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St. Joseph students honor Saint John Paul II

WEBSTER — On Saturday, Oct. 17, St. Joseph School students joined with parishioners of St. Joseph Basilica and members of the New England Chapter of the JPPI Foundation to commemorate the Feast of Saint John Paul II on the anniversary of his papal inauguration.

Eighth grade student Dale Boudreau welcomed attendees and outlined the JPPI Foundation's goals, which are to support the educational, cultural, religious, and charitable initiatives related to the pontificate of the Holy Father John Paul II. Dale also emphasized that in Saint John Paul II's apostolic letter, *Novo Milenio Ineuente*, or "At the beginning of the New Millennium," Saint John Paul II stated, "A new century, a new millennium is opening in the light of Christ. But not everyone can see this light. Ours is the wonderful and demanding task of becoming its reflection."

Participating in the program honoring Saint John Paul II were eighth grade students Dominik Gielarowiec, Maya Podskarbi, and Alexandra Bergeron. The theme of Dominik's presentation was "Santo Subito" or Sainthood Now, highlighting the canonization of John Paul by Pope Francis and Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI only ten years after his death. At the time of John Paul's canonization, people began to call him "Pope Saint John Paul the Great." Only three other popes in history have earned the title "the Great," a title not given by the Church, but by the people. Following Dominik's presentation, Maya Podskarbi sang a beautiful rendition of *Barka*, a favorite hymn of Saint John Paul II. The program concluded with Alexandra Bergeron reciting one of Saint John Paul II's poems entitled, "Children." The students



Pictured, from left to right: Rev. Grzegorz Chodkowski, Pastor of St. Joseph Basilica, Dale Boudreau, Dominik Gielarowiec, Alexandra Bergeron, Mrs. Mary Ann Weaver, and Maya Podskarbi.

Covid delays school hybrid plan

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

WEBSTER – As students across town have already noticed, the school district backed out of going hybrid this week because of rising townwide Covid-19 case numbers.

"It's not just one cluster in Webster," Superintendent Ruthann Goguen told the Oct 13 School Committee meeting. "It's sort of spread out throughout the town."

She was referring to the fact the town had slipped into the "red zone" based on the state Department of Public Health's method of calculating Covid impacts. Under DPH rules, towns seeing a daily rate of more than 8 new cases per 100,000 people are termed high-risk and aren't allowed to move forward in the state's reopening schedule.

Webster's not alone. As of the most recent (Oct. 10) map on the DPH website, all communities along I-395 are red, as are Leicester and Shrewsbury. Southbridge was last week, but has moved into "yellow" status (four to eight cases per 100,000).

In her message to parents on the district website, Goguen noted the district will revisit the issue Nov 10. "Following the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education guidance, we plan to shift to Hybrid after we have had three weeks of not being in the red metric," she wrote.

From a planning point of view, the delay might be helpful. Describing the switch as "very, very, very complex," she said going hybrid will require significant shifts in how teachers and other staff handle daily activities, particularly communicating with students when some are in the room and other are online.

Business Manager Monique Pierangeli added planning buses has been a challenge, with "a lot of people changing their minds" about whether they want their kids to go to school if it goes hybrid. Although some parents have requested the routes, she had not yet posted them because "I don't want to put something out there that's going to change."

"Being in a remote model is very different from being in a hybrid model," Goguen observed.

On Oct. 14, the town's website stated Webster had seen 349 confirmed cases, with 309 people having recovered and 11 deaths.

"Thirty cases this week is the most confirmed cases in any week to date," it states. "While contract tracing shows that some of the patients contracted the virus through their place of employment, the vast majority of cases are being passed from close and unmasked person-to-person contact with family or close friends."

Goguen said some of them have been "younger children," but "none are in the schools" now. Administrators are, however, watching for "close contact" between those kids and others that might result in transmission, but are "trying to keep it calm in our schools to protect everybody," she added.

Whether in-school transmission is a significant danger remains to be seen. The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website has a chart breaking down the risk based on the number of cases in the nearby community and a few other factors. The list includes whether the school is implementing "five key risk mitigation strategies" "correctly and consistently" – masks, social distancing, hand hygiene, regular cleaning and contact tracing. By that standard, Webster's recent case rate is in the light-green or "lower risk" category; CDC defines "red" as being more than 200 new cases per 100,000 in the last 14 days and implementing "no strategies."

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Dudley officials take "Red Community" designation in stride

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – Despite the town of Dudley being considered in the "red" at one point in October, Town Administrator Jonathan Ruda does not believe there is any cause for alarm or reason to assume the town has lost control of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Dudley was recently included with several Southern Worcester County communities on the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's list of high-risk red states signifying eight or more cases per 100,000 residents in the community. While the town was soon downgraded to yellow status the "red" designation served as a small wakeup call for a town that so far has managed to keep

the spread of the COVID-19 virus to a minimum. Ruda said while the town takes the virus very seriously the designation by the DPH was a bit misleading as it does not distinguish between single household or individual spreads in a community of around 12,464 people.

"During the week leading up to the red designation, we had as many as seven active cases in a single household. I think that the designation alone is not a key indicator of a local outbreak or spike or 'hot zone' that can be attributed to a common business or function. While there is always concern about a local outbreak, we look toward neighborhoods, campuses, businesses or other common denominator as part of determining a where a hot zone may be or common cause of an outbreak," said Ruda.

"A single household that has multiple active cases is easily contained, generally expected and not indicative of an outbreak. An entire neighborhood would naturally become more of a concern. The 'red community' designation doesn't make those distinctions and the designation should be considered in that context."

While Ruda doesn't consider the recent "red" status of the town to be a cause for major concern, it does serve as a reminder that citizens need to remain diligent and not let their guard down. The Town Administrator said Dudley residents have always been diligent and he believes that will continue.

"We are all tired of wearing masks, but it continues to be the guidance and hopefully, a means to an end. Everyone has heard and is aware

of the advice to wash hands, wear face coverings, avoid large gatherings and so-on. I would strongly recommend that we continue to do so, if not for ourselves but to protect the most vulnerable in our population," said Ruda. "Seasonal flu will be upon us soon with symptoms that mimic COVID-19. I will continue to wear a mask in public, in part, to protect the most vulnerable but also, to protect against the seasonal flu that could take out of service for up to 14 days to rule-out or test for COVID-19. I don't want the hassle. I will also be getting a flu shot."

Ruda further revealed that the recent "red" designation has not changed the town's mind about the recently authorized Halloween festivities. Ruda said town officials still feel that disallowing

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Papa Gino's spreads love to local heroes



Courtesy

The Webster Police Department enjoyed lunch on Papa Gino's last week as part of the pizzeria chain's community donation program aimed at recognizing local heroes.

WEBSTER — Over the course of 10 weeks this spring, Papa Gino's and D'Angelo Grilled Sandwiches donated 480 X-Large Pizzas and 1,500 sandwiches to 80 healthcare facilities across New England, including the Webster Police Department, through their respective community donation programs. The PapaGino's program is called Pizza My Heart and the D'Angelo program is called EveryDay Heroes. Each benefitted healthcare heroes fighting the outbreak of COVID-19 in facilities such as hospitals, assisted living facilities, urgent care clinics and others

Building on the success of these programs, and inspired by the heroes already recognized, Papa Gino's and D'Angelo have decided to continue with these weekly deliveries, now expanding the potential recipients to any group or organization who stands out in their community. This could be first responders, grocery store employees, animal shelters, day care centers and others - the program is open to all heroes and will run for 10 weeks.

Recipients of the Pizza My Heart program will receive up to seven X-Large Cheese Pizzas, and recipients of the EveryDay Heroes program will receive up to 30 sandwiches and bags of chips.

The primary method of nominating recipients for the donations is to fill out the quick and easy nomination forms below.

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Treatment

A breast cancer diagnosis can be devastating to the more than 200,000 American women who receive one each year, but it's important to remember that great strides have been made in successfully treating the disease. At Harding Cancer Center, we take a multidisciplinary team approach to breast cancer treatment, using

the latest technological advances and research findings to help patients experience greater success rates with fewer side effects. We also offer a variety of support services to ensure a level of care that goes beyond the standard to make each patient experience the very best it can be.

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During October, National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, we remember the mothers, daughters, friends, sisters and wives who have lost their lives to breast cancer. We also salute the survivors whose successful fight against breast cancer gives us hope for the future and a cure.



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Statistics indicate there will be more than 256,000 new cases of breast cancer diagnosed in American women this year, and breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in women of both countries. Thanks to early detection and treatment advances, survival rates have improved dramatically, but much room for progress remains. As diagnosis and treatment options continue to evolve, medical experts agree that early detection is a key factor in overcoming the disease, and performing a monthly breast self-exam is often vital to detecting abnormalities, including lumps or tenderness, in the breasts that may indicate illness. Take steps to protect yourself against breast cancer during Breast Cancer Awareness Month by initiating healthy lifestyle changes, beginning monthly breast self-exams, and talking to your doctor about the appropriate clinical breast exam and screening mammogram schedule for you.



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People who have cancer often suffer from weakened immune systems, which can make it hard for their bodies to fight off disease. That means it is essential for newly diagnosed cancer patients or those going through treatment to avoid others who are ill, such as those with influenza or even the common cold. Family members also will need to take precautions to help protect their loved ones from contracting contagious diseases. According to Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, heightened risk for cancer patients has occurred in the wake of COVID-19. Cancer patients are urged to speak with their doctors regarding their concerns about COVID-19. Practicing good personal hygiene and embracing social distancing policies may help cancer patients avoid viruses, including COVID-19. Cancer patients may want to ask others to do their food shopping and run errands for them to minimize their contact with potentially ill individuals.

