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A little warm weather and look! The buds are ready and soon the trees, grass and flora will abound....

Charlie's will soon open new addition

BY AMY PAUL
STONEBRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

Are you looking for a venue to host this summer's small wedding reception? Or rehearsal dinner? Or baby shower? Later this spring, Charlie's of Spencer, will be opening their new addition after much careful planning and cooperation with the Town Planning Board and with Conservation.

A couple of years in the making, Charlie's will, according to chef and owner Steve Turner, "increase capacity and be providing a service limited in the local area," in the restaurant market.

"People want this sort of thing. For example, our new banquet room will house parties of under one hundred people depending on whether there will be entertainment and whether that entertainment will be a deejay or band. Another benefit to the restaurant is our new bar area with twenty foot ceilings which will seat sixty." Also included in



Amy Paul photos

It may not look like much yet, but the new banquet hall is shaping up.

the exposed-beam addition is a twenty-seat horseshoe-shaped bar, a wood-fired oven and a gas-fired fireplace adorned with windows on each side overlooking wetlands.

The kitchen will be expanded as well as the menu.

"We are revamping the entire menu in the fall," Turner added, "some of the old items might



From Charlie's Diner to Charlie's Bar & Grill to just plain Charlie's, the metamorphosis will be complete later this spring.

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Taking up options on marijuana questions

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – Planning Board members discussed during a recent public hearing the options facing voters this spring in terms of recreational marijuana sales in town.

On April 4, Planning Board members discussed both the potential ban of recreation-

al sales and the moratorium, ultimately deciding to express support for the latter option. If voters choose a 19-month moratorium at the annual town meeting, officials would have time to analyze the clarified state regulations before proceeding.

However, if a ban is selected by voters at Spencer's elec-

tion, the door would be closed on retail pot shops. Officials remind residents that neither option would affect residents' ability to legally have recreational marijuana in their homes – it would simply affect potential sellers.

If approved, both the moratorium and the ban would require a zoning change, offi-

cials said.

"There are a lot of things that aren't clear [with state policy] in terms of towns' responsibilities and the state's responsibilities. With a moratorium, we could see what happens at the state level and then create regulations based on that," said town Planner Paul Dell'Aquila. Planning Board members

emerged from their April 4 hearing with a decision to officially endorse the moratorium. If approved, the moratorium would last through November of 2018.

For Planning Board members, there were several reasons for supporting the moratorium over the ban. The first

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Courtesy photo

A member of the Leicester Police Department displays some of the equipment his department recently purchased thanks to a grant from the Spirit of Blue Foundation.

Safety equipment purchased with grant funding

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER — Thanks to a safety equipment grant awarded by the Spirit of Blue Foundation, Leicester Police Department officers will soon be far better protected when they enter dangerous situations.

The Spirit of Blue Foundation, based in Rochester, NY, awarded the LPD with \$5,691

in grant funding. The monies were spent on five sets of Damascus FlexForce riot control suits, Damascus Vector gloves, and clear impact-resistant riot control shields, as well as other protective equipment.

The new gear will enable LPD officers to adequately protect themselves in the instance of responding to riots, protests, or

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Leicester residents must make decision on school building

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER — In advance of a pivotal annual town meeting vote, residents attended an open house last week to learn more about the proposed replacement of a deteriorated middle school.

At an April 11 open house, residents toured the middle school and observed the conditions students and teachers face on a daily basis. Guests also learned more about the district's maintenance plan,

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Water restrictions still on the horizon

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STONEBRIDGE STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – The Water Department has announced that mandatory water use restrictions will soon take effect for public water supply users, which will last from May 1 through Sept. 30.

The conservation restrictions prohibit non-essential

outdoor water activities from occurring between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. These activities include irrigation of lawns via automatic sprinkler systems (all types of above-ground and subterranean sprinkler systems); washing of vehicles, except in a commercial car

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Real Estate Market Update

If you are paying attention to the news then you probably know we have extremely low inventory and home prices have been rising in most areas over the past few years. Nationally in March home sales rose 9% from the same month last year while in

Worcester County home sales actually dropped 5% compared to last March. Nationally homes took 49 days to go under contract compared to 60 days in March 2016, while they went down to 62 days in Worcester County from 80 days last year. The median price nationally

was up 7.5% to 273K while we were up 4.7% in Worcester County to 250K. In March 2017 in Worcester County homes were selling for 99% of their listing price compared to 97% in March 2016.

In summary, the market in Worcester County mirrors the national Real Estate market except for sales. This again is due to the low inventory we have been seeing. The prices are rising, it is taking less time to sell the homes and we are getting much closer to the asking price of the home. If you want to sell your home, this market should be a promising market for you to sell in, while keeping in mind these are averages and your home could sell quicker or take longer to sell. The biggest challenge is just finding a home for the person who sells their home in 4 hours and has nowhere to live, which can be remedied with a contingency in the contract. I am seeing the Market Value for the homes which is the price a ready willing and able buyer is willing to pay is exceeding what the appraised value is, which is based on past sales. This is and will continue to cause issues around homes appraising for the price the buyer is willing to pay which many times will cause the seller to have to reduce the price to what the



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NBDB suggests 6 tips for spring cleaning finances

As spring cleaning season begins, you start to open up the windows and brush away the winter dust. North Brookfield Savings Bank is also encouraging you to do some financial spring cleaning by putting a priority on organizing your finances and is offering some helpful tips to get your financial house in order.

"With the tax season coming to an end, spring is a great time to take a look at your bank account and your budget," said Patty Ostrout, senior vice president retail banking of NBSB. "Once you have a clear view of your current financial situation you will be able to make stress-reducing changes or updates that will help you financially moving forward."

North Brookfield Savings Bank has highlighted six tips to help you organize your finances:

Evaluate and pay down debt. Take a look at how much you owe and what you are paying in interest. Begin paying off existing debt, whether that's by chipping away at loans with the highest interest rates or eliminating smaller debt first.

Review your budget. A lot can change in a year. If you've been promoted, had

a child, or become a new homeowner or renter, be sure to update your budget. Determine what expenses demand the most money and identify areas where you can realistically cut back. Develop a strategy for spending and saving — and stick to it.

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Flushing is performed between the hours of 7:30 AM and 3:30 PM. We post our daily flushing schedule on the North Brookfield Water Department Facebook page. If you would like additional information, please call the Water Department at (508) 867-0207.

ATTENTION WEST BROOKFIELD RESIDENTS Hydrant Flushing

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Local state officials distribute Easter baskets

State elected officials convened at the Worcester Court House to distribute Easter baskets to children in need Tuesday morning. The officials worked in conjunction with The Easter Basket Project, a non-profit group based out of Hopedale, which provides baskets for children who are hospitalized or whose families might not be able to provide gifts on

Easter morning.

The baskets were delivered to various establishments such as local food banks, pediatrician's offices, and additional non-profits.

The group included Registrar of Probate Stephanie K. Fattman, Worcester City Councilor Michael Gaffney, State Senator Ryan C. Fattman (R-Webster), State Senator Anne Gobi (D-Spencer),

State Representative Peter Durant (R-Spencer), State Representative Kate Campanale (R-Leicester), State Representative Kevin Kuros (R-Uxbridge), State Representative David Muradian (R-Grafton), and State Representative Joseph McKenna (R-Webster).

"Easter should be a joyous time with family," said Senator Fattman. "The goal of this project is to bring kids

hope, and remind others they are not forgotten."

The Easter Basket Project is led by its executive director Pamela Berman, and the organization was able to provide over 700 baskets in time for this year's holiday.

To learn more about the project visit www.easterbasketproject.org. For any questions please contact Joe Zarrella at 617-722-1420.

SPENCER CAPSULES

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Absentee Ballots for the May 9th annual town election are available. Applications for absentee ballots are available on the town website www.spencerma.gov, or can be obtained at the Town Clerk's office during regular business hours (Monday-Wednesday 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. A sample of the warrant and ballot for annual town meeting (May 4th 7 p.m.) and annual town election posted on the website.

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Workshop to Provide Communication Strategies for Dementia Caregivers

CHARLTON — The Alzheimer's Association is presenting a workshop on communication strategies for dementia caregivers Wednesday, April 26 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Overlook Performing Arts Center, 88 Masonic Home Road, Charlton. The workshop is free and open to the public.

Effective Communication Strategies explores how communication takes place when someone has dementia, teaches strategies to decode verbal and behavioral messages and will help caregivers connect and communicate through all stages of the disease. To register or for more information call (800) 272-3900 or visit alz.org/MANH.

The Alzheimer's Association is dedicated to providing care and support for those affected by the disease, as well as advancing research into causes, treatments and cures. With headquarters in Waltham, and regional offices in Raynham, Springfield, and Worcester, and Bedford, NH the Alzheimer's Association, Massachusetts-New Hampshire Chapter provides programs and services such as support groups, professional training, educational programs, care consultation and a 24/7 Helpline at (800) 272-3900 For more information, visit alz.org/MANH.

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Wednesday, April 26: Join us at Bouncing Babies from 10:30-11:15 for a rollicking, good time! Meet other caregivers, share stories, songs, & rhymes. It's for ages birth to 24 months & their caregivers. Program followed by open play time

The free Afterschool Fun program is today from 4-4:45 for children from k-grade 5. This month's theme is Make it Move: today come design some paper planes and other things that fly.

Thursday, April 27: Toddlers, preschoolers and their caregivers are invited to Read, Build, Play, an interactive program sponsored and presented by CFCE. Meets from 10:30-11:30.

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GIROUARD WINS CLERK RACE; BARNICLE, KLINE TAKE TANTASQUA SEATS

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

STURBRIDGE – Voters chose to ban commercial marijuana facilities in town last week by a tally of 607-442, topping a spring election campaign that had three contested races and another ballot question.

“I don’t personally want marijuana anywhere near this town,” said voter Allison Cowden as she walked out with her young son. “It’s a moral question for me; I don’t want to see more substance abuse ... [and] I’d like to see it continue to be a safe, happy place.”

Thomas Mapplebeck agreed, in part because he felt the town shouldn’t act “until the state and federal governments get on the same page.” He also expressed concern about there being “enough temptations without having to bring it closer to home.”

Under state law, the voters’ decision still has to go to town meeting, which has the legal authority to actually approve a bylaw implementing their desire to prohibit “all types of [recreational] marijuana establishments,” including cultivation, testing, manufacturing and retail. That will cover commercial pot, but not change the legality of growing a few plants for personal use which state voters approved last November.

Nor will it change the fact the Planning Board approved a site plan for Heal, Inc., to start a medical marijuana dispensary at 660 Main St. last month; that’s covered under a different law statewide voters approved in 2012. According to

the state Department of Public Health’s ongoing list of dispensaries, this site has yet to receive approval to sell. The same is true of all sites in the area – Massachusetts Organic Therapy in Oxford, Mayflower Botanicals in Holland and Natural Healthcare of Mass. in Leicester – although some in the state are operating now. The list also includes many proposals without stated sites; one, for example, has been floated for Charlton.

Elsewhere on the ballot, voters chose to make permanent Lynne Girouard’s interim status as town clerk. She bested current Finance Committee chair Kathleen Neal by a convincing 831-276 margin.

While at the polls, Girouard said she’d been “looking at this job for quite a few years,” and was glad to get a chance at it last summer when Lorraine Murawski retired. At that time, the selectmen appointed Girouard over more than 80 other applicants, in large part because of her decades of town service.

Among other things, she said she intends to continue working to make it easier to vote, make early voting “more accessible,” and to “make myself available for the public. That’s the main job.”

For her opponent, challenging Girouard wasn’t personal.

“I grew up being taught by my dad that you should always have a race [for public office],” Neal said. “Competition is good. It keeps people on their toes.”

Had she won, she said she would have worked to have more outreach to promote voter registration and participation, better attendance at town meeting, and wider understanding of the open meeting law.

Also hanging out at the Old Sturbridge Village polling site were the three candidates for two seats



From left, Kathleen Neal, Patricia and Dave Barnicle, and Cheryl Wood Creeden engage in a little friendly campaigning at the polls. (Photos by Gus Steeves)



Gus Steeves photos

Starting young, Lucas Jones is willing to get involved with carrying a sign even if he isn’t old enough to vote yet.

on the Tantasqua Regional School Committee: incumbents Patricia Barnicle and Cheryl Wood-Creeden and newcomer Susan Kline. Theirs was a pretty close and friendly race, with Barnicle and Kline winning with 648 and 628 votes respectively, while Wood-Creeden got 510.

Victory means Barnicle will be serving her fourth term; she started years ago on the Sturbridge (Burgess) School Committee before shifting to Tantasqua. She said she’s especially interested in being able to finish work on the superintendent’s evaluation process so it “reliably explains whether she’s reached her goals or not” by tapping social media and other things previous superintendents did not have to address. Furthermore, Barnicle wants to update the district’s strategic plan, last finished three years ago, and get the public’s input into it.

Over the long term, Barnicle said she’s concerned about various trends in education, especially federal efforts to funnel public money into vouchers for private charter, religious and other schools. She described that as “a disaster for our country,” and said she hopes Massachusetts can “hold on” to its leading status in curriculum and other areas.

Kline shared her stance on

charter schools, saying they “take money from the public schools [and] have ways of weeding out children they don’t want.” Ironically, she worked for several years at OSV, which is opening a charter this fall, but had nothing to do with that project, which came after she left.

Dubbed “the tiny tornado” by a friend at the polls, Kline said she supports Common Core curriculum standards because of their interstate mobility, but feels the state “should stop wasting time with testing.” Overall, she said she wants to ensure the district is “putting the money where it’s supposed to go, to benefit as many students as possible.”

“I’d be really interested in looking at education from a different perspective,” Kline said. “...I’m an outsider, so I think I can look at it objectively.”

Wood-Creeden had a similar viewpoint. A retired teacher with 33 years in the classroom, she’d been serving as an appointed member since last summer, when Jacquelyn Ryan resigned to move to Southbridge.

“To see what’s going on in a school district, the School Committee really has the same goals as the teachers, but from a different perspective, so I’ve been very pleased with what I could do,” she said.

The other race – also a three-way, but for two Burgess seats – didn’t even have signs, and nobody had a presence at the polls. There, the two incumbents, Katherine Alexander and Kristen Tuohy defeated newcomer Cara Gilbert.

Voters also elected two selectmen, Mary Blanchard and Priscilla Gimás; two Recreation Commissioners, Kadion Phillips and Daniel Thompson; Zoning Board member Elizabeth Banks; three Library Trustees, Patricia Howard, Jacqueline Belisle and Dolores Courtemanche; two Constables, Tom Creeden and Timothy Grant; Board of Health member Linda Cocalis; and Assessor Maria Lengyel-Rogers. All of those were unopposed.

They also resoundingly accepted a ballot question that made a variety of fairly minor wording changes to the Town Charter by a vote of 883-96.

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Your Dental Health
by Edward Larkin D.M.D.

SENIORS AND DENTAL INSURANCE

According to recent research involving Medicare recipients, only 12 percent of older Americans have some form of dental insurance, and fewer than half have visited a dentist in the previous year. The biggest predictor of whether an older adult receives dental care is his or her insurance status. Income also plays a role, as high-income beneficiaries are nearly three times as likely to have received dental care in the previous twelve months as low-income beneficiaries. These findings suggest that lack of dental insurance places many seniors at unnecessary risk of tooth loss, gum disease, and serious illness that can lead to hospitalization. To address this problem, older adults are encouraged to schedule dental appointments and request flexible payment schedules.

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other incidents requiring crowd control.

“The Leicester Police Department would like to thank the Spirit of Blue Foundation for providing us with this protective equipment,” said Leicester Police Chief James Hurley. “The equipment affords officers additional protection in a variety of scenarios. The equipment has been placed in go bags so it can be rapidly deployed to officers in Leicester – or to other law enforcement agencies in surrounding communities.”

Funding for the grant was provided by a gift from the Dunkin’ Donuts and Baskin-Robbins Community Foundation (DDBRCF), which serves area communities through several fundraising endeavors. Since 2006, the DDBRCF has awarded \$11 million in grants to local charities.

Additionally, the DDBRCF has enabled the Spirit of Blue Foundation to award 17 safety equipment grants to departments throughout New England, with a total value of more than \$100,000.

“The purchase of this equipment shows that they truly have law enforcement’s back,” Hurley said of the DDBRCF and the Spirit of Blue Foundation.

For members of the LPD, Auburn Police Department, and officers throughout the area, last year’s loss of APD Officer and Leicester resident Ronald Tarentino Jr., served as a sobering reminder of the dangers officers face each time they put on the uniform. For Spirit of Blue Foundation leaders, it means a lot to help ensure that officers can maximize their safety on the job.

“Sadly, there are too many examples of speech transitioning into violence, and our nation’s police officers are put at risk when having to respond to keep the peace,” said Ryan Smith, the executive director of the Spirit of

Blue Foundation. “The Leicester Police are planning to lend this equipment to neighboring agencies at a moment’s notice when they are faced with similar situations, so the impact of this grant will be felt well beyond just this city.”

According to statistics provided by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, 135 officers lost their lives on the job in 2016, an increase of ten percent from the previous year. The Spirit of Blue Foundation encourages residents to honor fallen law enforcement officers with their support of the organization.

By supporting the Spirit of Blue Foundation, residents can make an impact in the lives of law enforcement personnel nationwide. Fundraising proceeds are distributed in the form of safety grants to law enforcement agencies across the country.

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Annual radio fundraiser garners \$31K for FoodShare



Gus Steeves photo
 Dave Gobluskas of WNEB/WESO, right, talks with FoodShare's Ray Fournier and Hometown Bank's Cindy Smith during the live Radiothon broadcast last Thursday.

BY GUS STEEVES
 CORRESPONDENT

SOUTHBIDGE – Sharing food has always been the most important lubricant of social behavior, and when it's lacking, that social behavior will help people get some.

That was certainly true last week, as FoodShare \$31,010 in donations and boxes and bags of food through its annual Radiothon.

"That's mind blowing," said FoodShare President Ray Fournier afterward. "We've never done \$30,000 for the 12 hours on the air in Southbridge alone."

Previously, the event had been geared for the Southbridge and Webster pantries, but they

became legally distinct entities some time ago. FoodShare also runs one in Palmer.

"This area has always been a harder-hit area than other parts of the state," Fournier said during one of his off-mic stints last Thursday.

After several years of growing demand sparked by the recession of 2008, FoodShare has actually seen a slow drop in the number of people it has served more recently. In 2013, it saw 2,253 families comprising 7,102 people; by last year, that had become 2,109 families with 6,674 people.

"Is it good we're serving less people? I don't know," Fournier asked rhetorically, noting this winter's numbers were down a

bit more than expected because snow hit on several of the days their Elm Street pantry was open. Taking that and other randomness into account, he said he sees the change mostly as "a little sine wave you normally get. If it dropped by 1000 or went up by 1000, I'd question it."

Behind the scenes, Jan Bickerstaff and Theresa Joy weren't concerned much with those numbers. They were keeping track of the cash and checks, and writing thank you notes to donors.

"I was always interested in missions, and this was a good way to get involved in local missions," Bickerstaff said.

She has a long history with

FoodShare, having been with the group "since its inception back in 1979, when they had the pantry out in Brimfield," she said. Among other things, she recalled the first Radiothon in 1980, when "there wasn't much money or food," and compared it to now, when the event always raises more money than food, and the money goes farther.

