss their observations as something else which is easily explainable. You know your neighborhood best. If the police are notified immediately, there is a greater likelihood of locating suspects and stolen property while, at the same time possibly preventing future occurrences. Without public assistance, our efforts to investigate crimes and identify suspects can be extremely difficult.

Our department is collecting Christmas gift donations for local families in need. This pandemic year has been particularly difficult on people. New, unwrapped toys and clothing can be brought to the Dudley Police Department at 71 West Main St. Of need in the past were gifts for children ages of 10 and up. Monetary donations and gift cards are also accepted. Checks should be made payable to the "Dudley Police Association" with a special note for the Holiday Drive. We thank everyone in advance for their outstanding support in the past and the continued generosity. Numerous local families have benefitted in the past. Anything you can give will help bring some happiness to those who would otherwise go without during this season.

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

# Winter care for trees, shrubs and perennials in containers

As you prepare your landscape for winter don't overlook the trees, shrubs and perennials you have growing in containers. These need a bit of extra protection to help them survive cold winter temperatures.

The small amount of soil in container gardens does not always provide sufficient insulation. The roots are more exposed to temperature extremes than those of their counterparts growing in the ground. Extremely cold temperatures can damage or kill the roots and even the plant.

Plants rated at least one zone hardier than your zone can usually survive when left outside for winter. Just make



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weather. Here are a couple strategies for helping your other containers through the winter. Select the one that best fits your land-

scape space and gardening style. Those in

apartments or with limited space may need to enlist the help of their gardening friends.

Move containers to a sheltered location. Place them close together for added insulation. Then surround this with annual pots of flowers and vegetables to further insulate the roots. Wait until spring to empty and compost the annual plants. Or cover the pots with



Moving containers to a sheltered location and placing them close together for added insulation is one strategy to help them survive cold winter temperatures.

woodchips or surround them with bags of leaves, potting mix or bales of straw. Add another layer of insulation by piling snow that is free of deicing salt over the pots throughout the winter.

Any plants growing in nursery pots or plastic containers can be overwintered in a vacant section of the garden. Sink the pots in the ground and make

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# Consider these year-end financial moves

We're nearing the end of 2020 – and for many of us, it will be a relief to turn the calendar page on this challenging year. However, we've still got a few weeks left, which means you have time to make some year-end financial moves that may work in your favor.

Here are a few sugges-

Add to your IRA. For

the 2020 tax year, you can put in up to \$6,000 to your traditional or Roth IRA, or \$7,000 if you're 50 or older. If you haven't reached this limit, consider adding some money. You actually have until April 15, 2021, to contribute to your IRA for 2020, but the sooner you put the money in, the quicker it can go to work for you. pay taxes in April, you'll be less likely to contribute to your IRA then.

Make an extra 401(k) payment. If it's allowed by your employer, put in a little extra to your 401(k) or similar retirement plan. And

if your salary goes up next year, increase your regular contributions.

See your tax advisor. It's possible that you could improve your tax situation by making some investment-related moves. For example, if you sold some investments whose value has increased, you could incur capital gains taxes. To offset these gains, you could sell other invest-



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ments that have lost value, assuming these investments are no longer essential to your financial strategy. Your tax advisor can evaluate this type of move, along with others, to determine those that may be appropriate for your situation.

Review your investment mix. As you consider your portfolio, think about the events of these past 12 months and how you responded to them.

When COVID-19 hit nically called required early in the year, and minimum distributions, early in the year, and the financial markets plunged, did you find yourself worrying constantly about the losses you were taking, even though they were just on "paper" at that point? Did you even sell investments to "cut your

losses" without waiting for a market recovery? If so, you might want to consult with a financial professional to determine if your investment mix is still appropriate for your goals and risk tolerance, or if you need to make some changes.

Evaluate your need for retirement plan withdrawals. If you are 72 or older, you must start taking withdrawals - techor RMDs - from your traditional IRA and your 401(k) or similar retirement plan. Typically, you must take these RMDs by December 31 every year. However, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Stimulus (CARES) Act suspended, or waived, all RMDs due in 2020. If you're in this age group, but you don't need the money. you can let your retirement accounts continue growing on a tax-deferred basis.

about Think future. Are you saving enough for your children's college education? Are you still on track toward the retirement lifestyle you've envisioned? Or have your retirement plans changed as a result of the pandemic? All of these issues can affect your investment strategies, so you'll want to think carefully about what decisions you may need to make.

Looking back - and ahead – can help you make the moves to end 2020 on a positive note and start 2021 on the right

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor. Please contact Dennis Antonopoulos, your local Edward Jones Advisor at 5 Albert St., Auburn, MA 01501 Tel: 508-832-5385

# Helpful hints for harvesting deer

Opening day of the Massachusetts shotgun deer season is scheduled to open on Nov. 30. This year, sportsmen that harvest a deer during the first week of the shotgun deer season, are not required to bring the animal to a check station as

in previous years, due to the Covid-19 outbreak. You are required to register the deer online. A lot of deer, some of which were very impressive, were harvested during the archery deer season. Last year's numbers of harvested deer during the archery season were high, and I would not be surprised that the numbers will be even higher this year. In fact, last year, archers harvested more deer than hunters during the shotgun deer season in Massachusetts!

Many deer hunters are trophy deer hunters, and often pass up a shot at a doe or small buck. The excitement of harvesting a trophy deer gives the hunter bragging rights for many years. If you are looking for some good eating venison, the younger deer are the best, not to say that some big buck do not have the flavor of a younger deer. Many times, it depends on the food the deer

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were eating, that make the difference in flavorful meat. Proper field dressing also has a large effect on the taste of the deer, as the meat can be tainted with the deer's urine if it is broken during the field dressing process.

A quick clean kill can also make your harvested deer meat taste a lot better, than if you need to track the deer any length

of time. The adrenalin of the deer has a tendency to stiffen up the body of the deer and effects the meat when it is cooked. Also, making a bad shot and locating the deer the next day, is another thing that you do not want to happen. These are some of the reasons that many people do not like eating venison. If the deer is quickly killed and properly field dressed, they would change their way of thinking.