LPN, Bay Path alumna honored for volunteer work

WORCESTER — Not long after Ruth “Dee Dee” Betz graduated from nursing school in 2015, she started volunteering with many non-profit organizations and soon wound up being honored by the American Red Cross. Betz received the 2019 Community Impact Award for providing extraordinary care to her community through volunteerism.

“Earlier this year, when COVID-19 impacted Worcester,” Betz said. “I ended up being one of the nurses that helped to take care of people at one of the shelters.”

Betz’s continuing volunteer work and eventual employment at the DCU Center field hospital site has garnered recognition from the state with a letter signed by Mayor Joseph M. Petty and City Manager Edward M. Augustus, Jr. In the letter, the leaders expressed gratitude for all the hard work Betz and all the volunteers have done over the last few months and the important work they continue to do as the City moves into the recovery phase of the emergency response.

“It’s just a huge honor to represent LPNs in the area and give back to those in our community who are in need,” Betz said. “I am very happy to be an



Ruth Betz

LPN and enjoy what I do. I have to share the recognition with the Bay Path Community.”

Betz received an enamel pin locally sourced by Olympic Trophy and made possible by a donation from Fidelity

bank as the City’s token of appreciation.

Betz recently accepted the full-time staff position at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy in Charlton. Betz said she was inspired volunteer more while she was in nursing school participating in service learning.

“One of our clinical sites was Harrington Hospital and our then Instructor, Gretheline Bolandrina was involved with their Mental Health Awareness event,” she said. “While I volunteered, she was encouraging me to volunteer at other events and give back to my community.

Betz volunteered in many events since and have signed up with the Medical Reserve Corps. She also helps in mentoring practical nursing students and is always happy to help people.

Betz’s tireless volunteerism has worked to engage the Bay Path Practical Nursing community.

“We give back because we can. We don’t do this for the awards, although it’s nice to be appreciated” said Betz. “We do it because we are nurses, we care, that’s what we do!”

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Whiz Kid Support launches real estate division

WORCESTER — Whiz Kid Support, a Worcester-based IT support company tailored toward household computer users and home-based business and work-from-home, announced the launch of its real estate division. This special division will feature products and services tailor-made to real estate professionals who work out of a home office.

“The pandemic has slowed down a number of businesses, but not the real estate market. Having your computers go down can literally cost a realtor thousands of dollars with one missed sale,” said Paul LaFlamme, owner of Whiz Kid Support. “We created this division with support staff who have specific experience in working with real estate professionals to keep those folks up and running online.”

Whiz Kid Solutions provides remote computer services for real estate professionals experiencing a wide range of common issues—slow computer, e-mail problems, security, stopping pop-ups, or setting up new computers. For those issues that can’t be fixed remotely, Whiz Kid Support also offers on-site and zero-contact drop off repair by appointment.


Other issues Whiz Kid Support addresses include computer security and safety; printing problems; e-mail issues; slow dropping Wi-Fi; back-ups; and more. Whiz Kid Support also offers coaching and training as well as new computer sales and replacements.

“Many realtors have the added challenge of being a one- or two-person show but are tied into a national company and their server. That can mean a few things. First, they need their computers to be running at peak efficiency at all times. Second, if they do have an issue, the company IT staff might not be nearly as responsive as Whiz Kids,” said LaFlamme. “Again, with this new division, we can give real estate professionals a leg up on their competition who may not have a resource like us. The real estate industry uses many web sites and online resources that don’t work correctly if web browser settings aren’t just right. Our Whiz Kids know how to keep these sites working.”

In addition to real estate professionals and household customers, Whiz Kid Support also serves small businesses with three computers or less. Whiz Kid Support service plans range from one-time fixes to Bronze, Silver and Gold options. The plans are per computer and not for one specific individual.

“Our service plans are flexible and offer a viable, stress-free solution for a wide range of users, including households with one or more students; home businesses; seniors; etc.,” said LaFlamme.

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Green candidates Howie Hawkins and Angela Walker

Libertarian candidates Jo Jorgenson and Spike Cohen.

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

REGION — Voters began casting ballots last Saturday, and by mail even earlier, but there’s still a full week and Tuesday, Nov 3, to vote in the 2020 elections. Early voting polls are open whatever the local Town Hall hours are during the coming week, plus 9-12 on Saturday and Sunday, then from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Nov. 3.

Like most years, the two major parties have gotten all the publicity – Republican incumbents Donald Trump and Mike Pence against Democrats Joe Biden

and Kamala Harris. But, as those who have seen ballots already, there are numerous other candidates seeking the nation’s top office.

In Massachusetts, two other parties have formal ballot access – the Greens (known here as the Green-Rainbow Party) and the Libertarians, and both are fielding White House contenders. In both cases, they must collect at least 3 percent of the state’s vote in a national or statewide race to retain ballot access. Back in July, the Greens chose Howie Hawkins and Angela Walker as their top two, while the Libertarians nominated Jo Jorgenson and Spike Cohen in May.

tion,” which she feels will “reduce the cost of legacy programs” including Medicare, she wrote. She also specifically plans to veto any new debt, wants to give all departments spending reductions, “oppose government-mandated shutdowns and overregulation that harms economic growth,” and generally “make government smaller - much, much smaller.”

Like Hawkins, Jorgenson has run for office a few times unsuccessfully, including as Libertarian vice-presidential candidate in 1996. She’s currently a psychology lecturer at Clemson University and an IBM marketing representative; her website is <https://jo20.com/>.

“On Day One of a Jorgensen administration, I will pardon all 80,000 non-violent people imprisoned on federal drug charges. The War on Drugs has been a disaster, and has been used to target the poor and people of color, and to ruin lives that could have been salvaged,” she wrote at Ballotpedia. “... The land of the free will no longer lead the world in incarceration.”

HAWKINS

According to Ballotpedia.org, Hawkins, a New York resident, has run for office numerous times over the last 20 years, including four attempts at the governorship, with his best showing at 4.8 percent in 2014. The Green campaign focuses on Medicare for All, a version of the Green New Deal that’s stronger than the Democrats’ version, economic rights, making “each region of the country as self-reliant in food as possible,” legalizing marijuana nationwide, and ending overseas wars “to ensure peace and combat climate change.”

Regarding the first of those, the Hawkins website (<https://howiehawkins.us/>) states, “It starts by immediately implementing National Health Insurance, what is commonly called today a single-payer, improved Medicare for All. In the second phase, it builds out a National Health Service where health care facilities are publicly owned, health care workers are salaried, and the system is governed by community boards elected by the public (two-thirds of the seats) and health care workers (one-third of the seats).”

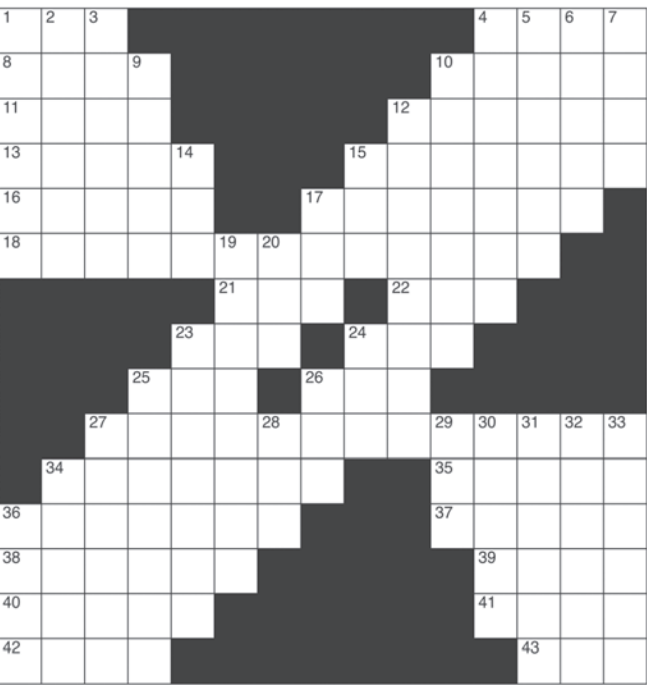
Regarding the military issue, he writes, “An enduring peace requires replacing capitalism with ecosocialism – capitalism’s nationalistic competitive militarism with ecosocialism’s international cooperative security. We will call for deep US military spending cuts and converting to a defensive military posture from today’s global military empire of over 800 foreign military bases.”

A retired Teamster who worked for UPS and Vietnam veteran, Hawkins co-founded the Clamshell Alliance and the US Green Party. When Ballotpedia asked what his first action as president would be, he wrote, “Declare a climate emergency.”

JORGENSON

Although the phrasing is different, the Jorgenson campaign also aims to end the ongoing wars. At Ballotpedia, her candidate questionnaire states, “My plan is to turn America into one giant Switzerland, armed and neutral, with the military force to defend America’s soil and shores against any foreign attackers or invaders, protected by an armed citizenry and a military laser-focused on defending America.” She adds she wants to bring home our troops and give no more military aid to other governments.