That's largely because of how the agency uses it. It buys about 35 percent of its supplies at the Worcester County Food Bank at just 16¢ a pound, but the options there are fairly limited. To round out the available food (especially with perishables), Fournier has to go to local supermarkets and buy at regular prices. That always requires more funds than the Radiothon can raise, so he ends up having to raise an additional \$20,000 or so over the next six months to get through the year.

Last year, for example, FoodShare spent \$987 at the Food Bank for a little over 65,000 pounds of food, versus \$45,151 at supermarkets, he said.

All those numbers help set the Radiothon's goal for him.

"\$30,000 in Southbridge is a good feeling to go off the air with," he said about three hours before things ended, noting they ended the day with that much last year and collected \$7,000 extra over the following couple of weeks. "... It's crazy, but it's fun-crazy. How's it going money-wise? You never know. People who came in early last year with a big check won't come in this year until 5."

For the second year in a row, the event wasn't in a real radio studio. Instead, the FoodShare crew, radio and TV broadcast

gear, interviewees and some of the collected food camped out in the Southbridge Hotel's main lobby. Assigned 15-30 minute stints on air, the interviewees include local business folks and public officials from across the spectrum; they included former Sen. Richard Moore, this paper's editor Ruth DeAmicis, and Hometown Bank's Cindy Smith.

"I've been very, very fortunate, but I used to run a business in Webster across from FoodShare, and saw a lot of it," Smith said. "There's no reason in this country for there to be hunger."

When asked how she'd address the big-picture problem, she said, "I think it has to start in the schools, the younger grades, and be part of the curriculum." She'd like to see more young people volunteering for community groups like this, because "it can't just be the retired people."

"When you realize you have good things in your life, you have to give back," Smith said.

When asked the same question, Fournier shrugged and said, "I'm not that kind of genius. I do my share by doing what I do today."

This year's Radiothon was the first in several years to be broadcast live by local cable access TV, thanks to a collaboration between Southbridge and Charlton's crews.

"We didn't know if it'd work, but we're really excited it is," said Southbridge TV's Jim Cosgrove. "Next year, we'll make a bigger thing of it. It'll be nice and we'll promote it better."

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Information please: new technology added at library

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
 STONEBRIDGE STAFF WRITER

WEST BROOKFIELD – Visitors to Merriam-Gilbert Public Library will enjoy an even more convenient and efficient research experience, as the library recently announced the introductions of two new databases.

Offered by World Trade Press, the two databases are called A to Z the USA and Global Road Warrior. A to Z the USA provides extensive information on each of the 50 states, including history, culture, and geographic knowledge. Global Road Warrior, meanwhile, provides information on 175 countries around the world. The perfect source for any frequent traveler, Global Road Warrior includes information on history, culture, language, food, and more.

For Library Director Katie Marsh, it's important to continue using technology to improve patrons' experiences.

"Our library subscribing to A to Z the USA came out of conversations I have

had with local teachers. Several have mentioned they would like the library to offer a database that would allow their students to find reliable information about the United States, particularly Massachusetts," Marsh said.

The A to Z the USA database is perfect for students, Marsh added, because the language is accessible, the site is easily searchable, and there are many facets to explore. These include primary sources such as photographs and historic maps.

Marsh also thought it would be a good idea to introduce a separate database that caters to guests whose research takes them abroad. Whether you're preparing for a business trip, researching for a school project, or getting ready for a study abroad program, Global Road Warrior has the information sought.

"I subscribed to this database because we have many patrons who love to travel, especially this time of year," Marsh said "This database provides a plethora of information — from a

country's history, to local recipes, and even pronunciation and a basic vocabulary for foreign languages. We are very excited that we are able to offer these two resources to our patrons."

Residents accessing these databases remotely will be required to log in using their library card number. If you need any assistance, or if you would like more information on upcoming library programs, call (508) 867-1410 or visit www.WestBrookfieldLibrary.org.

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 The Town of Spencer Water Department will be flushing fire hydrants throughout the western part of town (Western Zone) starting April 12 through April 28, 2017.
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stay, but expect lots of changes." Another change will be in the name: from 'Charlie's Diner, Bar and Grill' to just 'Charlie's'. Hours will change slightly: 6am-9pm Sunday-Wednesday and 6am-10pm Thursday-Saturday, with last call at 11pm. Finally, an outdoor patio that will seat twenty will open during the summer of 2018.

Perhaps the greatest challenge of the project's completion but also one of the greatest benefits to the area is the new creation of turtle habitat, specifically a turtle-nesting area required by Conservation.

"That was quite a hoop to jump through, but we want to make everyone happy," Turner said.

Emily, a Charlie's waitress, weighed in, "We need this type of space in this area. It's been a long time coming, but customers have demanded it and so we kept pushing to get it done."

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CLASSROOM CORNER

Soaring in honor of the earth

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

NORTH BROOKFIELD – Students at North Brookfield Elementary School are spending plenty of time in the great outdoors this vacation week. And they got the fun started a day early by taking it outside with an Earth Day celebration on April 13.

Students enjoyed several activities as part of the program, including the creation of seed pots fashioned out of toilet paper rolls, kite making, and a nature scavenger hunt. Students also learned about the true story of the massive cleanup effort at the Nashua River, which demonstrated how a community can come together to protect its natural resources.

Students in grades K-6 took part in the event, and teachers were thrilled with the opportunity to bring environmental education to life. Luckily, students got a warm, windy day to try out their homemade kites and watch them soar.

“This program is great



Kevin Flanders photos

North Brookfield Elementary School students constructed and flew their own kites as part of an Earth Day celebration April 13.

– the kids really love it,” said Jessie Lazarick, a third grade paraprofessional at NBES. “This is the first time a lot of our students have flown kites, and it has been a great experience for them.”

The event also featured a Bird Olympics session, which combined

mathematics, track and field activities, and bird-watching in a unique blend. The program compared human movements to those of our avian friends, among several other discoveries for the students. Kids also got a visit from a member of the state’s Department of Conservation and

Recreation, who went under the microscope with youngsters to observe aquatic creatures and fossils.

Additionally, students explored the school grounds and discovered interesting nature finds in their own back yard. Regardless of grade, all students enjoyed taking

a break from the daily grind and bringing their education outdoors.

“The kids get inspired by these kinds of activities and really want to be in the outdoors. As great as technology is, it’s important to get the students outdoors and aware of the environment around us,” said

Maria Tucker, a parent volunteer who helped put the event together.

School officials have gotten great feedback on their pre-vacation fun days, which combine education and excitement in lieu of regular classroom exercises on the days preceding school vacations. Last year, the school hosted an event informing students about all things Quabbin Reservoir, and this time around officials elected for an eclectic Earth Day lineup.

Students were even able to create journals based on their nature scavenger hunt. Officials hope the event inspired them to get outside during vacation week and enjoy the great outdoors.

The NBES staff thanks all volunteers who made the pre-vacation events possible throughout the year. Before winter break, the school hosts an annual camp-themed event that celebrates literacy and writing – and then environmental activities take over in the spring.

Program gives students global perspective

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

SPENCER — Beginning next fall, sophomores at David Prouty High School will take a global approach to education when they partner with students overseas.

The project is being coordinated by Larisa Schelkin, the president and founder of Global STEM Education Center, Inc. An engineer with a specialty in artificial intelligence, Schelkin has been a major driver of STEM partnerships between Massachusetts schools and their international counterparts.

SEBRSD officials are well aware that the majority of new jobs over the next decade will be STEM-related, and they are eager to provide their students with this unique opportunity. DPHS sophomores will collaborate with students overseas via videochat – a transcendent approach to education that is quickly gaining popularity across the state.

At the heart of the global collaboration model is the desire to have students solve a single problem. Students from both schools work together to research the given problem, brainstorm ideas, troubleshoot, and ultimately prepare a solution. SEBRSD Superintendent Tracy Crowe recently watched the program in action at Blackstone Valley Regional Technical High School, and she has been impressed with the results.

“It was really interesting to watch the kids take control of their own learning,” Crowe said



Kevin Flanders photo

Larisa Schelkin, the president and founder of Global STEM Education Center, Inc., is working with SEBRSD officials to provide DPHS sophomores with a fascinating new program.

than directors of learning.”

Added Schelkin, “The role of the teacher is extremely important in this partnership. It gives teachers and students more flexibility and encouragement for innovative thinking.”

Schelkin has been thrilled to see students working together to find solutions. Countless medical, technological, and environmental problems affect nations throughout the world, and Schelkin hopes to see a stronger global partnership emerge.

“You don’t even have to leave your classroom or office to work globally. A lot of these problems are so large that we can’t solve them separately – it requires a collaborative effort,” Schelkin said in an interview.

The language barrier between countries hasn’t restricted collaboration, Schelkin discovered, as several students overseas are fluent in English and other languages. In fact, while many Americans only speak one language, it isn’t uncommon to find European and Asian students speaking three to four languages.

The program also features an important cultural component, providing students with an opportunity to learn about their counterparts overseas. Students are often fascinated by their many commonalities, Schelkin said, and she hopes to eventually see the development of a workforce that thinks on a global level.

Looking ahead, Crowe and Schelkin plan to arrange a meeting between BVTHS and DPHS

students to discuss the program and what to expect. Schelkin has been proud to see students in her model take a heightened responsibility for learning and contributing to the group. The program also provides important lessons in communication, teamwork, and leadership.

“I can’t wait to start working with them,” Schelkin said of next year’s DPHS sophomores.

Schelkin has spent the last 10 years fostering partnerships between U.S. schools and those overseas. To learn more about her global STEM education model, visit www.globalstem-center.org.

of the BVT electrical students, who are collaborating with Russian students who live on the Arctic Circle.

Today’s technology allows students at opposite ends of the planet to engage. For DPHS teachers Sean Bastien and Brian Hamilton, the experience will provide their students with a brand new educational dynamic.

“In this model, there is a single problem for the students to solve, as opposed to information being conveyed from the top down,” Crowe added. “Teachers become facilitators of learning rather

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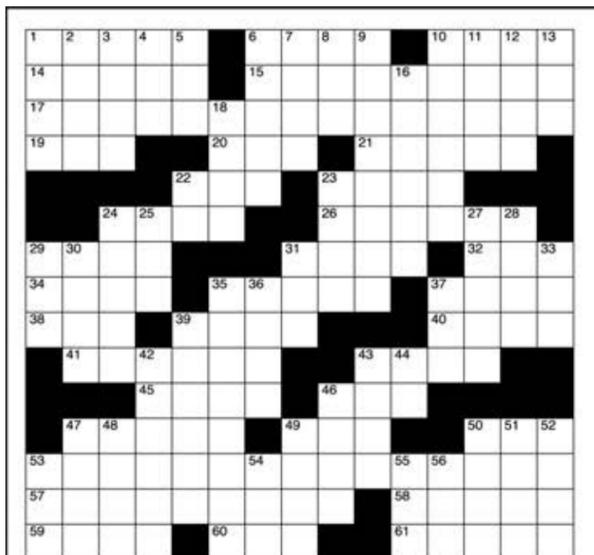
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- 6. Makes nervous
- 10. Long strip of cloth
- 14. Expressions of surprise
- 15. Perception
- 17. 2016 World Series runner-up
- 19. Former Communist power
- 20. Consume
- 21. Abyss
- 22. Regulator gene
- 23. Card game
- 24. Women (French)
- 26. State capital
- 29. Nursemaid
- 31. Surface opening
- 32. Second sight
- 34. Beloved Mexican dish
- 35. Discounts
- 37. Ceremonial staff
- 38. Support with difficulty
- 39. Reluctant to share information
- 40. Song
- 41. Relating to songbirds
- 43. Conductance units
- 45. Breeze through
- 46. Supervises flying
- 47. Chemical ring
- 49. Swiss river
- 50. Not happy
- 53. Surgery (slang)
- 57. Let go
- 58. Take effect
- 59. ___ and greet
- 60. Male offspring
- 61. Notes

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Vertebrate oncogenes
- 2. Troubles
- 3. Imitator
- 4. Increase motor speed
- 5. Midway between south and southeast
- 6. Sir ___ Newton
- 7. Penny
- 8. Ultimate
- 9. Gummed labels
- 10. Quiet and dull
- 11. Cuckooes
- 12. Dishonest scheme
- 13. Adult female chicken
- 16. Breathe in
- 18. Pieces of land
- 22. Of I
- 23. Type of footwear
- 24. Heavy clubs
- 25. Conductance unit
- 27. Approaches
- 28. Fungi cells
- 29. Devoured
- 30. Type of shark.
- 31. Work steady at one’s trade
- 33. Vegetable
- 35. Sound-mindedness
- 36. Matured
- 37. Chinese communist revolutionary
- 39. Large insect
- 42. Transportation tickets book
- 43. Female horse
- 44. Expresses surprise
- 46. Saudi Arabian king
- 47. Unleavened bread
- 48. Christmas
- 49. Deity of monotheistic cult
- 50. Flowering plant genus
- 51. Hairstyle
- 52. Radio personality Rick
- 53. Something you chew
- 54. The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet
- 55. ___ Basinger, actress
- 56. Midway between north and northeast

PUZZLE SOLUTION



CLASSROOM CORNER

What do you want to be when you grow up? Students find out



Registered nurse Lisa Kempinski visits WBES students.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

WEST BROOKFIELD — Students at West Brookfield Elementary School still have a long way to go before choosing their careers, but it's never too early to set goals and dream big.

Students learned about a variety of careers on April 12, when WBES invited members of the area's workforce into the school as part of Career Day. Today's students have benefited from a major push in STEM programming (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics), and WBES youngsters got a close-up look at where STEM can take you.

Edward Prinsen, a local engineer, joined Mark Buzzell (energy engineer) as representatives of the engineering field. Additionally, Nate Buzzell (genetic research) and Mark Swistak (science research) demonstrated yet

another career route in the sciences. National projections indicate that the majority of new jobs over the next decade will be established in STEM-related fields.

School officials understand that it might seem a little odd to have a Career Day program for elementary school students, but similar events are increasing in popularity.

"Many people wonder — why Career Day at the elementary level? The interesting thing is that research shows that by age 11, students have already made decisions about whether they will continue their education past high school," said WBES Principal Colleen Mucha. "By bringing in a wide variety of presenters that represent different genders and all aspects of the working force, it enables students to gain a better understanding of future steps that they may need to prepare for the career

of their dreams."

Additional presenters included Jodi Gerulaitis (Country Bank employee); Wendy Beauvais (floral designer); Madeline Smola (grant writer); and Dan Moberg (IPG Photonics). Moreover, Attorney Elizabeth Lewis gave students a glimpse of what it's like to work in a court of law, while RN Lisa Kempinski described what it's like to help people for a living.

By the end of the program, students came away with a diverse outlook on the career opportunities available to them. Students with an interest in a given field were also able to learn more about the educational pathways required to achieve their goals.

School officials thanked all visitors who took the time to discuss their careers with students and inspire them to keep working hard. Thanks to the strong interest in the program, there was a visitor for every classroom in grades K-6. School leaders were also thrilled about the diversity of the program, with a wide range of careers represented.

Students and teachers alike hope to have the program again next year.

"It is very inspiring to hear our visitors talk with passion about their work. They are able to connect to the students by telling them about what they themselves were interested in as a child," Mucha added.



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Attorney Elizabeth Lewis tells West Brookfield Elementary School students about what it's like to work in a courtroom.



Nate Buzzell discusses his work in genetic research with students.

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Economics				
ECO 216	Principles of Microeconomics	3	MW	6:00-9:45 p.m.
English				
ENG 102	Composition II	3	TR	6:00-9:45 p.m.
Finance				
FIN 111	Personal Financial Planning	3	TR	6:00-9:45 p.m.
Mathematics				
MAT 099	Intermediate Algebra	3	MW	12:00-3:45 p.m.
MAT 122	Statistics	3	TR	6:00-9:45 p.m.
Psychology				
PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology	3	TR	8:00-11:45 a.m.
Speech				
SPH 101	Speech Communication Skills	3	TR	8:00-11:45 a.m.

Summer II classes start July 5

Accounting				
ACC 102	Financial Accounting II	3	MW	8:00-11:45 a.m.
Allied Health				
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Computer Information Systems				
CIS 111	Introduction to Microcomputer Applications	3	MW	6:00-9:45 p.m.
English				
ENG 090	Basic Reading Skills	3	MW	8:00-11:45 a.m.
ENG 096	Intermediate Writing Skills	3	TR	12:00-3:45 p.m.
ENG 101	Composition I	3	TR	8:00-11:45 a.m.
ENG 102	Composition II	3	MW	6:00-9:45 p.m.
Mathematics				
MAT 095	Beginning Algebra	3	MW	12:00-3:45 p.m.
MAT 099	Intermediate Algebra	3	TR	6:00-9:45 p.m.
Psychology				
PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology	3	TR	6:00-9:45 p.m.
Speech				
SPH 101	Speech Communication Skills	3	MW	6:00-9:45 p.m.

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EDITORIAL

Water, water

The town is hesitatingly removing the deep ban on water conservation, acknowledging that maybe, just maybe the past winter gave us JUST enough snow to start refilling the water tables.

Read the information carefully though, because while the complete water ban is lifted, the conservation of water is still in place.

Mandatory water restrictions continue until the end of September. That means the cautious use of water still.

Watering of lawns, washing of cars, gardening, all those things need to happen with planning and thought.

We're not out of the woods.

We may not be for a good long time.

It takes nearly a foot of snow to raise the water tables an inch. And we didn't get THAT much snow. There hasn't been a continuation of rain to fill the well so to speak either. Yes, some, but not nearly enough.

The National Weather Service has lifted its severe drought designation for most of New England, downgrading not entirely in the clear, but only from "severe" to "drought". We are still in drought conditions people.

So think of that when using water... cautiously

But enjoy the spring nonetheless.

LETTERS

Extra! Extra! Read All About It!
We think you're important enough to tell all our readers to turn to the Opinion pages and read your Letters to the Editor.

But first, you have to write us!
Mail your letters to the Spencer New Leader, P.O. Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550.

Or e-mail your letters to the editor at ruth@stonebridgepress.news.

You'll need to provide your name and place of residence, along with a phone number, so we can verify the letter is yours.

We don't have a set limit, but if you keep it around 600 words or so, you're going to have a better chance at seeing all your words in print.

If you want to write a bit longer about a particular issue, maybe a guest Your Turn column is your cup of tea. If you do that, try to keep it between 700-800 words.

Remember, libelous remarks and/or personal attacks are a no-no and could lead to your letter not being published.

So, what are you waiting for? Start writing!



VIEWPOINT

OPINION AND COMMENTARY FROM SPENCER, LEICESTER AND THE BROOKFIELDS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CoHF: three year accreditation announced

To the Editor:
The Center of Hope Foundation, Inc. is very pleased to share that it has received a three-year accreditation for its programs and services in its 64 town area in Massachusetts and northern Connecticut.

This accreditation decision represents the highest level of accreditation that can be awarded to an organization, demonstrating the organization's substantial conformance to the CARF standards. To receive a three-year accreditation, the agency underwent a rigorous peer review process, demonstrating to a team of visiting surveyors its commitment to offer programs and services that are measurable, accountable, and of the highest quality.

The Center of Hope Foundation, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization that has been providing day programs, employment supports, and many other services since 1956 for individuals with intellectual More information can be found by visiting www.thecenterofhope.org.

