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Illegally discarded trash becoming worse



Courtesy photos

On May 13, police found these items tossed onto Mulberry Street near the airport.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS NEWS STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER — Frustrated by a recent spate of illegal dumping incidents, police are seeking the public's help in addressing an unsanitary and costly problem.

Police have seen an increase in unwanted items being dumped roadside this

spring, most recently an assortment of old tires and furniture. Not only does this crime detract from the health and image of the community, but it can become a financial burden as well. All illegally dumped items end up being removed at the expense of the town, which often involves cleanup of torn trash bags and other scattered items. Such discarded items as batteries, auto parts, and cleaning products can also damage the environment and threaten animals.

Over the next few weeks, police will be on the lookout for those seeking to toss their trash roadside, especially at night. On May 13, officers encountered yet another trash heap on Mulberry Street near the airport, with several pieces of furniture discarded. Police continue to seek leads that could help track down a suspect.

"If illegal dumping goes unchecked, it will increase and create more problems," said Leicester Police Chief James Hurley. "LPD officers treat illegal dumping sites like any other crime scene and process them for evidence, hoping to identify who is responsible. By staying on top of the issue and prosecuting those offenders we can identify, the word seems to get around that Leicester is not an easy target for illegal dumping."

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Despite opposition solar moving forward

BY KEVIN FLANDERS

SPENCER – A solar proposal for McCormick Road farmlands moved one step closer to becoming a reality last week.

Selectmen voted 4-1 during their May 14 meeting to waive the town's right of first refusal for a pair of parcels off McCormick Road. Because the farmlands are designated under the state's Chapter 61A regulations, any proposal to convert the parcels out of an agricultural purpose gives the town the right of first refusal. This means the town has the right to buy the lands, or to transfer its right to buy the parcels at market value to a land trust.

Members of Common Ground Land Trust had previously presented selectmen with a petition signed by about 100 residents. The petitioners oppose the planned development of roughly 200 acres combined between 20 and 32 McCormick Road, portions of which are slated to be converted to solar installations.

The owner of the parcels, Agdalanis Professional Services, LLC, intends to sell both parcels to Independence Solar, LLC, for the development of the solar arrays. Members of Common Ground Land Trust, an organization that operates in Spencer and Leicester, previously asked selectmen to intervene and secure the land for use by a local farm owner. Land trust members were once again in attendance on May 14 to hear the Board's decision.

"We understand the concerns of all parties involved. We knew we wouldn't be able to make everyone happy with our decision, but we wanted to make the situation as favorable as possible for all parties," said Board of Selectmen Chairman Tony Pepe.

Responding to residents' concerns about the project, Independence Solar, LLC, has suggested several accommodations and revisions to its original proposal. These include moving the arrays back 200-700 feet from McCormick Road, in addition to allowing for a portion of the land to be hayed. The developer is also willing to negotiate a permanent trail easement, officials said.

The trails on the parcels were previously closed to the

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Celebrating athletes



of all abilities



Kevin Flanders photo.

Leicester Police Chief James Hurley joins athletes at the opening ceremony.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS NEWS STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER – United by the thrill of competition, young athletes from throughout the area joined in an annual celebration last week.

The fifth annual Leicester Special Olympics School Day Games took place on May 18 at Leicester High School. Over 180 athletes took part in the event, representing Auburn, Leicester, North Brookfield, McAuley Nazareth School, and Southern Worcester County Educational Collaborative Schools.

Dozens of volunteers made the event possible, including the organizing staff, municipal leaders, school officials, and student volunteers. Several kids from Leicester High School helped prepare game day activities to make the event memorable for all participants.

"It truly is a special day for our community. It's not uncommon for participants, volunteers, school personnel and families to refer to our Special Olympics event as their favorite day of the year," said Lisa Cole, who helps put the event together each year. "We strive to build every child's confidence through inclusion and celebrate all levels of abilities. We had the largest number of athletes in attendance to date, so the months of planning and commitments of all the volunteers helped us make this day a success.

After an opening ceremony that featured Selectman Harry Brooks, Police Chief James Hurley, and several other officials, the athletes were eager to get the competition underway. Game day activities included running and wheelchair races, throwing, jumping, relay races, and an obstacle course. Athletes also spent time in an Olympic village, where they took part in arts and crafts activities and got a chance to meet students from other schools.

Participants and volunteers alike enjoyed French fries served up by members of the Leicester Lions Club. The clos-

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BY KEVIN FLANDERS NEWS STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – For the first time in over four years, residents can add trips to Luther Hill Park to their summer plans.

The park will reopen to the public on Sunday, June 24, beginning at 10 a.m. It's been a long road back for the beloved park, with several town officials and volunteers donating countless hours to cleaning up the property. Local businesses also provided money for a variety of projects, including a boathouse refurbishment, new sand for the beach, and the installation of a security system. Additional projects are planned for the coming months and years.

Closed since 2013 due to a lack of funding, the park will be open to the public from June 24 through Sept. 1. Members of the Parks and Recreation Commission worked closely with selectmen to bring the reopening to fruition, but it never would have been possible without community support.

Town officials thank all contributors for their leadership, especially John Stevens, who recently left the Selectboard to pursue other ways to give back to his community. Stevens helped recruit several residents and business leaders to join

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SPENCER

Gaudette-Kirk American Legion Post 138 will hold its Memorial Day parade Monday, May 28.

Line up at 8:30 a.m., start at 9 a.m. and services will follow immediately after at Isaac L. Prouty Memorial Park. Local groups and organizations are invited to participate in this year's parade. Those desiring to do so should contact: John Canty, Senior Vice Commander, Gaudette-Kirk Post 138: (508) 612-0966.

North Brookfield Memorial Day Events North Brookfield has a full array of events to celebrate the sacrifices and patriotism of North Brookfield veterans who have given distinguished service to their country over the years. These events are:

0800: Military color guard, firing squad render appropriate salutes for deceased veterans at the Walnut Grove and St. Joseph cemeteries.

0915: A parade to honor veterans. All veterans are invited to march in honor of those

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Town will welcome marijuana businesses

BY KEVIN FLANDERS NEWS STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER – In the ultimate two-for-one deal, the town will maximize its earnings by welcoming a pair of marijuana cultivation businesses to a previously vacant building.

At their May 15 meeting, selectmen voted 3-2 to approve host community agreements for the two cultivation and production companies. East Coast Organics and Cannassist will both be located in the former Millbrook Distributers facility on Huntoon Memorial Highway.

The host community agreements call for the town to receive \$150,000 per year from each business. This translates to a combined \$300,000 in annual payments to the town, and the facilities will not be open to the public or conduct retail sales. They are strictly cultivation businesses.

For town officials, it's exciting to see a large building repurposed, especially in a way that brings significant revenue to be used for several projects. The 180,000 square foot building had been vacant for over two years, and the incoming businesses intend to hire local employees.

"This is a great opportunity to bring business into our town rather than have the building continue to be empty," said Selectman Doug Belanger, who voted in favor of approving the host agreements along with Chairman Harry Brooks and Selectman

Exchange Club has successful fundraiser

The Spencer Exchange Club hosted their 42nd annual Golf Tournament on Friday, May 11 at Leicester Country Club, which was proudly sponsored by Cornerstone Bank and well attended with 144 golfers. This fundraising effort, the Club's largest of the year, is just one of the ways this dedicated group of volunteers raises money to support the community.

Special thanks go out to the event sponsors: Cornerstone Bank, Lamoureux Ford, Webster First Federal Credit Union, McDonald's of Spencer, East Brookfield & Spencer Railroad and CSX, the Lowkes Family, Guaranty Glass & Mirror, Golfers Warehouse, Mann's Trailers, Weed-Man/Arsenault Landscaping, Leicester Country Club and Spencer Price Chopper and to the generous tee and raffle sponsors and players. Without their continued support, the Club would be unable to continue its mission of making a positive difference in the community. Each and every dollar the Spencer Exchange Club collects goes directly back into the community.

Anyone interested in learning more about the Spencer Exchange Club is welcome to contact Jim Sandagato at jsandagato@southbridgesavingsbank.com.

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Friends plan blockbuster sale

BY KEVIN FLANDERS NEWS STAFF WRITEI

LEICESTER – It may be a single-day event, but the annual Leicester Public Library book sale generates funding that augments programming and services throughout the year.

Slated for Saturday, June 9, the book sale will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the library's temporary location (1 Paxton St.). Organized by the Friends of the Leicester Public Library, the event always offers plenty of books and other items donated by residents. For a library whose budget isn't sufficient to cover many programs and technologies, the Friends play a pivotal role in funding several amenities.

The Friends also fund most of the events from visitors who educate and entertain guests of all ages at the library throughout the year.

"This is a very important event for the library. The Friends pay for most of the programs we have, plus other things like board games, video games, and technologies in the building," said library Director Suzanne Hall.

It's an exciting time to be involved with the library, as the staff is eagerly anticipating the completion of a renovation and expansion project at its Main Street facility. Exterior work is currently underway, and officials are projecting mid to late fall for the reopening. When patrons return to the library, they'll be stepping into a fully handicapped-accessible, technologically updated building. There will also be several new additions to help make learning, studying, and research more enjoyable and efficient for students.

Once complete in the fall, the project will double the size of the 1895 building, Leicester's oldest municipal structure. Increased parking will also improve the patron experience, especially on days when the library hosts larger programs or multiple events at the same time.

'The work is still within schedule, and we are hoping to learn the date [for the reopening] this summer," Hall added. "Everyone is very excited about it."

Library officials thank members of the Friends, resident book donors, volunteers, patrons, and all others involved with making the book sale happen each year.

For more information about upcoming programs at the library, or to reserve your child's spot in an activity, call (508) 892-7020.

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INDOOR-OUTDOOR YARD SALE

Memorial Day Weekend Saturday, May 26 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Sunday, May 27 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and Monday, May 28 7:30 a.m.-noon at Mary Queen of the Rosary Parish, 60 Maple St., Spencer. Something for everyone! Raffles, food too!

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

NEWTON-LasellCollegeannounced the students named to the spring 2018 Dean's List. Students with this accomplishment are full-time degree candidates who completed 12 or more credits in the spring semester, with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. This semester's Dean's List encompasses a total of 707 students from all class years, including 126 members of the school's first-year class. Among them were local students Olivia Martin of Rochdale, John Vitello of Brookfield, Itzel Feeney of West Brookfield, Connor O'Brien of Leicester and Emma Witbeck of Leicester.

WORCESTER — Elizabeth Urtasun, of Spencer was presented with the Determination Award during Becker College's annual Academic Awards Ceremony.

This award is presented to a student who has overcome a challenge to excel in academic and co-curricular activities. Urtasun, who came to Becker College after a career in the Coast Guard, was described by faculty and staff as being exceptionally hard working, always willing to help, and demonstrating all the best qualities of a vet tech student.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!

How? By singing (or hearing them sung) of course! When? June 3 at 4 p.m.; Where? Brookfield Unitarian Universalist Church, the gray stone church on Rt. 148 facing the Brookfield Common

Who? The Brookfield Unitarian Universalist Church Choir

In 2005 the composer Neely Bruce, concerned about the general lack of knowledge about our rights and knowing that what we sing, we remember forever (hello Alphabet Song), set the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States to music. His musical inspiration and model came from William Billings (1746-1800) the Boston patriot and first American composer of choral music. After completing the First Amendment rather quickly, he continued to set all ten amendments, also known as the Bill of Rights, to music.

The free concert on June 3 will present a sampling of Billings' music, followed by "The Bill of Rights; Ten Amendments in Eight Motets", with an introduction by the composer and the opportunity for a Q & A to follow. There will be a reception following the concert.

Please come to the concert and bring vour friends and neighbors, to celebrate our remarkable Bill of Rights.



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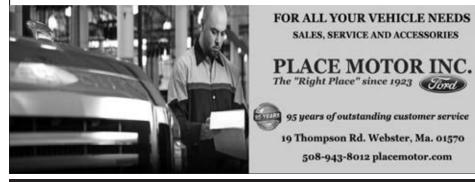
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Weather doesn't stop festival

WEST BROOKFIELD - Though attendance at this year's Asparagus Festival was down due to a daylong rainstorm, vendors and guests didn't let the weather dampen their spirits.

The May 19 event was still well-attended, even with a raw, windy May day on the town common. Many families traveled to the festival from throughout New England, and local community organizations held several activities. These included firefighters, local veterinary specialists, business representatives, and law enforcement officials.

Dozens of vendors also braved the weather, doing their best to keep products dry from a windblown rain. Community leaders thank everyone who works hard to put the festival together each year, as well as the vendors and residents who always support it.



Winchendon's Tom Shirley offers an array of cheeses and other products to guests.