On the other hand, the Libertarians favor eliminating government involvement in health care entirely “by allowing real price competi-

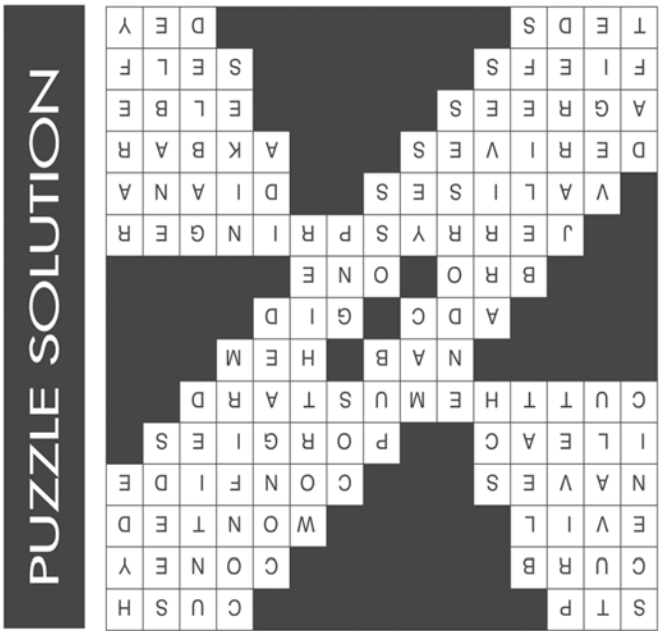


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10. Well-known island
11 Not saintly
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13. Central parts of church buildings
15. Trust
16. Intestinal
17. Deep-bodied fish
18. Live up to expectations
21. Snag
22. Partner to haw
23. General’s assistant (abbr.)
24. Sheep disease
25. Male term of endearment
26. United
27. Popular TV host
34. Overnights
35. Beloved British princess
36. Obtains from
37. Third Mughal Emperor
38. Shares the opinion of
39. Central European river
40. Feudal estates
41. KU hoops coach Bill
42. Spreads out for drying
43. “The Partridge Family” actress Susan

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2. South Pacific island country
3. Shrub of the olive family
4. Establish the truth of
5. Unfettered
6. Orignations
7. Famed English park
9. Sheep’s cry
10. Danced
12. More upstanding
14. Upstate NY airport (abbr.)
15. Type of lettuce
17. Place to call a pint
19. Backs
20. Partner to cheese
23. Makes it there
24. Value
25. One’s convictions
26. Former CIA
27. Clashed
28. Affirmative
29. Journalist Tarbell
30. Athletic shoes
31. Roof style
32. Make possible
33. Make less dense
34. Healthy food
36. Silly



School District holding steady despite Dudley’s “Red” designation

BY JASON BLEAU
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DUDLEY/CHARLTON – Despite the recent designation of Dudley as a “red community” by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, the Dudley-Charlton Regional School District confirms it will not be changing its approach to education.

Dudley was recently designated as a “red community” meaning that the number of recorded cases in the town has risen to at least eight cases per 100,000 residents. While Dudley has less than 13,000 residents, they recorded eight cases in a week’s time including numerous cases in a single household. In the days since Dudley had been downgraded to a “yellow community” while Charlton was upgraded from a “green community” to “yellow” status. As of this report neither town was considered in the red.

Town Administrator Jonathan Ruda made it clear the designation wouldn’t change how the town approached the virus and now Superintendent of Schools Steven Lamarche confirms the schools won’t change either which is actually in line with recommendations from state agencies providing guidance to the district.

“As per our guidance, this is a single data point, but it is important, and we take this extremely seriously,” Lamarche said during a meeting of the Dudley-Charlton Regional School Committee on Oct. 14. “Our guide speaks to a series of weekly confirmed cases to establish a deliberative process in determining next steps regarding schools and learning models. The state does not support mak-

ing shifts or changes to current learning models based on a single data point. We have no recommendations to change our current learning plan in the Dudley Charlton Regional School District.”

While Bay Path Regional Vocational High School has recorded cases of COVID-19 among its school population, as of Oct. 14 there have been no positive tests confirmed for the Dudley-Charlton Regional School District. However, the district is not easing up when it comes to COVID-19 awareness and safety. Superintendent Lamarche credited the district’s nursing staff for helping answers concerns and inquiries about the virus and what to look out for and he has been in constant communication with the Boards of Health from both towns. He wants to see parents continue to be aware and responsible when it comes to keeping COVID-19 out of local schools.

“We need to be aware of positive COVID-19 cases in our families so that we can properly follow the recommended guidance and provide the right direction to families and increase the longevity of our opening to in-person learning,” Superintendent Lamarche said. “I cannot stress enough how important it is to keep your student home if they are sick. I cannot stress enough how important it is to self-quarantine if a family member if COVID-19 positive or if a family member has been exposed until tested.”

Links to information on the district’s COVID protocols as well as a list of testing sites are currently available on the homepage of the Dudley-Charlton Regional School District’s Web site.

Haunting on the Hill event planned at Shepherd Hill

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DUDLEY/CHARLTON – The year 2020 might be an odd year, but there’s still some local fun to be had as the fall and holiday season. While many events have been cancelled or postponed due to the limits imposed to manage the COVID-19 pandemic, the Shepherd Hill National Honor Society is hoping to provide some Halloween fun for families through their Haunting on the Hill event on Oct. 30.

Scheduled to take place in the Shepherd Hill Regional High School Parking lot, the event will serve as a drive through trick-or-treat event featuring all 75 members of the NHS and numerous Halloween-themed displays in the hopes to spreading joy and positivity for the community.

Michaela Cluett, a co-chair of the event for the Shepherd Hill NHS, said the goal was to bring the community together for an enjoyable evening in a year where such events are in short supply due to the pandemic.

“We wanted to do something that was safe for the community so this is a Halloween event, a trick or treating drive through.

Parents will be able to bring their children in their cars and there will be a route set up in the Shepherd Hill parking lot. Spread throughout the lot we’ll have our members with candy so parents can drive up, the kids can roll their windows down and get treats. We hope it will be a great chance to spread joy and some uplifting, positive vibes,” Cluett said.

Her co-chair Ashley Figueroa said the event is a continuation of the National Honor Society’s yearly efforts to give back to a community that helped raise them and gave them so much in their childhoods.

“This district has done so much for us personally growing up in the area. Part of our goal is we want to give back to that community. When we were talking about the crazy times we’re in we knew we needed to do something and we thought this was a fun idea. What better way to celebrate Halloween and in a safe and celebratory environment?” said Figueroa.

NHS advisor Corey Stefan said part of the lessons they try to teach the students is to utilize their privileges to help those less fortunate. By coming

together in a safe environment in the Shepherd Hill parking lot the students are offering a chance for locals to escape the confines of their homes and celebrate a holiday in a year with so much uncertainty and so many cancellations of town events and local staples.

“Taking a look at what the last six or seven months have done to not just the physical state but also the mental and emotional state of our lives, something small like this can go a long way. We hope it can galvanize positivity in the community and bring a sense of hope at a time where people are looking everywhere for that kind of positivity,” Stefan said.

The Halloween on the Hill event will take place from 6 until 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 30. Admission is \$2 per car to help offset the cost of candy and police detail. Additional donations will help fund the National Honor Society’s Thanksgiving efforts to serve local families in need in November. Donations of candy for the event are also being accepted that the high school up to the day of the event.

WEBSTER POLICE LOG

WEBSTER — The Webster Police Department reported the following arrests from Oct. 4-18.

Agata Palka, age 58, of Dudley was arrested on Oct. 4 for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol and a Marked Lanes Violation.

Rui Miguel Gomes, age 50, of Webster was arrested on Oct. 4 for Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended License and Violation of an Abuse Prevention Order.

David J. Dittmar, age 32, of Webster was arrested on Oct. 4 in connection with multiple warrants. He was subsequently arrested again on Oct. 18 in connection with a warrant.

Melvin Pike-Martinez, age 25, of Worcester was arrested on Oct. 5 for Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle, Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended Registration, operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle, and in connection with a warrant.

Yamil Pastor Miranda, age 38, of Webster was arrested on Oct. 5 for Possession of a Class B Drug with Intent to Distribute.

Ashley M. Hardell, age 33, of Webster was arrested on Oct. 6 in connection with a warrant. Joshua Choiniere, age 39, of Dayville, Conn. was arrested during the same incident for Failure to Stop for Police, Refusal to Identify Onself, Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, Possession of a Class A Drug with Intent to Distribute (subsequent offense), and multiple Motorized Scooter Violations.

Rey F. Delgado, age 44, of Webster was arrested on Oct. 7 in connection with an out of agency warrant.

Shannon L. Warren, age 32, of Webster was arrested on Oct. 8 in connection with a warrant.

Michael J. Buccini, age 36, of Oxford was arrested on Oct. 8 for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol, Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, a Motor Vehicle Lights Violation, and Improper Operation of a Motor Vehicle.

Brenda J. Comeau, age 52, of Webster was arrested on Oct. 10 for Assault & Battery with a Dangerous Weapon.

An adult male whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Oct. 10 for Assault on a Family or Household Member.

Uriel Crespo, age 30, of Millbury, Mass. was arrested on Oct. 14 in connection with a warrant and for Possession of a Class A Drug with Intent to Distribute.

Elijah Core, age 24, of Uxbridge was arrested on Oct. 15 for Operating Under the Influence of Drugs, Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, and operating with No Inspection Sticker.

Vincent Michael Allen, age 18, of Webster was arrested on Oct. 15 in connection with a warrant.

Sebastian Kamil Bak, age 33, of Webster was arrested on Oct. 15 for Disorderly Conduct, Resisting Arrest, and Disturbing the Peace (subsequent offense).

Brian Edward Walsh, age 31, of Webster was arrested on Oct. 16 in connection with a warrant.

William A. Hackett, age 57, of Webster was arrested on Oct. 16 for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol, Use of a Motor Vehicle Without Authority, Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, Vandalization of Property, and Not being in Possession of a License.

Troy A. Sarkisian, age 35, of Webster was arrested on Oct. 17 for Possession of a Class C Drug and Possession of a Class B Drug.

Toni Branowicki, age 52, of Sutton was arrested on Oct. 17 for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol, Speeding in Violation of a Special Regulation, and Possession of an Open Container of Alcohol in a Motor Vehicle.

DUDLEY POLICE LOG

DUDLEY – The Dudley Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of Oct. 9-16.