CARF is an independent, nonprofit accrediting body whose mission is to promote the quality, value, and optimal outcomes of services through a consultative accreditation process that centers on enhancing the lives of the persons served. Founded in 1966 as the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, and now known as CARF International, the accrediting body establishes consumer-focused standards to help organizations measure and improve the quality of their programs and services.

The survey summary narrative included quotes such as, "Center of Hope is truly a leader in its community. It has developed an impressive 14 innovative business opportunities

and embodies an entrepreneurial spirit. The organization is active in the Chamber of Commerce and has played a large role in the revitalization of the region it operates out of."

The report continues, "Direct Care Staff members are compassionate individuals who work very hard to provide community opportunities to the individuals served. The management staff is knowledgeable about current trends in the field, regulatory issues and person-centered planning. Management is enthusiastic about the care it provides and is always looking at ways to do more to serve the community."

The surveyors also noted that they have not seen any other organization with this commitment to an entrepreneurial spirit and ability to operate these many small business opportunities or improve quality and services as much since their previous survey.

The Board and management staff of CoHF would like to express our appreciation to all of the employees who worked diligently towards meeting these goals. Without the wonderful and positive staff of this agency, we could not meet the standards of our accreditors, meet the needs of the people we serve, or send happy people home each day. Congratulations and Thank You.

The Center of Hope would welcome an opportunity to further acquaint people from our communities with our services and respond to questions. We believe our organization is a valuable asset, and our CARF accreditation underscores our commitment to the community we serve. Please feel free to call us for a tour.

CINDY HOWARD
EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT/COO

Bycoff: May is mental health month

To the Editor:
One problem of modern life is social isolation. Described in journals as a person's "perceived social isolation," i.e., a subjective belief that they are socially isolated, another way of summarizing this condition is simply "feeling lonely."

The opposite feeling - that you have a network of supportive relationships - provides numerous psychological benefits, including a sense of belonging, an increased sense of self-worth, and a feeling of security.

Thankfully, there are actions people can take to reduce a sense of isolation (discussed below).

Causes of Isolation
Many circumstances can lead one to feel isolated, including: a job loss; a divorce; injury or illness; the death of a loved one; having a family member with an illness that requires extensive care; etc.

Implications of Feeling Isolated
Besides negatively affecting one's mood, feeling isolated and lonely is a risk factor for many medical conditions, including Alzheimer's disease, cardiovascular disease, depression, and impaired executive functioning.

In fact, the influence of social relationships on the risk of death is comparable to well-established mortality risk factors such as smoking and alcohol consumption and exceeds the influence of other risk factors such as physical inactivity and obesity.

Ways to Reduce Isolation
Numerous authorities, including the Mayo Clinic, have suggestions for increasing one's social network, such as:

Take a weekly class, whether at a gym, a local college, or as part of adult education, so that you will have regular contact with the same people and be more likely to establish friendships.

Volunteer.
Join a lecture series.
Consider getting a roommate.

Change your housing situation to one where there are more opportunities to be a part of a community.

Go online (especially helpful for people who are homebound).

Options abound: join a chat room for people who share one of your interests, e.g., writing, cooking.

Keep in touch with out-of-state friends and family thru Skype, Facebook (or FaceTime on an iPhone).

Visit sites designed specifically for people going through stressful times, such as a divorce, or the arrival of a new baby.

Expand your social sphere through social networking sites such as Facebook.

Primer on Building and Nurturing Friendships

Respond and Reciprocate. Answer phone calls, return emails, and reciprocate invitations in order to let people know you care.

Don't compete. Be happy (not jealous) when your friends succeed.

Be a good listener. When someone is talking, really listen to what they're saying (as opposed to formulating in your mind your next response).

Don't overdo it. Be careful not to overwhelm friends and family with phone calls and emails. In addition, be wary of "oversharing" with new or casual acquaintances and on social networking sites. (Sources available upon request.)

Summary
Taking the time to build a social support network is a wise investment in your mental well-being and physical health. Research also shows that those who enjoy high levels of social support live longer. Whether you make more friends or improve the quality of relationships you already have, you'll reap a plethora of rewards.

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Senior Center: so much happening

To the Editor
In last week's New Leader, a concerned citizen voiced an inquiry into why the Senior Center could not expand to the top two floors of the building at Maple Street. That is a great question! I too have wondered that and am working on it as I write this response.

In order to expand to the upper floors, there has to be a handicap accessible entrance or elevator. We have the elevator but it is not working. It needs to be under a service contract and inspected by the state which takes more funding than this department currently has.

Also, there has been interest in rent-

ing the top floor. My vision is to have a work out room for seniors and an exercise/yoga studio up there to free up the one room we currently have.

When investigating programing, it is the interested seniors who suggest programs. We currently are open Monday through Thursday 9 a.m.-3 p.m. I am completely scheduled in that one room with the exception of three Monday afternoons a month. What would you like to do? I have tried the following: Painting classes; Grief Support; Widows and Widowers Support; Grandparents raising grandchildren support; a nutrition program among other programs for the past 14 years.

Keep in mind when I took this posi-

tion over, the center was open for help two hours a week. Also, when a program is instituted there is a cost for an instructor. Every program here is subsidized by a grant from the state and there are no additional grants on the horizon. If you have a skill and would like to volunteer your time in teaching or running a program, welcome! Call me during office hours.

A senior center is not just about programs. It's about obtaining information; getting help with insurance; MassHealth; Social Security; Medicare; etc. My goal is to keep my seniors in the community healthy, moving and enjoying their senior years.

For a schedule of our activi-

Don't let your investments take a "vacation"



FINANCIAL FOCUS
JEFF BURDICK

It's summer again - time for many of us to take a break and possibly hit the open road. But even if you go on vacation,

you won't want your investments to do the same - in summertime or any other season. How can you help make sure your portfolio continues to work hard for you all year long?

Here are a few suggestions:

Avoid owning too many "low growth" investments. As you know, different investments have different characteristics and can help you in different ways. For example, you typically own stocks because you want them to grow in value so that you can eventually sell them for a profit. Other investments, such as certificates of deposit (CDs), provide you with a regular source of income and stability of principal - two valuable contributions to your portfolio. However, investments like CDs don't offer much in the way of growth. So if you own too many of them, you might be slowing your progress toward your important financial goals, such as a comfortable retirement. You can maximize the productivity of your portfolio by owning a variety of investments - domestic stocks, international stocks, corporate bonds, U.S. Treasury securities, CDs and more. How much of each investment should you own? The answer depends on a variety of factors, including your age, income, risk tolerance, family situation and specific objectives. Over time, your ideal investment mix may change, but you'll likely need at least some growth potential at every stage of your life.

Don't let your portfolio go "unsupervised." Your investment portfolio can be subject to "drift" if left alone for extended time periods. In fact, without your making any moves at all, your portfolio can move in directions that may not be favorable to you. Suppose you think your holdings should be made up of 70% stocks, but due to strong gains, your stocks now make up 80% of your portfolio. This development could lead to a risk level that feels uncomfortably high to you. That's why you should review your portfolio at least once a year, possibly with the help of a financial professional, to check your progress and make adjustments as needed.

Don't stop at the nearest "resting place." Some people hope that if they can get that one "winner," they will triumph in the investment arena. But the ability to "get rich quick" is much more of a myth than a reality. True investment success typically requires patience, persistence and the resilience to continue investing even during market downturns.

In other words, investing is a long-term endeavor, and you need a portfolio that reflects this reality. The investment moves you make today may pay off for you decades from now. You need to establish your goals and keep them constantly in mind as you invest. And you will never really reach the end of your investment journey, because you'll need to make choices and manage your portfolio throughout your retirement years.

Hopefully, you will enjoy a pleasant vacation sometime this summer. But your investment portfolio shouldn't take time off.

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ties, please go to the town webpage, click Department-Council on Aging -Grapevine and you can see what we're doing. We currently have cribbage; two yoga classes; two aerobic exercise classes to rock music; two line dancing classes; a tai chi class; two bingo sessions; lunches available two days per week; a wellness clinic and a blood pressure clinic.

If you have a suggestion, our phone number is (508) 885-7546. Leave me a message. I have been doing this completely by myself for 14 years and I welcome any and all help!

Pamela Woodbury, Director
Spencer Senior Center

POLICE LOGS

Editor's Note: The information contained in this police log was obtained through public documents kept by the police department, and is considered to be the account of the police. All subjects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

SPENCER POLICE DEPARTMENT

3/20/2017, Monday

12:06 -12:50 a.m. Property checks, secure; 12:13 a.m. parking citation (Adams St.); 1:06 a.m. ambulance; 8:34 a.m. prisoner transfer to court (West Main St.); 9:13 a.m. DPW call out-wire in street (Main St. and Watson St.); 11:10 a.m. parking citation (Adams St.); 4:23 p.m. ambulance call; 4:54 p.m. parking citation (Rt. 49 Rd.); 4:56 p.m. disturbance (Richland Ave.); 6:04 p.m. MV accident (Paxton Rd.); 6:20 p.m. vandalism (Temple St.); 7:23 p.m. ambulance for overdose; 8:48 p.m. ambulance

3/21/2017 Tuesday

12:18-1:15 a.m. property checks, secure; 1:05 a.m. parking violation (High St.); 1:25 a.m. Suspicious activity (Mechanic St.); 2:26 a.m. disturbance (Main St.); 2:46 a.m. ambulance (street not given); 4:00 a.m. MV disabled (Greenville St.); 8:43 a.m. MV violation (Charlton Rd.); 11:08 a.m. elderly matters (Ash St.); 11:20 a.m. child safety seat inspection (West main St.); 11:36 a.m. MV citation (McDonald St.); 11:58 a.m. suspicious activity (Main St.); 12:05 p.m. suspicious activity (Paxton Rd.); 12:36 p.m. ambulance (street not given); 1:13 p.m. harassment prevention order service (West Main St.); 3:40 p.m. MV citation (Main St.); 3:45 p.m. MV citation (Meadow Rd.); 3:50 p.m. MV suspicious activity (West Main St.); 4:04 p.m. MV citation (Greenville St.); 4:17 p.m. MV

citation (Greenville St.); 4:30 p.m. MV citation (Greenville St.); 4: 40 p.m. MV citation (Greenville St.); 5:27 p.m. suspicious activity (Main St.); 7:51 p.m. MV citation (Roys Dr.); 7:52 p.m. property check, secure; 8:01 p.m. parking compliant (North Spencer Rd. and Thompson/Browning Pond Rd.); 8:20 p.m. animal control -pit bull loose in area (Maple St.); 8:34 p.m. suspicious activity (Main St.); 8:37 p.m. officer wanted (Maple St.); 8:37 p.m. MV citation (Chestnut St.); 9:19 p.m. officer wanted (Main St.)

Arrest log: 3/22/2017-3/29/2017
Jeffrey T. Bathgate 94 Leland Hill Av. Sutton, MA -on warrant
Kyle J. Soboloeski, 1 Richland Ave., Spencer, MA- possession of Class B substance

LEICESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

3/23/2017 Thursday

12:47 a.m. MV stop (Main St.); 12:52a.m. MV stop (Main St.); 1:47 a.m. MV citation, uninsured, unregistered, MV with registration revoked (Main St. and Colonial Drive); 8:48 a.m. MV citation (Paxton St. and Winslow Ave.); 9:24 a.m. MV stop (Marshall St.); ambulance (Virginia Dr. to hospital); 10:22 a.m. MV citation (Marshall St.); 11:02 a.m. assist other agency (South Main St.); 11:09 a.m. MV stop (Paxton St. and Whittenmore St.); 1:10 p.m. follow up investigation (Whittenmore St.); 4: 13p.m. MV accident (South Main St.); 3:05 p.m. larceny (Soojains Drive); 8:49 p.m. larceny (Apricot St.)

24 March 2017 Friday

12:54 a.m. ambulance (Paxton St. to hospital); 10:34 a.m. follow up investiga-

tion (Stafford St.); 11:25 a.m. ambulance (Marshall St. to hospital); 12:21 p.m. larceny (Salminen Dr.); 1:57 a.m. ambulance (Main St. to hospital); 3:37 p.m. larceny (Soojains Dr.); 4:00 p.m. MV citation (Main St. and King's Court); 5:21 p.m. MV citation (Stafford St. and Westminster St.); 7:08 ambulance to hospital (Lakeview Dr.); 8:15 p.m. arrest (Julia Rondeau, 22 Pleasant St., 23 y.o.); 10:09 p.m. MV stop (Stafford St. and Pleasant St.)

25 March 2017 Saturday

12:12 a.m. MV stop (Stafford St.); 12:36 a.m. MV citation (Pleasant St. and Stafford St.); 1:04 a.m. MV citation (Main St. and Shady Lane); 1:06 a.m. MV stop (Main St.); 2:17 a.m. MV stop (Pleasant St. and Memorial School Dr.); 2:48 a.m. MV stop (Stafford St.); 10:10 a.m. suspicious activity (Baldwin St.);1:43 p.m. disabled MV (Henshaw St.); 4:43 p.m. MV citation (South Main St.); 5:46 p.m. MV citation (Stafford St.); 8:44 p.m. disabled MV towed (Main St.);9:18 p.m. MV stop (Stafford St.)

3/26/2017 Sunday

1:16 a.m. parking citation (Monterey Dr.); 2:01 a.m. MV citation (Main St. and Mount Pleasant Ave.); 3: 36 a.m. disabled MV taken into custody; 9:29 a.m. ambulance (Pine Ridge Dr. to hospital); 11:03 a.m. shoplifting arrest (Andrew J. Ditto, 1 Millbury St., #15, 64 y.o.) (Soojains Dr.); 2:00 shoplifting (Soojains Ave.); 3:32 p.m. MV stop (Soojains Dr.); 5:06 p.m. MV citation (Stafford St. and Henshaw St.); 5:23 p.m. MV stop (Pleasant St.); 5:52 p.m. MV citation (Stafford St.); 8:41 p.m. MV stop (Main St.); 9:14 p.m. MV stop (Main St. and Waite St.)

3/27/2017 Monday

12:08 a.m. MV citation (Main St.); 5:56 a.m. ambulance (Virginia Dr. to hospital); 8:49 a.m. suspicious person (Main St.); 12:05 p.m. summons served (South Main St.); 12:16 p.m. assisted citizen

(Moosehill Rd.); 12:38 p.m. ambulance (Stafford St. to hospital); 1:52 p.m. ambulance (Henshaw St. to hospital); 3:13 p.m. missing person (Auburn St.); 4:39 p.m. ambulance (Hunton Memorial Highway to hospital); 9:33 p.m. ambulance (Main St. to hospital)

3/28/2017 Tuesday

12:00 a.m. MV citation (Main St.); 1:58 a.m. uninsured and unregistered MV; towed (Stafford St.); 7:13 a.m. restraining order (Bottomly Ave.); 8:49 a.m. ambulance (Pleasant St. to hospital); 9:41 a.m. follow up investigation (Parker St.); 10:04 a.m. ambulance (Burncoat St. to hospital); 10:45 a.m. shoplifting (Soojains Dr.); 12:20 p.m. assist citizen (South Main St.); 2:54 p.m. MV accident (Main St.); 3:09 p.m. assist citizen (South Main St.); 3:50 p.m. shoplifting arrest Kevin Whiteny, 10 Seminole Dr., Worcester, 53 y.o. (Soojains Dr.); 10:21 p.m. disturbance, warrant arrest (Nicole M. Levins, 44 Auburn St., Leicester, 28 y.o.) (Auburn St.); 11:24 p.m. transport prisoner (Main St.)

3/29/2017 Wednesday

2:38 a.m. MV citation (Main St. and Bottomly Ave.); 7:49 a.m. MV citation (Pleasant St.); 8:07 a.m. transport prisoner (Main St.); 8:18 a.m. traffic citation (Paxton St.); 11:25 a.m. warrant arrest (South Main St.); 11:25 a.m. restraining order (South Main St.); 12:05 p.m. transport prisoner to work (E. Main St.); 12:14 p.m. parking citation (Washburn Square); 5:03 p.m. MV citation (Chapel St.); 5: 05 p.m. shoplifting arrest (Jacob Gamache, Fairview Park Rd., Sturbridge, 18 y.o.) (Soojains Rd.); 5:36 p.m. MV citation (South Main St.); 5:57 p.m. MV citation (Main St.); 6:11 p.m. MV citation (Church St. and Boyd St.); 7:39 transported (Howe Village to hospital); 8:00 p.m. MV citation (Mulberry St.); 9:06 p.m. MV citation (Main St.); 9:17 p.m. MV citation (Main St.)

Training and teaching goal of law enforcement on opioids

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STONEBRIDGE STAFF WRITER

SPENCER — Encouraged by the feedback his department has received on the opioid awareness and prevention initiative, Police Chief David Darrin is hoping to keep the momentum going.

The initiative has unfolded in three stages over the last year, beginning with a presentation from Worcester County District Attorney Joseph Early at David Prouty High School. The event brought together law enforcement personnel, local leaders, school officials and residents to get the dialogue started on the dangers of opioids.

Darrin's initiative continued with the training of residents as community mentors over the last several months. Four volunteers went through the qualification process and are now capable of providing vital

information to those in need. Whenever officers respond to an overdose call, they provide the victim or a family member with contact information for a community mentor. From there, the mentors can connect them to several resources.

"People often just need someone to walk them through the process. These mentors are a great conduit of information," Darrin said.

In the overwhelming days and weeks following an overdose, the mentors serve as an important bridge connecting families to treatment options. Though the mentors are not certified as professional counselors, they have been trained to provide information that is often the first step in the process of recovery.

But Darrin's initiative wasn't limited exclusively to opioid response strategies. One of his department's major goals

is prevention through education, which has been on display at area schools. Recovering addict Dylan Roy recently teamed up with Spencer Police Detective James Murray to present to students at DPHS and Knox Trail Middle School.

Roy, a former student in the Spencer-East Brookfield school district, is always eager to share his story of overcoming addiction and turning his life around. Police and school officials hope students get the message that experimenting with drugs and alcohol can start them down a dangerous path. They also want students to come away with the knowledge that there is help available for friends or family members struggling with addiction.

"I thought the presentation was very informative and gripping. Dylan was able to easily relate to the students, having grown up in Spencer himself,"

said KTMS guidance counselor Casey Suter, who helped organize the program.

"Right from the start, he was able to grab the students' attention and send them a strong message about the heaviness, struggle, and hardship of drug and alcohol abuse."

KTMS students were surveyed after the presentation, and students reported that it was a valuable experience. Detective Murray is currently working on a follow-up presentation to address the topic of peer pressure, and police officials hope to have an ongoing educational presence in the schools.

For Darrin, Murray, and other officers, the goal of substance abuse education isn't to scare kids but to inform them.

"We want to give them the information they need. We hope to continue offering this every year to seventh and

ninth graders," Darrin said of the presentation. "It was great for them to hear from someone who has not only been through this, but survived it."

Darrin understands it is difficult to quantify the success of his initiative. He also knows that statistics – positive or negative – don't often paint the full picture of a given community's situation. But one thing he knew concretely was the need to make changes in the approach to prevention and education strategies in Spencer. Law enforcement officials throughout the area agree it is impossible to end the opioid crisis through arrests alone.

"As police officers, we felt we needed to do more to try to prevent this," Darrin said.

College students head south to volunteer



Courtesy photo

Back row left to right: Kaylee Marshall, Liam Egan, Matthew Mitera, Matthew Braz, Bryanna Tobi and Samantha Allison. Front row left to right: Bedelyne Dabel, Elizabeth Casella, Lauren DiPillo and Kristan Richard.