Jen Wildes, of Warren, represents VCA veterinary charities.



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Plenty of four-legged friends enjoyed a day on the Common, including 2-year-old Bella with her owner, Sturbridge's Karen Davis.





Teddy, age 7, and Sofie, age 3, LaFortune, of Sturbridge, show off their sand creations.



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West Brookfield Firefighters Dan Esser, left, and Derek Lewis get ready to organize a fun activity for kids.



The Pope family traveled up from Sturbridge to attend the festival.

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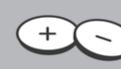
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Challenges of a Hot Real Estate Market?

I have been writing about the market consistently improv-With this improvement ing. there are challenges that come up. I was just thinking tonight of one of the biggest challenges I see. With low inventory buyers are needing to make quick decisions and sometimes offering prices that are higher than they want to pay. This tends to cause that same buyer to get buyers remorse more often causing more sales to fall through not because of home

Every week for a long time inspection issues but because of buyers remorse. The other thing I see is when you lose out on several homes in a row, the buyer may decide to offer a price that they know will easily beat out any other offer because they are confident that the bank appraiser will not appraise the home and then the seller will have to adjust back down to sell it. Another variation of this is the buyer deciding to offer higher knowing that they will renegotiate after home inspection for items



that they could have seen on their first viewing of the home. Another challenge is the fear of selling your home and finding another home to buy. Not ever buyer will agree to having

the home sale contingent on you as a seller closing on a suitable home but that is how you can sell you home and protect yourself from closing on your home with nowhere to go. This is usually easier if the buyer is renting somewhere and is month to month or still living with their parents. So it is more typical on a first time buyer home to have the buyers be agreeable especially if there is no inventory in that price range in that area. With this low inventory I have also

seen buyers and their agents show up at a home where the showings were deferred until an Open House and ask if they could get in early for showings. They are hoping to sneak in so they can see and get an offer in before everyone else sees it.

Every market is different but these are things we are seeing in the market we sell in currently. I suggest consulting with a local Real Estate Agent in your market before making any buying and selling decisions.

DYI fix-it tips for vintage finds TAKE THE HINT Flea All Dolled Up: Childhood toys are hot collectibles and few are as endearing as If homemade treatments don't thormarket KAREN oughly remove bottle stains, try comvintage dolls. Many dolls from the 1920s season TRAINOR is in full to the 1940s, especially baby and Mama mercial products made for porcelain swing, such as Lime Away. Pro Tip: The U.S. General Services type dolls have a body or limbs made from composition material, which is a d a n while great scores can be exciting, few Administration Historic Preservation combination of molded wood pulp and glue and not always easy to clean. Technical Procedures Manual suggests vintage treasures are perfect. In fact, cleaning old glass as follows: To wash most require a little TLC to be at their

best. For the "Do it Yourselfer" a little effort and elbow grease on an aged piece can pay off in increased value (not to mention the satisfaction of a job well done)!

Hot on the heels of the first Brimfield Antique Show of 2018, read on for some easily applied "do it yourself" ideas to fix up your less than perfect flea market finds.

*Note: The information below is offered as a suggestive guideline only and not meant as instructional. Any application should be tested first and applied strictly at the user's own risk and responsibility.

It's important never to clean these dolls with water, as water can seep into crazing and cracks, which can cause damage to the material. The alternative? Try waterless hand cleaners such as Goop. Apply it with a clean cloth in a circular motion to rub off dirt and grime. Wipe off immediately.

Always apply Goop cleaner carefully over facial features to avoid removing painted areas. Apply with a cotton swab to dimples, nose crevices and ears. Or, try the trick some restorers use and apply petroleum jelly or cold cream to surface clean composition.

If you must use a stronger cleaner, such as household cleaners with ammonia, apply with the corner of a

soft cloth one section at a time and dry immediately. Avoid areas with crazing or cracking. Once clean, buff it up with a careful application of clear paste wax. Apply wax to the palm of your hand, rub your hands together and apply to the surface, buff and wipe for a fin-

ished look.

Gussie up **Glass: Glass pieces** such as decanters, cruets or vases sometimes develop cloudiness or stubborn stains from liquid that settled in the bottle. If a sudsy wash in water doesn't work, try dropping the glass with a solution of non-sudsing household ammonia in water. Or wash in vinegar and water (do not mix the two). For discoloration, wash clear glass with a nontoxic detergent and very fine 0000 steel wool. Do not apply too much pressure or it will break the glass or scratch the surface of the glass.

Salt cellars are another great collectible that are not always found in tip top shape. Oftentimes the top and bottom of a salt cellar has corroded together. Usually a good soak in warm water will loosen the bond. If that doesn't work and If the piece is sturdy glass with metal top, try this method: Soak the salt cellar in a rust breaking penetrating oil (from the hardware store). It may take several days. Once the pieces come apart, remove corrosion first with a rag, then with sandpaper. To prevent the problem in the future, be sure to store salt cellars in a dry environment and periodically remove the top to clean.

Furniture Fixes: Don't be too hasty to refinish an antique piece. Remember that an original finish on vintage wood is more desirable than a refinished surface. Before you delve into any refinishing project, try cleaning and polishing the wood first. You may be surprised at how good a vintage piece can look with a bit of effort.

If white cloudy marks or rings from careless drinks set on the surface have marred the top of a dresser or table, try removing the stain before resorting to a cover up job. Pour some denatured alcohol (available at the hardware or paint store) on a folded piece of cheesecloth and wipe over the offending stain. Be careful not to overwork your strokes. When done, be sure to polish with a good wax and buff.

Mineral spirits or paint thinner can

Revitalizing Veneer: Old wood dressers are a common flea market offering, but the bureau you find at your flea market may have suffered moisture or heat damage. Since veneer is typically sensitive to temperature fluctuations, such wood is often found loose or bubbled. Before you rip off the veneer to start anew, try this tried and true method for a relative easy repair:

If veneer on old furniture is loose, use a razor blade to make a small slit in the wood, working in the direction of the grain. Work a small amount of wood glue under the veneer and weight down to press until dry.

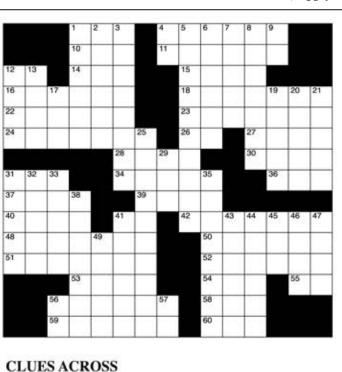
If the veneer is bubbled up, place a piece of stiff cardboard on the wood and press with an iron set at medium heat. Press until you the heat softens the glue and you can feel the wood give a bit. Then press down and weight the area until the glue has dried.

SOS for Drawer Pulls: Damaged drawer pulls and knobs are another common defect in old furniture. Happily, there are easy and effective ways to remedy the problem. If a wood knob is loose, you can simply cut two small doughnut pieces from medium grade sandpaper to act as washers. Glue the pieces back to back and fit it between the knob and the drawer. If a knob is loose because the screw hole in the back of it has become enlarged, fill the hole with plastic glue and reset screw immediately.

If the nut on your drawer knobs pulls off because the threads on the old metal are worn, try replacing with a smaller nut. If that fails, rub liquid steel onto threads, tighten the old nut and coat the joint between the nut and bolt with more of the liquid steel.

Win Dinner for Two

Your tips can win you a great dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random drawing. One winner per month will win a fabulous three course dinner for two at the renowned restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I'm in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I'm counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints!



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- 19. Mythological wind (Greek)
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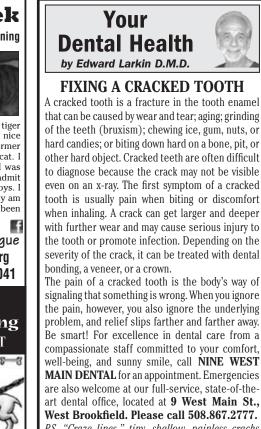
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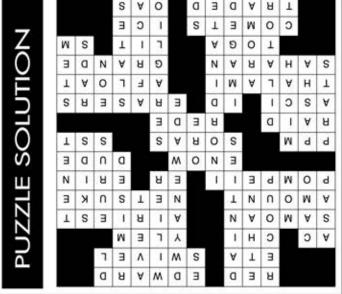
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Buffumville Park Rangers let kids explore a boat during an event last year. Come find fun June 2 at a free fishing day, one of the first events planned this year.

Celebrate FREE FISHING DAY by coming out to Buffumville Lake Park on June 2 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and experience the great outdoors! Recreational boating and fishing enhances people's quality of life and preserves our country's natural beauty.

Fun for all ages, come learn how to fish from local anglers (poles and bait will be provided, no license needed), about boating and water safety from the US Army Corps of Engineers, meet Bobber the Water Safety Dog, catch a fly fishing demonstration put on by Todd Girard from the Charlton Conservation Commission, or look at local wildlife and ask your much thought of questions to a Park Ranger and The Last Green Valley.

No registration required. Direct questions to the Buffumville Lake Office at (508) 248-5697. Buffumville Park, 229 Oxford Road, Charlton.

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the mission to restore the park. After a handful of successful cleanup days, the park is almost ready for its grand reopening.

"Everyone involved did a great job, and we had a lot of excellent donations and volunteer support," said Selectman Warren Monette. "This is a great time to be involved in town. There are a lot of positive things happening."

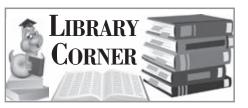
Always active in community projects, Spencer-based Barnstorm Cycles and Jeeps was once again at the forefront in donating to the cause. Additionally, the Spencer Fire Association donated beach sand, while the Spencer Exchange Club and Spencer Abbey have also shown strong support.

Looking ahead, swim lessons will be offered this summer at the park for children ages 4-15. The sessions will run from June 25 through July 6 (excluding July 4); July 9 through July 19; July 23 through Aug. 2; and Aug. 6 through Aug. 16. Classes are 45 minutes and start at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., noon, and 1 p.m. The cost is \$50 per session, with a discount available if you sign up for multiple sessions or have multiple children. There will also be discounts available to families who qualify for free/ reduced lunches in the Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District.

Please sign up for swim lessons at town hall by Tuesday, June 12. You can also pay online by visiting www. spencerma.gov and clicking the link for swim lessons. A registration form is available online for you to print out and mail back to town hall, 157 Main St. If you have additional questions, please call (508) 885-7500 (extension 185).

The town is currently accepting applications for a part-time clerk, waterfront director, water safety instructors, lifeguards, and parking attendants to ensure a fun and safe summer at the park. Job postings and applications can be found by visiting www.spencerma. gov.

If you would like to make a donation to assist ongoing restoration efforts at Luther Hill Park, please send a check to town hall. Checks should be made out to "Town of Spencer", with the Luther Hill Park donation account written in the memo section.



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Thursday May 31

Toddlers, preschoolers and their caregivers are welcome to Tune in Together, a music and movement program with Miss Julie. Meets from 11:00-12:00 in the community room.

Read to a Dog! Paws and Pages encourages children to become better readers by sharing a book with trained therapy dogs. This program is from 4-5 and is made possible by the generosity of trainer, Barbara Laborde and her canine helper, Galfrey.

Strauss campaign kicks off on Flag Day June 14

The Committee to Elect Jean Strauss will hold a campaign kick off on Thursday, June 14, at Charlie's Diner at 5 Meadow Road in Spencer. The event will run from 6:30-8 p.m. and offers appetizers, a cash bar, movies and music. Guest speakers include Senator Stephen Brewer and Senator Anne Gobi among others.

Jean Strauss (D-East Brookfield) is a candidate for the 5th Worcester District seat in the House of Representatives.

Jean's platform focuses on four key issues: Seniors, Education, the Opioid Crisis and Economic Opportunity.

"I am inspired to serve our community," Strauss explained. "Years of documenting legislation and leading a legislative effort myself showed me that hard work by state legislators and citizens can result in change for the good of all of us. The issues our towns face have solutions – and I want to be a part of that collaborative effort to help people that's existed in our state since 1780," she added. "I run because you matter."

The candidate wishes to remind voters that June 14 is also Flag Day and our flag will be recognized accordingly.

Tickets are \$25 per person and donations are welcome. Checks can be sent to the Committee to Elect Jean Strauss, PO Box 388 East Brookfield, MA 01515 or tickets can be purchased electronically through ActBlue at https://secure.actblue.com/donate/jeankickoff.





State representative candidate Jean Strauss

For more information visit Jean2018. org or e-mail info@jean2018.org.

The 5th Worcester District includes the towns of Barre; Brookfield; East Brookfield; Hardwick; Hubbardston; New Braintree; North Brookfield; Oakham; Spencer: Precincts 2, 3, 4; West Brookfield; and Ware: Precinct A.