If you are hunting private property, you need to make sure that you have permission from the landowner. If you harvest a deer, be sure to share some of the venison with him or her. It could go a long way in keeping his property open in the coming years. Leaving your trash behind is another way to get the property closed. When possible, you should try to remove the body parts that are removed from the animal during field dressing. It does draw coyote and other wild animals to the kill site to eat the body parts, which may be an unwanted visit by the farmer or property owner.

Tautog fishing remained pretty good last week in Rhode Island, but boaters needed to go a bit further out to deeper water. Shore fishing anglers have had to work a bit harder to catch a couple of keepers. Seabass fishing has also slowed in the area around Point Judith

Ice fishing anglers are hoping for some ice this year, but if you listen to some of the long range forecast, it does not look too good. Many anglers are still fishing from their boats in local waters, catching some impressive trout and largemouth bass.

Hoping everyone stays safe and has a happy Holiday, even though it will not be like previous years. New Englanders are tough, and we will all survive the pandemic if we social distance and wear masks. We will get back to normal soon. Our deepest sympathy goes out to all that have lost a loved one to the Covid-19.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!



The 16 year old son of Sean Haynes harvested this 16-point buck in Spencer during the archery season.

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sure the pot is covered with and sur-

An unheated garage also provides a suitable location for overwintering container gardens. Heated garages are usually too warm and plants will begin to grow. With a lack of sufficient sunlight, they usually struggle through the winter and often die.

head garage door. Add a bit of insulation such as packing materials, bagged soil or other potential insulation you probably have in your home or garage. This protects the roots when the temperatures plummet. Water your stored containers whenever the soil is thawed and dry. A scoop of snow that is free of deicing salt works well. Just toss a scoop on each pot. When the temperatures rise the snow melts and waters the pots. Dry soil during a winter thaw is the usual cause of death when pots are stored this way.

If space allows, you may decide to plant those trees, shrubs and perennials growing in containers into the garden each fall. You will eliminate this overwintering task and have a great excuse

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rounded by soil. Water if needed. Then lift the plants in spring and set them in a decorative container to enjoy throughout the growing season.

Place the plants away from the over-

for buying new plants next spring.

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## **LEGALS**

### **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 Judy Reeks and Frederick W. Reeks, Jr. to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, acting solely as a nominee for Lendia, Inc., dated September 13, 2005 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 37340, Page 75 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust is the present holder by Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Lendia, Inc. to CitiMortgage, Inc. dated May 14, 2012 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 49023, Page 306, and Assignment from CitiMortgage, Inc. to Pretium Mortgage Credit Partners I Loan Acquisition, LP dated December 1, 2015 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 54641, Page 86, and Assignment from Pretium Mortgage Credit Partners I Loan Acquisition, LP to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust dated December 21, 2015 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 54834, Page 88, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 4 Allen Avenue, Oxford, MA 01540 will be sold at a Public Auction at 12:00 PM on December 7, 2020, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land, with the buildings and improvements thereon, situated on Allen Avenue in the Town of Oxford, Worcester County, Massachusetts, and being shown as Lot #46 on a plan of land entitled: "Huguenot Tract", dated August 26, 1927, drawn by J. R. Kleindienst, Surveyor, which plan is recorded with the Worcester Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 51, Plan 16, and to which plan reference is made for a more particular description. The premises is more particularly described in the Deed recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 21795, Page 340, to wit: The land in Oxford with buildings thereon bounded and described as follows: Being Lot #46 on plan of Huguenot Tract, dated August 26, 1927, drawn by J.R. Kleindienst, Surveyor, recorded in Worcester Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 51, Plan 16 and further described as follows: Beginning at the most northerly point of the tract herein conveyed, which point is also the most westerly corner of lot #45, as shown on said plan. Thence Southeasterly along said lot #45 a distance of 118 feet to a point on Allen Avenue; Thence Southwesterly by said Allen Avenue, 60 feet to lot shown on said plan; #47 as Northwesterly Thence along said lot #47, 122.7 feet to lot as shown on said plan; Thence Northeasterly along said lot #43, 60.2 feet to the point of beginning. For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 21795, Page 340.

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 01851 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

Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust Korde & Associates, P.C. 900 Chelmsford Street **Suite 3102** Lowell, MA 01851

(978) 256-1500 Reeks, Judy and Frederick November 13, 2020 November 20, 2020 November 27, 2020

### **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 Edilson Sousa Novais and Cassia S.D. Novais to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, acting solely as a nominee for Mortgageit, Inc., dated June 7, 2007 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 41286, Page 25 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage Wilmington Trust, National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as trustee for MFRA Trust 2014-2 is the present holder by Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc, as nominee for Mortgageit Inc Its successors and assigns to U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee for PROF-2012-S1 Holding Trust 1 dated October 10, 2013 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 51653, Page 307, and Assignment from U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for PROF-2012-S1 Holding Trust 1 to MFRA Trust 2014-2 dated January 23, 2015 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 53376, Page 36, and Corrective Assignment from U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for PROF-2012-S1 Holding Trust I to Wilmington Trust, National Association, not in its individual Capacity, but solely as trustee for MFRA Trust 2014-2 dated May 6, 2015 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 53702, Page 23, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 13 Konkel Avenue, Webster, MA 01570 will be sold at a Public Auction at 3:00 PM on December 14, 2020, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit: Lot 42, Konkel Avenue, Webster, bound-Massachusetts being

Lot 42 on a Plan of Land entitled "Sunny Shores, Webster, Massachusetts" dated November 7, 2002, recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 792, Plan 72, Owned by: Sunny Shores, Inc., Old Worcester Road, Webster, Massachusetts, Prepared for: C.J.P. Realty Trust 31 Charlton Road, Dudley, Massachusetts. Prepared by: Bouley Brothers, Inc., Land Surveyors, 75 Hammond Street, P.O. Box 2215, Massachusetts Worcester, 01613

and described as

follows:

Lot 42 contains 18,965.69 square according feet to said plan.

is subject The above parcel Restrictive to Declaration of Covents recorded at the Worcester District Registry Deeds in Book 27037, Page 220.

Said lot conveyed subject to a drainage easement and any all other easements, restrictions and convenants as shown on said plan.