An adult male whose name has been withheld from publication was arrested on Oct. 11 for Assault & Battery on a Family or Household Member.

Andrea Denise Prussman, age 43, of Charlton was arrested on Oct. 11 for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol (second offense), Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, and Possession of an Open Container of Alcohol in a Motor Vehicle.

Jonathan Antonio Lemay, age 27, of Webster was arrested on Oct. 12 for Assault & Battery with a Dangerous Weapon, Disorderly Conduct, and Disturbing the Peace. A 21-year-old female from Webster was taken into protective custody during the same incident.

St. Andrew Bobola offering drive thru Polish foods, TV raffle

DUDLEY — St. Andrew Bobola Church, 54 West Main St., Dudley is continuing to sponsor a Polish Platter drive-thru food sale on Saturday, Oct. 24 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and also from 5 to 7 p.m. Meals will be packaged for takeout. Cost is \$15 per “Plate,” which will include Kielbasa, Kapusta, a golabek (stuffed cabbage), and 2 homemade pierogi (one cheese, one cabbage).

We are also continuing to offer Kielbasa (Smoked, Grilled or Double Smoked) for \$12 per double-link package. Frozen Golabki (stuffed cabbage) \$3 each available in four or six per package. Kapusta/Bigos is available for \$10 per jar. Small Pierogi (Kapusta, Kapusta with mushrooms, cheese or potato filled) are on sale for \$7 per dozen. Blueberry or Strawberry Pierogi on sale for \$8 per dozen. To order any time, please call the rectory at 508-943-5633.

In addition, we will be raffling a “Big Screen TV” during our October drive thru platter sales with the drawing at the end of the October sale. Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10. Please swing by to pick up and enjoy some fresh Polish food, buy some raffle tickets and help support our small church!

QCC awarded more than \$198,000 to support students impacted by COVID-19

WORCESTER — Quinsigamond Community College has been awarded a \$198,263 Grant from the Governor’s Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund. As part of the Education Stabilization Fund through the CARES Act, the grant was awarded to support emergency need-based assistance for eligible students impacted by COVID-19.

“These funds come at a crucial time for many of our students, who have been struggling with financial issues since the start of the pandemic,” said QCC President Dr. Luis Pedraja.

The GEER fund was designed in response to COVID-19, to support an array of educational expenses critical to students’ enrollment status.

In addition to Federal CARES funds and the GEER state funding, the College’s Foundation instituted a Student Emergency Fund that to date has raised over \$114,000.

“The Student Emergency Fund is unique in that all current QCC students qualify for the Fund, whether they are degree-seeking, non-degree seeking, certificate-seeking, full-time, part-time, international, or undocumented,” President Pedraja continued. “In these continually challenging times we want to make sure our students are supported and have the financial support they need in order to be successful.”

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



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Although “Born in the USA,” The Boss may be packing his bags

I guess his hit song, “Born to Run” may turn out to be prophetic. Bruce Springsteen announced last week that if President Trump wins re-election, he’ll be on the next plane to Australia.

It seems to happen every election cycle. A celebrity ... usually an actor or singer ... makes the grand announcement that if the election does not go as they wish, they will move to Canada, France, Australia, or some distant land. Like a spoiled child, their threats are made as if they honestly believe it will change voting hearts and minds.

Barbara Streisand and other celebrities have made similar threats during past elections. Mötley Crüe’s Tommy Lee told The Big Issue recently that he’ll go “back to my Motherland.” (Wherever that is.) But is there any evidence that they ever really leave? Do their threats change anything?

There is a pattern. It’s almost always a musical performer or actress/actor ... and it’s usually someone from left of center making the threat. The next part of the pattern is that it always seems to

backfire, having the opposite of the desired impact, and the final step of the pattern is ... they never actually leave.

I’m always surprised by how much political power celebrities believe they carry. Why would Springsteen think we care about his political views and what would bring him to the conclusion he would sway a single vote?

Arrogance, maybe?

When Bruce, Barbara, Tommy Lee and others spend years stepping onto a stage to standing ovations and adoring crowds, I think the thrill of the adoration gives them a false sense that because we enjoy their performance, that we are willing to take their directions on politics and general life. I respect the views of Bruce and his activist group of entertainers, but their successful lifestyle is nothing like the life that those without the same talents and opportunities live. In my opinion, the only thing to come from Bruce Springsteen’s threat to leave the USA is that he has totally shattered his “blue-collar-common-man persona” forever.



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So why do we look to Bruce for direction?

We don’t.

Only Bruce, and a few others are narcissistic enough to believe we do.

And it has nothing in my mind to do with left or right ideology. I read this morning that President Trump said, “If Biden wins, maybe I’ll have to leave the country.” My response is the same to our President as it is to the celebrities on the left ... “Go!” If President Trump loses the election, I don’t care where he lives, if he leaves the White House in an orderly and peaceful transition ... and I believe he will.

I’m not an America, “Love it or leave it” kind of guy, but these kind of threats from entertainers have grown tiring and I believe ineffective.

We assume Bruce lives somewhere in New Jersey, but we really don’t

know. I always assume Streisand is somewhere in California, but it doesn’t matter to us where they live. Does their address impact our lives in any way?

When the Beatles exploded into our lives, we heard and saw them so often, they could have been the garage band next door. The fact they lived across the ocean didn’t limit their exposure. If Bruce moves to Australia and releases a new album, does he think the distance will somehow limit the play in the USA and therefore punish us by depriving us of his music? If the album is good, it will get just as much play as if he were still in New Jersey.

So, what’s the point?

The point is that this exposes the false sense of influence and power entertainers believe they hold over our lives. Arrogance is never attractive. I think entertainers who become activists become less popular in their genre and often have the opposite impact on the public. Think not? Ask the “Dixie Chicks.”

I think comedian, Michael Loftus, said it best. “They really think

they’re that important,” he said. “They really think we’re walking around going, ‘Wait, what? Springsteen’s going to leave? And Tommy Lee? Oh, I’m changing my vote!’”

So, what’s positive about this?

I believe if we love our country, we will not let the results of an election chase us out. We stay and work hard because we believe in our Declaration of Independence, our Constitution and Bill of Rights ... and we realize the importance of our nation in the balance of the world.

The American people will vote on November 3 based upon their beliefs and not because an entertainer threatened. Even though I don’t always agree, I always trust the will of the voting public and the power of our system. I believe the right person for the job is usually selected and when mistakes are made, we can make a correction in four years. And during those four years, we have a system of checks and balances that can keep things from going horribly wrong. The brilliance

of our Founding Fathers still shines through after almost two-hundred and fifty years.

Vote. Make your choice heard. Don’t threaten anyone. Don’t lose friends. Don’t damage family relationships. Because half the nation, and many people you know and love, may feel and vote differently, it doesn’t make them wrong. It certainly doesn’t make them your enemy. I’ve always been a Streisand fan. I’ll still listen to Springsteen’s music wherever he lives.

Rather than being angry over politics, let’s celebrate the incredible opportunity that the American system provides. And once the final votes are counted and the selection is made ... let’s accept the will of the American people and move forward together.

May God continue to Bless America.

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EDITORIAL

Time traveling with television

It's been a tough 2020 for many; there's no denying that. Life as we know it has changed. Hopefully, the pandemic will be nearing an end soon, but let's remember not to get complacent, and to continue practice guidelines distributed by the experts. There's no harm in being cautious.

While we don't spend too much time watching anything but the news, a flip through channels one evening made us realize that television shows are not what they once were. For nostalgic reasons, we thought it would be fun to ask staff about some of their favorites from the past. Thinking back to a time when life was seemingly easier than it is now.

Our Sports Editor (currently on hiatus, but still very much a part of the family) says that "Cheers" was one of his favorites. Of the Boston based show, he said, "Cheers had great writing and the best T.V. Theme song of all time as well as the best ensemble casts ever." Spaulding added one more to his list, "ER is my favorite show of all time. It started prior to 2000, but lasted until well after. It had a great cast, great stories and great action."

Our Editor, known around the office for his extensive knowledge of movie and TV trivia said one of his favorite shows was "In Search Of," a show that debuted in 1976 hosted by Leonard Nimoy. Berube said, "Every episode explores a different mystery, whether it be paranormal phenomena, famous disappearances from history or buried treasure. I own the entire series on DVD, and to this day I still marathon all seven seasons once or twice a year." He added, "I love it because it's like opening up a time capsule. The topics they covered show you what was in the american zeitgeist back in the late '70's and early '80's."

"My other favorite, and I'm not ashamed to admit it, is 'Star Trek: the Next Generation,'" said Berube. He went on to tell us, "My dad and my brother got me into the show when I was growing up and that was my reward on weeknights for finishing my homework." He added, "I would get to watch reruns of Star Trek at 6 p.m. on the old WNDS channel, when Al Kaprielian was the weatherman. Then at 7 p.m., A&E would play an hour-long block of 'In Search Of' reruns."

One of our writers can say, with great enthusiasm, that "Three's Company" was, and still is, the best sit-com of all time. There has been no better trio than Jack, Chrissy and Janet. Cameo's by Larry and Mr. Roper made the show even better. The fact that John Ritter who played Jack Tripper, was willing to trip over couches and fall all over the place with his slapstick comedy speaks volumes. If there ever was a show to bring you out of the dumps, it's "Three's Company."

Added to that list is "Quantum Leap." The show began in 1989 and starred Scott Bakula, who played Sam Beckett. Beckett would time travel, taking the place of other people in hopes to correct historical mistakes. Time travel shows are always interesting and fun to watch.

"The Mary Tyler Moore Show" was an iconic show that demonstrated a rise for women in the workplace. Mary's friendship with Rhoda Morgenstern and work relationship with Lou Grant always made for good entertainment. Noted most however, was the main character's optimism.