DUMPING

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Police are asking residents to report any illegal dumping sites they spot around town, especially if it seems to be a frequent location for the crime. If you witness illegal dumping in progress, officials ask that you do not intervene but instead call police with a description of the suspects and their vehicles.

Town officials are also reminding residents to use Leicester's recycling center, which handles an array of items.

"Our recycling center makes it very easy for residents to responsibly dispose of almost anything," Hurley added.



The most recent incident of illegal dumping in town saw these items discarded. Police are asking for residents' help in providing information that could identify the suspects. Courtesy photos.



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New inductees added to honor society



Students during the induction ceremony for the National Technical Honor Society.

CHARLTON — The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy inducted 16 exemplary students to its National Technical Honor Society.

"NTHS members are good, honest, responsible student-citizens who have made a personal commitment to excellence, and who agree to uphold the NTHS Standards of Conduct," Academy director Gretheline Bolandrina MSN Ed, RN, CRRN said in a statement.

The NTHS is an acknowledged leader in the recognition of outstanding student achievement in career and technical education. In addition to the highest academic honors, the NTHS emphasizes the attributes of skill, honesty, service, responsibility, scholarship, citizenship, and leadership.

This is the third year the nursing academy at Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School in Charlton inducted members into its chapter of NTHS, which was chartered on campus in February 2016. Eligible students carry a minimum 3.0 grade point average, must earn a faculty recommendation, and successfully present a project proposal to benefit marginalized community.

The induction ceremony at the Hill Top Restaurant on May 10 honored inductees: Alicia Festa of Brookfield, Krisanne Koebke of Dudley, Elizabeth Lartey of Worcester, Lynda Layman of Woodstock, CT, Rachel Lear of Ware, Heather Lynds-Aldrich of Three Rivers, Erin Martin of Cherry Valley, Nicholas McElroy Webster, Erin McTiernan of of Spencer, Wendy Menard of Warren, Heather Monks of Auburn, Marissa Mungham of Thompson, Evanson Muthondu of Millbury, Antony Njoroge of Worcester, Brooke Sawinski

of Danielson, CT, and Jeanne Schultz of Sturbridge.

Inducted as honorary members for their contribution to the nursing academy were Lori Sheldon, LPN, of Thompson and Jacqueline Njuiri, LPN, of Worcester, both of class of 2017.

The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy is a 40-week, full-time evening program. The program begins mid-August and finishes in late June.

Although the Bay Path school district is comprised of high school students from the towns of Auburn, Charlton, Dudley, North Brookfield, Oxford, Paxton, Rutland, Southbridge, Spencer and Webster, enrollment is open to anyone interested.

Graduates receive a certificate and are eligible to take the NCLEX-PN exam for licensure as a practical nurse.

<u>MARIANAPOLIS PREPARATORY</u> <u>SCHOOL INDUCTS 41 INTO</u> <u>NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY</u>

THOMPSON — On Monday, May 14, 41 Marianapolis students were inducted into the National Honor Society and 21 students renewed their memberships. Members are chosen from the sophomore, junior and senior classes. Students must have a 3.3 cumulative GPA after a minimum of one year at Marianapolis, with honor roll status. The student must also satisfy the National Honor Society's criteria of Character, Leadership, and Service.

New Members

SENIORS

Abby Cook, Thompson; Taylor Downing, Brooklyn, CT; Ava Dussault, Sutton; Gwyneth Gould, Charlton; Katherine LeBlanc, Oxford; Yisi Li, Guangzhou, China; Meiyi Liu, Changchun, China; Grace Rett, Uxbridge; Elisabeth Villa, Auburn.

JUNIORS

Anna Bagley, Charlton; Danielle Collette, Webster; Rebecca Jalbert, Oxford; Kathleen Joiner, North Grosvenordale; Se Ho Kim, Gangnam-gu, South Korea; Rosalie Laconto, Oxford; Quan Le, Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam; Jessica Lorkiewicz, Webster; Linh Mai, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam; Bartosz Mamro, Webster; Alyssa Morrison, Oxford; Shawn Murphy, Charlton; Rahmat Obanikoro, Ikoyi, Nigeria; Tessa O'Leary, Rochdale; Olivia Panagiotou, Webster; Johanna Sullivan, Worcester; Olivia Summiel, Dayville, CT; Noah Trainor, Dayville, CT; Madison Webber, Douglas; Molly White, Worcester; Gabrielle Wood, Northbridge; Hehua Xu, Hangzhou, China; Qiyun Zhang, Yunnan, China.

SOPHOMORES

Michael Acquaah-Harrison, Charlton; Lily Alessandro, Pomfret Center, CT; Marielle Caparso, Worcester; Julia Crosby, Whitinsville; Zachary Hall, Plainfield, CT; Nhi Nguyen, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam; Brendan Phaneuf, Danielson, CT; Elizabeth Schoemer, Oxford; Alex Stawiecki, Thompson.

Renewing Members:

SENIORS

Elizabeth Acquaah-Harrison, Charlton; William Aldenberg, Sturbridge; Meghan Darigan, Woodstock; Jordan Desaulnier, Dayville, CT; Samantha Gisleson, Thompson; Sabrina Godin, Glendale, RI; Shauna Harney, Webster; Kathryn Hauver, Shrewsbury; Hartlee Meier, Southington, CT; Thomas Nurse, Brooklyn, CT; Bridget O'Leary, Rochdale; Sebastian Peska, Brno, Czech Republic; Emma Sarantopoulos, Pomfret Center, CT; Mary Watkins, Sterling; Sophia Widmeyer, Dartmouth, Canada.

JUNIORS

Grant Alessandro, Pomfret Center, CT; Alexander Boligan, Thompson; Alayna Cashman, Charlton; Olivia Duncan, Woodstock; Kara O'Neil, Holden; Peyton Surprenant, Dudley.

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public, and selectmen are pleased with the developer's willingness to allow residents onto portions of the properties for recreation.

"They have been extremely negotiable, and we thought this was the best decision for our town. We wanted to set up as fair a process as possible," Pepe said. Added Selectman Warren Monette, who also voted in favor

Added Selectman Warren Monette, who also voted in favor of waiving the right of first refusal, "I think this is a win-win situation for the town. I'm on the Agricultural Committee and would love to see them stay as farmlands, but this is the best route for many reasons."

The estimated annual revenue generated from a PILOT tax



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agreement with the developer is \$100,000 per year over the course of 20-25 years. The estimated new growth revenue is between \$150,000 and \$160,000, with the real estate tax revenue projected to be \$130,000.

The proposal will now proceed through several permitting stages. Selectmen requested that both the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission evaluate the accommodations proposed by the developer.

Selectman Ralph Hicks, the lone dissenter in the May 14 vote, was hoping the Board would obtain more information before making its decision. He asked for a two-week delay on the vote to allow the developer to meet with the Conservation Commission and representatives of Common Ground Land Trust to see if a compromise could be made.

"I am a fan of solar power, but I also want to maintain the rural aspects of the town of Spencer that still remain," Hicks said.

Through grant funding opportunities and other resources, Common Ground Land Trust was hoping to work with town officials to acquire the property and ensure that it remains farmland. Land trust members told the New Leader that a local farmer has been trying to buy the farmland for years, but the price is too steep. Because the town would not likely be able to afford the purchase, the land trust structured a funding proposal to help the farmer acquire the land through a state APR (agricultural protection restriction) and several land protection grants.

"Common Ground Land Trust was disappointed that the Select Board of Spencer chose not to pursue their option of

a right of first refusal in the solar farm sale," read a Common Ground Land Trust statement issued by Jan Parke, the president of the organization. "The land trust is saddened that the farming family in Spencer will not be able to be partners with us in preserving the hay fields for prime hay production. We have been working with them on this goal for several years."

The proposal must now be approved by the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission before moving forward.

Meanwhile, a public forum is being planned to give residents an opportunity to express their concerns with solar development in general.



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CLASSROOM CORNER

Three Bay Path student medalists headed to Skills **USA** nationals



Three Bay Path nursing students are going to national competition.

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Three Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy students will compete at the National SkillsUSA Conference from June 25-30 in Louisville, KY after winning gold medals at the state level.

Five other students finished second in their respective categories at the SkillsUSA Massachusetts Leadership and Skills Conference held April 28 at the Marriott Boston-Marlboro.

Silver medalists in health knowledge bowl post-secondary are Isida Adhami of Oxford, Nicole Colon of Dudley, John Darling of Oxford, and Reagan Gosselin of Sturbridge. Silver medalist in practical nursing post-secondary is Krisanne Koebke of Dudley.

First-place finishers at the state conference - and earning the honor of representing Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy in national competition – are: Elizabeth Lamica, of Southbridge who competed in first aid-CPR category; Nicholas McElroy, of Webster, who competed in medical terminology, and Heather Monks, of Auburn who competed in medical math.

This will be the second consecutive trip to nationals for Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy. Last year's nationals' competitors brought home a bronze medal in medical math (Danielle Southall, LPN of North Grosvenordale) and sixth place in practical nursing (Danika Rhodes, LPN of Auburn).

'Our PN students did very well and represented the Academy with pride," said Gretheline Bolandrina MSN Ed, RN, CRRN Academy director. "I wish to thank the Superintendent, Mr. John Lafleche for his support and both SkillsUSA Advisors for Bay Path, Ms. Jennifer Stachura and Ms. Pam Staney. I hope they enjoy safe travels when they go to Louisville, Ky and bring back more medals.'

This year's success raises to nine the number of Bay Path Practical Nursing students who have advanced to national competition over the years; six have won medals.

Leicester Middle School names the boney queen

It was a matter of putting young heads together, a sense of humor, and there it was. When all was said and done, Beelena Gomez just makes sense, doesn't it?

With a citation from Gov. Charlie Baker and Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito in hand, the new Queen Bee of the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources visited to tell students the good news recently.

As MDAR explained in its paper-work, pollinator health national-ly and locally has been poor for the past decade, represented most noticeably by the high annual losses of honey bee colonies. A vast majority of Massachusetts agriculture and the local food supply relies on honey bees for pollination. To respond to this need, we recently released the Massachusetts Pollinator Protection Plan and created State Apiaries with the goal of providing improved support for honey bees through the Commonwealth. The State Apiaries located in Danvers and Amherst were created through col-laboration between the University of Massachusetts Stockbridge School of Agriculture and the Essex Technical High School. In addition to providing a vessel for education, these apiaries are also considered to be critical components of each campus by providing valuable pollination services to each campus's cultivated acreage of crops, gardens, trees and wildflowers.

To further education about honey bees, we are excited to announce the first ever Name the Queen Bees



The honey queen with a Leicester Middle School student responsible for the winning name.

Contest sponsored by the MDAR Apiary Program. The goal of this contest is to increase awareness, facilitate discussion and promote an overall greater understanding of honey bees and their vital role in the Commonwealth.

Schools were invited to participate by submitting names for the two new queens that will be located in honey bee colonies established at the State Apiaries this spring.

And it is Beelena Gomez who will be one of those!



Students learn of the honor.



We are very close and want to be adopted together!

Tatiana and her younger brother

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- 3. Write a poem or short story about the 4th of July.
- 4. Share memories of your childhood, neighborhood, and how things are different today.
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Kingston are looking to be adopted together. Despite their age difference the siblings are very close to one another and do not want to be separated. Tatiana and Kingston are of Hispanic descent.

Those who know Tatiana describe her as quiet, intelligent and very determined. She is thirteen years old and wants to be successful in life

and talks about going to college and hair dressing school. Comments on Tatiana's most recent report card mention that she is a pleasure to have in class and gives excellent effort. Tatiana is involved in the school chorus and has also been taking dance classes, which she would like to continue. Tatiana hopes to find a find a family that is kind and will love her. She would be particularly excited to have an older sister. Tatiana is open to living with a cat or a dog but would like to avoid homes with snakes!

Kingston is a sweet, loveable and active toddler with a strong bond to his older sister. He enjoys being around other children but can be shy with new adults when he first meets them. Kingston loves music and books. Kingston has some medical needs and regularly sees several specialists to monitor ongoing GI and feeding difficulties. Kingston is also susceptible to respiratory difficulties. He is receiving Early Intervention services for developmental delays.

Tatiana and Kingston are ready for adoption and will do well in a family with a mother and a father, two mothers or a single mother. An ideal family for these siblings will be open to helping them maintain a relationship with their half-brother.

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<u>EDITORIAL</u>

Remembering WHY there's a Memorial Day

It is the kick off for the summer season sure. And since 1971 and the uniformity of making "busman's holidays", those that allow workers a day without it really being a of religious significance as being always on Mondays so a longer weekend is created; things like celebrating presidents' birthdays, significant historical figures' days, Memorial Day and Labor Day have become those long weekend traditions.