For Title reference see Deed recorde in the Worcester Registry of Deeds as Book 32257 Page 247.

A deed from Scott Meade and Suzanne Meade to Edilson Sousa Novais to be recorded.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 41286, Page 23.

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 01851 or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication. Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Wilmington Trust, National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as trustee for MFRA Trust 2014-2 Associates, Korde Chelmsford 900 Street 3102 Suite Lowell, MA 01851 (978) 256-1500 Novais, Edilson Sousa, 18-032516 November 20, 2020 November 27, 2020 December 4, 2020

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

Notice is hereby given by: School Street Towing 17-31 School Street, Webster MA 01570 pursuant to the provisions og G.L.c., Section 39A, that on: 5 Dec2020 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 2005 Make: BMW Model: 325I Registration#/ State: Unregistered VIN: WBAvB-13576KX40362

Name and address of vehicle owner Mark Correla 123 Zeigler Street, Boston MA 02119

By Frank A Czechowski Jr. November 8, 2020.

This notice has been given under the provisions of G.L.c. 255, Section 39A. November 20, 2020

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### **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 Robert F. Clinton, Sylvia M. Clinton to Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation, a subsidiary of IndyMac Bank, F.S.B., dated May 24, 2007 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 41234, Page 317 of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from:

Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Financial Freedom Acquisition LLC, recorded on October 5, 2009, in Book No. 44930, at Page 291

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Financial Freedom Acquisition LLC to Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as Trustee for Mortgage Assets Management Series I Trust, recorded on July 11, 2019, in Book No. 60687, at Page 70 for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 1:00 PM on December 18, 2020, on the mortgaged premises located at 150 Lake Street, Webster, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, TO WIT:

The property at 150 Lake Street, Webster MA more particularly described as follows: TRACT I

BEGINNING at the northwesterly corner thereof on the southerly side of Lake Street and at the northwesterly corner of Lot 8 on a plan herein after referred to, which point is 350 feet more or less easterly from land now or formerly of one DeForest;

THENČE southwesterly by said Lot 8 now or formerly of Joseph P. Love 130 feet to a stake at the northwesterly corner of Lot 16 on said plan;

THENCE southeasterly by Lot 16 a distance of 65 feet to the northwesterly corner of Lot 15 on said plan;

THENCE northeasterly by Lot 10 on said plan 130 feet to Lake Street; THENCE northwesterly to the point of beginning

BEING LOT 9 on said plan.

TRACT II

Beginning at the northwesterly corner thereof on the southerly side of Lake Street and at the westerly corner of Lot 9;

THENCE southwesterly 130 feet by said Lot 9 to a stake at the northwesterly corner of Lot 15 on said plan; THENCE southwesterly 65 feet by said

Lot 15 to Beacon Street (so-called) as shown on said plan; THENCE northeasterly by said Beacon

Street 130 feet to said Lake Street; THENCE northwesterly by said Lake Street 65 feet to the point of beginning.

Being shown as Lot 10 on said plan. Said Lots 9 and 10 are shown on a plan of land entitled "Lakeside Park" drawn by John A. Wakefield Engineer, and dated 1988.

Said plan is recorded at the Worcester District Registry of Deeds. For Grantor's title see Deed recorded in Book 28385, Page 338.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 28385, Page 338.

These premises will be sold and conveyed 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 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. TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars 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 at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, 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. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

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

BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON COMPANY, N.A. TRUST TRUSTEE FOR MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT SERIES I TRUST Present holder of said mortgage

By its Attorneys, HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C. 150 California St. Newton, MA 02458 (617)558-0500 17202

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**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. WO20C0372CA CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME In the matter of:

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Jason Alan Roark of **Webster MA** 

Jason Alan Roark

requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Jason **Alan Arnold Roark** 

IMPORTANT NOTICE Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Worcester Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/15/2020. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court. Date: November 12, 2020

Stephanie K. Fattman Register of Probate November 27, 2020

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts** The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court Worcester Division** Docket No. WO20P3154EA

> Estate of: William Bacon Franchi Also Know As: William B. Franchi Date Of Death: 05/09/2017 **INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Lynn B. Wiles of Londonderry NH a Will has been admitted

to informal probate. Lynn B. Wiles of Londonderry NH has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate

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

Petitioner. November 27, 2020

# Pizza ... a circle of life

My mother taught me many things. She gave me the gift of curiosity. She questioned everything and encouraged her children to do the same. She spent her early teen years as a short order cook and waitress. With her experience she taught me to cook and enjoy the creativity of the process.

In 1943, Mom moved from Sapulpa, Oklahoma to Oakland, California to work in the shipyard to support our war effort. There, she was introduced to her first pizza. It was love at first bite. She later passed her love of the pie to her children and today, we are all pizzaholics. And why not? What's not to love about pizza? She used to make it. We didn't have much money when I was a kid, so I've had pizza made from Bisquick, ketchup, cheddar cheese slices and sliced hot dogs. It wasn't good, but sometimes even bad pizza is better than no pizza at all. I've learned that it's maybe not the taste of the pizza, but the

Growing up, a great thrill was being told the pizza delivery man was coming. It was a rare treat but when it happened, it was pure delight. It was like waiting for Santa, but instead of us feeding him cookies, he's bringing a pizza!

Pizza has become a national celebratory food. When something good happens, we order a pizza. It's easy to order, readily available anywhere, and compared to most foods, inexpensive. It's a food for the common people. When our doorbell rings with unexpected guests, I immediately think about ordering a pizza.

Do you know what cheese said the first time it met sausage? It's Slice to Meat you!

In a nation where regional food has now been homogenized and can be found everywhere, pizza seems to remain

role it plays in American regional. I'll show my bias by claiming Chicago is the pizza capital of the world and boasts the best pizza on the planet. Chicago has the extremes from its deepdish delights to the thin and crispy treats. All of it good. I do enjoy New York style pizza but have found two regions of pizza that I don't love ... yet.

> Before I go on ... How do you fix a broken pizza? With tomato paste!

Tim, a close friend, is from suburban Detroit and raves about Detroit style pizza and he couldn't wait to show me. But upon arrival in Levonia, Michigan, I was served something that seemed like a flat and square loaf of heavy bread with a little sauce drizzled over it and covered in cheese. It wasn't bad ... it wasn't round ... it wasn't what I perceive as pizza.