Honorable mentions go to "Gilligan's Island," "Happy Days," "Different Strokes," "What's Happening," "WKRP in Cincinnati," "Lassie," "Highway to Heaven," "I Dream of Jeannie," "Dennis the Menace," "Leave it to Beaver" and "The Wonder Years."

VIEWPOINT

What type of heart are we?

My father tells me about his mother, who was a very pious woman and who loved her Lord Jesus, the Virgin Mary and His saints above all else. My father remembers how he would wake up every morning to the smell of incense throughout the house, knowing that his mother had just finished saying her morning prayers. She loved telling her children stories from the Bible or from the lives of the saints. She loved walking her children to Church. She deeply loved Christ, and always prayed that her six children would walk in the ways of the Lord.

BEYOND THE PEWS
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Jesus' story begins by saying that the farmer throws some seed onto the hard ground, and this hard surface obviously represents a tough heart – the heart of a person who has freely chosen not to nourish and soften their soul in spiritual matters, but who has allowed life's experiences to create a callous, closed heart. This heart represents someone not interested in growing spiritually, maybe preoccupied with many temporal pursuits, or possibly a heart full of pride and self-centered desires, or a heart that simply ignores the Gospel and its teachings as irrelevant or unimportant for their lives. How many people, in and outside the church, have such closed, hard hearts? Even for us who go to church regularly, we must ask ourselves, "Do we come sincerely seeking out God and carefully listening how to apply our Lord's teachings in our daily lives?"

After the hard surface, some seed fell on rocky soil. Now when Jesus tells this story, he is thinking about a particular soil in Palestine which has a thin layer of dirt covering a foundation of rock. A seed's roots may begin to grow in the dirt, but very quickly any growth stops when the roots run into the rock foundation. This soil has no depth, much like a person who freely chooses to accept the Gospel but doesn't allow its roots to grow deeply in our heart. Maybe this heart won't allow the teachings of Christ to fundamentally change our behaviors and worldview.

Do we accept the Gospel in a shallow manner, only to initially live our faith with joy and enthusiasm but to then allow our heart to quickly grow cold and indifferent to Christ's Good News. Maybe we are afraid that Christ wants to "interfere" too much in our lives, in our work and family life, in our pastimes and hobbies. We may view the Christian life as a 100 meter dash instead of as a marathon. God is not interested in who begins the race and then gives up; He will give the crown to those who persevere and finish the race.

Some seed falls on the third soil that is filled with thorns. This soil may be good and rich, with much potential. This person may use his/her freedom to cultivate an open and receptive heart in which the Gospel message takes root and grows. The problem, however, lies in the weeds and thorns that we allow to grow alongside the good seed. Every day in our Christian walk, we make many decisions between good and evil, between right and wrong, between what will nourish our soul and what will starve and endanger it. We are free to choose, yet we must realize there are consequences to each choice we make.

The Church Fathers mention three common weeds to which many people succumb: 1) the cares or anxieties of the world, 2) the deceit of riches, and 3) our desire for pleasure. Society tempts us with countless things, even many which appear harmless, yet these weeds quickly crowd out our Lord and His teachings within our heart. If anything in life makes us too busy to find time with God, if anything takes away our primary focus and loyalty to Christ, then such things have become weeds and thorns endangering our spiritual wellbeing.

Finally, the Gospel story tells us of the good, rich, fertile soil, which represents a heart that is open and engaged in the spiritual struggle. With one's freedom, this person chooses the good over the evil, cultivates seeds of faith, and nourishes a living relationship with God. The result of using one's freedom for such godly pursuits will end in abundant fruit.

Remember, each of us have many choices to make every day, choices that will affect the type of soil our heart becomes. Will our hearts stay hard, rocky, or full of weeds and thorns? Or possibly, will our choices produce rich and fertile soil that allows the teachings of our Lord to penetrate our heart and embrace these teachings in a way that will bear abundant fruit? Different members of the same family have the same upbringing but they also have freedom to choose how they will cultivate their hearts. Our choices lead to very different results. We have the freedom to choose, yet the consequences will be abundantly clear by the fruit we bear in our lives.

Be alert for scams



CHIEF'S CORNER

STEVE WOJNAR

A variety of financial fraud "scams" continue to occur frequently in our area. People can be asked to send money to various locations or provide personal or bank information. These can take place in person, on-line, over the phone, or by mail. As a result, people may be out large sums of

money. In recent weeks, several people, including me, have been called by someone posing as a Social Security Administration official. I wanted to once again provide everyone with some information on these illegal activities.

Money and identity scams have been occurring for many years. Various types have taken place during this COVID-19 time. Those responsible prey on unsuspecting individuals, particularly seniors. Their goal is to obtain either quick cash or bank account numbers. Armed with this documentation, the criminal can commit identity theft and access your finances. Scammers are well versed and prepared. They will do extensive on-line research, including checking obituaries, tax records, or other publicly available information prior to calling you. They may have the names of children, grandchildren, a deceased spouse, and a variety of other information, which they can use to intimidate or trick you.

In this instance, generally an automated message will play informing the person the Social Security Administration has placed a block on their number. Unless the situation is addressed immediately, there will be a warrant issued for their arrest. This is a hoax. Rarely, if ever, are people legitimately asked for sensitive information over the phone or by email. In my over thirty years in police work, I have never seen a person arrested by us on a warrant from the Social Security Administration or the IRS. Most government offices, or financial institutions, will contact you by mail or deal with you in person when they have the opportunity. Some scammers have been known to tell victims they are calling because letters sent to them have gone unanswered (these certainly were never sent). Do not trust any of this business over the phone and remember there is always a way to confirm what you are being told. You can follow up with the office in question directly, your tax preparation service, the bank, or other agencies. Family members and the police can also assist you in these instances. Seek out help from trusted people before taking any actions. If you receive unexpected requests for money or other personal information, assume it is a scam. Be very cognizant of these occurrences and protect your personal information. Report anything suspicious to the proper authorities.

As a reminder, on Saturday, Oct. 24 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Dudley Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will conduct another prescription drug "Take Back" event. The public can safely dispose of expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. The service is free and anonymous. During our previous events, large quantities of prescription medications were taken in. Since April was cancelled due to COVID, we anticipate this to be very busy. Several communities in our area will also be participating in this event. If you are not from Dudley, check with your local police for a participating location near you. I encourage everyone to mark their calendars and take advantage of this opportunity.

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



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Vote for a solid investment strategy

Election Day is little more than a week away. As a citizen, you may feel the results will affect many aspects of life in this country. But as an investor, your situation probably won't change after the votes are counted.

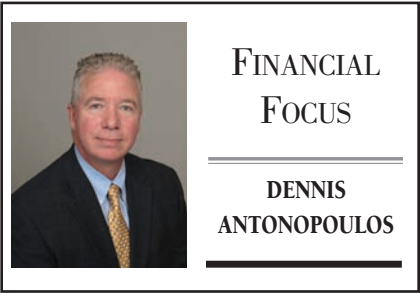
No matter who wins, the financial markets may well show some politically driven volatility, but that often happens around elections, and it typically doesn't last long. But what about the longer term? How might changes in policy and new legislation affect your investment outlook?

To begin, keep in mind that many campaign promises remain just that – promises. And even when some of them

are enacted, any ultimate legislation may be quite different from what was proposed on the campaign trail.

Still, sometime in the future, we could see election-related changes that could affect your investment strategy. For example, over the years, we've seen many adjustments in the tax rates of capital gains and stock dividends, and it's likely these rates will change again one day. When that happens, you may need to look at the equities portion of your portfolio to see if you want to make some adjustments.

Many other changes, though, are hard to predict. It's possible that



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future legislation could affect specific industries, either positively or negatively. Such moves could also influence the way you look at certain investments, but if you have a diversified portfolio that contains a broad mix of stocks, bonds and other securities, any actions affecting one particular industry probably won't cause you to significantly adjust holdings invested

in other sectors.

In any case, while it may be a good idea to keep an eye open for things like tax rate changes or how new policies may affect different market segments, your main emphasis, in terms of your investment decisions, should remain on your goals and what you need to do to achieve them.

At least once each year, review your portfolio carefully to make sure your investments are aligned with your goals, whether they are short-term (a new car, a long vacation and so on) or long-term (such as college for your children or a comfortable retirement). Periodically, depending

on what's happening in your life and the progress of your investment portfolio, you may need to evaluate your goals to ensure they're prioritized appropriately to help keep you on track toward achieving what's most important to you.

Over time, your goals may change, too. Perhaps you've decided that instead of retiring early and traveling around the world, you now want to turn your hobby into a business. Changing this goal may require a different investment strategy. Or you might change your mind about where you want to live – instead of staying in your home, as originally planned, you might downsize and move to a different area.

Your goals may change in many ways, all of which may warrant updating your investment strategies.

Here's the key point: You're the one electing to make these changes. No matter what happens in this or any other election, be sure to "vote" for the strategies that have the potential for a winning outcome.

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Bowhunting season begins

A good soaking of rain last week sure helped alleviate the threat of brush fires and helped bring some of the small ponds and lakes water table up a bit, but we still need a few more inches of rain to get into the water table before a ground freeze, and it hopefully will happen this week.

The start of the Massachusetts bow hunting season started this past Monday in zones 1-9. Some white oak trees had a good number of acorns this year, while others had very few. Bowhunters setting up tree stands in the areas of a heavy drop of acorns, should increase hunters' chances of harvesting a deer. The heavy winds and rain of last week helped defoliate many trees, and made observing deer a lot easier as they approached a tree stand or ground blind.