This spring, ten Anna Maria College students spent their spring break volunteering in Conway, SC to help the local Habitat for Humanity chapter.

Joined by two Anna Maria staff members, student volunteers took on a variety of construction assignments in a Habitat for Humanity home-building proj-

ect. Students spent time learning more about Conway's Habitat for Humanity Chapter and have the opportunity to explore the surrounding area. This is the fourth consecutive year for Anna Maria students using their winter and spring breaks for volunteer service.

Those participating in the 2017

Alternative Spring Service Break include Massachusetts students Elizabeth Casella, Athol; Samantha Allison, Buzzards Bay; Kaylee Marshall, Ware; Lauren DiPillo, Canton; Liam Egan, Mendon; Kristan Richardson, Tewksbury; Matthew Braz, Milford; Bedelyne Dabel, Lynn; and Connecticut native Bryanna Tobin, Deep River.

Anna Maria College is a private, co-educational institution founded in 1946 by the Sisters of Saint Anne. With an annual enrollment of 1,500 students, the College prides itself on providing a values-based, service-focused liberal arts education. AMC has grown to offer a variety of undergraduate majors, as well as many graduate and certificate programs, both on-ground and online. The small student-faculty ratio allows for a highly personalized learning experience, while the modest class and campus size allow for optimal student involvement. The college offers 13 Division III NCAA athletic programs for men and women. Anna Maria's campus is conveniently located just minutes away from Worcester on 192 acres in Paxton.

WEST BROOKFIELD HONOR ROLL ANNOUNCED

WEST BROOKFIELD — The following students have earned a place on the West Brookfield Elementary School honor roll for the second trimester.

GRADE 5

High Honors: Ethan Machado Araujo, Aeron Michael Bridges, Isabelle Ann Burgess, McKenna Elizabeth Childs, Bella Grace Grover, Madison Lynn Hamlin, Ayla Shae Iwaniec, Kendall Brianna LaRiviere, Kenady Mae Sloan, Riley Katherine Sloan, and Jacob Remington Swallow.

Honors: Owen Daniel Allen, Alyssa Diane Betterton, Allison Helen Brooks, Matthew Aiden Carter, Jason Michael Houle, Abigail Faith Long, Isabella Marie Paolucci, Samuel Christopher Piazzo, Lily Wiktorja Potvin, Jacob James Routhier, Ava Marie Sargent, Owen Clark Stevens, Morgen Alan Swallow, and Daunte Lewis Swope.

GRADE 6

High Honors: Thatcher Joseph Atwood, Roman Donald Barraco, Shianne

Carly Bateman, Veronica Leigh Beauregard, Grace Lauryn Boos, Julien Eugene Compher, Lauren Olivea Cook, Elizabeth Joan Czaja, Paige Mary Dion, Alexandra Anne Garrand, Madison Lee Gray, Josephine Grace Landon, Gage Willem Lane, Hannah Rose Manzano, Ariana Jane Masterjohn, Lynne Marie Merrill, Kaitlyn Anne Osborne, Gabriel Ronald Paquette, Bryan Joseph Para, Chase Robert Potvin, Hailey Elizabeth Samek, Lucy Eleanor Sanelli, Brandon Yandel Santiago, Megan Riley Shea, Margaret Grace Stevens, Brooke Ellen Whittemore, and Ryan Scott Wilson.

Honors: Brandon George Allen, Ian Jameson Bruni, Pierce Andrew Cassavant, Isaac Marshall Graves, Kacie Grace Horner, Allison Elizabeth Marsh, Avery Alan Maynard, Jane Marie McCall, Kadin Thomas Milligan, Casey Kaye Moran, Evan Joseph Murphy, Nicholas Earle Osborne, Cody Hunter Perron, Molly Catherine Segatore, and Adam Joseph Wetnicka.

SPORTS

Twos are wild for Auburn in win over Wolverines

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

AUBURN — Twos were wild for the Auburn High varsity baseball team Monday afternoon, April 10, during its game with Leicester High. The Rockets had two players — Luke Matthews and Mike Collins — record a pair of hits and score two runs. In addition, the pitching duo of Coleman Picard and Evan Bond threw three scoreless innings each and combined to strike out 10 Wolverines.

What it all added up to was a workman-like 6-0 victory for Auburn, which improved to 2-1 with the win. For Leicester, the game was not only the season-opener but also the first time they faced live pitching all spring.

Matthews, the Rockets' senior shortstop, went 2 for 4 with a double and a triple, and he also drove in a run. Collins, a junior who played third, was also 2 for 4 with a double and an RBI.

"Luke had a good day getting on base and Collins drove him in," Auburn head

coach Eric Swedberg said. "They're going to have to do that for us to continue to be successful. That's what we need to happen and we need it to happen at least once or twice a game."

Auburn's other two hits in the game came off the bats of Mike Breen (double) and Joe Hopper (single).

While Matthews and Collins were providing power at the plate, Picard and Bond were equally as impressive on the bump.

Picard, a freshman, started the game and allowed Leicester's only three hits while striking out six. Bond, a sophomore, came in to start the fourth and threw three innings of perfect relief, striking out four and not allowing a ball out of the infield. Junior Matt Bregman pitched the seventh for Auburn.

"We got a good effort from our pitchers today. Coleman's a young guy so we wanted to get him comfy and keep him comfy and I think we did that. As for Bond, I thought his command was out-

standing," said Swedberg, who quickly put the Rockets' pitching effort against Leicester in perspective. "Remember, this was their first time out. It's not that our pitching is that good."

Auburn got the only run it would end up needing in the third inning. After freshman Joe Clougherty — the Rockets' No. 9 hitter — walked to open the inning, Matthews drove him in with a triple to center field.

Auburn's Nos. 2, 3 and 4 hitters — Collins, Colin McKeon and Josh Tower — couldn't bring Matthews home, however. Collins and McKeon struck out while Tower flied out to center. The Rockets broke the game open with three runs in the fifth inning and then added two more in the sixth.

For Leicester, Ryan Greaney led the way, going 2 for 3. The senior beat out an infield single to shortstop in the first inning and then singled to center in the third. Sean McCarthy had the Wolverines' other hit, also on a single

to center, in the second inning.

Junior Christian Russo started on the mound for Leicester. He went three innings allowing an earned run on one hit and four walks, while striking out two. He was relieved by classmate Camden Hart, who allowed five runs, three earned, on five hits, while striking out three.

"I'm pleased with the way we played them," Leicester head coach Chuck Fahey said. "Early on we were right there with them. We had our opportunities with runners in scoring position; we just couldn't crack the scoreboard. We didn't get that one extra hit in an inning that we needed."

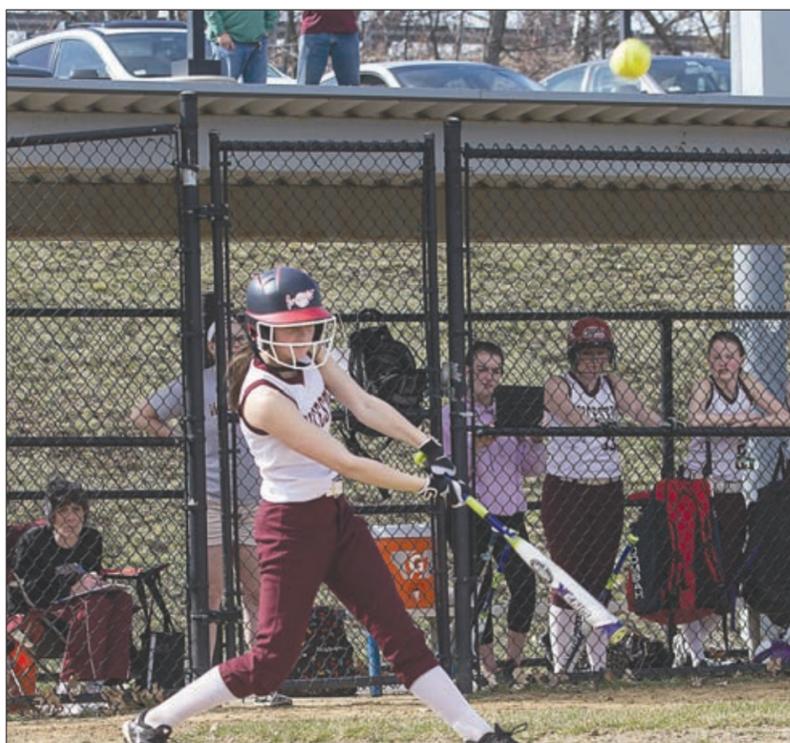
"I thought we played well and our pitchers, I thought, pitched well for the first time out," Fahey continued. "We had some flaws at the end; we made a couple of errors that helped them get a couple of runs. Overall I'm not excited but I'm OK with the way we played for the first time out."

Leicester can't solve Rockets' offense, Handfield's pitching

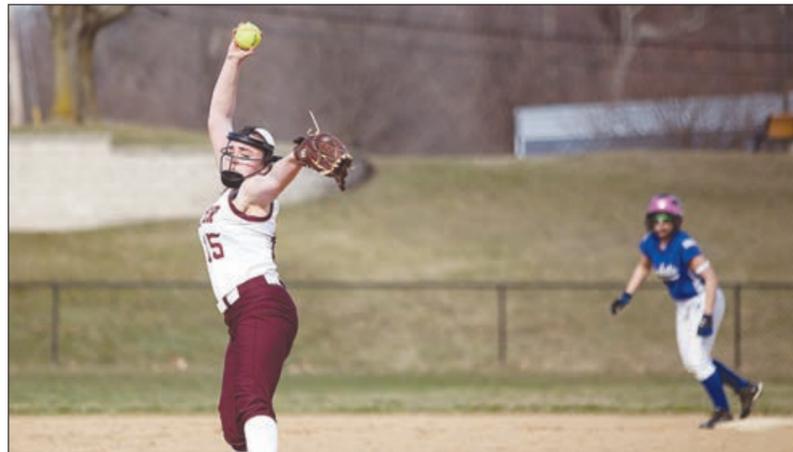
AUBURN — Just like their baseball-playing classmates one field over, the Leicester High varsity softball team got shut out by Auburn High on Monday, April 10. The Rockets possessed a potent offense and pitcher Julia Handfield shut Leicester down, as Auburn won an 18-0 decision.



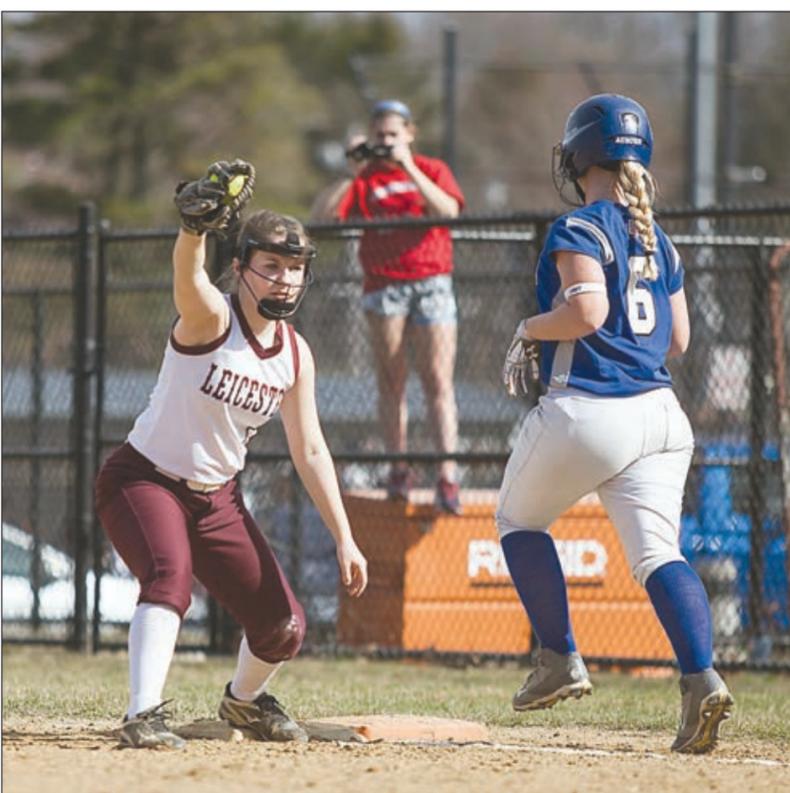
Riley Brunelle of Leicester fields a grounder and prepares to throw the ball over to first base.



Leicester's Lydia Petit swings and sends the ball into play.



Hannah Wickson of Leicester winds up and delivers a pitch while an Auburn base runner stands on second.



Leicester's Ally O'Neill stretches for the ball at first base to record an out.



Leicester's Madison Hippert sends the ball back into the infield from her right field position.



Lydia Petit of Leicester eyes the pitch versus Auburn before swinging at the offering.

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SPORTS

Bay Path baseball finally gets outside, notches win versus Abby Kelley

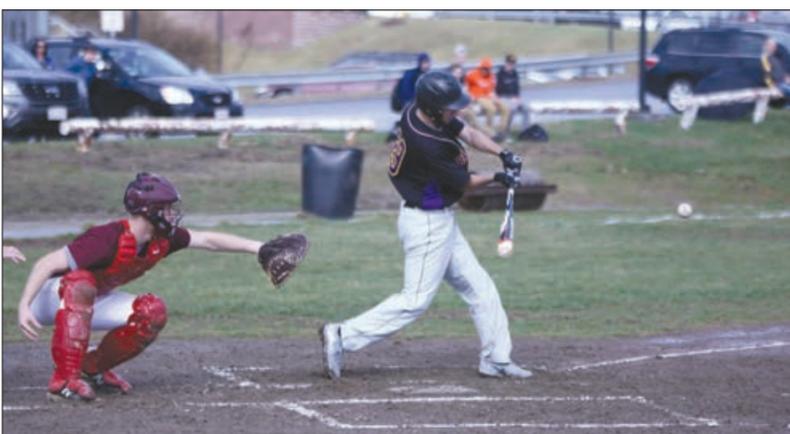


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Shortstop Alec DeSimone of Bay Path sees the ball into his glove before recording an out.



Bay Path starter Tim Kunz fires a pitch to the plate versus Abby Kelley.



Tyler Bennett of Bay Path swing away at an offering versus Abby Kelley.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

CHARLTON — Mother Nature has made it difficult for the Bay Path Regional varsity baseball team to get much work done outside, but they finally made their season debut on Wednesday, April 12 when they hosted Abby Kelley of Worcester.

At times the Minutemen were able to look like a well-oiled machine, notching 18 runs on 16 hits as they defeated the Bears, 18-4, in six mercy-rule shortened innings.

“This is our first game and first time we’ve seen live pitching, so it was good,” said head coach Mark Sansoucy. “We have a lot of young kids, but they battled and I thought they looked pretty good for the first time out.”

Bay Path employs just one senior, as they lost nine seniors from last year, including eight starters. Junior Nick Jose returns as the lone returning starter, and he made his presence felt in the early going behind the plate from his catcher’s position.

Abby Kelley attempted a double steal in the top of the first inning, but Jose threw down to second baseman Andrew Fritze. He then threw back to Jose, who applied a nice tag to Giovanni Matias out. Jose then caught Nick Sargent attempting to steal second base in the second inning.

“He takes a lot of pride in what he

does and he works hard,” Sansoucy said of Jose. “He worked hard in the offseason while playing hockey in the winter.”

The Bears scored a single run in the top of the third to take a 1-0 lead, but Bay Path responded with an eight-run bottom half of the inning. Tim Kunz, Andrew Flanagan, Christian Keeler, Tyler Bennett, Jake Leone (2 for 4), Noah LaTour (3 for 4), Curtis Koebke and Alec DeSimone all crossed home plate to give the Minutemen a sizable lead.

Leone and LaTour provided RBI’s in the fourth inning to bump the lead up to 10-1 and, after Abby Kelley scored twice in the fifth, Bay Path added four more runs, with reserves John O’Laughlin (2 for 2) and Devon Bruyere (1 for 1, walk) providing some offense.

The Bears (0-3) scored once in the sixth to make it a 14-4 game, but the Minutemen put the game away with the 12-plus run mercy rule courtesy of four more runs in the home half of the inning. Jose (2 for 5) ended it with a double that plated two.

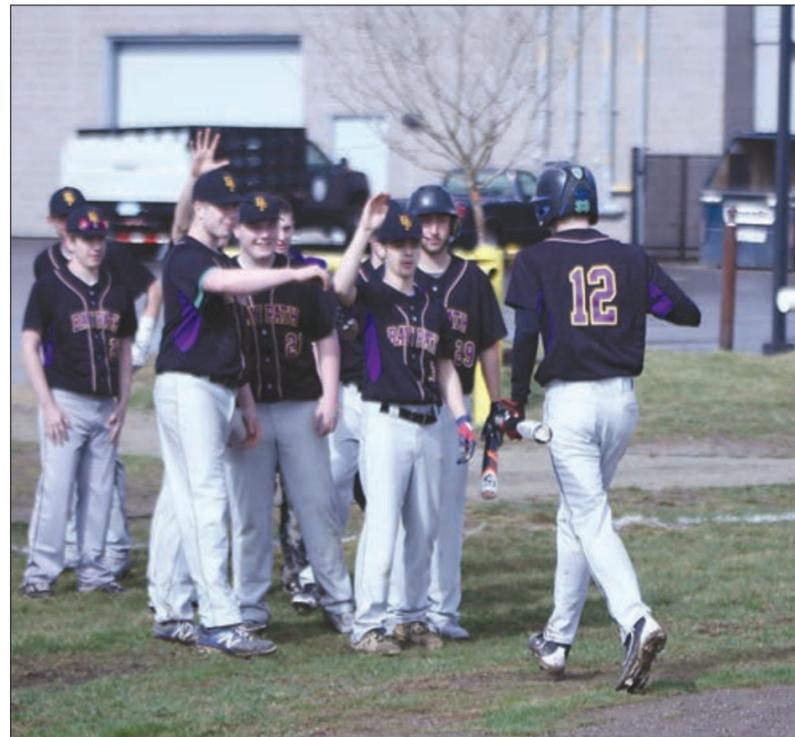
In total, all 11 Bay Path players that swung the bat recorded at least one hit and scored at least one run. Much like how the offense spread the wealth, Sansoucy did the same with his pitching staff. Kunz and Leone both worked three innings and had similar numbers. Both struck out four and Kunz allowed

three hits, while Leone surrendered two.

“We wanted to get everybody some work, we didn’t want to burn any arms out this early,” said Sansoucy, adding that Koebke would have pitched the seventh and final frame.

Bay Path is next set to play in their annual tournament at Cape Cod during school vacation week, which takes place after press time.

“It’s nice to start the season with a win, so we’ll take it,” Sansoucy said of the opening day victory.



The Bay Path baseball team congratulates Tim Kunz (12) for scoring the first run of the Minutemen’s season.

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ATHLETE of the WEEK

Morgyn Astrella, Alyssa Bettencourt, Abby Bouchard, Emily Bouchard, Emily Flourey, Isabelle Greenlaw and Shelby Tytula

On April 13 the Quaboag Regional girls’ varsity tennis team notched a 5-0 victory over visiting Tantasqua Regional. Tytula (No. 1 singles), Flourey (No. 2 singles), Bettencourt (No. 3 singles), Emily Bouchard/Greenlaw (No. 1 doubles) and Astrella/Abby Bouchard (No. 2 doubles) all earned points for the Cougars, who improved to 2-2.