And just for a little background ... what's the difference between a columnist and a large pizza? At least the pizza can feed a family of four. (Ouch!)

Then there's Southern California. I love the weather, landscape, and beach. As for their pizza ... I searched far and wide and thought it was all awful. I think if you put avocado on it ... it's no longer pizza. California Pizza Kitchen does offer a great Thai Chicken Pizza, but in general, I find SoCal is a pizza desert ... at least so far?

Hey ... did you hear about the Hawaiian chef who burnt his pizza? He should have baked it on Aloha temperature.

Pizza is as diverse as the people who eat it.

Originally from the Chicago area, I like my deep-dish pizza with cheese and a flat, thin sheet of Italian sausage that spans the entire pie. I like my thin crust with pepperoni and onion. I prefer my sauce to be on the sweet side and my crust not to be soft and

Did you hear about the pizza chef with the terminal illness? He pasta'way. Now he's just a pizza his-

Writing this column, I'm reminded of a scene in Forrest Gump where Bubba is telling Forrest of all the ways to make shrimp. "There's thick crust pizza, thin crust pizza, sausage pizza, BBQ chicken pizza ..." I'm guessing the list could go on forever.

Aside from the silliness of this column, here's what's important.

When gather we around pizza, people smile. It's not just another dining experience to provide nourishment, but an activity that has become a prominent thread in the fabric of our American tapestry. The enjoyment isn't just in the consumption, but the idea that pizza is a gathering point ... a touchstone that brings us together.

And we all know in this time of intense national anxiety, we must find something we can agree upon. I believe conservatives and liberals alike can still sit around a pizza and find some common ground ... and maybe laugh together ... and just maybe ... begin to heal our American spirit.

The election is over. Can we all order a pizza and smile? Can we enjoy the companionship of those we may disagree with politically and eat a pizza together? Isn't it time to try?

P.S. - I'd tell more pizza jokes, but they're all too

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# Medicinal Seasonings Spice Up Holiday Recipes

around the corner, the focus turns to homemade pies, cookies and other comfort food confections that conjure up fond holiday memories. One of the simple pleasures of churning out home baked goods this time of year is the unmistakable aroma of such spices as cinnamon, nutmeg and ginger. But the familiar aromatics of holiday fare are not simply tasty comfort foods, as it turns out, studies show popular holiday spices can benefit your health as well as your taste buds.

The following yulerecipes tide-worthy include generous doses of spices with impressive health benefits. Note: Data on treating ailments with spices is offered as information only; not medical advice. Do not ingest spices as home remedies without proper medical supervision as dangerous allergies and side effects can occur.

Nutmeg

Often sprinkled in a holiday eggnog or added to a meat pie, the nutmeg spice jar does duty beyond the kitchen cupboard, from halting a headache to promoting sweet slumber. Nutmeg is packed with antioxidants and anti-inflammatory properties that not only relieve headaches but help ease pain associated with injuries and wounds. The spice is also an antibacterial, which makes it a powerful weapon in healing oral maladies. A natural diuretic, nutmeg is ben-



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eficial to kidney health, with its powerful properties evenly hailed as a treatment to dissolve kidney stones. And according to the Encyclopedia of Healing Foods, a little nutmeg added to a glass of warm milk can lull you off to sleep in record time.

Candied Pecans: Traditional holidays include old fashioned recipes, and this simple candied nut recipe, featuring nutmeg and cinnamon, harks back to holiday snacks of yore:

Ingredients: one large egg white; ½ tablespoon vanilla extract; ½ tablespoon water; one cup sugar; ¾ teaspoon Kosher salt; ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon; 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg; one pound raw pecan

halves

Directions: Preheat the oven to  $250^{\circ}$ F ( $121^{\circ}$ C). Butter a baking sheet.

In a bowl, beat the egg white, vanilla, and water just until very frothy. In a separate bowl, combine the sugar, salt, cinnamon, and nutmeg. Add the pecans to the eggwhite mixture and gently toss to coat. Transfer the nuts to the sugar mixture and toss to coat. Spread the nuts evenly on the baking sheet.

Bake for 1 hour, stirring every 10 to 15 minutes. Watch the pecans ies revealed the spice

carefully during the last 15 to 20 minutes of cooking for doneness. The nuts should be a lovely golden brown, crunchy, and evenly coated with the hardened sugar coating when they come out of the oven. Store the pecans in an airtight container in a cool, dry place for up to 2 weeks.

Cinnamon

Cinnamon, perhaps the most recognized holiday spice, is also one of the most powerful in health benefits. Helpful in reducing blood sugar levels in people with type 2 diabetes, cinnamon has been touted as an additional dietary supplement along with conventional medications to fight the dis-

addition, studreduced triglyceride, LDL cholesterol, and total cholesterol levels among test group subjects. Want more? Research from Copenhagen University showed a significant relief in arthritis pain when patients were given half a teaspoon of cinnamon powder combined with one tablespoon of honey every morning for a week. And another study found that the mere act of smelling the spice can boosts cognitive function and memory!

i n n a m o n FYI: Microbiologists at Kansas State University found that adding small amounts of cinnamon to samples of apple juice contaminated with E. coli bug killed most of the bacteria. Just one tea-

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**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. WO20P3006EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Ralph John Freytag Date of Death: 08/15/2020 To all interested persons:

Estate of:

A Petition for Formal Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Peter S. Askalis of N. Brookfield MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that Peter S.

Askalis of N. Brookfield MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/15/2020. 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-

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.

Date: November 13, 2020 Stephanie K. Fattman,

Register of Probate

November 27, 2020

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

225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 Docket No. WO20P0018GD **NOTICE AND ORDER** PETITION FOR REMOVAL OF **GUARDIANSHIP OF A MINOR PERSON PURSUANT TO** In the interest of:

**Mariah Napier** Of: Douglas, MA MINOR NOTICE TO ALL

INTERESTED PARTIES 1. Hearing Date/Time: a hearing on a Petition to Resign as Guardian of a Minor or Petition for Removal of Guardian of a Minor filed by Wanda I. Vargas on

October 19, 2020 will be held on 11/17/2020 08:30 AM **Guardianship of Minor Hearing** Located Worcester Probate and Family Court.