Great. Wonderful. Nice to have the time off even if planning for it makes for crazy scheduling to create the possibilities for some jobs.

But...

Let's not, just because it isn't a religious day, forget why we get that time off.

This one is to remember those who have died in service to their country. Our country.

It began immediately after the Civil War, when thousands of boys and men died, all of them Americans even though we had foundered and found ourselves fighting one another over principles.

In 1868, Decoration Day became an unofficial day to honor those who had died, from any place in that horrific war. North, South. It didn't matter. We were honoring their service.

Within about 40 years. America found itself embroiled in an international conflict, and more young men died. Decoration Day became more important still, as some of those service people never came home, buried in Flanders fields, in France, on foreign soil. Remembering them both here... and there...was doubly important. And then came a second world wide conflict; really a continuation of the first one, which never really got resolved; and it just grew larger, with multiple battlefronts, and bigger air and sea battles including underwater craft, and finally the threat of nuclear decisions. It was America that carried out that nuclear threat to end the conflict. The scenes shifted to the Asian Pacific, to small countries like Korea and Vietnam, embroiling America in shadow wars. More service people died. We are still there. And the Middle East, the deserts and the upheaval has changed players, but never conflicts. It shifts back and forth; alliances split and realign, governments topple and come back worse than ever, regimes claim to be one thing only to take power and become something else. And Americans are dying there too.

OPINION AND COMMENTARY FROM SPENCER, LEICESTER AND THE BROOKFIELDS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Exchange Club: successful tournament

To the Editor:

On behalf of the 42nd annual "Spring into Spring Charity Golf Tournament" hosted by the Spencer Exchange Club on May 11th, we want to thank all our sponsors and 144 players that made the event a huge success. Without their support, the Spencer Exchange Club could not complete the mission of assisting our communities.

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alone – although these plans have been around since 1996, many people are still unaware of them. And that's unfortunate, because a 529 plan can be a valuable tool for anyone who wants to help a child, grandchild, friend or other family member save for education expenses.

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Ability to switch beneficiaries - As the old song goes, "The future is not ours to see." You might name a particular child or grandchild as a beneficiary of a 529 savings plan, only to see him or her decide not to go to college after all. But as the owner of the plan, you generally may be able to switch beneficiaries whenever you like, right up to the point when they start taking withdrawals. (To make this switch non-taxable and penalty-free, you must designate a new beneficiary who is a member of the same family as the original beneficiary.) Freedom to invest in any state's plan – You can invest in the 529 plan offered by any state, regardless of where you live. But if you invest in your own state's plan, you might receive some type of state tax benefit, such as a deduction or credit. Additional benefits also may be available. Flexibility in changing investments - You can switch investment options in your 529 plan up to twice a year. Or, if you'd rather take a more hands-off approach, you could select an automatic age-based option that starts out with a heavier emphasis on growth-oriented investments and shifts toward less risky, fixed-income vehicles as the beneficiary approaches college age. While a 529 plan clearly offers some benefits, it also raises some issues about which you should be aware. For example, when colleges compute financial aid packages, they may count assets in a 529 plan as parental assets, assuming the parents are the plan owners. To clarify the impact of 529 plans on potential financial aid awards, you might want to consult with a college's financial aid officer. One final note: In previous years, 529 plans were limited to eligible colleges, universities and trade schools, but starting in 2018, you can also use up to \$10,000 per year, per beneficiary, from a 529 plan to pay for tuition expenses at public, private or religious elementary and secondary schools. (Not all states recognize K-12 expenses as qualifying for 529 plan benefits, so consult your local tax advisor before investing.) Education is a great investment in a child's future. And to make that education more affordable, you might want to make your own investment in a 529 plan.

And on African soil, in small countries many didn't know existed.

On covert missions.

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But they put their lives on the line even as administrative and support troops; for the enemies understand taking down the background can cripple the frontlines.

The concept of Memorial Day has become benign to many in the United States, as families often also remember their own family members who have passed and that is fine; but as the new flowers are planted, do remember to glance about at the ones with the veterans' markers and the American flags.

And say a silent thank you. They are the reason you have the freedom to go to your loved ones' graves and have a nice weekend doing what you do with your family.

Freedom isn't free. It was purchased dearly.



We're all trespassers in the face of government land grabs

"No power on earth has a right to take our property from us without our consent."—John Jay, first Chief Justice of the United States

We have no real property rights. Think about it.

That house you live in, the car you drive, the

small (or not so small) acreage of land that has been passed down through your family or that you scrimped and saved to acquire, whatever money you manage to keep in your bank account after the government and its cronies have taken their first and second and third cut...none of it is safe from the government's greedy grasp.

At no point do you ever have any real ownership in anything other than the clothes on your back.

Everything else can be seized by the government under one pretext or another (civil asset forfeiture, unpaid taxes, eminent domain, public interest, etc.).

The American Dream has been reduced to a lease arrangement in which we are granted the privilege of endlessly paying out the nose for assets that are only ours so long as it suits the government's purposes.

And when it doesn't suit the government's purposes? Watch out.

This is not a government that respects the rights of its citizenry or the law. Rather, this is a government that sells its citizens to the highest bidder and speaks to them in a language of force.

Under such a fascist regime, the Fifth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which declares that no person shall "be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation," has become yet another broken shield, incapable of rendering any protection against corporate greed while allowing the government to justify all manner of "takings" in the name of the public good.

As journalist Eric Williamson notes, "From controversial projects such as President Donald Trump's border wall and the gas pipelines, to more mundane works such as road expansion, just about any project deemed in the public interest

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John Whitehead

to acquire private lands in order to build a public structure like a school or highway for "public use" and allowed it to make seizures for a "public purpose," which in the government's eyes can mean anything as long as it amounts to higher tax revenue.

In Kelo, the City of New London, CT, wanted to condemn private homes as "blighted" in order to tear them down and allow a developer to build higher-priced homes, a resort hotel, a conference center and retail complexes to complement a new Pfizer pharmaceutical plant in the area. Ironically, the developers in New London later backed out of the deal after the homes were seized and bulldozed, leaving the once quaint neighborhood a wasteland.

Nevertheless, a shortsighted Supreme Court gave city officials the go-ahead, ruling 5-4 that a city government —aligned with large corporate interests — could use the power of eminent domain to seize an entire neighborhood for development purposes, entire neighborhoods have been seized and bulldozed to make way for shopping malls, sports complexes and corporate offices.

"The specter of condemnation hangs over all property," warned Justice Sandra Day O'Connor in a stinging dissent. "Nothing is to prevent the State from replacing any Motel 6 with a Ritz-Carlton, any home with a shopping mall, or any farm with a factory."

Unfortunately, nothing has prevented the government from bulldozing its way through the Fifth Amendment in an effort to take from the middle and lower classes and fatten the coffers of the corporate elite.

In the wake of Kelo, at least 16 places of worship (which pay no taxes) were taken for private uses (which will generate tax dollars). Other attempted takings include

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Leicester Primary School students show their support for athletes.

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ing ceremonies saw all participants receive medals acknowledging their hard work.

'We had over 180 athletes this year, and it was awesome to see everyone come out and support the event," said



Students from several Leicester schools show their support.

Selectman Sandra Wilson. "There is so much great volunteer support from students and the community.

Organizers also thanked the event's many business sponsors, including Mapfre & McKenna Insurance Agency; Cooney CCC-S & Associates PC; Country Bank for Savings; Deja LCAC; Leicester/Spencer New; Eagles; Leicester Lions Club; Spellane Auto; Hillcrest Country Club; Jess

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Among other items, sponsors helped cover the costs of apparel for athletes and the equipment needed for the many games and crafts.



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BRIMFIELD – Antiques hunters crisscross the country each year in search of relics that have survived the decades – or in some cases centuries. But no matter how long they've been pursuing antiques and collectibles, they are always impressed by the Brimfield Antique Show.

Earlier this month, pastoral Route 20 in the heart of town was transformed into a city of shoppers and collectors. It was the first of three shows to be held in 2018, attracting thousands of guests from throughout the world to a tiny town in central Massachusetts. The annual show never fails to put Brimfield on the map, in addition to providing greatly appreciated revenue for local restaurants and hotels.

For many guests the show has become a family tradition, while others arrived in Brimfield for the first time. Regardless of how often they've attended the event or how many miles it took them to get here, everyone had a great time at the opening show.



Kevin Flanders photos.

The Brimfield Zoo is back in town. Don't be alarmed – these guys won't bite.



Fred and JoAnn Feiner, of New Hope, PA, take a look at metal art creations.







The Maurer family traveled almost 11 hours – all the way from Findlay, Ohio – to see the event in person. When the fair reaches peak traffic levels, local motorists seemingly spend about the same amount of time commuting from one end of the fairgrounds to the other.



Bill and Anita Dancs, of Montague, check out an extensive collection of outboard motors.

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Father's Day Honors

Publish Date: June 15, 2018 Deadline date: Mon., June 11 @ 5pm

The Spencer New Leader would like to honor all Fathers and Grandfathers in the June 15th issue. The deadline for honors is Monday, June 11 at 5pm.

Cost is just \$20 per 2.4" X 2.5" block.

SAMPLE:



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Grafton, Uxbridge, Auburn girls' teams earn top-three finishes at SWCL championships



Nick Ethier photos

The Quaboag tandem of Addie Ford and Lauren Sousa leap over the hurdles during the 100meter event.

BY NICK ETHIER SPORTS STAFF WRITER

UXBRIDGE — When all was said and done, the Grafton High girls' track and field team outlasted second place Uxbridge High and third place Auburn High at the Southern Worcester County League championships, which took place Wednesday, May 16 at Uxbridge High.

The top six finishers in each event scored points for their respective team (10 points for first place, 8 for second, 6 for third, 4 for fourth, 2 for fifth, 1 for sixth) to determine a winner.

The overall team score and top six finishers in each event are as follows:

Team Results

- 1. Grafton, 158 points
- 2. Uxbridge, 102
- 3. Auburn, 72
- 4. Millbury, 52
- 5. Tantasqua, 44
- 6. Leicester, 36
- 7. Quaboag, 12
- 8. Northbridge, 11
- 9. Oxford, 9
- Individual Results
- 100-Meter Dash

- 1. Ally Anusauskas, Auburn, 5:24.05
- 2. Alexandra Avery, Grafton, 5:31.87
- 3. Abigail Hamilton, Grafton, 5:37.03
- 4. Abigail Deary, Uxbridge, 5:38.94
- 5. Emily Moughan, Leicester, 5:43.01 6. Emma Bouvier, Grafton, 5:46.01

Two-Mile Run

- 1. Abigail Hamilton, Grafton, 12:05.91
- 2. Ryann Molinari, Grafton, 12:10.22
- 3. Hannah Jones, Uxbridge, 12:48.57
- 4. Sydney Baca, Uxbridge, 13:02.31
- 5. Anabelle Nelson, Millbury, 13:19.74
- 6. Abigail Bernabei, Leicester, 13:41.80
- 100-Meter Hurdles
- 1. Riley Clark, Millbury, 17.45
- 2. Fleur Balogh de Galantha, Grafton, 17.51
- 3. Addie Ford, Quaboag, 18.05
- 4. Bailey Brescia, Oxford, 18.12
- 5. Madeleine Schleinitz, Uxbridge,
- 18.18 6. Kelsey LaRose, Grafton, 18.25
- 400-Meter Hurdles
- 1. Taylor Blanton, Auburn, 1:11.03 2. Fleur Balogh de Galantha, Grafton,
- 1:13.28 3. Jahmaira Pye, Leicester, 1:14.51
- 4. Laura Grunenkovaite, Grafton, 1:15.71
- 5. Sophia Harper, Grafton, 1:18.46



Morgan Merrell of Leicester begins her push to put the shot.