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SPORTS

Handfield outduels LaFountain as Rockets edge Tantasqua

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

STURBRIDGE — Two great pitchers dueled in a well-played softball game on Friday, April 14 when Tantasqua Regional hosted Auburn High. In the end the Rockets' Julia Handfield registered the victory thanks to three late-inning runs, as they won by a 3-0 final.

"Our theme, our mantra this season is grit and we talk about persevering with passion and we showed that today," Auburn head coach Kim Danish said of turning a scoreless tie through four innings into single-run fifth, sixth and seventh frames. "We put together some real gritty hits and some great base-running and that was the difference today."

It helped that Handfield scattered just four hits in her seven innings of work, walking none (hitting one batter) and striking out 10 in the process.

"She's able to live in the moment and live pitch-by-pitch," Danish said of Handfield's pitching philosophy. "She throws a ball and she's not worried about it, she's worried about the next pitch. She really does a phenomenal job of being so wise beyond her years, so mature, so poised."

LaFountain pitched her heart out on the other side, relinquishing three runs — two earned — on seven hits with three walks and nine strikeouts, including the 300th of her illustrious career.

"She pitched very well. She's a

battler," Tantasqua head coach Phil Desroches said of LaFountain, who is playing an injury on her throwing arm.

In regard to the game and outcome, Desroches added: "Our kids played great, their kids played great, it was a great game, fun to watch, fun to coach, it just didn't happen right for us today."

A combined 11 runners were stranded on base through the scoreless four innings until Auburn finally broke through in the top of the fifth. Handfield (2 for 3, walk) roped a one-out single and pinch runner Brianna Leon stole second base. Tyler Rano followed with an RBI single up the middle to plate Leon with the eventual winning run.

Handfield then retired the side in order in the bottom of the fifth to allow the Rockets to quickly get back up to bat, where they registered another run. Lindsay Berthiaume got on base with a hit and a throwing error and passed ball then got her home, making it 2-0.

The Warriors then appeared to have a chance to score in the home half of the sixth when LaFountain led off with a single, but Auburn's defense came through in a big way. Abby Stansky's drive to deep center field was tracked down by Kileigh Hynes, who made the catch. The Rockets then executed a 4-6-3 double play to get out of the jam, with Colleen Fellows tossing the ball to Makena Mulcahy for the force out at second, who then threw over to Kayley Markvenas for the next out at first.

Auburn padded its lead in the seventh with another run when Mulcahy led off with a single, took second on a passed ball, third on a groundout and home on a Rano RBI groundout.

"I give them credit for staying hungry," said Danish.

Handfield then closed the door with a 1-2-3 bottom of the seventh inning, as the Rockets improved to 3-0.

"We're three games closer to where we want to be, which is the tournament," Danish said of Central Mass. Division 2 postseason play, where Auburn is the reigning champion. "We scratched out three and we need seven more."

Tantasqua, meanwhile, dropped to 1-2.

"Our kids are going to hit," insisted Desroches. "We're not scoring the runs that we should be, but look who we faced."

The Warriors have seen three of the league's top pitchers in Handfield, Grafton High's Savannah Small and Northbridge High's Shannon Mortimer, which will better prepare them as the season rolls on.



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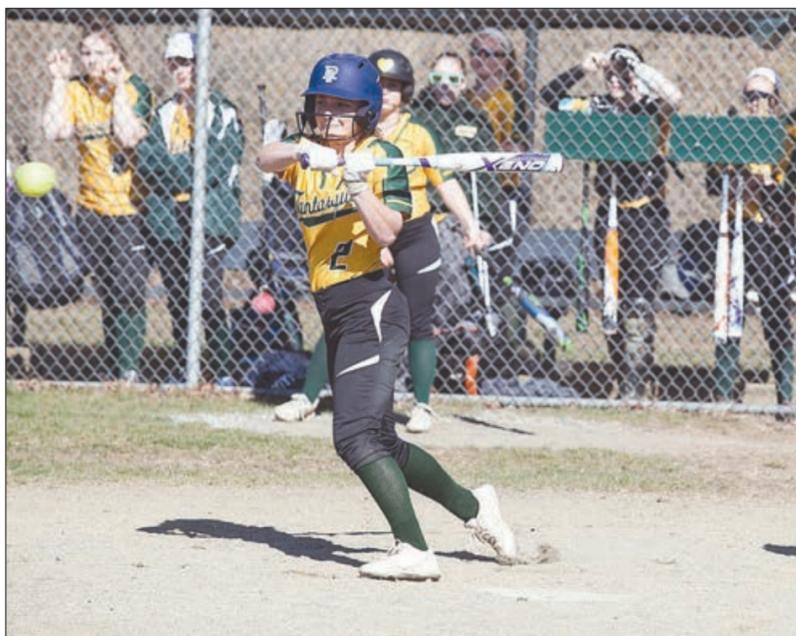
Tantasqua pitcher Abby LaFountain winds up and delivers a pitch versus Auburn where she notched her 300th career strikeout.



Emily Blanchard of Tantasqua gets in the ready position at first base.



Catcher Jillian Dunn of Tantasqua reaches up to grab the ball on a high pitch.



Tantasqua's Sarah Harlinski (2 for 3) slaps a single versus Auburn.

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April 10

Tantasqua 5, Grafton 0 — The Warriors boys' tennis team notched its first victory of the season (1-2) in convincing fashion, at home versus the Indians (0-4). Michael Herrmann, Jared Worth and Aaron Inthirath all won their singles matches, as did the doubles pairings of Sam Currier/Noah Scott and Andrew Umanzor/Zachary Merow.

Grafton 7, Tantasqua 0 — Savannah Small pitched a no-hitter for the Indians' softball team, striking out 13. On the other side, the Warriors' Abby LaFountain struck out 14.

April 11

Tantasqua 13, Nipmuc 10 — Joanie Howland (four goals), Claire Matlak (three goals) and Cami Hall (two goals, two assists) all performed well to help lift the Warriors girls' lacrosse team to victory. Brooke Galonek, Rachel Hayden, Rachel Godak and Grace Seguin also scored, while Chloe O'Brien turned aside 14 shots as Tantasqua improved to 2-2.

April 12

Tantasqua 11, Northbridge 9 — Kelsey Emrich hit a three-run homer and Kendra Salviuolo added a solo shot as the Warriors' softball team outslugged the Rams. Abby

LaFountain went 2 for 3 with a pair of doubles and two RBI's, while striking out six on the mound.

April 13

Quaboag 5, Tantasqua 0 — The host Cougars won their girls' tennis match with the Warriors, with Shelby Tytula, Emily Floury and Alyssa Bettencourt taking their singles matches. The doubles tandems of Emily Bouchard/Isabelle Greenlaw and Morgyn Astrella/Abby Bouchard were also victorious, as Quaboag improved to 2-2. Tantasqua slipped to 0-3.

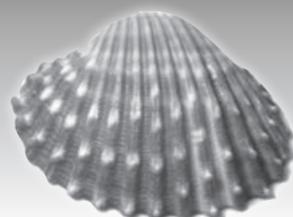
Tantasqua 4, Northbridge 1

— The Warriors boys' tennis team evened their record to 2-2 following their victory versus the Rams. Earning points for Tantasqua were Jared Worth (No. 2 singles), Aaron Inthirath (No. 3 singles), Sam Currier/Noah Scott (No. 1 doubles) and Andrew Umanzor/Zachary Merow (No. 2 doubles).

April 14

Advanced Math and Science Academy 4, Tantasqua 1 — Jessica Williams earned the lone point for the Warriors girls' tennis team from the No. 3 singles position, as Tantasqua dropped to 0-4.

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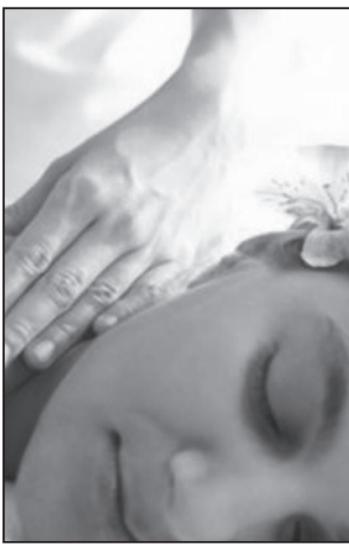


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SPORTS

Warriors keep it close, but then fall to Grafton late



Anthony Law of Tantasqua chops at the stick of Grafton's Jack Fontana.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

STURBRIDGE — When the Tantasqua Regional boys' varsity lacrosse team hosted Grafton High at the Reservation on Thursday, April 13, both teams kept it close for the better part of the first three quarters. But the perennially strong Indians ran away late, winning the fourth quarter by an 8-1 count to pre-

vail over the Warriors, 17-6. "We did not do the basics as well as we could have; throwing, catching, groundballs," said first-year Tantasqua head coach Greg Anderson. "I thought that we stayed with these guys for probably almost three quarters. I'm confident our guys will rise to the challenge next time." The Warriors held leads of 1-0 and 2-1, but each time Grafton

countered with the equalizer quickly — 36 seconds on both occasions, to be exact.

"I think they're just very good at the basics of the game of lacrosse," Anderson said of what makes the Indians so strong. "Whatever system you put in, whatever defensive schemes, none of it really matters much unless you can throw, catch and get groundballs, and they're very good at that. They're traditionally a very strong program and that's why they're successful."

Grafton grabbed a 3-2 lead with 10:26 to go in the second quarter and never lost the advantage. They surged ahead, 5-2, and Tantasqua starting goalie Mike Lucas (6 saves) had to be taken out due to injury.

Instead of falling down by an even larger margin, goalie Cole Amadio came in and limited Grafton to just one more goal before halftime. The Warriors also scored once, so it was a 6-3 game at the break.

"I should give some props to Cole because he came in and he kept us in the game. He was there to step up when we needed him and I couldn't be prouder of him," Anderson said of Amadio, who finished with 9 saves.

Tantasqua's Anthony Law then scored a minute and a half into the third quarter — with Ben Beaudry assisting — and it was a two-goal game at 6-4. But the Indians scored three of the last four goals in the third



Nick Ethier photos

The Tantasqua tandem of Cody Robert (22) and Michael Frio (19) attempt to get the ball off the stick of Grafton's James Donadio.

to make it 9-5 heading into the final 12-minute frame.

At that juncture Grafton took over, as they improved to 4-1 in the process. The Indians scored first and after the Warriors tallied, they scored the final seven goals to win, 17-6.

Grafton's Brendan Coates and Stephen Rotatori led the offensive charge with four goals apiece, while Anthony D'Angelo, Sean Tyldesley, Tyler Hart and Matthew Gilliatt all scored twice.

For Tantasqua, Law scored three times. Tom Muir registered two goals and Michael Frio chipped in a goal and two

assists. According to Anderson, Muir impressed him with his entire offensive repertoire, including his ability to capture the ball early in a sequence and then weave through would-be defenders.

"Tommy is the heart of our offense and he absolutely played his heart out. That's what we expect of him every game," said Anderson.

The Warriors are now 3-2 and have 11 days off in between games, as they will get back to the basics in preparation. Tantasqua will face Grafton in the rematch on May 2.

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will be coached by a member of our elite team of over 1,200 British soccer coaches, hand selected, trained and flown to the USA exclusively, to work on these programs. Challenger Sports will hold over 4,000 soccer programs this year and we will coach over 225,000 players between the ages of 3 and 19.

Challenger Sports' mission is to provide all children with an opportunity to learn, grow and share a positive and educational camp experience, which not only develops success on the field, but also inspires confidence, happiness and builds self-esteem. The Challenger camp culture is centered on making learning fun and their British coaching staff are famous for the way they are able to entertain, engage and educate the campers throughout the week.

The West Brookfield Youth Soccer British Soccer Camp has the following sessions available, for the following ages:

Ages 3-6, Mini Soccer, 8-9 a.m., \$75

Ages 7-10, Half Day, 9 a.m. – noon, \$140
Ages 8-14, Full Day, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., \$195

Teams are also welcome to attend and receive a week of focused instruction to prepare them for the fall season — Team Camp Rates are available.

Each camper will receive a free camp T-shirt, a free soccer ball, free soccer poster and a personalized skills evaluation just for singing up. Every child that registers online at Challengersports.com 45 days prior to camp will receive a free British Soccer Jersey (value \$39) shipped straight to their door. Free jersey offer deadline is May 26.

Parents are encouraged to sign up online in advance to avoid disappointment. To register and for more information please go to www.challengersports.com or contact Challenger Sports Regional Director Mo Abarak at mabarak@challengersports.com or call (401) 213-0465.

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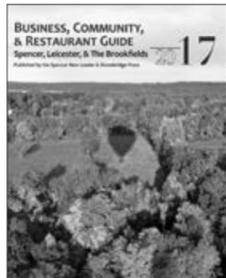


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For more information about any of these features, please contact June Simakauskas at 508-909-4062 jsima@stonebridgepress.news.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Rochdale Baseball to join Central New England Baseball Association

The South Central Express of Charlton will now be known as the Rochdale Express, and their new home field will be at Rochdale Park, home of Becker College baseball. The team will be looking for players of all ages (19-plus) who have either graduated from their American Legion program or still want to play competitive baseball. The team is part of the Central New England Baseball Association (cneba.com), a wooden bat league. Anyone interested in playing in an adult men's baseball league is encouraged to contact Joel Hart at (508) 864-9709 or at hartat31573@gmail.com. Tryouts will be in early May when field availability is made known, and spots at all positions are open.

Sturbridge American Legion holding baseball signups

Baseball players interested in playing for the Sturbridge American Legion team that are born on Jan. 1, 1998 or later are eligible to play. Signup dates will be held on April 22 between 10 a.m. and noon at the Champeau-Vilandre Sturbridge Legion Post on Main Street in Fiskdale. Players should bring a photocopy of the birth certificate when they register at signups to insure your eligibility. All players that live in Sturbridge and/or attend Tantasqua Regional High School are eligible for the Sturbridge team, also players from other surrounding towns may also be eligible to play. The team will conduct tryouts May 6,

7, and 13 at Tantasqua Regional High School, with times to be determined. For more information contact team manager Jim Rosseel at (774) 230-1784 or email jimrosseel@hotmail.com, coach Ray Sullivan at (508) 736-7770 or email raysull@charter.net, or coach Dave Proulx at (774) 230-6490 or email davidp7@hotmail.com.

U.S. Baseball Academy coming to Worcester State

The U.S. Baseball Academy, the nation's largest training program, is coming to Worcester State University from June 26-29. Advance registration is required. Kids sign up for the sessions they want, although most participate all four days from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Please visit www.USBBaseballAcademy.com for more details. You can also call the offices at 866-622-4487.

Wachusett Babe Ruth League has openings for summer baseball

The Wachusett Babe Ruth League has openings for complete teams or individual players in our 13-15 year old division as well as our 16-18 year old division. The Wachusett Babe Ruth League currently consists of the towns of North Brookfield, Rutland and Barre. Players and teams from neighboring towns that currently do not have Babe Ruth are eligible to play in the Wachusett League. For more information, contact Rich LeBlanc at richardleblanc1955@yahoo.com or Tammy Griffin-Kumpey at tgkumpey@msn.com.

BUILDING

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recent projects at the school, and potential options for the future.

On May 2, town meeting voters will determine whether to authorize \$750,000 for a feasibility study to consider the replacement of the school. The building's deficiencies were identified in the town's statement of interest submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA). Located at 70 Winslow Ave., the school has been the subject of improvement conversations for many years.

Leicester Middle School was constructed as a high school in 1961, and its design is more typical of schools found in warmer climates. The modular layout, construction materials, and infrastructure are deteriorated and do not adequately serve the school community. The school's mechanical and electrical systems are original to the building and provide inefficient service.

Additionally, the school is not fully ADA compliant and can only minimally meet the Section 504 regulations for students with environmental sensitivities who require strict temperature controls. Classrooms are small and cramped, moreover, and there are no dedicated spaces for art and music classes.

The MSBA has invited Leicester Middle School into its eligibility period, the first step toward realizing a building renovation or replacement. The MSBA vote permits 270 days for school officials to secure funding from voters, establish a building committee, and complete a demographic and an educational study.

For school officials, it has been a priority to convey as much information as possible to voters ahead of the May 2 town meeting.

"It was great to see town voters doing their homework before this very important vote on May 2," said Superintendent Judy Paolucci.

Officials are proposing to replace the middle school with a new facility, either connected to or separate from Leicester High School at 170 Pleasant St. In terms

of potential MSBA funding, officials acknowledge that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need. Any costs the town incurs in excess of a grant received from the MSBA will be the sole responsibility of the town.

"The costs of the feasibility study ranges depending upon the decisions that must be made prior to architectural design," Paolucci added. "In Leicester's case, the site of the school is known, while the grade configuration includes several options. Members of the Facilities Capital Committee are meeting with groups within the school and in the community to discuss options."

Officials remind residents that a "yes" vote at town meeting will not approve the replacement of the school. It would simply allow the School Building Committee to work with a project manager, an architect, and engineers to determine whether a new or renovated building is appropriate – and to develop plans and cost estimates for a construction project. When the feasibility study is complete, voters will be

asked to consider approving a project at a future town meeting.

If voters choose not to approve funding for a feasibility study on May 2, the School Building Committee may recommend another attempt before the MSBA deadline. However, if a vote is not secured by Nov. 2017, the district will not meet eligibility period requirements and the MSBA will rescind its decision to partner with Leicester.

Residents will also deliberate on a seven-article special town meeting warrant. Among these articles is an item asking whether voters support appropriating or transferring from available funds a sum of money to conduct a Greenville Pond Dam spillway analysis as required by the Commonwealth's Office of Dam Safety.

Voters will also decide whether to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a five-year lease/purchase agreement for an Aerialscope tower truck.

Both the annual and special town meetings are scheduled for May 2, beginning at 7 p.m. at town hall (3 Washburn Square).

WATER

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wash; and washing of exterior building surfaces, parking lots, driveways or sidewalks, except as necessary to apply paint, preservatives, stucco, pavement or cement.

The restriction does allow for lawns, gardens and plants to be watered by a hand-held hose or bucket at any time. The regulations also permit irrigating newly established lawns and plantings in the months of May and September, as well as in public parks or recreational fields with automatic sprinklers before 9 a.m. or after 5 p.m.

Over the past year-plus, the state has experienced severe drought conditions which required additional water use restrictions that can be implemented at any time. Though a recently rainy stretch has dented the drought, the deficit continues in much of central and western Massachusetts.

The Spencer Water Department will continue to monitor drought condi-

tions in our region utilizing the MassDEP website, <http://www.mass.gov/eea/drought>. Residents are reminded that if drought conditions worsen, the Water Department may have to implement additional mandatory water use restrictions.

Meanwhile, officials encourage residents to use common sense practices to conserve water.

"The conservation restrictions imposed merely represent good water conservation practice," said Steven Tyler, the town's superintendent of the Utilities and Facilities Department.

The MassDEP requires conservation measures to be taken in accordance with the Massachusetts Water Management Act. Anyone violating the town bylaw will be given a warning for the first offense, a \$100 fine for the second offense, and \$250 fines for each subsequent offense.