2. Response to Petition: You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to:

File the original with the court, and Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hear-

3. Counsel for the Minor: The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.

4. Presence of the Minor at Hearing: A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.

Date: October 21, 2020

Stephanie K. Fattman Register of Probate November 27, 2020

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

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**ORDER OF NOTICE** TO: Marcelo C. Miranda; Fabiana S.

Miranda and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act,

50 U.S.C. App. § 3901 et seq. U.S. Bank National Association as **Legal Title Trustee for Truman 2016** 

SC6 Title Trust claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Dudley, numbered 25 Susan Drive, given by Marcelo C. Miranda and Fabiana S. Miranda to Downey Savings and Loan Association, F.A., dated September 27, 2005, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 37405, Page 359, as affected by a **Loan Modification dated December** 29, 2011, and recorded in said Registry of Deeds in Book 48917, Page 77, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defen-

dant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before 1/4/2021 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of this Court on 11/19/2020. Attest:

Deborah J. Patterson Recorder

November 27, 2020

### **LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF WEBSTER PUBLIC HEARING** TAX CLASSIFICATION

The Board of Selectmen, in coordination with the Assessor, will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 7, 2020 at 6:00 pm in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, second floor, Town Hall located at 350 Main Street, Webster, MA 01570.

This is in conformity with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws chapter 40 section 56 for the purpose of holding a Tax Classification Hearing to establish the relative tax burden to be borne by each class of properties for FY 2021.

All interested parties are invited to attend and participate. Written and oral comments will be accepted from the public prior to and during this meeting.

Marc D. Becker WEBSTER ASSESSOR

November 27, 2020

### **TOWN OF DUDLEY PUBLIC HEARING**

The Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 7, 2020 at 6:35pm at the Dudley Municipal Complex, 71 West Main Street, Dudley, MA 01571 in the Veteran's Memorial Hall, Room 321A. The Purpose of this Hearing: To Act on an Application for an All Alcohol Liquor License for The Ice Cream Pharm, Inc. d/b/a The Ice Cream Pharm located at 185 West Main Street, Dudley, MA 01571. Anyone wishing to be heard on this matter should call the Board of Selectmen Office at 508-949-8001 to appear at the date and time specified or submit their concerns in writing.

Kerry Cyganiewicz, Sr. Chairman, Board of Selectmen November 27, 2020

# **OBITUARIES**

## Katherine M. Diamond, 76



DUDLEY – Katherine M. Diamond, 76, passed away peacefully on Friday, November 13, 2020 at home surrounded by her fam-

She leaves her beloved husband of 56

years, David W. Diamond; a daughter, Jennifer L. Diamond and her husband Lars A. Lehtonen of Los Angeles, CA; a son, Jason D. Diamond and his wife Rebecca of Blue Creek, OH and their two children, Gracie Mae and Conner Paul Diamond, her beloved grandchildren; a sister whom she raised, Cheryl A. Blain, her husband Donald R. Blain and their son Zachary of North Grosvenordale, CT; many beloved nieces and nephews; and several cousins including her "sister at heart" Joanne Blain and her husband Romeo and their children Chris, Jess, and Josh. She also leaves her loved Sisters-inlaws Judy Diamond and Carolyn Marshall; her nieces, Laura Stanley, Deborah Diamond and Cori Marshall-Pelayo and their families. She was preceded in death by her parents, Russell and Evelyn (Bonner) Cassettari and by her step-mother, Yvonne (Malboeuf)

She was born in Putnam, CT on September 19, 1944 and lived in Dudley, graduating from Bartlett High School in 1963. She was married on February 29, 1964 at the United Church of Christ, Federated in Webster and lived in Oxford for five years, returning to Dudley in 1970. She then moved to

Kissimmee, FL from 1990 to 1996 and again returned to Dudley, living there until her passing.

Mrs. Diamond first worked as a Spinner at Stevens Linen Associates. After raising her children, she was the manager of the deli at the former Big D Supermarket in Webster. With her loving heart, she took pride in giving care to her Mother-in-Law and her Step Mother in their later years.

She was an active member of the United Church of Christ, Federated in Webster since 1964 where she served as a greeter, a Sunday school teacher and superintendent. She worked on many church breakfasts and suppers including Lions Club suppers. She joyfully co-chaired the annual Daffodil Tea and the Outreach Committee with her friend Sandy Beatty for many years and volunteered at the Webster-Dudley Food Share. She was a Lassie League coach, an avid reader, a needle pointer and a fantastic baker. She enjoyed celebrating special occasions by sending beautiful cards to friends and relatives.

Memorial calling hours will be held from 1:30 to 3:30 PM Sunday, December 6, in the Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster. A service will be held at 3:00 PM during the calling hours, with the Reverend Ann Gibert officiating. Current Covid-19 guidelines will be followed and everyone will be asked to wear a mask. Donations in her name may be made to the United Church of Christ, Federated, 4 Church Street, Webster, MA 01570, attention Ladies Parlor Restoration Fund.

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## Julia A. Olson, 96



SOUTHBRIDGE-Julia A. (Liro) Olson, 96, of Dennison Dr., passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 18th, in the Harrington Memorial Hospital, Southbridge, after a brief illness.

She is survived by her wonderful, caring husband of 65 years, A. William Olson, Jr. and two daughters, Susan Olson and her longtime companion Michael Bordogna of Shrewsbury and Judy Olson of Dudley; and many special nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her two brothers, Mitchell Liro and Stephen Liro and her five sisters, Katherine Domijan, Stephanie Wojciechowski, Adele Ostrowoski, Florence Gajewski and Irene McNeese. She was born in Southbridge on July 1, 1924, the daughter of the late Joseph and Victoria (Ziemian) Liro and was a lifelong resident of Southbridge.

Julia was employed as a service representative in the business office of New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. for many years. In her junior

and high school years, she followed in the footsteps of her older sisters, playing basketball and field hockey. Later she joined a golf league and a bowling league. During World War II she volunteered as a nurse's aide at the Harrington Memorial Hospital.