- 3. Shannon Reno, Millbury, 14-10.50
- 4. Jordan Eddy, Grafton, 14-08.75
- 5. Jordan Lapierre, Tantasqua, 14-07.50
- 6. Sophia Harper, Grafton, 14-06.50

Triple Jump

- 1. Obiamaka Igwenagu, Auburn,
- 35-06.00 2. Madeleine Schleinitz, Uxbridge, 33-11.75
- 3. Shannon Reno, Millbury, 32-03.00 Jordan Lapierre, Tantasqua, 4.
- 31-08.50
 - 5. Sophia Harper, Grafton, 31-04.50 6. Elena Franzosa, Uxbridge, 30-05.00

Shot Put

- 1. Emily Ellithorpe, Tantasqua, 31-08.50
- 2. Quejanae Beavers-Hatter, Grafton,

- 3. Morgan Cronan, Millbury, 30-08.50
- 4. Sarah Price, Northbridge, 29-05.25
- 5. Alyssa Singer, Oxford, 28-08.50
- 6. Hansi Confer, Auburn, 27-09.50

Discus

- 1. Morgan Merrell, Leicester, 93-05
- 2. Kathleen Redgate, Uxbridge, 73-05
- 3. Lily Kent, Tantasqua, 72-11
- 4. Caitlyn Hawes, Quaboag, 72-01
 - 5. Kitty Oevermann, Grafton, 71-00 6. Hansi Confer, Auburn, 70-06

Javelin

- 1. Jenna Soden, Leicester, 91-09
- 2. Danielle Healey, Uxbridge, 89-04.50
- 3. Jordan Eddy Grafton, 88-00
- 4. Sarah Price, Northbridge, 86-05.25
- 5. Morgan Cronan, Millbury, 82-03
- 6. Delaney Pilotte, Grafton, 78-03.25

1. Peyton Walker, Grafton, 13.36 2. Obiamaka Igwenagu, Auburn, 13.37 3. Danielle Healey, Uxbridge, 13.46 4. Anastasia Achiaa, Uxbridge, 13.53 5. Erin Jensen, Tantasqua, 13.54 6. Kylah Robinson, Oxford, 14.15 200-Meter Dash 1. Peyton Walker, Grafton, 27.18 2. Shannon Reno, Millbury, 27.40 3. Aaliyah Hernandez, Leicester, 27.41 4. Obiamaka Igwenagu, Auburn, 27.86 5. Danielle Healey, Uxbridge, 28.11 6. Iyonna Dinsmore, Uxbridge, 29.29 400-Meter Dash 1. Sam Carroll, Grafton, 1:02.13 2. Anastasia Achiaa, Uxbridge, 1:02.56 3. Shannon Reno, Millbury, 1:03.35 4. Alexandra Avery, Grafton, 1:03.75 5. Claudia Oliver, Auburn, 1:05.26 6. Sam Chrabaszcz, Northbridge, 1:08.22

800-Meter Run

- 1. Emma Bouvier, Grafton, 2:29.05
- 2. Abigail Deary, Uxbridge, 2:33.00
- 3. Ryann Molinari, Grafton, 2:34.18
- 4. Kelsey Reno, Millbury, 2:35.86
- 5. Heather Fontaine, Quaboag, 2:37.44
- 6. Cecilia Schleinitz, Uxbridge, 2:37.50

One-Mile Run

6. Kathleen Redgate, Uxbridge, 1:19.35

- 4x100-Meter Relay 1. Uxbridge, 54.86 2. Grafton, 55.96 3. Auburn, 56.35 4. Tantasqua, 56.37 5. Millbury, 57.29 6. Oxford, 57.44
- 4x400-Meter Relay 1. Auburn, 4:23.70 2. Grafton, 4:32.53 3. Tantasqua, 4:32.97 4. Uxbridge, 4:37.35 5. Northbridge, 4:45.16 6. Leicester, 4:45.63

High Jump

- 1. Danielle Healey, Uxbridge, 4-10
- 1. Erin Jensen, Tantasqua, 4-10
- 1. Fleur Balogh de Galantha, Grafton, 4-10
- 4. Mackenzie Breen, Grafton, 4-08
- 5. Mackenzie Falke, Tantasqua, 4-08
- 6. Lindsey Card, Oxford, 4-08

Long Jump

1. Obiamaka Igwenagu, Auburn, 16-00.50

2. Madeleine Schleinitz, Uxbridge, 15-08.50



Northbridge's Julianna Borruso competes in the high jump event.

High School Notebook

May 14

David Prouty 47, Holy Name 7 — Jenna Petruzzi shot a 48 to win medalist honors for the Panthers' golf team in victory. Petruzzi scored 9 points, while Brooke Pepin and Reagan Hingston also scored 9. Erin Parenteau (7 points), Abbey Cashman (6.5) and Dana Woodward (6.5) were Prouty's other contributors.

Grafton 14, Tantasqua 0 — Jess Evans gave up two hits and struck out 10 as the Indians' varsity softball team defeated the Warriors. Marie Stewart and Jillian Dunn had the base hits for Tantasqua.

Grafton 3, Tantasqua 2 — Although Jessica Williams (No. 3 singles) and Victoria Kirkland/ Rebekah Bennett (No. 1 doubles) won their respective matches, the Warriors lost to the Indians in girls' tennis. Tantasqua's record now stands at 8-3.

Tantasqua 3, Grafton 2 — The Warriors edged the Indians in boys' tennis, with Michael Herrmann (No. 1 singles), Wade Woolley (No. 2 singles) and Hayden Peterson/Ryan Shanahan (No. 1 doubles) providing the points. Tantasqua is now 3-9.

May 16

Tantasqua 5, Auburn 2 — Rachel Flamand struck

out 12 Rockets in leading the Warriors' varsity softball team to victory. Sarah Harlinski was 3 for 4 at the plate and Emily Locke added a pair of hits, while Marie Stewart hit a solo home run.

Tantasqua 4, Auburn 1 — Morgan Mascolo (No. 1 singles), Pai Thanasrivanitchai (No. 2 singles), Rebekah Bennett/Victoria Kirkland (No. 1 doubles) and Julia Matton/Ava DeBruin (No. 2 doubles) all win their games for the victorious Warriors in their girls' tennis matchup with the Rockets. Tantasqua is now 9-3.

Auburn 33, David Prouty 21 — Jenna Petruzzi (5.5 points), Erin Parenteau (4 points), Reagan Hingston (4 points), Abbey Cashman (3.5 points), Brooke Pepin (2.5 points) and Dana Woodward (1.5 points) all scored for the Panthers' golf team in a loss to the Rockets.

May 17

Tantasqua 7, Hopedale 3 — Liz Beaumont's two goal, one assist game helped the Warrior girls' lacrosse team defeat the Blue Raiders. Alyssa Slade, Cami Freeland, Rachel Hayden, Maddy Lowell and Mady Varney also scored for Tantasqua, while goalie Mandy Burns made seven saves.

Minnechaug 5, Tantasqua 0 — The Warriors' Jessica Williams nearly won her No. 3 singles matchup with Minnechaug's Katie Duncan (6-4, 5-7, 1-0 (10-6)), but the girls' tennis team dropped to 9-4 following the defeat.

Minnechaug 3, Tantasqua 0 — The Warriors lost their varsity softball matchup, but Rachel Flamand was gutsy in defeat on the mound. Flamand gave up 10 hits but stranded 12 runners on base.

Quabbin 29, David Prouty 24 — In a close matchup, the Panthers' golf team lost despite earning points from Olivia Pepin (5), Erin Parenteau (4.5), Jenna Petruzzi (4.5), Abbey Cashman (4), Reagan Hingston (4) and Dana Woodward (3).

May 18

David Prouty 26.5, Notre Dame Academy 9.5 — In a six-hole match, the Panthers' golf team defeated the Rebels. Abbey Cashman was the medalist after carding a 36 and earning Prouty six points, while Erin Parenteau (5.5), Olivia Pepin (5), Dana Woodward (4), Reagan Hingston (3.5) and Jenna Petruzzi (2.5) also scored.

31-08.50

Millbury boys edge Uxbridge, Grafton for SWCL track championship



Leicester's Jack Soucie rears back before releasing the javelin.

BY NICK ETHIER SPORTS STAFF WRITER

UXBRIDGE — The Millbury High boys' track and field team sprinted past the competition, including second place Uxbridge High and third place Grafton High, when the Southern Worcester County League's student-athletes competed in the championships on Wednesday, May 16 at Uxbridge High.

The team results and scoring finishers are listed below. A first place finish granted an athlete 10 points, second place was 8 points, third place 6, fourth place four, fifth place 5 and sixth place 2.

- **Team Results**
- 1. Millbury, 119 points
- 2. Uxbridge, 107
- 3. Grafton, 84
- 4. Auburn, 61
- 5. Tantasqua, 58
- 6. Leicester, 24

2:14.17Stephen Sanches, 6. Uxbridge, 2:15.18

One-Mile Run 1. Aidan Gilmore, Grafton, 4:50.202. Owen Frank, Grafton, 4:56.113. Ryan Semle, Uxbridge,

4:58.914. Zach Lapointe, Auburn, 5:01.46

5. Damian Daniels, Auburn, 5:03.316. Avinash Bissoondail.

Millbury, 5:06.80

Two-Mile Run

1. Aidan Gilmore, Grafton, 10:41.26 2. Keegan Gleason, Millbury,

10:48.75

3. Henry Cummings, Grafton, 10:49.09

4. Jordan Washington, Uxbridge, 11:07.18

5. Ethan Goodreau, Auburn, 11:07.98

6. Colin Caso, Uxbridge, 11:10.87

110-Meter Hurdles

1. Darian Spencer, Uxbridge, 15.712. Josh Saunders, Millbury, 16.35

3. Josh Mateo, Millbury, 16.44 4. Joe Cook, Auburn, 16.95

5. Eric Stevens, Leicester, 17.19

6. Ethan Wolfram, Bartlett, 17.23

400-Meter Hurdles

1. Ethan Wolfram, Bartlett,

1:00.08

2. Josh Mateo, Millbury,

1:01.00 3. Jack Schrieber, Uxbridge,

1:01.094. Joe Cook, Auburn, 1:02.00

5. Matt Ellis, Tantasqua, 1:02.47Casey Robidoux, 6.

Tantasqua, 1:04.78

4x100-Meter Relay

- 1. Auburn, 46.17
- 2. Uxbridge, 46.37 3. Grafton, 46.76
- 4. Tantasqua, 47.68
- 5. Millbury, 48.27
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SPORTS BRIEFS

Quail Hollow Golf Results

Pit's Crew

First place: Stan Nolin, Kevin Depasse, Tom Curry and George Renaud; -9

Second place: Bll Babineau, Dick Ullman, Hector Vazquez and Jack Gordon; -7

Third place: Gene Toto, Bruce Stevens, Ted Lechowicz and Don Davidson; -7

Saturday Nine and Dine Beginning June 2

Play nine holes of golf with cart and dinner. To enhance your experience, we will provide Live Entertainment commencing at 6 p.m. Dinner is served beginning at 5:30. You may choose any entrée on the menu. All this fun and excitement at an incredible fee of \$50 per couple. Please call us for golf and dinner reservations, (508) 882-5516. We are looking forward to making your golf and dining experience wonderful.

Member Tournament set for June 3

A member tournament, where guests are welcome, is set for June 3 with a 9 a.m. shotgun start. We are revising our member guest fees and tournament format. You can play with another member or bring a guest. The fee is \$15 for members and \$30 for guests. Fees include prizes and a buffet following the round, guest fees also include the round and cart. Better ball of two is the format with 100 percent handicap. Men play Blue Tees, 70-74

play White Tees and 75 and up play Gold Tees. Ladies play Red Tees. Sign up in the pro shop or call us.

Quail Hollow to conduct Junior Golf Instruction

PGA Certified Teaching Professional Larry Hanch will be conducting Junior Golf lessons. The program is two days, Sunday's from 4 to 6 p.m. and Monday's from 9 to 11 a.m. Each day we will start with instruction and then play on the course. Class size will consist of a maximum of six players. The fee is \$40 per young player, and clubs are provided if needed. The dates are June 24-25, July 15-16 and July 22-23. Please call (772) 633-8649 to schedule or ask questions.

Annual BB5k Festival set for **May 26**

The 13th annual BB5k Festival, supporting melanoma research and education, will be held on Saturday, May 26 at Hyland Orchard and Rapscallion Brewery this year. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. and the 5k will start at 10:30. A Kids Fun Run will follow the 5k. Come enjoy the afternoon! You can also pre-register at www.bb5k.com.

Gadaire grabs hole-in-one at Bay Path Golf Course

On Wednesday, May 16, Doug Gadaire recorded his first career ace

on the 120-yard eighth hole at Bay Path Golf Course. Gadaire used an 8-iron for the hole-in-one, which was attested by Bob Weighill, John Gilbert and Jim Hemenway.

43-05.50

Kettle Brook Golf Club Kettle One League Week 3 Results

First Place: Fred Wozniak and Scott Letendre, +9

Second Place: Al Morin and Robert Francis, +4

High Individual: Dave Lussier, +7 Closest to the Pin on 12th Hole: George Kiritsy

Sturbridge American Legion holding baseball tryouts

Baseball players interested in playing Sturbridge American Legion Baseball that are born on Jan. 1, 1999 or later are eligible to play. 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. Team will conduct tryouts May 26 from 10 a.m. to noon at Tantasqua Regional High School. For more information contact team manager Jim Rosseel (774) 230-1784 email jimrosseel@hotmail.com or Coach Ray Sullivan (508) 736-7770 email raysull_2 @yahoo.com.