Officials said most residents adhere to the regulations, although there have been a few issues in the past requiring reminders. Last summer, much of the area was mired in

an extreme drought, though recent rains have brought most western Massachusetts communities down to a moderate drought level and central Mass. towns to "abnormally dry." The MassDEP website currently lists central Massachusetts as being at an advisory level in terms of drought conditions.

Regardless of the season and drought level, town officials always encourage sensible water use for homeowners and business owners.

"They are easy to comply with and generally should be practiced by everyone all the time – whether or not an enforceable water conservation restriction has been imposed," Tyler said of the regulations.

A copy of Spencer's 2017 Water Use Restriction Notice, along with additional information and conservation tips, can be found at www.spencerma.gov. Please follow the appropriate links from the town homepage.

If you have questions, contact the Department of Utilities and Facilities at (508) 885-7525.

PB RECAP

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involved the lack of information that has been released from state officials. The state's cannabis commission isn't expected to form and create policy until sometime next year, leaving area leaders without direction on an array of important issues.

"I think it's best to take a step back right now and make informed decisions based on what happens with the state. That way, we can know more about the potential impacts," Dell'Aquila added. "Right now I think we should keep all of our options open."

Many town officials don't feel comfortable supporting an outright ban without having all of the information in place. If the town bans recreational sales and then wishes to change course in the future upon receiving

more information from the state, it would be a complicated process to undo the ban, Planning Board members explained.

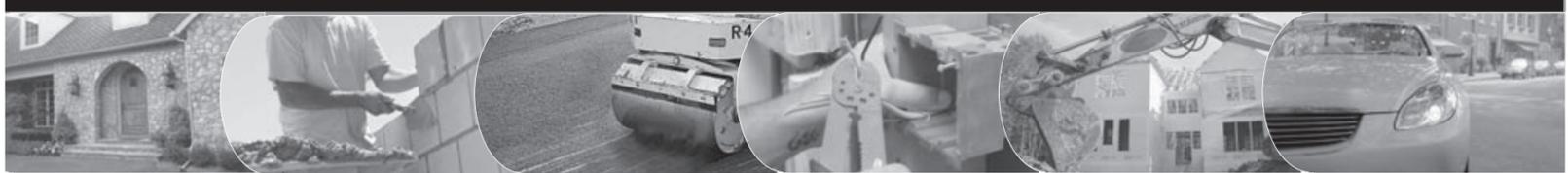
Officials said the moratorium would have the same effect as the ban in the short-term, except it would still leave the town with options should residents ultimately support the potential for retail sales.

Residents in East Brookfield are also considering a potential moratorium and ban this election season. Towns like Westborough have already banned the sales of recreational marijuana, and many officials across Massachusetts are frustrated with the lack of organization among state officials.

"There are still a lot of unanswered questions at the state level," Dell'Aquila said.

Spencer's annual town meeting is set for May 4, while the election will take place on May 9.

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Recycle and Repurpose Tips

It's a fact Americans have way too much stuff! Thankfully there's a movement to simplify, and eco-friendly and frugal people alike are finding creative ways to recycle and repurpose ordinary household goods. Read on for some interesting and effective ideas that get double (or triple) duty from common, everyday items.

And remember, readers, send in your best tips and you could win dinner for two at the Publick House.

Coffee Mate nondairy creamer jars can be recycled into handy "snack shaker" dispensers. Just peel off the plastic shrink wrap label and refill with little snacks such as goldfish, mini crackers, etc. The flip top makes it easy to shake out a portion of snacks at a time!

Who doesn't have a few plastic pant hangers hanging around? If you have the plastic kind with spring clips, simply cut off each end of the hanger to create two perfectly fine (and free) chip clips!

Have an extra tension curtain rod? Put it to good use under the kitchen sink! The rod is the perfect perch to hang a parade of spray bottles. Hung by the triggers, bottles are off the bottom, freeing up space for other supplies.

Condiment squeeze bottles sold for picnic use can find new life around the house:

*Fill with olive oil to easily squeeze out just the right amount to oil a pan or dress a salad.

*Make leftover latex room paint into craft paint, by filling up a bottle or two

for handy project use.
*Use as a container for homemade laundry pre-treater. Here's a recipe: One part Dawn dishwashing liquid (must be original blue) to two parts hydrogen peroxide. Mix and put into a squirt bottle. The pointed end of the bottle makes targeting specific stains easy!

Mason jars are plentiful at estate sales and chances are you have at least a couple of the hefty glass jars around the house. Here are a few useful ways to put them to good use:

*Create an oil lamp. Just poke a hole in the top of the metal lid, and thread a thick wick through the top lid (long enough to reach bottom of the jar). Fill the jar with lantern oil, screw on the band, light up and enjoy!

*Make an emergency match kit for home or to take on camping trips. Fill a jar with wooden matches (a quart jar will take longer matches). Glue sandpaper (to use as a striker) onto the metal lid and screw on the band. Matches will stay safe and dry.

*A great dispenser for confectionary sugar, bacon bits, dried herbs or other foods that should be sprinkled, can be made from a Mason jar. The top from a (green Kraft) plastic Parmesan cheese container fits the top of a regular mouth canning jar perfectly!

*Can you stand one more dispenser tip? To store bulk spices or other dry pourable foods, simply cut out a circle in the top of an empty salt container (with metal pour spout) to fit the top of



TAKE THE HINT

KAREN TRAINOR

the Mason jar. Screw on the metal band to hold it in place and fill with your favorite dry goods!

Flat screen wall TVs have made television armoires obsolete. What to do with the double door wooden structures? Here are a couple of ideas:

*Make it a pantry cupboard. Add shallow shelves to each door to hold spices and bottles. Fit a bottom shelf with baskets to stow potatoes and other root vegetables. Top shelves can store dry goods such as cereals, cake mixes, canned goods, etc.

*Turn it into an office. If the unit isn't lighted, stick an adhesive LED light strip above shelves. Adhere a corkboard surface to one of the doors; a white board to the other. Be sure to save room to hang a calendar! Arrange shelves to fit laptop or monitor and printer. Shelves can store office supplies in an orderly (and attractive) fashion. Stack copy paper and books. Tuck pencils, clips, stamps etc. in repurposed coffee mugs.

Ice buckets: Whether ornate plated silver or retro bright plastic, ice buckets are one of those things you hardly ever have a use for unless you're entertaining. So what to do with the roomy vessels when they're not in active duty? Try these ideas:

*Use it as a centerpiece vase for freshly picked flowers. Ice buckets are wide enough to hold leafy stems on such flowers as lilacs and hydrangeas.

*Use a decorative ice bucket in the bathroom to store rolled up hand towels.

* Keep garden tools corralled on a potting bench by storing them in an old metal ice bucket.

*Fill a pretty ice bucket with magazines and set it on a hall bench, stair stoop or other resting place for impromptu reading!

*Tuck an ice bucket beside the sick bed to use as a wastebasket for tissues, etc.

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Do you have a helpful hint or handy tip that has worked for you? Do you have a question regarding household or garden matters? If so, why not share them with readers of Stonebridge Press publications? Send questions and/or hint to: Take the Hint!, c/o Stonebridge Press, P.O. Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550. Or email kdr@aol.com.

Odds & Ends

I wish I was smart enough to accurately predict future trends for our business services. It would also be nice if I knew WHICH of the services we offer would experience the greatest demand at any given time. No such luck. While we pride ourselves on being quite adept at adapting to whatever curve balls are thrown our way (as we service our clients),

we continue to be surprised by challenging situations. We completed our first online only Estate auction on Proxibid and learned a lot during the process. The sale ran for two weeks online and ended on March 9. We had the pick up day two days later, and did the cleanout on that Saturday and on the following Saturday. Lessons learned...

we can run the auction for a shorter period and do as well. We need more time between the end of the auction and pick up day to adequately process the paperwork. Originally, we didn't offer shipping, but added that option during the sale. Wish we had done that sooner as several items were shipped all over the country.

Good news...our starting prices and Instant Purchase prices were "spot on". AND two days after we completed the broom clean out, the realtor had an open house and two offers in hand, and will sell the house for more than the asking price. She told the

owners she was amazed at how clean and neat the house was. This was the first time she had used our services and made it very clear that she will use us again.

While you probably won't read this in time (my fault), on Thursday, April 6th we are doing our 23rd benefit auction for the SGA at Worcester State University in the Student Center's Blue Lounge. Run entirely by students, the auction benefits the Mustard Seed, Abby's House and Sherry's House. To date, over \$300,000.00 has been raised. The goal this year is \$30K.

We recently sent out 44 BU Morgans for certification from a Worcester collector's lifetime collection. This was in addition to 107 certified Carson City BU Morgan dollars and is easily the best Carson City collection I've seen in 30 years.

We'll be in Auburn, Devens, and at the Bay State Coin Show at the Best Western Royal Plaza

in Marlboro (on Rte 20). The show is Friday and Saturday, the 21st and 22nd. Bring a copy of this column and get one free admission for a friend. We'll also be at the New Hampshire Coin Expo in Manchester on May 5th and 6th and at the Pawcatuck Valley coin show at the Holiday Inn in Norwich on Sunday, May 7.

Upcoming events include an onsite Estate sale in Dudley the last weekend of April and an onsite estate sale in Webster the second weekend of May, and a cleanout/sale also in Dudley later in May.

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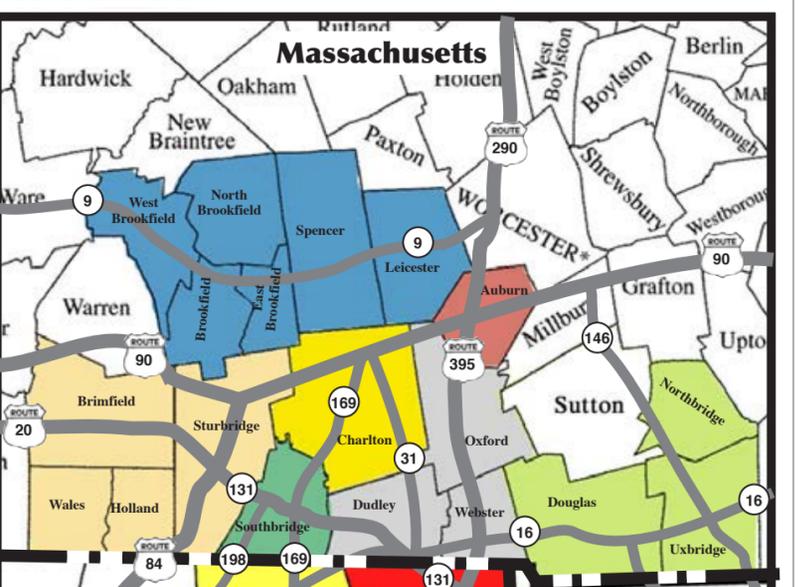
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CNew sports venue make official debut this weekend



Mudding just got a little more fun with the course opening in Charlton.

CHARLTON — On Saturday, April 22, the Chamber of Central Mass South will present a ribbon cutting ceremony to commemorate the

official grand opening of the much-anticipated 508 International in Charlton.

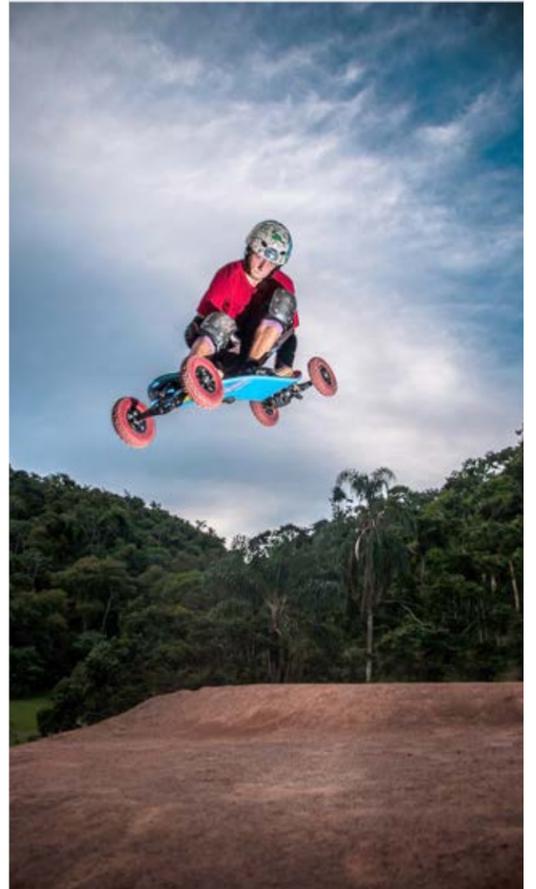
All are welcome to be a part of the celebra-

tion at this brand new action sports venue. 508 International has been in the works for several years and is eager to welcome guests to the rib-

bon cutting and Grand Opening celebration which takes place on Earth Day from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

508 International's mission is to create a vibrant hub for sports entertainment where new experiences, competitions, and partnerships emerge. This incredible new venue invites you to check out all the action sports they have to offer: dirt bikes, ATVs, UTVs, 4x4s, trucks, BMX, cyclocross, mountainboarding, climbing, slacklining, disc golf, adventure races, and more. The opening day celebration is your chance to drive, ride or run the courses first!

"508 International was truly made for and by... not only one community, but many communities coming together to do something greater than any one of us could accomplish on our own," said co-founder Russell Jennings, "We're proud to offer a family-friendly place for positive recre-



action sports include mountainboarding, the big brother of sidewalk boards.

ation and career opportunities. April 22nd marks the start of it all! Please join us in celebrating... come outside and play!"

508 International will be celebrating in a festival atmosphere with live music, art, games, food trucks, retailers, product demos, and more during their Grand Opening. The competition space will offer open rides for dirt bikes, ATVs, 4x4s, BMX, obstacle course running, slacklining, and other action sports. This event is open to the public and everyone is welcome. Tickets are \$10 online and \$20 at the gate for the general public.

Visit the 508 International website, check out all that is offered and get your tickets for the Grand Opening celebration online today. You can

find 508 International online at www.508INTL.com. Click on the Shop tab to purchase tickets.

The day's events kick off with the Chamber and local dignitaries offering proclamations and the cutting of the official ribbon at 11 a.m. At 11:30 a.m. on the main stage, the National Anthem will be performed followed by short speeches. All participants will then take their first ride, a slow lap around the track, at approximately 11:45. The festival swings into high gear at noon and continues until 7 p.m.

508 International is located at 219 Brookfield Road in Charlton. Reach them by phone at (508) 434-6335.



BMX bikes take to the air.

Cheering the wet ones: Quinebaug canoe on Sunday

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

STURBRIDGE —...And it's off to the races!

On Sunday, April 23, canoeists and kayakers from several states will be paddling their way down the Quinebaug River for the 29th annual All-American River Race. If this year's like the past, expect some to be in wacky costumes and even a few to be piloting homemade boats of their own design.

But while most people hope for sun for an outdoor event, organizer Dale Favreau of the Sturbridge Lions Club hopes for rain.

"Our most popular day is a rainy day," he said. "We hold it the weekend before opening day for all the sports leagues, so if it rains practices don't happen. People figure, if you're going to get wet, might as well go down the river."

"Everyone cheers when people get wet," he added.

The race, a fundraiser for the Lions, starts at 9 a.m. at Turner Field off Route 20 in Fiskdale and ends at Westville Lake. Officials send racers off at one-minute intervals to avoid clogging

the river, and Sturbridge and Charlton fire department people plus area ham radio operators observe the race route from various locations to assist people in need and ensure everyone finishes.

"We have quite a few people from out of state," Favreau said. "Every year, we get several people from New York. We get people from Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont...and an awful lot of local people."

That popularity is largely because the race is part of the regional circuit of races that happen under the auspices of NECKRA, the New England Canoe & Kayak Racing Association. Its website lists four other races in the next week alone, including the famous "Run of the Charles" in Boston April 30.

The group began in Connecticut under a different name in 1979 as an effort to promote "some discipline, education and especially state-wide service for the [canoe] racer as well as the race organizer," it states. Before then, "There were few safety considerations, no rules, no standard race meeting, and if you did qualify for a trophy at the end of the race, you may have been told that'd you'd have to wait a

week, a month perhaps, until the next organized race, or you might not have received it at all."

Over the years, it expanded to include kayakers and added members from all over New England, adopting its current name in 2003.

Favreau said the Quinebaug race typically attracts more than 100 boaters; the largest turnout he could recall was 142. Besides the trophies for winners in various age classes, there's also a raffle for a new Old Town canoe, and the Westville end will have food and entertainment, he said.

One thing that makes the event even possible is that "This is one of the only rivers in the area that has a controlled release," he added.

For years, the Lions have had an agreement with the Army Corps of Engineers to hold water back behind the upstream Brimfield Dam until a few days before the race, then release it to ensure there's enough water to make the river passable. The Corps' webpages say this is a fairly common practice across the country, with the usual goal being to "balance water supply concerns with flood risk management

requirements," as one page states.

Favreau said the Lions didn't start the race; they adopted it.

"We had an opportunity. Some people used to race individually down the Quinebaug, we found out and decided to sponsor it as a fundraiser," he said. "We took it on and it turned out to be a success."

The Lions Club is probably best known for its work on promoting sight, hearing and related issues, but it's also involved in various other things. Among them are disaster relief, youth camps, many environmental and community improvement projects, and the International Peace Poster Contest. This year's poster theme is "The Future of Peace," and it will bring one talented young person aged 11-13 a prize of \$5,000 and 23 others \$500, with judging happening at several levels up to global, where "judges from the art, peace, youth, education and media communities" select the prizewinners, according to www.lionsclubs.org.

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Doris I. (Cormier) Brouthers, 99



OXFORD — Doris I. (Cormier) Brouthers, age 99, of Corey Drive, died Sunday, April 2, 2017, at Lanessa Extended Care in Webster. She was predeceased by her husband, Arthur Brouthers; her daughter, Marianne J. Adams; her brother, Edward Cormier; and her sister, Anne King.

She is survived by her son, Arthur Brouthers of Spencer; her son-in-law, William B. Adams of Oxford; six grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren, and many nephews and nieces. She was born in

Worcester, daughter of the late Paul and Louise (Demers) Cormier, and lived in Worcester before moving to Oxford in 1995.

Mrs. Brouthers worked as a store clerk for several years. She was a member of St. Bernard's Church in Worcester for many years before joining St. Roch's Church in Oxford in 1995. She enjoyed crocheting and gardening.

A funeral Mass was held Saturday, April 8, 2017, at St. Roch's Church, 332 Main St., Oxford. Burial followed at Notre Dame Cemetery in Worcester.

Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford was entrusted with arrangements.

William C. Morway, 58



AUBURN — William C. Morway, age 58, of Coolidge Street, died Saturday, April 8, 2017, in his home surrounded by his loved ones, after a short battle with esophageal cancer.

He is survived by two daughters, Tiana M. Diaz and her husband Pedro of Worcester and Angelica M. Morway of Millbury; and his grandchildren, P.J., Julianna, Anthony, and Jullian. He is also survived by his girlfriend, Kelly McHugh of Auburn; her children, Steven McHugh and Meaghan Boisoeneau; and her grandchildren, Mason and L.J. In addition, he is survived by two brothers, Tom Morway of West Brookfield and Ben Morway of California; two sisters, Lois Harrison of Oxford and Betty Ziegler of Dudley; and several nephews and nieces. He was born in Worcester, son of the late William G. and Gracia H. (Clark) Morway, and lived in Oxford before moving to Auburn 20 years ago.