Tree stands are the number one choice of most bow hunters, but as some deer hunters age, it is time for them to keep their feet on the ground. Numerous fatal or serious injuries happen every year by hunters falling from a tree stand. If you do hunt from a tree stand you need to be sure you use a safety belt or harness. Even then they do not protect a hunter from falling from a tree stand, as most accidents happen while climbing into their stand. The most popular tree



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hunting. There are more women that hunt deer and birds than ever before. Hunting is not for everyone, but if they enjoy the sport, they will get to enjoy quality time with their adult parent, and will hopefully pass it along to their children.

Hunting during the rut is the most exciting time to be in the woods, and will make your chances of a deer encounter almost a guarantee. It is also the time of year to harvest that big buck that has avoided you for many years. They often let their guard down as they chase a doe in heat, and if you are in the right spot at the right time, you could get lucky and harvest the deer of a life time.

Cleaning and field dressing a deer needs to be done properly, or you could taint the meat, making it uneatable. Many people that do not like eating venison have more than likely had venison that was not properly cleaned and packaged. A lot of venison is ruined during field dressing. There are plenty of videos that can be watched on YouTube. Taking the time to watch

stand is a ladder stand, but they too can be dangerous.

Ground blinds work very well for deer hunting, and keep a hunter a bit warmer and dry during the hunt. They also work very well for deer hunters that bring along their son or daughter, introducing them to the sport of deer

one can insure some great eating in the coming weeks and months. Choosing the correct meat cutter to process your deer is very important, and be sure that you are getting your deer meat, and not someone else's.

Proper dressing of the trophy deer that you are planning to take to a taxidermist also needs special care. Be sure to check that out also on YouTube or from your taxidermist. Choose the right Taxidermist & be sure to ask the following questions. What is the final cost? How long will it take before I get my mount back? Ask to see some of his or her work. Ask for references, and never pay in full before you receive your mount back.

Tautog fishing remains great as this week's picture shows. Recently stocked trout are being caught at some local hotspots. Check out the stocked waters by going to Massachusetts Fish Hunt Web site. One local angler caught a huge rainbow trout at an undisclosed site last week.

Goose and duck hunting were great for most hunters last week, but the absence of mallard and black ducks were noticeable in many areas. Wood Duck were providing the best shooting opportunities.

My apologies for the incorrect date for pheasant season in last week's column. You should always check your abstracts prior to hunting any species, but I still take my reporting seriously, and try to be as accurate as possible. It



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This past Sundays catch of Tautog, Seabass and one cod, taken at Point Judith light, while fishing with Matt Fontaine of Uxbridge.

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A Roundup of Timely Tips

Fall is here, and from picking the last of the harvest crops to raking up (and jumping in) piles of fallen leaves, the chores of autumn season are a labor of love. Read on for a medley of seasonal tips that are geared toward making New England's favorite season a little more enjoyable!

Harvesting herbs from the fall garden? When chopping fresh herbs such as basil and tarragon, sprinkle the leaves with a few drops of olive oil. This effectively slows the darkening of the chopped leaves. And to enhance the flavor of dried herbs, simply chop up some fresh parsley with them!

Wondering how to store all those onions and other garden root vegetables through the winter? If you don't have a root cellar, pack Styrofoam packing peanuts into a wooden crate. As long as the vegetables are kept cool and dry, this method will do the trick.

Local apples are a seasonal treat that are not only delicious but super healthy too. According to Cornell University researchers one apple packs more cancer-fighting antioxidants than a 1,500-milligram dose of vitamin C. Want more bang for your bite? Eat Red Delicious Apples, as they have twice the antioxidant activity than Empire apples. Northern Spy came in second; then Cortland, Ida Red, Golden Delicious, McIntosh, Mutsu and Empire.

Did you know not only can an apple a day keep the doctor away - it may even help keep the fat away! Pectin in apples



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contains soluble fiber, which absorbs water in the intestines, mixes the food into a gel and can actually limit the amount of fat your cells can absorb!

Have some native apples you need to use up? Believe it or not, you can make homemade applesauce in the crock pot. To do: Peel, core and slice ten large apples, add one cup water, one cup sugar and one teaspoon cinnamon. Cover cook on low for eight to ten hours! Start it in the morning and it'll be done when you get home.

Flu season will soon be here. Want another weapon in the fight against flu? According to several Japanese studies, gargling with black tea twice a day from October to March, significantly improved participants abilities to fend off the flu bug.

Feel a case of the sniffles coming on? The fiery spice cayenne is a hot commodity in home remedies. Have a head cold? A dash or two of cayenne powder in a cup of hot tea relieves congestion. Touted as a natural antibiotic, a few shakes of Tabasco sauce into tomato juice is said to boost the immunity and fight flu. But never give cayenne to kids!

Did you know 3% hydrogen peroxide is a natural disinfectant that

can help keep cold and flu germs at bay? Hydrogen peroxide is a thrifty alternative to pricey germ killer sprays. Use it full strength to kill germs on phones, keyboards, door handles or more.

Want to capture your best fall foliage shots on camera this season? While experts agree there's no bad time of day to photograph colorful fall foliage, they note morning and late afternoon often provide the most interesting shadows. And try later too: The golden light just before sunset highlights not only leaves on trees, but those on the ground too.

To preserve colorful fall leaves for decorating try this quick drying tip: Place leaves between two paper towels and microwave on medium one to 1 ½ minutes checking every 30 seconds for dryness. This will remove moisture from the leaves, and they'll retain their brilliant colors!

Outside garden chores are winding down, so here's some help for house plants! Using a flowerpot with large draining holes? Keep water in by placing a large coffee filter in the bottom of the pot. And if you cut and old sponge into small pieces and add it to the potting mix. You won't have to water plants as often.

Now's the time to give your neglected indoor plants some TLC. To make your lackluster indoor plants glow feeding them a tablespoon of castor oil, mixed with

water. And simply dusting the leaves exposes them to more beneficial light!

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

Your tips can win you a great dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random drawing. One winner per month will win a fabulous three course dinner for two

at the renown restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I'm in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I'm counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints!

Do you have a helpful hint or handy tip that has worked for you? Do you have a question regard-

Shepherd Hill named Unified Champion School

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – Shepherd Hill Regional High School has been recognized as an official Special Olympics Massachusetts Unified Champion School recognizing the institution's leadership in inclusion among its staff and students.

Notice was sent to Shepherd Hill Principal William Chaplin in September that Special Olympics Massachusetts had named the school as one of merit with Patti Doherty, the Director of School and Youth Engagement with Special Olympics, writing, "Despite the challenges that marked last spring, your school community has shown what it takes to be a Unified Champion School, providing opportunities and activities to creating a truly 'Unified Generation' of young people who embrace differences and lead social change." The letter goes on to commend the school for its embrace of unified sports, inclusive youth leadership and engagement that includes all members of the school community as part of its culture. The recognition also included a certificate to be displayed in the school.

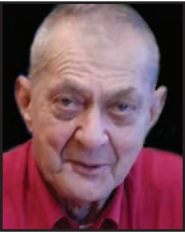
During a meeting of the Dudley-Charlton Regional School Committee on Oct. 14, Superintendent Steven Lamarche took a moment to recognize Principal Chaplin, his staff and the students for receiving such a great and commendable honor.

"This recognition comes in high regard as Shepherd Hill has demonstrated a commitment to inclusion. I want to thank Principal Chaplin and his staff for their efforts to do the right thing and ensure all of our students have access to the incredible school experience afforded here in the Dudley-Charlton communities," Lamarche said.

Special Olympics MA is a state non-profit organization geared towards promoting inclusion in towns, cities, schools, and the workplace throughout the state and helping change the way the world sees individuals with intellectual disabilities. Those wishing to learn more about the organization can visit www.specialolympicsma.org.

OBITUARIES

Dennis “Butch” M. Corey Sr., 80,



OXFORD – Dennis “Butch” M. Corey Sr., 80, of Sutton Avenue, died Wednesday, October 14, 2020, in his home after a long battle with COPD. He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Debra A. (Shultz) Corey of Oxford; five children, Roxanne M. Corey of Oxford, Dennis M. Corey Jr. of Charlton, Daniel M. Corey and his wife Amy of Oxford, David M. Corey and his wife Ozzette of Oxford, and Timothy C. Corey of Oxford; his loving in-laws; seven grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and many nephews and nieces. He was predeceased by his sister Patricia M. Tetreault. He was born in Worcester, son of the late Clarence Corey and Fernande “Susan” Charlot (Migneault) Olsen, and lived in Worcester before moving to Oxford in 1969. He served in the U.S. Air Force.