The 12-year-old Leicester Little Leaguer pitches for the Nationals. In a two-game stretch he started by tossing 5-2/3 innings of no-hit ball with 16 strikeouts. He was removed from the game with one out to go because of mandatory pitch count limits. Metcalf then went the full six innings in his next outing and pitched a one-hitter with another 16-strikeout performance. In all, he struck out 32 of the 41 batters he faced in the combined two games.

"Griffin Metcalf is dominating the Leicester Little League with one masterful pitching performance after another. He combines exquisite control and velocity with poise and command on the mound. Most impressively, he is a very nice young man. Never an unkind word and always quick to smile," said Leicester Little League President Nate Cosper of Metcalf.

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Rockets make game-saving play at plate to hang on for win against Leicester

BY DEAN P. ST. LAURENT SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

LEICESTER

Freshman catcher Izzie Therrien made a critical tag out at home plate in the bottom of the seventh inning to help secure a close 5-4 road win for the Auburn High varsity softball team against Leicester High on Monday, May 21.

"We really buckled down that last inning, especially the catcher, Izzy Therrien, made a key play getting that at out at home, that was the tying run so I think they all played hard at the end," Auburn head expressed.

Leicester was down 3-1 going into the bottom of the fifth inning after giving up three unearned runs in the first two frames of the game. By playing some small-ball, the Wolverines were able to get two runners on base with powerful Katelyn McKay at the dish. McKay delivered by belting a ball to the left-center gap, which made it 3-2 with runners on second and third for the Wolverines.

Hannah Wickson loaded the bases by forcing a walk in the next

coach Sandy Lavallee at-bat, but an infield fly by Hannah Gallant next gave the Wolverines a dreaded two outs with the bases loaded situation.

However, a couple pitches later Auburn pitcher Jaycie Opuda missed a pitch low that ended up at the backstop. Leicester's Maddie Hippert took full advantage and scored on a close play at home to tie the game at 3-3.

"I am proud of the girls for fighting back; we certainly gave them three runs on one hit in the first couple innings," explained Leicester head coach David Stanick.

whose team dropped to 9-5 following the loss. "We weren't ready to play at the start of the game and when we finally showed, we fought back and tied the game and then at the end they made a couple more plays than we did."

In the top of the sixth inning Auburn knew they needed to score some runs and get the momentum back in their favor. They did just that.

With one out and the bases full of Rockets, Therrien walked to the plate looking to make something happen for her team. The freshman hit a ball into left field past the

outstretched gloves of the third baseman and the shortstop to bring home the go-ahead run.

The momentum spiraled and the Rockets were able to get another insurance run, ultimately the run that won the game on an RBI single to right field by Kayley Markvenas as Auburn improved to 12-6.

That was really big, we have been talking about that all year long, how we lost our key pitcher [Julia Handfield] and the other team is going to get hits now, so we always say we have to come out and get tons of

runs in the beginning," explained Lavallee. "We hit a stall there, but to come back there in the sixth inning was a key moment in the game."

Opuda pitched the first five solid innings for the Rockets and Ava Novakoski came on in relief to help secure the win.

"They pitched great today, both of them," said Lavallee. "They have stepped up since we lost Julia and have done a great job pitching. We tend to get more defensive plays, but the defense has really stepped up as well."



Maddie Hippert of Leicester rips a first inning single versus Auburn.





Leicester right fielder Caitlin Kemp throws the ball back to the infield after catching it, which made Auburn's base runner stay on third.



Third baseman Hannah Wickson of Leicester throws over to first to record an out on Auburn's Corrie Hammond.

Leicester's Kya Birtz releases a pitch to the plate.

Oxford's Erickson throws no-hit shutout to top Wolverines

BY DEAN P. ST. LAURENT SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

OXFORD - Oxford High junior pitcher Joel Erickson threw a complete game no-hitter in helping lead the Pirates' varsity baseball team to a 12-0 victory over Leicester High on Thursday, May 17.

From start to finish Erickson was dialed in, hitting all his spots and showing great command of all his pitches. He struck out seven Wolverines and allowed only three base runners in seven innings pitched.

"Joel gets better and better every time he throws the ball," praised Oxford head coach Justin Richards. "He was very good today, he hit his spots well today and his fastball had good velocity on it. He was able to mix up his pitches and hit it in and out.'

Oxford's offense exploded and it gave Erickson everything he needed to be dominant in his first outing in a week and a half.

"When they're scoring runs it gives me a boost and confidence," explained Erickson. "My change-up, my velocity and hitting my locations, the catcher and pitching coach gives me places to hit and I tried my best to hit them. My fastball was working."

Starting the game with a bang on the mound coincided with a massive output from the Pirates' offense — one that has been exploding all season.

Michael Bordeaux started it off by getting on base when he was hit by a pitch, which was followed by back-toback triples from Jason Panient and David Meech that quickly gave Oxford a 2-0 lead. The Pirates' offense was far from done, as they batted through the lineup and scored eight first inning two runs scored. Colin Ryan went 2 for runs.

"As a team — one through nine — we can hit the ball and we are having really good at-bats, even our outs are well hit," explained Richards. "Offensively our team approach has been really good. It has been a two- or three-year process, this whole team was with us last year and they have grown and matured, so they are seeing the ball really well and everyone is hitting. We have tons of athletes and we have five or six kids we trust pitching and because of that all of our guys are going out there, Joel [Erickson] are going out there. He hasn't been out there in a week and a half, so they're all going out there really well rested.'

Oxford tallied 14 hits as a team, including six for extra bases. Noah Buckley went 2 for 2 with a double and

3 with two singles and two RBIs.

Oxford has seven seniors and has returned almost everyone from last year's team, and building chemistry over the last few years has turned into success this season. Richards and his staff have a group of guys he has all the confidence in as the postseason approaches.

We have 14 players that we kept that are varsity ready and we are happy with these 14," said Richards, whose team is now 15-2.

Leicester, meanwhile, dropped to 9-4 but still has an impressive season going as they also look forward to the upcoming district tournament. Both teams will compete in the Central Mass. Division 4 bracket.

Hard-bitting Bay Path continues to win, tops Parker



Evelyn Sheehan of Bay Path launches a double off her bat.

Bay Path's Patricia King catches a pitch from behind the plate.

Mathew S. Plamondon photos

BY DEAN P. ST. LAURENT SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

Editor's Note: The accompanying photos come from Bay Path's game with Keefe Tech two days prior on Monday, May 14.

CHARLTON — Katie Ryan was dominant inside the pitching circle for the Bay Path Regional varsity softball team in its 21-0 win over Parker Charter on Wednesday, May 16. Ryan struck out 12 Panthers in a victory — the teams' seventh straight — to help the Minutemen clinch the Colonial Athletic League Small School Division "We are 11-3 now," informed Bay Path head coach Rick Carrero. "That clinched the league so we are champi-

"That clinched the league, so we are champions in the small Colonial League; districts are clinched, now we are just playing for seeding."

Ryan dominated from the start. The junior allowed just one hit in five innings pitched to go along with her double-digit strikeout total. Her stat line wasn't the most impressive part of her performance, however, as the poise and control she showed was highlighted significantly.

"She pitched real-ly well, she is one of the captains," Carrero expressed. "This was probably her best game of the season as far as controlling the game and working fast with the pace. That game took an hour; she controlled the tempo of the game, which I thought was good because she was able to throw the ball harder because she controlled it. I was thrilled with the amount of strikes she threw.'

To go along with an excellent pitching per-

formance, Bay Path recorded 20 base hits as a unit. Each player in the Minutemen lineup contributed in the hit column at least once again against Parker.

"We are good hitting team, we are one of better hitting teams in the league, even in the games that we lost we were able to collect 10, 12 and eight hits," Carrero explained. Patricia King led the offense, batting a perfect 4 for 4 with four doubles and four RBIs.

Bay Path, which has faced adversity from

the start of the season with no seniors on the team, has overcome even more challenges when three starters got hurt against Oxford High earlier this spring. They lost Devan Wetherbee, Aliya Guillotte and Sydney Cardinal to significant injuries.

"One of the most impressive things is that we have three starters out, two of our captains are out with concussions and our right fielder who is a sophomore broke her hand," explained Carrero. "We were 4-0 going into that game and then we lost three straight hard ones and since then we haven't lost, which is seven in a row.

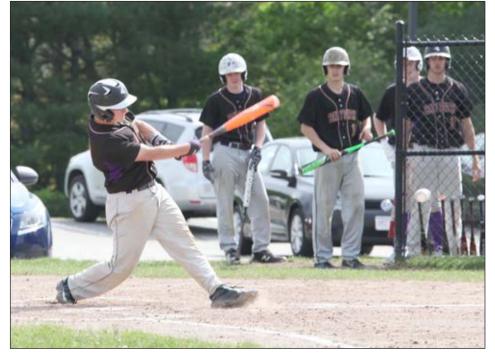
"We are looking to take it one game at a time and just winning and gaining confidence for the districts, and try to get a good seeding for the districts. Getting a home game is one our biggest goals, but we should be able to compete so that is what we are trying to do, play well," Carrero concluded.

Minutemen remain patient, earn win over Valley Tech in walk-off fashion



O'Loughlin advanced to second on the fielder's choice and then to third on the error.

The Minutemen then tied the game, 4-4, on a sacrifice fly to center field by senior Alec DeSimone, which scored O'Loughlin. On the throw home to get O'Loughlin at the plate, Shoemaker alertly took second base. Jose was the next batter and he sent everybody home with a drive that sailed over the Valley Tech left fielder's head. "Because it was a new pitcher I watched him throw to the two batters before me and it looked like he was trying to get ahead of both of them by throwing a first-pitch strike," said Jose, who bats in the No. 4 spot in the order for head coach Mark Sansoucy. "I like to swing at the first strike I see, so I was thinking if the first pitch looked good I was swinging and that first pitch was right down the middle belt high. I was just trying to make contact, but it went a lot further than I expected it to." With the win Bay Path improved to 11-3 overall and 9-2 in the Colonial Athletic League (CAL). Sansoucy was thrilled by his team's comeback, but not surprised. "These kids have been playing like that all year. They don't quit. They don't quit until the last out is made, Sansoucy said. "That's what they've been doing all year. I felt great about our chances with Nick up at bat in that situation. He's one of the best hitters in the league. Being behind in the seventh inning doesn't affect this team at all."



Dom Esposito of Bay Path catches a ball thrown his way toward first base to record a force out.

BY KEN POWERS SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

UPTON — Talk about impeccable timing.

Nick Jose belted a first-pitch double with one out in the bottom of the seventh inning to score Nate Shoemaker from second base with the winning run to complete an improbable fourrun comeback and lead the Bay Path Regional varsity baseball team past Blackstone Valley Tech, 5-4, on Friday, May 18.

The game was originally to be played at Bay Path, but Valley Tech had a senior event scheduled at the school later in the day and the team would have had trouble getting back to Upton from Charlton in time. Bay Path agreed to move the game to Upton, but only if it retained the home team designation, meaning the Minutemen would bat in the bottom of each inning.

Bay Path entered the bottom of the seventh inning trailing 4-1.

Dom Esposito got the game-winning rally started when he led off with a double to the gap in left-center field. During teammate Christian Keeler's at-bat Esposito went to third on a passed ball. After Keeler walked, Esposito scored to make it 4-2 and Keeler moved to second on another passed ball. The next batter, John O'Loughlin, also walked.

At that point, Valley Tech head coach John Burke made a pitching change, bringing Justin Metcalf in from right field to replace Steve Earle, who started for the Beavers.

Shoemaker greeted Metcalf with a fielder's choice to short. Valley Tech's infield, however, opted to try to cut down Keeler at third, but Keeler was called safe when the ball bounced past the bag into foul territory, which allowed Keeler to score to cut the Bay Path deficit to one, 4-3. On the play

After Bay Path took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the second inning — Cam Stisitis scoring on a sacrifice fly by Noah LaTour — Valley Tech (6-8 overall, 5-4 in the CAL), went ahead, 3-1, in the top of the third inning, scoring two runs on a Bay Path error and another on a fielder's choice.

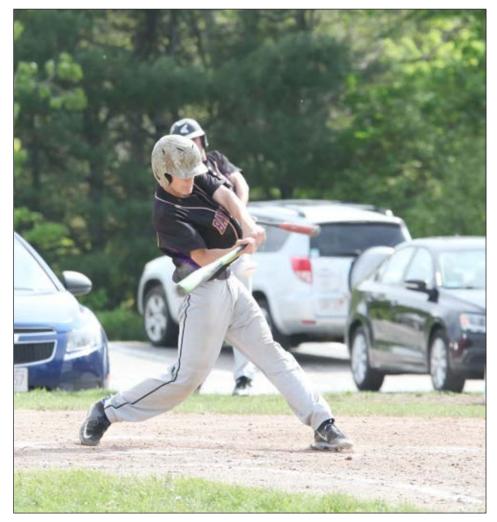
The Beavers pushed their lead to 4-1 in the top of the sixth on a sacrifice fly by Nate Charron, who plated Joel Anderson, who had opened the inning with a double. Earle and Anderson each had two of Valley Tech's seven hits.