Bill owned and operated Imperial Restoration for 30 years. He will be remembered as a generous person who was willing to help anyone. He was patient and could make anyone laugh. Bill was a successful businessman who was respected by his clients as well as his competitors. He worked hard every day, whether managing the business or at the job site resurfacing concrete floors. He had a way of making his employees feel needed and accomplished. Though he worked every day, he always made time for his family. He enjoyed simple pleasures like a backyard barbeque and a Twisted Tea, riding a Harley, or a day at the beach. He will truly be missed by all who knew him.

Burial will be private at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the William Morway Memorial Fund, c/o Digital Federal Credit Union, 225 Shrewsbury St., Worcester, MA 01604.

Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford was entrusted with arrangements

Bertha H. (Rosen) Campbell, 88



SPENCER — Bertha H. (Rosen) Campbell age 88, of Bellevue Drive, died Saturday, April 8 at home. She was the wife of Vincent C. Campbell Jr. who died in 2016.

She leaves her daughter Joyce A. Lavine and her husband Ronald of Spencer with whom she lived, two grandchildren Todd Lavine and his wife Kelley of Sutton and Tina Baillargeon and her husband Shawn of Rutland, two sisters Bernice Roache of Millbury and Edna Crouse of Shrewsbury, five great grandchildren Marissa, Brayden, Kaia, Kate and Keira, several nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by a son James

Campbell, her brothers Carl, Henry and Robert Rosen and a sister Gertrude Morin.

Born in Worcester, she was the daughter of Walter and Alma (Bernas) Rosen. She was very active in the Millbury Senior Center and was a longtime Elder Service volunteer. She enjoyed crochet, reading and singing. She was very devoted to her family and friends.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, April 13 in the Morin Funeral Home (morinfuneralhomes.com), 1131 Main St., Leicester. Burial followed in Worcester County Memorial Park, Paxton.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Millbury Senior Center, 1 River St., Millbury, 01527.

Maureen E. (O'Leary) Miner, 50



SPENCER — Maureen E. (O'Leary) Miner age 50, of Spencer died Saturday April 8 in Harrington Memorial Hospital, Southbridge after a prolonged battle with cancer.

She leaves her children Abigail C., Nicholas H., and Katherine E. Miner all of Spencer, her parents Daniel F. and Margaret M. (Sloan) O'Leary of East Brookfield, her sister Shannon M. O'Leary of North Brookfield, several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Maureen was a teacher's aide at David Prouty High School in Spencer for over 15 years. Born in Worcester, she later graduated from David Prouty High School and Westfield State College.

A prayer service was held on Wednesday, April 12th in the J. Henri Morin & Son Funeral Home (morinfuneralhomes.com), 23 Maple Terrace, Spencer. Burial will be at a later date and at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the D.P.H.S. Memorial Scholarship Fund in her memory, PO Box 172, Spencer, MA 01562.

Torin R. Nye, 1



BROOKFIELD — Torin R. Nye, age 1, of Brookfield, passed peacefully into heaven on April 10, 2017 with his loving parents by his side.

Torin was born in Worcester on Oct. 13, 2015 to his blessed parents, Timothy and Meghan (Lawrence) Nye and his amazing older brother, Kenyon Lawrence, of Brookfield. Torin is also survived by his paternal grandparents, Karl and Joanne Nye, of Northborough; his maternal grandparents, Norman and Carole Paquette, of Brookfield, and Stephen and Deanna Lawrence of Westminster, MD; his paternal great-grandparents, Robert and Jacqueline Nye of Sandwich; maternal great-grandparents, David and Beverly Wentworth of Spencer. Torin adored his aunts and uncles: Michael and Caitlin Lawrence of Brookfield, Jeffrey and Tiffany Nye and Matthew and Erin Waterman of Rochdale, and Britton Lawrence of

Westminster, MD. He was blessed with four cousins who loved him dearly: Taylor and Casey Waterman, Carter Nye, and Declan Lawrence, his best friend and partner in crime.

Torin was born into a large extended family of many other loving aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. He was absolutely adored and treasured by all who knew him.

Torin loved to chat, run, dance, and learn. He loved cars and animals of all kinds. He was amazingly smart and always happy. He will forever remain the shining light of his family's lives.

A funeral service for Torin was held on Tuesday, April 18, 2017 in the Varnum Funeral Home, Inc., 43 East Main St., West Brookfield. Burial will be in Brookfield Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, his parents ask that memorial donations be made in his honor to the Pediatric ICU at UMass Memorial Hospital - University Campus, 55 Lake Ave., Worcester, MA 01655, where he received loving and attentive care from their amazing staff.

Robert W. Hanna Jr., 63



OXFORD — Robert W. Hanna Jr., age 63, of Bounty Road, died Sunday, April 2, 2017, at UMass Memorial Medical Center - University Campus, surrounded by his family. He is survived by his high school sweetheart and wife of 42 years, Dale M. (Carragher) Hanna of Oxford; four children, Stephanie M. Costello and her companion Mark Cioppa of Spencer, Kelly C. Finizza and her husband Todd of Oxford, Robert W. Hanna III and his wife Lisa of Dudley, and Captain Michael F. Hanna and his wife Jennifer of Georgia; his father, Robert W. Hanna Sr. of Auburn; two brothers, Thomas M. Hanna and his wife Jean of Dudley, and James C. Hanna of West Boylston; his mother-in-law, Jane D. Carragher of Auburn; six grandchildren, Anthony "Tony Mac" Costello, Isabella "Bella-Boo" Costello, Zachary "Zach Attack" Finizza, Cole "C.J." Finizza, Ariana "Mabel" Hanna, and Abigail "Squirtball" Hanna, as well as a grandson arriving in August; one niece and four nephews. He was born in Worcester, son of the late Joan M. (Campbell) Hanna, and lived in Oxford for 41 years.

Bob was an insurance agent for Arbella Mutual Insurance Company, retiring in 2010. Previously, he worked for Prudential Insurance Company for 20 years.

Bob was well known for his quick wit, sense of humor, and ability to see any situation with the glass half-full. He was responsible for starting many of our family traditions, from the present chair, to having to eat at least two vegetables at each holiday meal, to wearing name tags at family parties. He loved his grandchildren with all his heart and would look forward to giving them a dollar bill for every goal they scored. He loved to nickname everything, and each grandchild has a special name that they will remember.

His love and dedication for New England sports teams was well known. Sundays were spent in his Patriots chair with his Patriots gear and hat on, rooting for his favorite team. We love you.

A funeral service was held Thursday, April 6, 2017, at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. Burial followed at North Cemetery in Oxford.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 417005, Boston, MA 02241-7005.

Madeline C. Dudley, 65



OXFORD — Madeleine C. Dudley, age 65, passed away peacefully on Sunday, April 9, 2017 at the Rose Monahan Hospice House in Worcester, surrounded by her loving family, after a courageous battle with cancer.

She is survived by her loving husband of 44 years Daniel Dudley, two daughters; Miranda Peloquin and her husband Mathieu of Charlton and Rebecca Dudley of Oxford, a step son; Sean Paul and his wife Norma of Burbank, CA, two grandchildren; Raegan and Jameson Peloquin of Charlton, a sister; Martha Brunelle and her husband Fred of Spencer, three brothers; David Mahaney and wife Gerry of Naples, FL, Joseph Mahaney and fiancée Celeste Lamoureux of Charlton, and John Mahaney and his wife Jeri of Spencer, a sister-in-law; Dorothy Dudley of Leicester, brother-in-laws; David Dudley and wife Beth of Ocean Point, ME, and Dean Dudley and his wife Rhonda of Oxford, as well as many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her sister in law Michelle Mahaney.

Born in Leicester, daughter of the late Frank and Constance Mahaney. Madeleine was born and raised in Leicester and graduated from Leicester High School in 1969, and Becker Junior College in 1971. She began her career at WPI as an administrative assistant in the computer science department. She

then moved on to be a program coordinator for the French River Education Center in Oxford for 35 years. Many area teachers know Maddy well. They depended upon her to facilitate their post-grad education and certification process. She was an integral part of that organization and loved every minute of it.

Maddy married her childhood sweetheart, Dan Dudley in 1973. They lived in Spencer for a while before buying their home in North Oxford, where they have resided for many years and where she gave birth and raised her two lovely daughters, Miranda and Rebecca. She loved her house, and was constantly awestruck by the grandeur of the natural world right out her back door. The simplicity and beauty of nature inspired her, and formed the basis of her spirituality. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, and a friend to many. Maddy loved to travel, and would always encourage her daughters to see the world and experience the different cultures. We will think of her often and miss her every day for the rest of our lives.

A memorial Mass was held Monday, April 17 in St. Pius X Church, 1153 Main Street, Leicester. Burial will be at the convenience of the family.

Morin Funeral Home (morinfuneralhomes.com), 1131 Main St., Leicester is directing funeral arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl., Memphis, TN 38105.

Edgar J. Boisjolie, 78

BROOKFIELD — Edgar J. Boisjolie age 78, of Fox Run, died Saturday, April 15 at his home surrounded by his family.

He leaves his wife of 58 years, Patricia I. (Fahey) Boisjolie, his brother Leo D. Boisjolie and his wife Marion of Spencer, sister in laws Mickey Mandeville and Jacklynn Howard both of Spencer, nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by a sister Gloria Trudeau, nephews Leo Boisjolie III and Kenneth Trudeau.

Born in Worcester, he was the son of Leo and Rose (Rivard) Boisjolie and lived in Spencer before moving to Brookfield in 2005.

Edgar worked at the former Baystate Abrasives in Westboro before retiring in 1999. He previously was a longtime shoe worker at Brookfield Athletic Shoe and Ware Shoe Companies.

He was a member of the Spencer Fish & Game Club, Mary, Queen of the Rosary Parish and St. Anne-St. Patrick's Parish in Fiskdale. He

enjoyed his trips to the casino and was known as the "family chef". Edgar enjoyed travelling and treasured the many wonderful long time friends he met in Aruba over the past 20 years.

A funeral Mass was held on Wednesday, April 19 from the J. Henri Morin & Son Funeral Home (morinfuneralhomes.com), 23 Maple Terrace, Spencer with a Mass in Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 7 Church St., Spencer. Burial followed in Worcester County Memorial Park, Paxton.

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Edwin Pease, 89



O A K H A M — Edwin Pease, age 89, formerly of North Brookfield, died peacefully in his sleep at his home on April 5, 2017.

Edwin is survived by his loving wife Jane D. (Canning) Pease; his twin daughters, Laura and Leona Pease of Oakham; his son, Laurance Pease of West Brookfield and West Virginia; granddaughter, Samantha Pimentel and her husband Christian; his beloved great granddaughter, Elizabeth of Kansas (who's birthday is the same date as his); and step grandson, Eric Meissner of Shelburne Falls. He was predeceased by his parents, his sister, Marion and her husband, Gordon Heckman of Brookfield.

Born in 1927 to Dr. Milman and Laura (Salsman) Pease in Lynn, he lived in Brookfield from 1933 to 1959. He married the love of his life, Jane D. (Canning) Pease in 1956. They moved to and raised their family at "Pease Corner" in North Brookfield until moving to Oakham in 2005.

Edwin graduated from Brookfield High School after serving his country in the Navy aboard the North Carolina BB55. He was employed by Harrington Richardson, where he targeted M-1 rifles for the military. He later worked in the tool room and quality control for Hamilton Standard of Connecticut; George Meyers, Worcester; and Smith Valve of Worcester and Westborough retiring in 1990.

He was a passionate hunter, fisherman, and traveler. He shared his love for the outdoors with his three children, which served them well in their lives. He enjoyed talking to people he met while fishing, camping, and traveling; happily sharing his fishing knowledge and stories with other. He made life-long friends in this way.

Edwin was active in various sporting clubs, including the North Brookfield Sportsman's Club, Hamilton Rod and Gun Club, and New England Flyers. He was also a 50 year member

of the New Braintree Grange. He enjoyed reunions and friendships with his ship mates from the North Carolina Battleship Association.

He always said how lucky he was in his life to have family, good friends and acquaintances with whom he kept in touch, especially best friend Dave from work and all of his wonderful hunting and fishing buddies.

Another favorite saying of his was "God protects drunks and fools and I don't drink." Even in the end, God protected him and took him peacefully. The world will be a less bright because he is no longer here.

The family would like to thank the Dr. Nicholas Fillipon and Dr. Nichole Lynn Fillipon and the emergency departments at Harrington Memorial Hospital and UMass Medical Center.

"Do not stand by my grave and weep, I am not there I do not sleep. I am a thousand winds that blow, I am the diamonds glint on snow, I am the sun on ripened grain, I am the gentle autumn rain. When you awaken in the morning's hush I am the swift uplifting rush of quiet birds in circled flight. I am the soft stars that shine at night. Do not stand at my grave and cry, I am not there; I did not die."

A Memorial service for Edwin is scheduled for Saturday, April 22, 2017 at 10 a.m. at the Oakham Congregational Church, 4 Coldbrook Road in Oakham. Rev. Russell Arnold will officiate the service, and a reception will follow in the church hall. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Ed's life.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Oakham Congregational Church, 4 Coldbrook Road, Oakham, MA 01068, the Oakham Council on Aging, Oakham Town Hall, 2 Coldbrook Road, Unit #4, Oakham, MA 01068, or a charity of your choice.

Varnum Funeral Home, Inc. (varnumfuneralhome.com), 43 East Main St., West Brookfield is assisting his family with arrangements.



Lydia E. Smart, 68



SPENCER — Lydia E. Smart, age 68, of Spencer, died Wednesday, April 12, 2017, at home.

She was born on Dec. 4, 1948 and lived in in East Wakefield, NH and graduated from Nute High School, Milton, NH in 1966 and just recently attended her 50th class reunion where she was able to reminisce with old friends. After high school she attended UNH for a few years before moving to Mass\ where she worked at Ludlow Papers and later at Kanzaki Papers in Ware for most of her career.

Lydia is survived by her daughter,

Amber L. Start and her partner, Fred Lytle of North Brookfield; a grandson, Bryan J. Start of Watertown; a granddaughter, Sarah E. Start of Salem; and by her youngest grandson, Terry M. Lytle of North Brookfield. She also leaves a sister, her brothers, many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Services are private and following cremation, she will be returned to her hometown in New Hampshire and buried at a later date.

If you would like to make a donation in Lydia's memory it can be sent to For Kid's Sake Foundation, 39 Cowell Street, Plainville, MA 02762.

Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home (shaw-majercik.com), 48 School Street, Webster has been entrusted with arrangements.

Dorothy R. St. Denis, 99



BROOKFIELD — Dorothy R. St. Denis, age 99, of Brookfield passed away peacefully on Sunday, April 9, 2017 at Quaboag Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center.

She leaves her son, Norman St. Denis, and his wife Claire, her daughter, Helen (St. Denis, Plante) Sierak, all residing in Brookfield; seven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and three great-great grandchildren as well as many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Paul J. St. Denis in 1955, grandson Ernest Plante Jr. in 1965, sons-in-law Ernest Plante Sr. in 1979 and Simon Sierak in 2016. She was born and grew up in Brookfield, daughter of the late George H. and Melora (Levasseur) Lavigne, and lived in Warren for many years, prior to moving back to Brookfield to live with her daughter.

Dorothy worked as the housekeeper at St. Paul's Rectory in Warren for many years, before retiring in 1993 at the age of 75. A talented organist, with a love of music, she started playing at St. Mary's Church in Brookfield at the

age of 12, and was the music director and organist for many years at St. Paul's Church in Warren. She played the organ in churches for the better part of 75 years.

She was a member of the St. Paul's Women's Group and Prayer Group. Most of all, she loved her children and her large extended family which grew over the years of her long life.

The St. Denis family would like to thank the staff at the Quaboag Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center, for the care, comfort and compassion they showed their mother.

A funeral Mass for Dorothy will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, April 26, 2017 in St. Paul's Church in Warren. A calling hour will be held prior to the Mass from 10 to 11 a.m. in the church. Burial will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Boston Children's Hospital Trust, 401 Park Dr. Suite 602, Boston, MA 02115 or <http://www.boston-childrens.org>.

Varnum Funeral Home (varnumfuneralhome.com), Inc., 43 East Main St., West Brookfield is assisting her family with arrangements.

CALENDAR

Saturday, April 30

FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE: The Oxford Girls Softball League is sponsoring its 18th annual Father Daughter Dance on April 30 from 5-7 p.m. at the Oxford Middle School. Tickets are \$5 and are available at Robbins Garden Center in Oxford. They can also be purchased at the door the day of the dance for \$6. All proceeds benefit the Oxford Lassie League. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Any questions contact John Guillotte at (508) 736-0046

Saturday, May 6

AT THE CAR WASH: Cub Scout Pack 148 is holding a Car Wash Saturday, May 6 9 a.m. to noon behind the East Brookfield Fire Department.

Bring a non-perishable food item and get your car washed! (Donations are also accepted) We will also be selling delicious baked goods and collecting returnable cans and bottles.

Sunday, May 7

CRUISIN': Mass Firebirds spring kickoff Car Cruise Sunday, May 7 at the Crop & Carrot Tack Shop, 133 West Main St. in Spencer. Open to all Firebirds & Trans-Ams; no registration fee. 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; Rain Date Sunday May 21. The snow's gone, weather's warm; time to get that Firebird out and join us in Spencer! Whether you own a Firebird, Formula or Trans Am, no matter what the condition - driving project to show car - bring it over we'd love to see it! Here's your chance to chat with other owners,

get some useful information and have a great time as well. Music provided by D.J. Dave Russell. If the weather looks iffy for May 7 check our Mass Firebirds Facebook page for postponement announcement or call (978) 249-8108

Friday, May 19

D I N N E R D A N C E : Celebrate at the 15th anniversary dinner dance at the North Brookfield Senior Center, 29 Forest St. Cocktail hour begins at 6 p.m., dinner, catered by Annie's Kitchen, at 7 p.m. Music follows by Andy Caron. Donation is \$16 per person and tickets are available at the senior center. Sponsored by the Friends of the North Brookfield Senior Center.

Tuesday, May 23

CONCERT: It's spring, and time for the Brimfield

Area Master Singers annual spring concert! Don't miss an evening filled with beautiful music, ranging from inspiring patriotic themes to rollicking show tunes! It is all music that will send you off humming a tune and tapping your toes. Come and bring a friend! Tuesday, May 23, at Brimfield Congregational Church, "the Church on the Hill" in Brimfield, at 7 pm. And it's free!

Saturday, September 16

PLAN W-A-Y AHEAD: The annual Flea Market sponsored by The First Congregational Church and held on the W. Brookfield Common has moved its date! The Flea Market is usually held in June but this year it will be held September 16th from 8 - 2. If you look forward to this traditional event of The Brookfields please mark your calendars and join us in September. If you would like to be on the mailing list to receive a registration form to rent a 20 x 20 spot for \$35, please call Terry at 508-867-4462. Thank you for your support and see you in September!

ONGOING EVENTS

THRIFTY: St. Joseph-St. Pius X Parish, 759 Main St., Leicester, (508) 859-8083. The "New To You" Thrift Shop. Hours: Tuesday, 5 to 7 p.m., Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS: Richard Sugden Library in Spencer has the following weekly programs. For more information contact the library at (508) 885-7513.

Looking for a fun and educational activity to do with your toddler or preschooler? Come to toddler story hour at 10 a.m. and meet other parents, enjoy songs, stories, and activities with your 18 months to 3 year old. Caregivers must remain in the room with their toddler. Preschoolers (ages 3-5) come at 11- caregivers must remain on the same floor. These are free programs but do require registration which you can do when you arrive. Today's themes are drums and rhythm.