Her family would like to thank the staff of Harrington Memorial Hospital for their exceptional and kind care in Julia's last days. They would also like to thank her many wonderful, caring aides from the Care Central VNA and Tri-Valley Elder Services.

A Funeral Mass for Julia will be held on Saturday, Nov. 28th, at 10:00am in Notre Dame Church of the St. John Paul II Parish, 446 Main St., Southbridge. Burial in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Southbridge, will be held at the convenience of the family. There are no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Special Olympics Massachusetts, 512 Forest St., Marlborough, MA 01752.

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

ng arrangements. www.morrillfuneralhome.com

Send all obituary notices to Stonebridge Press, PO Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550, or by e-mail to obits@stonebridgepress.news



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Dudley. However, the circumstances of 2020 will sadly prevent the annual pictures and handson activities. According to Chief Wojnar, Santa is still planning to pay a visit with a socially distance approach to greeting youngsters throughout Dudley.

"The traditional tree lighting and Santa photos are on hold, but one thing we've been in discussions with is to have Santa go around the town with some of his helpers on a fire truck and at least try to say high to the kids," Wojnar said. "We're looking to make that happen maybe the first weekend in December. We're still planning that out. We

may also try to get Santa to go to the Town Hall and light the tree and broadcast that live on social media. We have a couple ideas and maybe even having a tracker so people can keep an eye on where Santa will be in town."

Details on Santa's visit will be made available by the town and police department.

## COVID

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Many ask, 'how do we know this?' We know, as our health agents and school nurses collected detailed information around every presumptive or positive COVID-19 case. In addition, contact tracing protocols reveal additional information and from that point individuals are quarantined. Through all of that record keeping we would have evidence of transmission from a positive COVID-19 case in our educational community as a result of attendance to school," Lamarche said.

With that in mind, the Superintendent confirmed that the plan remains to continue to welcome students into the school using the same approach they have since the launch of the school year. Lamarche praised

the current mitigation strategies being utilized by the staff as effective and said they plan to continue to require the use of masks, hand washing, and maintaining safe distances to avoid any unwanted spread of the virus. Barring any major outbreak or concerns within the district, students will continue to be educated through both in-person and remote learning at least through the rest of the calendar

year.

"While not ideal, the half day of in-person learning continues to provide the right structure to our school environments ensuring limited movement for the majority of our in-person students," Lamarche said. "What cannot be expressed enough is through our current resurgence and ensuring that health and safety wellbeing is how

well and serious staff as well as families are taking this resurgence. Selfidentifying the symptoms and conditions of COVID-19 and staying home and contacting a doctor or medical professional, getting tested and communicating with our school nurses continues to prove how well we are doing as a district with in-person learning. This has been impressive and aids in our ability to continue as we are with in-person learning in our current model.'

If a major increase in COVID-19 cases does necessitate the closing of the schools, the district does have a transition plan in place. For now, the Dudley-Charlton Regional School District will maintain the status quo leading up to the winter break at the end of December.

## Amanda M. Albeke Grenier, 37



BROOKLYN - Amanda M. Albeke Grenier, 37, passed away unexpectedly of natural causes at her home in Brooklyn, CT on Tuesday, November 17, 2020.

Amanda was born in Pittsfield MA,

at Berkshire Medical Center and moved to Moosup, CT from Becket MA, when she was two years old. She always excelled in scholastics making the honor roll all throughout grade school. She graduated Plainfield High School in 2001 and went on to attend Fitchburg State College, where she graduated Magna Cum Laude earning a bachelor's in science majoring in Criminal Justice. Amanda later went on to earn a master's degree in Library & Information Science at Southern Connecticut State University. She married Justin Grenier at St. John's Catholic Church in Plainfield CT, on November 4th, 2006.

Amanda was the Director of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library in Webster MA. There she was influential in the Library's management and development, having a positive impact on her staff and the local community. She was always a kind and loving person, cherished by her family, friends, colleagues and patrons.

Amanda is survived by her husband, Justin R. Grenier of Brooklyn CT; her parents, Whitney and Donna Albeke of Moosup, CT; her sister, Alison Showers and her husband, Gary of Chicopee, MA; her two nieces, Caley and Madelyn Showers; her uncles, Michael Didato and his wife Georgene of Waterford, CT and Richard Albeke of VA; and many cousins.

Relatives and friends were respectfully invited to attend a graveside service on Monday, November 23, 2020 at 12:30 p.m. in St. Joseph Cemetery, 815 Boswell Ave., Norwich CT 06360. Due to the current COVID-19 restrictions kindly practice social distancing and wear a face covering. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory. 104 Church St., Putnam, CT. In Lieu of Flowers please consider donating to the Friends of Gladys E. Kelly Public Library, 2 Lake St., Webster, MA 01570. For memorial guestbook please visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

## Louis J. Carpick, 94



DUDLEY – Louis J. Carpick, 94, died Thursday, November 19, 2020 in Harrington Memorial Hospital, Southbridge after an illness. He leaves his wife of 69 years, Charlotte J. (Kondek) Carpick;

his sister-in-law and brother-inlaw, Genevieve and William Pioppi of Sturbridge; several nephews and nieces; and his wonderful neighbors. He was preceded in death by 2 sisters, Alfreda Simonis and Joan King. He was born on May 12, 1926 in Southbridge, the oldest child of Walter and Catherine (Urban) Carpick. He graduated from Cole Trade High School in Southbridge in 1946. He had lived in Dudley since his marriage in 1951. He was a Navy veteran of World War II, serving as a machinist's mate on the destroyer USS Dyess.. Mr. Carpick first worked at H. U. Bail Company in Southbridge from 1948 until 1960. He then was a mason for Local #243 of the Laborer Union of America for 30 years before retiring in 1988. He was a communicant of Saint Andrew Bobola Church. He was a charter member of Local #243. His funeral Mass was



held on Tuesday, November 24, at 11:00 AM in Saint Andrew Bobola Church, 54 West Main Street (please meet at the church). Burial will be in Saint Joseph Garden of Peace, Webster. Visitation will be held privately. Covid-19 guidelines will be in place and everyone is asked to wear a mask. A celebration of his life will be held when it is considered safe. Donations in his name may be made to either Saint Joseph School, 47 Whitcomb Street, Webster, MA 01570 or to St. Andrew Bobola Church, 54 West Main St., Dudley, MA 01571. Arrangements are under the direction of Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster.