"This year it seems like we've found every way possible to lose. We've given games away late a few times this year," said Burke, now in his second year as head coach of the Beavers. "We're trying to play a tougher schedule to get them ready for the pressure situations and they just haven't come through.

"It's simple stuff; attacking guys, throwing strikes, making them beat us as opposed to our putting guys on base," Burke continued. "We've got the guys to do it, we just keep coming up a little bit short. At some point, though, we've got to start finding ways to win games instead of finding ways to lose them."

Nick Ethier photos

Bay Path's Nick Jose follows through on his swing upon making contact with the baseball.



Cam Stisitis of Bay Path gets his bat on the ball versus Blackstone Valley Tech.

Auburn residents elected to Girl Scout board

The Girl Scouts of Central & Western Massachusetts elected eight new members, including one girl member, to the Board of Directors and a new board chair, vice-chair and treasurer at its annual meeting the end of April. New board members include: Melisa Alves, of Spencer, Brenda Denison of Montague, Jennifer Johnson of Auburn, Maryann C. Johnson of Millbury, Ryan Matson of Worcester, Nikki A. Sharleville of Auburn, Bonnie Walker of Millbury, and Gabriella Wilkerson of Northampton.

New GSCWM Board officers include: Joan Bertrand of Sterling, President/ Chair, Casey Freeman of Worcester, Vice Chair, Chris Michael Mendoza of Wilbraham, Treasurer.

According to outgoing GSCWM Board Chair Lyn Simmons, "The broad perspective and wealth of knowledge these individuals bring to the Board will help maximize the impact of the Girl Scout mission."

The mission of the Girl Scouts is to build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

Joan Bertrand, a GSCWM board member since 2011, was appointed as the new chair of the GSCWM Board of Directors. According to Bertrand, "I am thrilled to have the privilege to contribute to the Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts in my capacity as Board Chair. Girl Scouting was my foundation that taught me how to become a leader. how to speak up for myself and gave me the confidence to accept challenges that I may not have otherwise taken. I am excited to watch the young women in our programs advance by learning that they too can reach for and achieve their goals. Girl Scouts provided me and continues to provide girls and young women valuable skills that will make a positive impact to their lives and those they engage.'

Bertrand is the vice president of human resources at AdCare Hospital of Worcester, Inc. and an adjunct professor at Assumption College. She served two terms on the GSCWM Finance Committee, two terms as treasurer, and as a member of the Camp Green Eyrie 85th and 90th Anniversary Committees and is a lifetime member of the Girl Scouts. Joan previously served on the Board of Girls Inc. as treasurer and Board president.; Alumni Board of Anna Maria College; Nature's Classroom, and the Fallon Community Employers Advisory Board. She holds an MBA in personnel management and certification from the Society of Human Resource Management. Bertrand and her husband reside in Sterling.

Casey Freeman, past GSCWM board member at large, was appointed the first vice-chair. Freeman is a wealth management advisor with Merrill Lynch Wealth Management in Worcester where he leads a four person team. Freeman sits on the Board of Directors for Worcester's Oak Hill Community Development Corporation. He is a graduate of University of Tampa with a Bachelor of Science degree in business economics. He and his wife and daughter reside in Worcester.

Chris M. Mendoza DBA, a member of the GSCWM board since 2014, has been appointed treasurer. Mendoza is a financial services marketer and strategist specializing in multicultural markets. Chris is also a faculty member at the University of Phoenix where he teaches business at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Mendoza holds a doctorate in business administration. His research and thought leadership on Hispanic entrepreneurship and diversity marketing are published in academic and industry journals. Mendoza and his children are Wilbraham residents.

GSCWM's new board members were elected to serve a two-year term. They are:

Melisa Alves is an assistant director in the Career Development Center at College of the Holy Cross and an active Alumni Association member. She has more than ten years of experience working in higher education in areas including residence life, multicultural education, career and academic services. As a first generation college graduate, she received a Bachelor of Arts from College of the Holy Cross and a Masters of education in student personnel administration from Springfield College. This upcoming June she will be starting her doctoral studies at UMass Boston in their Higher Education Ph.D program. Melisa is the adviser to the Latin American Student Organization, a member of the Sister 2 Sister Leadership Board and serves as the Region 1 Representative to the Latinx/a/o Knowledge Community under NASPA- Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education. Alves resides with her husband and two dogs in Spencer.

Brenda Denison is an assistant vice president at Greenfield Cooperative Bank and has worked in the banking industry for more than 30 years. She is a member of the Advisory Board for the money management program, a service of LifePath, Inc., which assists elders and persons with disabilities who have difficulty writing checks or managing their basic living expenses. Brenda serves on the Advisory Board for the Financial Reality Fair which helps high school students learn how to balance wants and needs as practice for making adult budgeting decisions. She is a member of the Auditing Committee for the Montague Elks Lodge and an active volunteer for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life for more than 25 years. Denison resides in the town of Montague with her teen daughter and father.

Jennifer Johnson is a registered nurse with diverse healthcare experience and is a member of the International Nurses Association. She is the clinical director for CareScout, a case management company, where she has worked for 10 years. She supervises teams of 35 clinicians and 38 administrative personnel as they assess the needs of elderly clients throughout the United States and provide care recommendations. She is a Medical Service Corps officer for the United States Air Force Reserves where she is trained as a Six Sigma Green Belt. Jennifer earned her Bachelor's Degree in nursing and science in 2004 and her Master's in business administration in 2011. She resides in Auburn with her

husband and five children.

Maryann C. Johnson is the chief development officer of Oak Hill Community Development Corporation where she oversees fundraising, marketing and strategic planning. Maryann received her Master's in public administration with a concentration in non-profit management from Clark University in 2009 after receiving her undergraduate degree in government & women's studies. Past volunteer experience includes Worcester Animal Rescue League, the Boys & Girls Club of Worcester, Worcester Community Action Council, and she is currently a board member for the Canal District Alliance. Johnson was named to Worcester Business Journal's 2017 Forty under 40 list. Maryann lives in Millbury with her husband and children.

Ryan Matson is a health, life and disability insurance broker with Small Business Insurance Agency of Worcester having previously worked in human resources and employee benefits. He is the co-founder of the Paulsen's Putt Against Parkinson's Disease Golf Tournament which in year one (2017) raised \$27,000 for the Michael J Fox Foundation. Rvan is the chair of the Worcester Regional Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors and a member of the Leadership Worcester class of 2018. Ryan resides in Worcester where he attended and graduated from Assumption College.

Nikki A. Sharleville is a state management analyst at The Hanover Insurance Group where she supports growth and profitability of the Indiana and Ohio's Personal Lines portfolios. Nikki received her Bachelor's in business administration from Worcester State College. She recently received her MBA from Nichols College, with a focus on Six Sigma and completed a certificate program in business analysis from George Washington University. Nikki was involved with Girl Scouts as a troop leader for the past three years with her daughter who will continue her Girl Scout journey. They live in Auburn.

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Fundraiser planned at Webster venue

The community is invited to join Summit Inc. for a "Bourbon Street Bash"-themed fundraising event Friday, June 15 from 5 to 10 p.m. at the newly renovated Indian Ranch on beautiful Webster Lake.

This event will be a lot of fun while supporting the extraordinary need of services for students with high functioning autism and related diagnosis, said Summit Inc. Executive Director Daniel DiMezza. "It's not your typical gala."

This will be the ultimate way to kick off the summer. Come enjoy great blues music, live performances by Sugar Ray and the Bluetones and Midnight Taxi Blues, authentic Cajun food, riverboat gaming, casino games, a Texas Hold'em tournament and connecting with friends. Mardi Gras costumes are encouraged and there will be prizes for the best costumes. Specialty performers will be roving the streets including magician Steve Charette, performers Ken Sprano and Rick Adams, psychics, tarot card readers, fun photos, jugglers and more. In addition, the event will have a dynamic silent auction and raffle with great prizes. The night ends in a parade with beads, sax player, and dancing along "Bourbon Street."

"Enjoy a summer night out on the lake with great music, food and friends and have a positive impact in the community" DiMezza said.

Ticket prices are as follows: \$35 general admission gives you access to all the Bourbon Street entertainment (psychics, street vendors, fun photo), a night of great blues music and the option to purchase some of the best Cajun food north of the Mason-Dixon line. Cash bar.

\$75 Casino ticket gives you unlimited access to the banquet hall for craps, roulette tables, card games, and wheel games in addition to all the general admissions features.

Texas Hold'em \$135 Tournament gives you a \$100 buy in, in addition to all the general admissions and Casino ticket features. Only 60 spots available. Prizes for the top three finishers. Tournament begins promptly at 6:30 p.m.; no late entries. Registration begins at 5:15 p.m., and entrants must be checked in by 6:15 p.m. Tournament ends when one player remains. Light snacks will be provided.



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and music on the top deck; and special VIP patio for on shore enjoyment. There will be two cruises to choose from: 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

All events are 21+. To pur-chase tickets, visit Indian Ranch's website at indianranch.com. For inquires, to make a donation, or purchase a sponsorship package please contact Sheri Litterio at (508) 751-8500. For more information about Summit Inc., visit www. summitacademyma.com.

Proceeds to benefit the therapeutic and educational services, support and scholarship fund of Summit Inc. (a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization) and its subsidiaries: Summit Academy School, Diamond Is the Sky, Summit Behavior Services, Summit Educational Services.

Summit Academy is a therapeutic school alternative for students with high functioning autism and related diagnoses. For more than 10 years, Summit Academy has provided high-quality academic programming that adheres to Massachusetts state standards as well as teaching students how to cope with academic and social challenges through daily social skills instruction, positive behavior support (ABA), counseling, and hands-on learning experiences. For more information, visit www.summitacademyma.com or call (508) 751-8500.

In 2017 Summit Inc. merged with the organization Diamond Is the Sky. This parent founded, non-profit entity has provided social opportunities, scholarships, resources, and special circumstances grants to thousands of people throughout the state of Massachusetts since its inception.

"They provide a significant volume of inclusive after school, summer, and school-vacation week programming as well as large scale events such as Red Sox and Celtics games." Dimezza said. "Diamond Is the Sky, however, isn't just for people with autism and other special needs but everyone. We are keeping their mission alive."

Summit Services offers a 42-hour tuition-based registered behavior technician program for those who want to work with children on the autism spectrum in school systems, agencies that provide direct care and parents who want to better incorporate ABA into their homes. Summit is expanding their outreach to inside the home. Dimezza said these ABA services would allow most families to use their health insurance to cover the costs.

'This involves supporting whole families; helping the families with in-home direct care behavioral services for the child while supporting the family," he said. The program is headed by Summit's two board certified behavior analysts and will have a specific focus upon the older teen and young adult population.

'We are looking at the young adults, exploring partnerships with local colleges and really getting into the community. Outpatient clinical services, social skill groups, high functioning independent living skills and therapeutic activities all start August, 2018 at our current location and focus on current university and college students and teens in transition programming," Dimezza said.

Summit understands the challenges our students face, and we have designed a school environment that teaches kids the skills they need to succeed in school...and beyond. We teach students how to cope with academic and

social challenges through daily social skills instruction, positive behavior support, counseling, and hands-on learning experiences.

In addition to, Summit instructs students in therapeutic martial arts, a highly motivating venue for learning everything from self-control to memory, coordination to cooperation.

Our students usually have a primary.

Social skills training takes place daily in the classroom setting, and is embedded in the school culture throughout the day. On-site behavior specialists, speech-language pathologists, and mental health counselors provide social and emotional support. Summit Academy, Massachusetts opened its doors in Leominster in 2007, received DESE approval in 2008, and moved to our Worcester facility in 2009.

Proceeds of the event benefit the therapeutic and educational services, support and scholarship fund of Summit, Inc., and it subsidiaries: Summit Academy School, Diamond Is the Sky, Summit Behavior Services, and Summit Educational Services.