Join us at Bouncing Babies on Wednesdays from 10-10:45 a.m. for a rollicking, good time! Meet other caregivers, share stories, songs, & rhymes. It's for ages birth to 24 months & their caregivers. Program followed by open play time. The free After-school Fun program is today from 4-4:45 p.m. for children from k-grade 5. This month's theme is Kitchen Science. Today we will experiment with the "magic" of

red cabbage.

Tune in Together on Thursdays is a music and movement program for toddlers and preschoolers and their caregivers, sponsored and presented by CFCE. Meets from 11 a.m.-noon.

Paws and Pages encourages children to become better readers by sharing a book with trained therapy dogs. This program is possible because of the generosity of trainer, Barbara Laborde and her canine helper. Come between 4-4:15 p.m. on Thursdays to reserve a spot.

FREE FOR MOM & KIDS: There will be free weekly parent/child programs from 9 to 11 a.m. Fridays and Wednesdays at the North Brookfield Elementary School, New School Road, North. The program runs on school calendar and closes for vacation and inclement weather according to North Brookfield School calendar. This free program is sponsored by the Spencer, Wachusett, North and East Brookfield Coordinated Family Grant in partnership with the North Brookfield Elementary School. Funded by the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care. For more information, please call CFCE at (508) 885-2934 or e-mail Wachusettcpc@hotmail.com.

SUPPER TIME: A free, community meal is held on the first Tuesday of the month at The Cross Roads Café Coffeehouse, from 4:30-6:30 p.m., at the Emmanuel Church, 25 Winthrop Terrace, Warren. All ages are welcome. There is no cover charge; however, a love offering is accepted as a gift to the band or musician as thanks to God for their sharing of their talent and gift for the glory of God (www.emmanuelorthodox.org).

STRE-E-E-TCH: Senior Exercises Classes are held every Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Rutland Community Center, Glenwood Road. Enjoy an hour of fun and exercise to music to help stay strong, fit, healthy and independent. Classes are co-ed and all are welcome. The fee is \$4 per class. For more information, call Joyce Gamache at (508) 754-2821.

SIT AND KNIT: knitting group every Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the Merriam Gilbert Library, West Brookfield. Bring your sewing, embroidery, knitting or crochet and enjoy some socializing while you work on your project.

ECONOMICAL: First Congregational Church, 207 Main St., Spencer, (508) 885-2149. Economy Shop hours, open every Wednesday, 8 a.m. to noon; Thursday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m. to noon.

Memorial Day Remembrances

In the Spencer New Leader

**Deadline Friday, May 19th @ 5pm,
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Joan Smith

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HEALTH

Severe Obstructive Sleep Apnea Can Be Life Threatening

(NAPS)

Here's news many may find eye-opening: Untreated, severe obstructive sleep apnea more than doubles your risk of dying from heart disease, the National Healthy Sleep Awareness Project warns.

To raise awareness of this and to urge individuals with symptoms of sleep apnea to talk to a doctor about their risk, the American Academy of Sleep Medicine (AASM), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Sleep Research Society (SRS) and other partners created the "Sleep Apnea Hurts Hearts" campaign.

"Obstructive sleep apnea is a dangerous disease that can severely damage your heart if left untreated," said Dr. Ronald Chervin, president of the AASM. "With millions of sufferers remaining undiagnosed, it is critical to raise nationwide awareness about obstructive sleep apnea so that it can be treated with CPAP therapy, which can reduce the risk of cardiovascular death."

Nearly 30 million American adults are kept from restful sleep by obstructive sleep apnea, a chronic disease that involves the repeated collapse of the upper airway during sleep. According to the National Healthy Sleep Awareness Project, there are five key warning signs and risk factors for sleep apnea: snoring, choking or gasping during sleep; fatigue or daytime sleepiness; obesity (BMI of 30 or higher) and high blood pressure.

Severe Damage
Millions of people with sleep apnea remain untreated, which can lead to dangerous health consequences—including life-threatening effects on heart health. The National Healthy Sleep Awareness Project warns that untreated, severe obstructive sleep apnea hurts HEARTS by increasing the risk of:

H—Heart failure



It may come as a surprise to some but loud snoring can suggest that your heart is at risk. A certified sleep medicine physician can help.

E—Elevated blood pressure
A—Atrial fibrillation
R—Resistant hypertension
T—Type 2 diabetes
S—Stroke.

"It is clear that untreated, severe obstructive sleep apnea may have a devastating impact on heart health," said Janet B. Croft, Ph.D., senior chronic disease epidemiologist in CDC's Division of Population Health. "Those who have symptoms of sleep apnea such as loud snoring in addition to obesity and a heart problem or high blood pressure should discuss their risk for sleep apnea with their doctor."

The American Heart

Association (AHA) recently released a scientific statement on sleep duration and quality, which stated that moderate and severe sleep apnea are associated with an elevated risk of cardiovascular disease. The authors of the AHA statement recommended that a public health campaign addressing sleep behavior should be launched to promote ideal cardiac health.

Damage Control

Fortunately, treatments for obstructive sleep apnea are available. Following diagnosis by a board-certified sleep medicine physician, the most commonly prescribed treat-

ment for sleep apnea is continuous positive airway pressure therapy—or CPAP. This treatment uses mild levels of air pressure, provided through a mask, to keep the throat open while you sleep. According to a recent meta-analysis of 27 studies involving more than 3 million participants, the risk of cardiovascular mortality was reduced to normal levels in people with sleep apnea who were treated with CPAP therapy.

The National Healthy Sleep Awareness Project recommends that people who have been prescribed CPAP therapy for sleep apnea should use

the treatment nightly to reduce their risk of cardiovascular death. Individuals who prefer a treatment alternative can discuss their treatment options with a board-certified sleep medicine physician at a sleep disorders center that is accredited by the American Academy of Sleep Medicine.

Learn More

To find an accredited sleep center nearby or to learn how you can guard your heart from sleep apnea to avoid being #SnoredtoDeath, visit www.projectthehealthysleep.org.

What Nurses And Administrators Know About Improving The Hospitalization Experience

(NAPS)

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than seven out of 100 Americans are hospitalized every year. If you or someone you care about is ever among them, you may be relieved to see the efforts that nurses and other medical professionals make to keep patients happy.

Making A Connection
For three in four registered nurses, a recent survey by the College of Health Professions at University of Phoenix discovered connecting with patients on a personal level has a major impact on the quality of care given. What's more, according to the survey, most registered nurses (90 percent) and administrative staff (88 percent) have identified that their facilities should focus on preparing them with leadership skills, with 62 percent of registered nurses and 74 percent of administrative staff agreeing that their facility currently does a good job.

"In an increasingly complex healthcare environment with many moving parts, healthcare professionals need to ask patients what their key healthcare priorities are to ensure the best possible experience," said Doris Savron, executive dean for the College of



The roles of healthcare professionals are evolving—to the benefit of hospital patients.

Health Professions at University of Phoenix. "Learning and staying in touch with key patient priorities will continue to refine the process of improving and elevating patient care, and help healthcare professionals be mindful of what takes the patient experience from good to great."

What Patients Want
Patients surveyed indi-

cated that their impression of the quality of their care depends on the healthcare professionals':

- Ability to answer questions that patients have (69 percent)
- Concern for patient safety (i.e., proper safety procedures, using safe equipment) (66 percent)
- Problem resolu-

tion abilities (60 percent)

- Connection with patients on a personal level (59 percent).

What's Being Done

The good news is, many healthcare professionals feel they are tuned in to key patient needs. A majority of registered nurses and administrative staff cite these factors as being in their control, including connecting

with patients on a personal level (74 percent, 63 percent) and the ability to answer questions that patients have (72 percent, 69 percent).

"Healthcare professionals continue to adapt to the changes in the system, and it's our responsibility to provide resources to make the learning experience as smooth as possible," said Savron.

"This includes providing access to up-to-date, quality content that addresses current healthcare topics. With the right skill set, new and seasoned professionals can make long-term improvements that better healthcare across the board."

University of Phoenix's College of Health Professions, for example, offers programs designed to prepare healthcare professionals to stay on the pulse of the rapidly evolving industry, including concentrations in informatics, long-term care, nursing administration, nursing education, medical billing and coding, electronic healthcare records and more. These programs push students to think critically and learn to apply know-how about how to address complex issues in the healthcare system.

For important information about the educational debt, earnings, and completion rates of students who attended these programs, visit www.phoenix.edu/programs/gainful-employment.

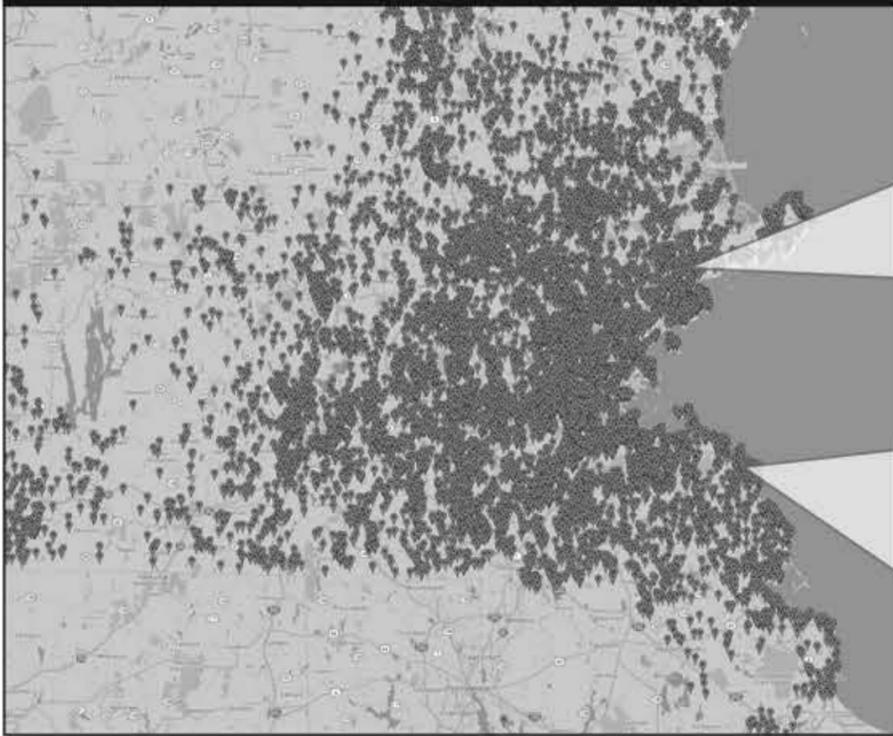
Learn More

For further facts and stats on patient care, or to learn more about higher education options for medical professionals and how University of Phoenix works to address their needs, visit www.phoenix.edu.

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LEGALS

Notice of Special Public Hearing- Spencer Zoning Board of Appeals
 At the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 02, 2017 in the McCourt Social Hall of Memorial Town Hall, 157 Main Street, Spencer, MA, a public hearing will be held on the following items starting at 7:15p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard:
Special Permit (Renewal) -Applicant/ Owner: Robert & Margaret Moschini (Royal Crest Farm). Location: 30 Howe Road, Spencer Assessor's Map R23-25.The applicant is requesting a Special Permit Renewal under Section 4.8.6 of the Spencer Zoning Bylaw to continue a gravel removal operation. The property is located in the Rural Residential zoning district.

Interested Parties may review these applications at the Office of Development & Inspectional Services in Memorial Town Hall located at 157 Main Street Spencer, MA 01562, during regular business hours from 7:30am-4:30pm Monday-Wednesday.
 April 14, 2017
 April 21, 2017

THE TOWN OF EAST BROOKFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held in the Memorial Town Complex, 122 Connie Mack Drive, East Brookfield on Monday, April 24, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. on the application made by Howard Goodrow, Jr. for a transfer of a General on Premise All Alcoholic Beverages License from Everett Dunlop, d/b/a Dunny's Tavern, LLC, 291 East Main Street, East Brookfield. Premises will be renamed FLYWHEELS Tavern, LLC, d/b/a Dunny's Tavern
 All interested parties are invited to attend.

Theodore A. Boulay
 Chairman

April 14, 2017
 April 21, 2017

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Donna J. Prouty and James G. Prouty to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for First Eastern Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns, dated October 31, 2006 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 40085, Page 242 subsequently assigned to OneWest Bank, FSB by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. by assign-

ment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 44324, Page 70, subsequently assigned to Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC by OneWest Bank, FSB by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 51634, Page 33 and subsequently assigned to U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust by Ocwen Loan Servicing LLC by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 55756, Page 266; of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 9:00 AM on May 5, 2017 at 20 Sunset Lane, Spencer, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit: The land in Spencer, Worcester County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts with the buildings thereon on the westerly side of Sunset Lane, and being Lot 18 on a plan recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 214 Plan 89, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the northeast corner of Lot 20; Thence N. 88° 44' W., 99.62 feet; Thence N. 1° 11' E., 105.0 feet; Thence S. 88° 44' E., 99.77 feet; Thence S. 1° 15' W., 105.77 feet said Sunset Lane to the point of beginning.

The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, building and zoning laws, liens, attorney's fees and costs pursuant to M.G.L.Ch.183A, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser

shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. **TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.**

Other terms if any, to be announced at the sale.
 U.S. Bank Trust, N.A. as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust
 Present Holder of said Mortgage,
 By Its Attorneys,
 ORLANS PC
 PO Box 540540
 Waltham, MA 02454
 Phone: (781) 790-7800
 15-008260
 April 14, 2017
 April 21, 2017
 April 28, 2017

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Thomas D. Snow a/k/a Thomas Snow, of West Brookfield, and Rebecca A. Peterson a/k/a Rebecca Peterson, of North Brookfield, both in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to the Southbridge Savings Bank, dated May 26, 2005 and recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Book 36454, Page 306, which mortgage has never been assigned, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage, and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at public auction, on the premises described in said mortgage, and known as 156 New Braintree Road, West Brookfield, Worcester County, Massachusetts, on Thursday, the 18th day of May, 2017, at one o'clock in the afternoon, all and singular, the premises conveyed by said mortgage, and therein described as follows:

The land with the buildings thereon situated in said West Brookfield, on the westerly side of the highway leading from West Brookfield to New Braintree containing one (1) or more acre more or less and bounded and described as follows:

On the north, west and south by land formerly of William M. Richardson and on the east by said highway. Being Tract I conveyed to Thomas Snow and Rebecca Peterson by deed of One Princeton Street Realty Trust, Jamie Brown Trustee dated September 12, 2002 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 27485, Page 296. The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

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

A Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollar non-refundable deposit will be required to be paid by certified check or in cash by the purchaser at the time and place of sale and the balance upon delivery of Deed within thirty (30) days of said sale at the office of Montague & Desautels, 334 Main Street, Southbridge, Massachusetts, 01550. The successful bidder shall be required to sign a Memorandum of Terms of Sale immediately after the close of bidding.

As an additional condition and term of the sale, in the event the successful bidder refuses to sign the Memorandum of Sale or fails to complete the purchase in accordance with the terms and conditions of said foreclosure sale, the Mortgagee reserves the right to sell the mortgaged premises to the next highest bidder ("Second Bidder") and to accept all bids upon the condition that the Second Bidder shall deposit with mortgagee's attorney the amount of the required deposit as set forth herein within three (3) business days after written notice of default of the previous highest bidder. Upon deposit of the Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars earnest money by the Second Bidder, the Second Bidder shall become the Buyer for purposes of the foregoing paragraphs and completion of sale. In addition, in the event of default by the successful Bidder and the Second Bidder, Mortgagee reserves the right to assume the Second highest bid and proceed with the purchase of the property in accordance with the Memorandum of Sale.

This sale may be postponed or adjourned from time to time, if necessary, by the Mortgagee at the scheduled time and place of sale.

Other terms and conditions to be announced at the sale.

SOUTHBRIDGE SAVINGS BANK

By its attorneys,
 Montague & Desautels
 334 Main Street
 Southbridge, MA 01550
 Telephone: (508) 764-3244

April 21, 2017
 April 28, 2017
 May 5, 2017

HERE & THERE → Local Events, Arts, and Entertainment Listings

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

The Woodstock Academy Freshman Class is hosting DAN CANDELL'S COMEDY HYPNOSIS SHOW
 Tickets are \$10 at the door Show starts at 7:00 p.m. and is for all ages
 Please come out and Support the Freshman Class fundraiser
 Questions: 860-928-6575 Ext. 1143

SATURDAY, APRIL 22 EQUIPMENT CONSIGNMENT AUCTION AT KLEM'S 10:00 a.m.

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1:00 pm Free Solar Seminar Higgins Showroom
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KICK UP YOUR HEELS

For Kaitlyn's Kids
 A night of music and dancing
 Cocktail hour 6:30
 Dinner immediately following
THE SPENCER COUNTRY INN
 500 Main St., Spencer, MA \$40 per person
 Advanced tickets sales required
 For tickets or more info: Kathy@KicksforKaitlyn.com
 Or call Kathy: 508-885-9371
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TUESDAY, APRIL 25

6:30-8:00 p.m.
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 Leahy Conference Room
 UMass Memorial - Marlborough Hospital
 157 Union St., Marlborough, MA
 RSVP at
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TUESDAY, MAY 2

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 6:30-8:00 p.m.
MY ACHING AND AGING SHOULDER
 Leahy Conference Room
 UMass Memorial- Marlborough Hospital
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 Pomfret, CT
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 Tag sale open to all from 12-5 on Fri and

9-5 on Sat.

COUNTRY FOLK ART CRAFT SHOW
 Sturbridge Host Hotel and Conference Center
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 Saturday: 9-5
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SATURDAY, MAY 6

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Five Tips to Spring-Clean Your Eye Health

(NAPS)—Spring is an annual reminder of new beginnings. With new life and fresh blooms all around, it also serves as a reminder to spring-clean our overall health, which also includes the eyes.

Among older people, vision loss—or even worse, blindness—can have a negative impact on our quality of life, limiting the ability to do things we enjoy such as reading, driving, or seeing our grandchildren.

The good news is, many sight-stealing conditions can be prevented or slowed down with proper care. The American Academy of Ophthalmology recommends these five tips to spring-clean your eye health:

1. Schedule an eye exam by an ophthalmologist. A medical doctor who specializes in medical and surgical eye care.

2. Pay attention to what you eat. Include plenty of citrus fruits, vegetable oils, nuts, whole grains, dark green leafy vegetables and cold water fish in your diet. Healthy body equals healthy eyes.

3. Exercise regularly. Not only does it help your heart and energy levels, many studies have shown that getting regular exercise can benefit your eyes.

4. Wear sunglasses. Sunglasses protect your eyes from cataracts and even eye cancers. Be sure to wear sunglasses with 100 percent UV protection, and a hat while outdoors.

5. Don't smoke. Smoking increases the risk for eye diseases like cataract and age-related macular degeneration and raises the risks for heart diseases that indirectly influence eye health. Tobacco smoke, including second-hand smoke, also worsens dry eye.

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Spring clean your eye health by scheduling an eye exam today. For more information about EyeCare America, visit www.aao.org/eyecareamerica.

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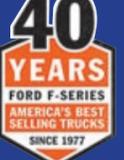
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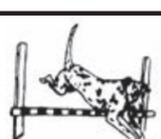


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