## Patricia R. Demoga,93



W E B S T E R / C H A R L T O N - Patricia R. (Miller) Demoga,93, passed away November17, 2020 at Harrington Memorial Hospital in Southbridge.

Southbridge.

Her husband of
19 years, Michael J.
ctober 21, 1992.]She was

Demoga died October 21, 1992.]She was born in Webster, July 25, 1927 a daughter of the late Charles W. and Ruth Ella (Taft) Miller and has lived in Charlton for many years.

She worked as a school bus driver for the former Kunkel Bus Co. before retiring, prior to that she worked at the former B&W Footwear Co.

She leaves behind her children; Ruth Gale Royea of Brookfield, Ricky Sarty of Webster, Pam Letourneau of Worcester, and Brian Sarty of Charlton.

19 grandchildren and 33 great grandchildren and many extended family members.

She was predeceased by a son, Chucky Ingram and a daughter, Midge Barnes, and was also predeceased by 4 brothers.

Pat enjoyed walking anything health

Pat enjoyed walking, anything health related, the ocean, animals, reading, cooking especially holidays with all the family her family was her life and will truly be missed.

A 'Special Thank You " to 4th floor south at Harrington Memorial Hospital for their special care, Hannah for her 'Extra Special Care' was very much appreciated.

There are no calling hours.

A Graveside Service for Pat was held on Monday, November 23, 2020 at 11 AM at Mt. Zion Cemetery in Webster. Social Distancing and Masks are

required.
The ROBERT J. MILLER FUNERAL
HOME and LAKE CHAPEL, 366 School
St. , Webster is assisting the family

with arrangements.
In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN.38105-1905.

To leave an on-line condolence, please visit: RJMillerfunerals.net

# Dudley EDC welcoming businesses to the table

BY JASON BLEAU CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – The Dudley Economic Development Committee is working to help form a better connection and network to learn about the struggles facing local businesses.

Originally developed by Committee Vice Chair PJ Boggio, the Dudley EDC is launching an initiative to reach out to businesses through letter to invite them to EDC meetings and feel welcome and comfortable voicing their opinions and concerns about how the town can better cultivate successful economic growth.

Committee Chair Brian Labrec provided an update on the letter during a Nov. 17 meeting where he said the documents are ready to be sent out and they hope that this will serve as a spring board to inspire businesses to be active in the committee's future meetings

"(PJ) has done a fine job crafting that letter. We've put it on the letterhead. We're going to print those out. We have a list of the businesses in town. Somebody can pool that information together so we can reach out and inform the businesses we're here to support you," Labrec said.

Labrec explained that the EDC wants to be welcoming and help facilitate success for homegrown businesses in Dudley. However, the EDC can't solve problems it isn't aware of or help build on successes it doesn't see. The goal of the letters is to serve as an invitation to bring businesses together in a forum to discuss what needs to improve and where Dudley has excelled.

"This is a public forum. They can come in and try to meet with us and let us know what we can do to support them in the community," Lebrec said. "My hope is that we can get those out before the end of the year."

The Economic D e v e l o p m e n t Committee's goal is to help promote Dudley's identity and develop and culture that invites new businesses into the small town. The goal stated on the town website is to promote Dudley's "historical, agricultural, and industrial potential, yet preserving the rural aspect of the town."



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spoon of cinnamon killed 99.5 percent of the bacteria after three days at room temperature.

Holiday Cinnamon Snickerdoodles: This recipe, from the spice company McCormick, is a nostalgic family favorite to bake up during the holidays.

Ingredients: 2 3/4 cups All Purpose Flour; 2 teaspoons Cream of Tartar; 1 teaspoon baking soda; 3/4 teaspoon salt; 1 3/4 cups sugar, divided; 1 cup Butter Flavor All-Vegetable Shortening; 2 eggs; 2 tablespoons milk; 2 teaspoons pure Vanilla Extract; 1 tablespoon ground cinnamon.

Directions: Preheat oven to 400°F. Mix flour, cream of tartar, baking soda and salt in medium

bowl. Set aside. Beat 1 1/2 cups of the sugar and shortening in large bowl with electric mixer on medium speed until light and fluffy. Add eggs, milk and vanilla; mix well. Gradually beat in flour mixture on low speed until well mixed.

Mix remaining 1/4 cup sugar and cinnamon. Shape dough into 1-inch balls. Roll in cinnamon sugar mixture to coat. Place 2 inches apart on ungreased baking sheets.

Bake 7 to 8 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool on baking sheets 2 minute. Remove to wire racks.

Ginger

Ginger bread and ginger snaps are familiar holiday treats, but did you know ginger has long been hailed for its power to tame a tummy ache? It's also a well-known home remedy to treat motion and sea sickness. In fact, in one study, ginger was shown to be superior to a commonly used over-the-counter and prescription drug for motion sickness, reducing dizziness, nausea, vomiting, and cold sweats.

It's also claimed that ginger can aid in relieving arthritis and sciatica pain. Or, some people simply eat several pieces of crystallized ginger to help relieve joint and nerve pain.

Fashioned Old Gingerbread: King Arthur Flour offers this classic holiday favorite that recalls happy childhood memories.

Ingredients: cups King Arthur White Whole Wheat Flour, or 2 cups King Arthur Unbleached All-Purpose Flour;1/4 cup granulated sugar; 1 teaspoon baking soda; 1/2 teaspoon salt;

1 1/2 teaspoons ground ginger; 1 teaspoon cinnamon; 1/4 teaspoon each cloves and nutmeg; 1/2 cup (8 tablespoons) unsalted butter, melted; 3/4 cup molasses; 1/4 cup water;1 large egg;1 cup buttermilk;1/2 cup diced crystallized ginger (optional)

Instructions: Grease and flour a 9» square pan. Preheat the oven to 350°F.

Allspice

Christmas pudding, mincemeat and pumpkin pies all benefit from the addition of allspice, but did you know your health can too?