Mr. Corey owned and operated 5D Corey Construction in Oxford for over 30 years. Later, he was a project manager for LaMountain Brothers in Oxford for 13 years. He was a police officer on the Oxford Police Department in the early 1970’s. Butch loved the fishing derby at the family camp in Maine, splitting wood, watching boxing matches, and playing slot machines and roulette at the casino. Most of all, he loved to spend time with his wife and family. Services will be private. Burial will be private at St. Roch’s Cemetery in Oxford. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to V.N.A. Hospice, 120 Thomas St., Worcester, MA 01608. Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements. paradisfuneralhome.com



Irene E. DiRoberto, 73



WEBSTER–IreneE. (Hanlon) DiRoberto, 73, of Treasure Island Road, died Saturday, October 10, 2020, at Dodge Park Rest Home in Worcester. She is survived by her husband of 55 years, Matteo DiRoberto of Webster; two children, Kelly A. Crowley and her husband Joseph of Pasadena, CA, and Todd M. DiRoberto of La Jolla, CA; two grandchildren, Anthony M. Fenuccio and fiancé Allison Gallagher of Huntsville, AL, and Gage DiRoberto of Solana Beach, CA; and her brother, Michael Hanlon and his wife Dee of Perris, CA. She was predeceased by her sister Kathleen Hanlon. She was born in Worcester, daughter of the late Bernard J. and Grace Pearl

(Pinkham) Hanlon, and lived in Oxford and Dudley before moving to Webster in 1998. She graduated from Oxford High School in 1965. Irene was a medical lab technician at various medical facilities before retirement. She volunteered at St. Vincent Hospital in the Intensive Care Unit. She enjoyed sharing time between Webster Lake and Fort Lauderdale, FL, for many years. Of all the blessing in her life, of which there were many, Irene’s family and lifelong friends were the most cherished. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, October 23, 2020, at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. Calling hours are Thursday, October 22, 2020, from 4-7 p.m. at the funeral home. paradisfuneralhome.com

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Latest antiques, collectibles, and auction news

It has been over a month since my last antiques, collectibles, and auction news report. A lot has happened since. Let’s begin with an upcoming Halloween auction in Ireland. The Irish Times reports that Mullen’s Auctioneers of Dublin, Ireland will be holding a Halloween auction. The auction features many prints, photos and medals related to historical events in Ireland. There are two items fitting for an auction on Halloween. A movie poster from the 1958 film “Dublin Nightmare” which has an estimate of 150 to 200 Euros (approximately \$175 to \$235 U.S. dollars) will be one of the offerings. A death mask of Irish novelist James Joyce is the other. The Irish Times reported that Joyce’s wife Nora authorized sculptor Paul Speck to make two death masks of Joyce when he died in 1941. Speck made an additional mask for himself. The two authorized masks are owned by the James Joyce Foundation. The third was sent to the Irish Library of Congress. Speck made 6 bronze castings before he presented the mask to the Library of Congress. Speck gave one of the castings to film director James Huston. Huston in turn had 12 more bronze castings created by



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Lunt’s Castings. One of the 12 Huston created will be auctioned on Halloween. Its auction estimate is 1,500 to 2,000 Euros (approximately \$1,750 to \$2,350). There are very few paintings by 15th Century Renaissance painter Sandro Botticelli in private hands. It’s rare for one to come up for auction, but this noteworthy event will take place in January, when his “Young Man Holding a Roundel” will be offered. A Mutual Art article states that “Botticelli’s striking paintings in the late 15th-century made his work sought after by some of Europe’s richest patrons, and his works’ appeal was widespread.” CNN reports that this painting was produced in the 1470s or 1480s. According to Mutual Art: “it’s reasonable to assume that the sitter is an elite nobleman, due to his high quality clothing and pensive, refined appearance.” The current owner purchased it for \$810,000 (a little over \$1 million U.S. at the current exchange rate) in 1982. Despite the pandemic, the auction house and the consignor have found the auction market to be resilient. The auction estimate on the painting is \$80 million. A Kalamazoo, MI couple recent-

ly found that their \$5 estate sale buy may be worth thousands, according to WWMT TV. The husband bought a poster rolled up in a tube without a price. He collects movie posters and thought that’s what he was purchasing. He offered \$5. The seller accepted and the buyer gave the tube with the poster to his wife. It sat in their basement for five years until their son was searching for some wall art. He looked through the items his parents had accumulated and opened the tube with the poster. It was much larger than the family expected. WLNS TV reported that the poster they thought to be movie poster size was instead a whopping 8 feet x 13 feet large. The poster was produced by Air France in 1959. Their research determined that it was an original lithograph created by French artist Lucien Boucher. It depicts aircraft flying to destinations around the globe. The couple found auction results for a similar piece that sold for 18,750 British pounds (over \$24,000 U.S.) in 2014. The couple decided to donate the poster. WWMT reported that the airline map is expected to land at the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum. Bidding ends on Oct. 28 for our online coin auction. Our next auction featuring gold estate jewelry, sterling silver, pocket watches, World War I and II Red Cross posters, a 1931 Auburn auto-



mobile and a wide selection of other antiques and collectibles will be online soon with bidding ending November 17th. Contact us at: Wayne Tuiskula Auctioneer/Appraiser Central Mass Auctions for Antique Auctions, Estate Sales and Appraisal Services www.centralmassauctions.com (508-612- 6111) info@centralmassauctions.com

Fall garden tasks to protect your landscape from winter wildlife damage



Melinda Myers

To protect plantings from rabbits, use fencing that is at least four feet tall or a repellent that discourages them from dining on plants.

As the seasons change, we adjust our gardening tasks and plantings to match. Animals also make changes this time of year, often changing their eating habits and dining locations. These adjustments can impact your gardens. Reduce the risk of damage by starting in fall to protect your landscape from hungry animals this winter. Take a walk around your landscape to evaluate plants and plantings for their susceptibility to animal damage. Look for pathways that animals use to access

your landscape and areas of potential damage. Note new plantings, animal favorites and those special plantings you would hate to lose. Make sure these are protected. Check mulch around trees and shrubs. Deep layers of mulch and mulch piled around the trunk of trees and the base of shrubs provides shelter for mice and voles. These rodents like to gnaw on the bark of trees and shrubs in winter. Pull mulch off tree trunks and stems and spread out deep mulch so it is only two to four inches deep. Protect young trees and shrubs with a four-foot-tall fence of hardware cloth sunk several inches into the ground to prevent vole damage at ground level and most rabbit damage. Mature trees are usually only bothered during years where the vole and rabbit populations are high and food is scarce. Fencing around garden beds filled with animal favorites is another option. Make sure your fence is high enough, tight to the ground and gates are secure. You will need a four-foot-high fence



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for rabbits and at least five- to six-foot-high fence to keep deer out of small gardens. A fence of several strands of fishing line has proven to be successful for some gardeners. Repellents are another less obtrusive option. These use smell or taste to discourage animals from dining in your landscape. Check the label to see if the repellent works on the animals and rodents you are trying to manage. Apply repellents before animals start feeding for best results. Then reapply as recommended on the label. Look for one, like organic Plantskydd (plantskydd.com), that is rain and snow resistant, lasting up to six months on dormant plants over the winter so you will need to apply it less often. Scare tactics may be effective depending on where you live. In urban and suburban areas animals are used to human scents and sounds. Gardeners often hang old CDs and shiny ribbons in tree branches to scare hungry animals. If you opt for scare tactics, be sure to employ a variety of options and change

their location to increase your chance of success. Constantly monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the methods used and check all plantings for damage. When animal populations are high and hungry, they will eat about anything. Be willing to change things up if one method is not working. Using multiple tactics will help increase your level of success. Protect your landscape from hungry deer, rabbits, and voles this winter. Start preparing in fall before their winter dining habits begin. If you are vigilant and persistent, you can coexist with these creatures and still have a beautiful landscape.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses “How to Grow Anything” DVD series and the Melinda’s Garden Moment TV & radio segments. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and was commissioned by Tree World Plant Care for her expertise to write this article. Her Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

LEGALS

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By David C Farrar 8/24/20
October 9, 2020
October 16, 2020
October 23, 2020
October 30, 2020

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Date: October 08, 2020
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
October 23, 2020

DUDLEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION Public Hearing Notice
A **Public Hearing** will be held at the Dudley Municipal Complex, 71 West Main Street in Dudley, MA at 6:15 PM on November 4, 2020 to consider a **Notice of Intent** of Sue Ellen Neiduski for the property located at: 18 Norman Lane for Repair of septic system, installation of new drilled well, associated tree removal. This is a Public Hearing under the requirements of G.L. CH. 131 §40, as amended. For more information, call 508-949-8011.
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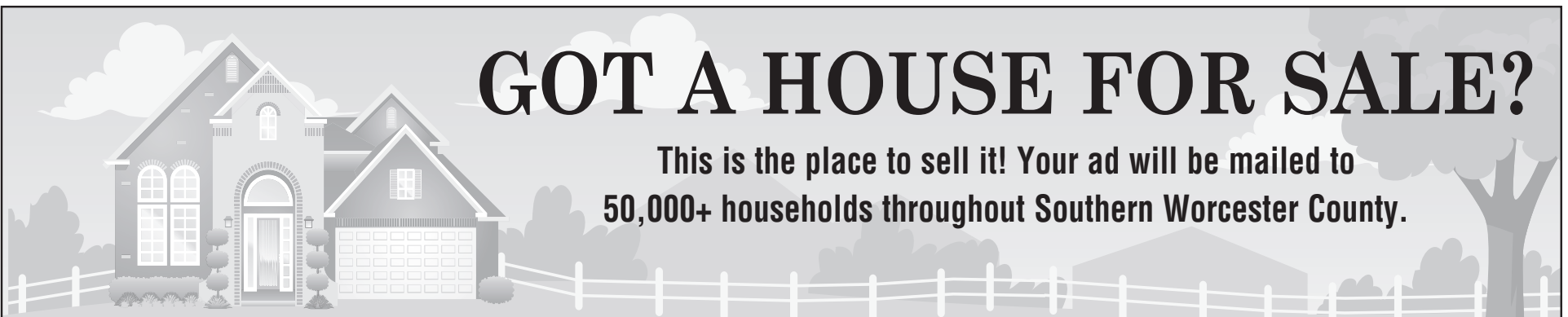


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were guided by 8th Grade instructor, Mrs. Mary Ann Weaver.

The principal celebrant of the Mass was Monsignor Anthony Czarnecki. Concelebrants were Rev. Grzegorz Chodkowski, Pastor of St. Joseph Basilica, Rev. Richard Polek, Pastor of Our Lady of Cz stochowa Parish, and Rev. Allen Alexander, Campus Minister Marianapolis Preparatory School. The Executive Officers of the New England Chapter of JPII Foundation are Barbara Pysk - President, Dorota Kalinowski and Dr. Krzysztof Kacprzak - Co-Vice President, Jane Molina, and Joanne Minarik – Co-Treasurer, Ursula Kokosinski - Recording Secretary, Maria Ptak - Corresponding Secretary, Monsignor Anthony Czarnecki - Chaplain, and Hon. Thaddeus Buczek - Advocate.

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heroes in many forms across all our New England communities, and we want to do our part to celebrate the people in our towns who are making a difference,” said Deena McKinley, CMO of Papa Gino’s and D’Angelo Grilled Sandwiches. “We’re very grateful for the opportunity to hear these stories and reward these amazing individuals with their favorite hometown food through the continuation of our cherished community donation programs.”

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these activities would backfire by leading people to have larger gatherings on their properties with higher risk of spreading the virus.

“We specifically declared ‘Halloween’

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CDC also breaks down the various options – remote, hybrid and in-class – in terms of risk, based on other features they have. For example, hybrid can be either “some” or “medium” risk depending on how many kids are in class at once, how much they mingle and share objects, how consistently protections are used, and other issues.

Interestingly, the European CDC has a different take on it. That agency’s website states, “School outbreaks have not been a prominent feature in the COVID-19 pandemic, mostly due to the fact that the majority of children do not develop symptoms when infected with the virus, or develop a very mild form of the disease.” Despite that, ECDC notes

rather than ‘trick-or-treat’ to bring to light the need for parents and kids, neighbors and families to take sensible and reasonable precautions to protect against the spread of the virus and to follow the Halloween-specific guidance that we have received from the Department of Public Health and the CDC,” Ruda said. “The Town is, and

kids can “spread the virus to adults while they are symptomatic.”

“Available evidence suggests that transmission among children in schools is less efficient for COVID-19 than for other respiratory viruses such as influenza,” ECDC states. “However, this evidence is mainly derived from school outbreaks and relies on the detection of symptomatic cases, possibly underestimating the number of infected, asymptomatic, and potentially infectious, children during such an outbreak.”

Noting the plan encourages people to stay home if they have any symptoms, Goguen said the schools need to create an emergency plan to address how to replace staff members who call out sick.

In a related issue, Pierangeli said the district has changed how it distributes food to its remote students. Instead of having families pick it up daily, they’re

remains, committed, however, to taking and following the best guidance either suggested, ordered or directed by the state in a manner that will best serve Dudley. As the original Halloween guidance is to follow state and federal guidance, should the guidance or the model change, we will notify the public of the change and urge the same.”

packaging meals for the school week for Monday pickup, then two days of meals for Friday pickup.

“The meals have been fantastic. We are definitely taking advantage of that service,” committee member Kathy Napierata said, noting it took her kids some time to get used to school food again. She said parents have expressed concerns to her about having to make multiple trips and leaving kids home alone, so they like it better this way.

In other business, Pierangeli said the School building Committee recently hosted several architects, engineers and designers on a tour of Bartlett preliminary to seeking bids for architects’ services. She expects to have a contract for that by Dec. 11.

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

QCC stays the course with remote instruction for spring semester

WORCESTER — Quinsigamond Community College will continue with remote instruction for its Winter Intersession and Spring semesters. Classes will remain fully remote with only a select few courses offered on campus, such as labs or clinical experiences that require direct hands-on participation or specialized equipment.

“We made this decision based on the increased COVID-19 cases we are currently seeing locally, regionally and nationally. Many models project an increase

in COVID-19 cases during the colder months, and based on this information, we have chosen to stay with our current mode of remote instruction,” QCC President Dr. Luis Pedraja said. “Our concern, first and foremost, is the safety of the QCC community and our region.”

QCC’s online experience is vast. For more than 20 years, the College has delivered online education to students, offering hundreds of remote instruction courses prior to the pandemic. This past summer, all QCC faculty attended comprehensive

remote instruction training to learn additional key strategies for helping students succeed in a remote learning environment. The College has maintained all its support services, transitioning all departments and services to a remote format. Services such as admissions, advising, financial aid, tutoring, transfer services, student life and accessibility services are delivered remotely through emails, phone, or virtual meeting platforms. Support services, such as QCC’s Food Pantry and Resource Center, as well as counseling and

wellness are also delivered remotely to provide vital support to those in need.

“We will continue to listen to local, state and Federal experts to ensure our plans are in line with best practices and protocols, and reassess as applicable,” President Pedraja stated.

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Dudley selectmen may tighten up on social media access

**BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT**

DUDLEY – Dudley’s Board of Selectmen is examining imposing further limitations on who manages the town’s social media accounts after an incident in late September resulted in an unwanted post on a town page.

Board of Selectmen Chair Kerry Cyganiewicz brought the discussion to the table during a meeting on Oct. 2, refusing to go into too much detail over exactly what happened that prompted the concerns but eventually

admitting it involved a paid advertisement that was posted that would have cost the town money had it not been caught in time.

“I don’t want to talk about who it was or what happened other than no information was leaked. I just think that we should limit who has access to posts on the town social media pages to the town administrator, the board of selectmen and (the Administrative Secretary) just because she would be doing most of this. That’s it, no one else,” Cyganiewicz said.

Town Administrator

Jonathan Ruda chimed in to the conversation making a point to explain that anyone can post on sites Facebook, so limiting who can post content from the town itself may not put a stopper on negative or unwanted comments on social media. He also noted that limiting access to the town’s pages by staff would impact the town’s ability to livestream meetings properly if a shutdown were to occur again during the COVID-19 pandemic. Cyganiewicz strongly recommended that the town consider moving meetings to YouTube for

the future and felt that addressing the situation should be a priority to protect the town’s representation online.

“There was something posted to the town’s Web page that shouldn’t have been, and I don’t want to see that happen again,” Cyganiewicz said. “I think I’d be remiss in my duties if I didn’t bring this up and push this.”

While no one seemed to disagree that the issue wasn’t an important one to address, there were clear concerns about closing off certain departments to social media. Selectman Steven

Sullivan said he wanted to see emergency management included on the list of users, but it was pointed out that the fire and police departments manage their own Facebook accounts. Even then, Town Administrator Ruda acknowledged that those accounts could also be prone to hacking. Selectman Jason Johnson felt that the conversation was productive but didn’t want a single short conversation at a meeting to be the defining factor in any forthcoming changes.

“I appreciate all of the ideas because the intent

is to both tighten the availability to be exposed in certain ways on different platforms, but what I don’t feel that in the five minutes we’re going to noodle on this in a meeting that we’re going to get the right detail in,” Johnson said.

Selectmen charged both Cyganiewicz and Ruda to work together combining their thoughts and put together a more precise plan which was to be addressed at a later meeting.

bankHometown supports local food pantries

OXFORD — Robert J. Morton, president and CEO of bankHometown, announced the November 1 start of the bank’s annual Neighbors Helping Neighbors fundraising drive for 2020 to help support local food pantries.

This marks the bank’s 17th year of hosting the program, which invites bank customers, employees, and members of the community to donate money toward food pantries throughout the month of November. All donations will be matched dollar for dollar by bankHometown and the total raised will be divided among participating food pantries across Massachusetts and Connecticut in the communities the bank serves.

In 2019, through con-

tributions and matching donations, the campaign raised \$26,000 and resulted in \$2,000 contributions to participating food pantries.

The bank encourages donations of any amount, with contributions of as little as \$1 to \$5 helping to provide 10 to 50 meals. As an added incentive to give, the bank will offer those who donate the opportunity to win a \$25 gift card at each of its 16 locations.

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Experiment with Halloween bark

Festive Halloween treats can be easily concocted with a little imagination. Crafting a homemade chocolate and candy bark is one way to incorporate many of the candies and other treats synonymous with Halloween in a single delicious bite.

According to Baking Bites, an online source of recipes and cooking advice, chocolate bark is a sheet of chocolate that is usually covered with nuts, dried fruits, candies, or additional pieces of chocolate. Bark, which is an easily prepared homemade dessert, can be broken apart into pieces.

Making bark begins with a favorite melting chocolate. Individuals can use candy-making chocolate that may need to be tempered and poured, or they can melt down chocolate bars and chips. This is best done in a double boiler set over simmering water. Some people have success melting chocolate in a microwave on low until the right consistency is reached.

The chocolate should be spread out on a pan lined with parchment paper or another nonstick surface,



Candy corn can be mixed with other ingredients and put into chocolate to make a delicious Halloween candy bark.

such as oiled aluminum foil. While the chocolate is still tacky, add the desired bark ingredients. Come Halloween, cooks can use candy corn, pretzels, raisins, pumpkin seeds, sunflower seeds, and even dried cranberries to give the treat a seasonal feel. Of course, the bark can be customized to any flavor profile. Another fun idea is to have gummy worms or other candies sticking out of the bark for a truly 3-D effect.

Some people may choose to use white chocolate or melting candies in different colors (orange and yellow) to add even more appeal to Halloween-theme bark.

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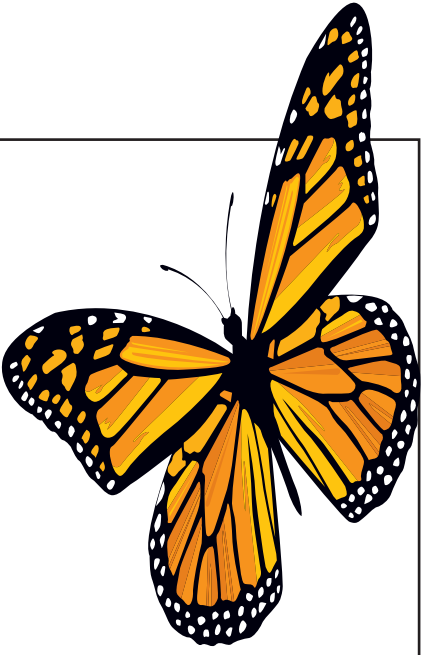
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