Allspice is famous for its ability to relieve muscle aches and pain when applied topically. To make an allspice poultice, mix ground allspice with water to form a thick paste. Apply it to the body, cover with gauze and relax

for 15 to 20 minutes. Sipping tea made from the spice can also be helpful in relieving menstrual cramps and headaches. Allspice berries can also be used to temporarily relieve toothache pain. Simply chew one allspice berry for quick relief.

Allspice Recipe: No allspice on hand? No worries. To whip up one teaspoon of Allspice, combine the following: 1/2 teaspoon of ground cinnamon, 1/4 teaspoon of ground cloves and 1/4 teaspoon of ground nutmeg.

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**Project: Wells School Apartments** 

Location: 80 Marcy Street Southbridge, MA

Architect: The Architectural Team

Accepting Applications:

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Contacts: Nick Faillace, Project Manager

Keith Construction, Inc. is pleased to accept employment applications for all construction trades including, laborers, carpenters, painters, floor layers, plumbers and electricians for the exciting upcoming Wells School Apartments project. The anticipated start date is December 2020 and anticipated completion is December 2021.

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# Webber to be appointed Cornerstone Bank President on Jan. 1



Randal D. Webber

1, Randal D. Webber will be appointed President at Cornerstone Bank. Currently, Webber serves as the Bank's EVP, COO and Chief Lending Officer.

"Randy has contributed enormously in helping Cornerstone honor our commitment to enhancing the vitality of local communities and the well-being of all of our customers" states Cornerstone Bank President and Treasurer Todd Tallman, who will assume the role of CEO on January 1. "His strategic and managerial skills go far beyond the lending discipline. I've found his insights on retail and digital banking to be invaluable—not only in relation to our products and services, but also the professional development of our team members."

After joining SpencerBANK in 2009

as SVP, Chief Risk Officer Webber served in increasingly responsible positions until his promotion in 2012 to EVP, Chief Lending Officer. When SpencerBANK and Southbridge Savings Bank created a merger of equals in 2016 to form Cornerstone Bank, Webber was named EVP, Chief Operating Officer. In this Executive-level role, he has helped facilitate significant growth of the Bank's commercial and retail service and operations, particularly within its commercial portfolio. He currently serves on the Board of the Worcester State University Foundation.

In a related development, SVP and Senior Commercial Officer Michael J. Quink will be promoted on Jan. 1, 2021, to EVP, Senior Commercial Officer. Prior to his current role, Quink was SVP, Commercial Division Manager at SpencerBANK. He is a Board member of the Horace Mann Education Foundation.

About Cornerstone Bank

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# Walmart Giving grant presented to Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy

CHARLTON — Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy recently received a Walmart Giving grant from the Walmart Foundation to help support the PN Class of 2021 with NCLEX- PN preparation.

Evalyn Njoroge of Southbridge, a member of the PN Class of 2021 is the Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy Liaison and communicated with the Walmart Branch in Sturbridge. Njoroge and her sons Jayden and Kevin, made a special trip to Walmart at 100 Charlton Road,

Sturbridge to extend the PN Class of 2021's gratitude for Walmart Giving's generosity. Njoroge met with Team Lead Deyvi. Njoroge is a member of the UNICEF Club and regularly shops at Walmart. "My son Kevin and I were scheduled to visit Walmart, my other son Jayden wanted to be in the pictures" said Njoroge.

Gretheline Bolandrina MSN, Ed, RN, CRRN Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy Director said "as members of the Southern Worcester County community we appreciate organizations such as Walmart and we are excited for the continued collaboration. Being supported by Walmart with much needed funds is an important and fundamental piece in our work to produce real world ready, Licensed Practical Nurses. Bolandrina added, "this education grant will assist Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy PN Class of 2021 in addressing systematic inequities and barriers that prevent them from taking an NCLEX-PN Live Review Course and eventually taking the NCLEX-PN exam and passing on their first try. The enrollment and attendance to the Hurst Live NCLEX Review will greatly improve the PN Class of 2021 NCLEX success rate, overcome the social and environmental challenges in their practical nursing journey.'

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Practical Nursing Academy

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# Nichols moving to remote learning after holiday

**BY JASON BLEAU CORRESPONDENT** 

DUDLEY - Nichols College will be transitioning to remote learning for the remainder of the year after completing its on-campus learning schedule as planned.

The college announced in a press release prior to the Thanksgiving break that despite the increased concerns of the COVID-19 pandemic the school would maintain its commitment to in-person learning until students left for Thanksgiving on Nov. 25. The release further stated that following the holiday students would remain home adapted to a remote-learning approach until Dec. 9, when the semester ends. This transition was planned before the start of the school year and was not implemented as a result of the recent spike in COVID-19 cases.

'With the health and safety of the campus community at the forefront, we began the semester with an ambitious plan to provide our students with the on-campus experience they desire," said Nichols College President Susan West Engelkemeyer, Ph.D. "Students seem truly grateful to be here, and they were committed to keeping themselves and each other safe."

Nichols College has provided free weekly COVID-19 tests to students, faculty and staff throughout the school year. Over a 14-week period, the school ran more than 23,000 tests resulting in only 25 positive cases. The school also recorded a seven week with no positive cases included a string of five consecutive weeks with no positive results. The transition from in-person learning to remote learning was planned with the intent of allowing students time to visit family for the holiday and avoid the stress of returning for a brief period of time where COVID testing would be required to be on campus.

"The pandemic has changed many things, but it did not change our ability to conduct classes,

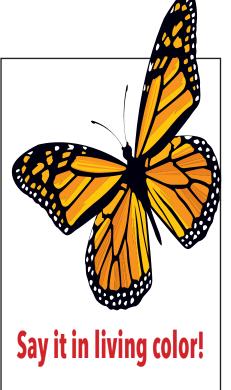
whether remote or in person," said Mauri Pelto, Ph.D., Vice President for Academic Affairs in a memo to stu-

Pelto added that none of the positive cases recorded at Nichols were the result of learning in the classroom, noting "This remarkable achievement indicates our classroom setup, combined with testing and contact tracing, has worked to keep us all

healthy.' As for the spring, classes will commence on Feb. 1. while winter courses will be available from Dec. 28 through the end of January.







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