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\$150 Riverboat VIP – A VIP guest has full access to Bourbon Street and Casino features. The package includes on board craps table, roulette, and black jack tables; appetizers

GIRL SCOUTS

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Bonnie Walker is executive director of diversity and inclusion strategy at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. She serves in a consultative role aligning institutional efforts tied to diversity, inclusion, and equity implementation and practice. She is a member of the College and University Professional Organization for Human Resources, Commonwealth Compact, Multicultural Affairs Think Tank, Brandeis, National Association of Student Personnel Administrators, and the Leading for Change Consortium as Institutional Partner Liaison. Bonnie received her BA, magna cum laude, in sociology, and MA in communications from Clark University. She resides in Millbury with her husband and children.

Gabriella Wilkerson is a Girl Scout Senior with seven years of Girl Scout experience. Gabriella earned her Silver Award with a project to educate youth about global warming. She plans to start working on her Gold Award this summer and was elected to represent GSCWM as a delegate at the National Girl Scout Council Session in October 2017. Gabriella is an honors sophomore at Northampton High School. She is active in the Model United Nations Club, the Math Team, and Teen Advocacy Group. She helps teach dance twice a week to younger children and is involved with two dance companies: one modern, one Irish. She is passionate about human rights, animal rights, and the environment, and frequently volunteers in her community.

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the transfer of three family-owned seafood businesses to a larger private marina in Texas; the transfer of farmland to a shopping center anchored by a Lowe's in Illinois; developing 233 low-income and elderly families' properties into a senior community where townhouses cost more than \$350,000 in New Jersey; and developing middle-income, single-family homes on the waterfront into more expensive condominiums in New Jersey.

Even Donald Trump has taken advantage of eminent domain, in one instance attempting to take an elderly woman's house to make way for a limousine parking lot.

As an investigative report by the Institute for Justice notes, over the course of five years, local governments used eminent domain to lay claim to more than 10,000 homes, businesses, churches and private land for private business development, including condemning a family's home so that the manager of a planned new golf course could live in it; evicting four elderly siblings from their home of 60 years for a private industrial park; and removing a woman in her 80s from her home of 55 years supposedly to expand a sewer plant, only to turn around and give her home to an auto dealership.

Fast forward to the present day, and you've got the government's pipeline projects as a prime example of eminent domain being employed for corporate gain

All across the country, power companies have been given the green light to build massive gas and oil pipelines that crisscross the country, cutting through private and public lands, as well as unspoiled wilderness.

'Yet despite oft-repeated claims by politicians and oil executives about the danger of relying on foreign oil, this U.S. petroleum renaissance never was designed to make America energy self-sufficient," points out journalist Sandy Tolan. "A growing amount of that oil will end up in China, Japan, the Netherlands, even Venezuela.³

So much for the public use, huh?

These pipeline projects which are getting underway in a dozen states have stirred up a hornet's nest of protests, most notably in Standing Rock, North Dakota, where activists attempting to block the completion of Dakota Access Pipeline were subjected to militarized police, riot and camouflage gear, armored vehicles, mass arrests, pepper spray, tear gas, drones, less-than-lethal weapons unleashed with deadly force, rubber bullets, water cannons, concussion grenades, arrests of journalists, intimidation tactics, and brute force.

Not all of the protests that have arisen in response to these pipeline projects hinge on environmental concerns, which are significant in and of themselves in light of water and ground contamination due to leaks and spills. Some of the protesters are landowners, simple farmers and homeowners who merely want the government and its corporate partners-in-crime to keep their grubby paws off their personal property.

In Virginia, activists have taken to tree sitting — living for weeks on end in platforms suspended above the ground in trees — as a form of protest over the devastation that is being wrought by these pipelines.

that the work to clear the forests for the pipeline is delayed.

Here's what one resident of Roanoke, VA, wrote to me about the manner in which the Mountain Valley Pipeline is being inflicted on his community:

"Our small community has been invaded by private security and a fully militarized local police department. Some families up here have land grants from the King, predating the formation of the Commonwealth. Mountain Valley Pipeline has begun cutting trees and has brought in private military contractors similar to what was used in North Dakota. MVP is only offering to pay pennies on the dollar. They are basically using the power of government to steal this land for private profit. What has ensued was the county positioning a mobile command center right across from my restaurant, and scores of police in full tactical dress being deployed. They wasted no time in hooking up with the MVP private security and a long list of offenses then began against the residents and land owners of Bent Mountain, who now find themselves subject to arrest for walking in their own driveway, taking pictures of the pipeline companies ever-changing survey lines and path of destruction, or in more than one case, for confronting MASKED ARMED MEN ON THEIR PROPERTY IN THE DEAD OF NIGHT. It is AMAZING that nobody has been shot yet! One of my neighbors was accosted on his own back porch by police for photographing the MVP surveyors continually moving the corridor of their easement. I have even had armed private security trespassing on my property miles away in neighboring Floyd County. I am all for infrastructure. However, I am not for the taking of people's private land for profit, using the force and power of government, far outside of the bounds of the Constitution.

It takes a lot of gall to trespass onto someone's private property, tear up their land, cut down their trees, pollute their air and water, prevent them from moving freely on their own property, threaten them with fines and arrests for challenging the intrusion, and then force them to pay (by way of taxes) to retain ownership of the property or sell it cheaply or at a loss so it can be torn down and used for some purpose that the government deems more beneficial to its bottom line.'

That's how little respect the government has for our rights.

It used to be that you could post a "No Trespassing" sign on your property to send the message that no one could venture onto your private property without your permission. As the Tennessee Supreme Court recognized in State v. Christensen, "a homeowner who posts a 'No Trespassing' sign is simply making explicit what the law already recognizes: that persons entering onto another person's land must have a legitimate reason for doing so or risk being held civilly, or perhaps even criminally, liable for trespass.

Unfortunately, American taxpayers have become trespassers on their own property thanks to the government's ongoing land grabs and utter disregard for property rights.

a mansion in Bel Air, Americans have not been quite as willing to barter away their right to property. In this way, we are not so far removed from the revolutionary spirit that saw a ragtag assortment of colonists standing up to the military might of Great Britain.

The signing of the Declaration of Independence marked a new beginning for our nation. It signaled a shift in the balance of power from one in which the people served an elite ruling class to one in which government was instituted to serve the people. The government's role would not be to create or define the people's inherent rights but rather to guarantee their protection.

As the Declaration states, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed."

The Declaration, which embodied all the passion, outrage and noble ideals of the day, could easily have ended there. But the Founders understood that in order for the newly born nation to survive, it would need more than revolutionary sentiment. It would require a government that existed to serve the people, not itself, and a contract to guarantee basic liberties and bind the union together.

Thus was the U.S. Constitution born in the summer of 1787. It sprang forth from the experiences of a revolutionary generation, still wary of the strong arm of government. And from that wariness came the Bill of Rights.

The first ten amendments to our Constitution are intended as a blueprint to keep the government in its place, off our backs and away from our property.

For early Americans, the right to own property was fundamental to all other rights.

Mind you, the term "property" is much more fundamental and personal than just with land ownership. It refers to a kind of sovereignty over one's life and possessions-especially one's money.

Again, the Fifth Amendment to the United States Constitution states that "No person shall be...deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.'

Property is grouped in the same category as life and liberty in the Fifth Amendment because it is difficult to enjoy life and liberty without the stability, security and assurances that property provides. Private property, at a minimum, checks governmental power for it provides the citizen a right of space where even government agents cannot intrude without proper authority.

At its core, the American dream is about gaining sovereignty over one's life and property. Without this sovereignty-this unshakeable guarantee of ownership and dominion, even over one's own life-there can be no true liberty or freedom.

This most sacred of rights is under

you're not the King or Queen in your little castle.

If government officials can fine and arrest you for growing vegetables in your front yard, installing solar panels on your roof, and raising chickens in your backyard, you no longer have any property interests in your home.

If school officials can punish your children for what they do or say while at home or in your care, your children are not your own-they are the property of the state.

If government agents can invade your home, break down your doors, kill your dog, damage your furnishings and terrorize your family, your property is no longer private and secure—it belongs to the government.

Likewise, if police can forcefully draw your blood, strip search you, and probe you intimately, your body is no longer your own, either.

This is what a world without true property rights looks like, where the lines between private and public property have been so blurred that private property is reduced to little more than something the government can use to control, manipulate and harass you to suit its own purposes, and you the homeowner and citizen have been reduced to little more than a tenant in bondage to an inflexible landlord.

In other words, we're slaves.

If you have no choice, no voice, and no real options when it comes to the government's claims on your property and your money, you're not free.

You're not free if the government can seize your home and your car (which you've bought and paid for) over nonpayment of taxes.

You're not free if government agents can freeze and seize your bank accounts and other valuables if they merely "suspect" wrongdoing.

And you're certainly not free if the IRS gets the first cut of your salary to pay for government programs over which you have no say.

After all, a government that doesn't respect the rights of its citizens will have even less regard for their property, be it land, money or personhood.

So where does that leave us?

Battling for our lives, liberties and property.

Questions about who has ultimate control over our money, how much of it can be claimed by government and how it gets spent go to the heart of the battle over property rights.

Remember, governments generate no wealth on their own. Any resources that they have at their disposal have been appropriated from the original producers of that wealth, the citizens.

This fundamental truth has largely been downplayed over the years, because the government doesn't want us to remember that it exists to serve at our pleasure and for our common good.

Yet any government that ceases to serve this function risks being declared illegitimate.

It happened once before.

It can happen again.

All it takes is the right spark to start a revolution.

Constitutional attorney and author John W. Whitehead is founder and president of The Rutherford Institute. His

These acts of civil disobedience come at a costly price.

Pipeline and forestry officials have been working hard to make life as difficult as possible for the protesters, allegedly blocking their access to food and water and medical supplies, shining floodlights into the trees at all hours of the night, creating ground disturbances to dislodge their nests, and urging the courts to levy heavy fines for each day

So much for that whole pipedream about one's home being one's castle.

When it comes right down to it, the right to property is the first — and last - right, and perhaps the most inherent. The undermining and dissolution of this critical right may well prove to be one of the few things to rouse the American people to action.

As polls show, Americans have been willing to accept limitations on their rights to free speech, privacy and due process, as well as other important freedoms, in exchange for the phantom promise of security.

Yet whether they live in a modest two-bedroom walkup in the Bronx or

siege.

More than 200 years after early Americans went to war over their right to life, liberty and property, "we the people" have been reduced to little more than serfs in bondage, indentured servants, and sharecroppers.

If the government can tell you what you can and cannot do within the privacy of your home, whether it relates to what you eat, what you smoke or whom you love,

book Battlefield America: The War on the American People (SelectBooks, 2015) is available online at www.amazon.com. He can be contacted at johnw@rutherford.org.

MEMORIAL DAY PLANS

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veterans who are longer with us. Transportation is provided for veterans needing assistance marching. We are very pleased to have the North Brookfield School Marching Band participating in the parade under the direction of Courtney Cummings.

(0930): Should there be inclement weather a condensed Memorial Day program will be held in the North Brookfield Congregational Church. This ceremony is a modified combination of the Civil War and Haston Library activities.

1015: A ceremony at the civil war memorial includes the reading of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address by Jessie Hevy, who is an AP history honor student in the NBHS Junior class. The reading is followed by a tolling of the bells symbolizing the joyous welcoming home of returning veterans, concluded by a rifle salute and the playing of taps.

1100: A ceremony in front of the Town war memorials (Haston Library) includes: speeches by honored guests: Fr. Don Ouellette, associate pastor of St. Joseph's and John the Baptist Catholic Churches and Dale Kiley, the chair of the North Brookfield Board of Selectmen. This is followed by the solemn reading of the names of North Brookfield deceased veterans (by veterans) starting from WW I to the present conflict in the middle-east. The ceremony is concluded with the community singing of the National Anthem (lead by Emily Sampson), the formal lowering and raising of the flag by the commanders of the NB American Legion (Ray Dupel) and Veterans of Foreign Wars (Caroyl Cheras) detachments. A gun salute is rendered and the playing of taps concludes the Memorial Day activities.

Town citizens are then invited to open house functions at the AL and VFW halls. The Friends of the Town House in conjunction with the Congregational Church are sponsoring a chicken bar-b-que at the Congregational Church, starting at noon. Tickets are available at the event.

TOWN

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Dianna Provencher.

"At a time when we are always looking to squeeze every penny, we will be able to use this money to greatly impact our community. It is also a nice benefit to have two companies under one roof with two separate host agreements.²

Selectmen Sandra Wilson and Brian Green voted against the host agreement approvals at the May 15 meeting.

In accordance with state regulations, all production facilities must operate in unmarked industrial buildings with strict security in place. Each host community agreement is for five vears

"[The businesses] will have no detrimental effect on the town, a combination of local property tax assessment and host community agreement," said Town Administrator David Genereux, who has worked closely with each business to finalize the deals. "The town has seen limited economic growth over the past few years. We are hopeful that allowance of these facilities will begin to reverse that trend.'

while offering revenue through

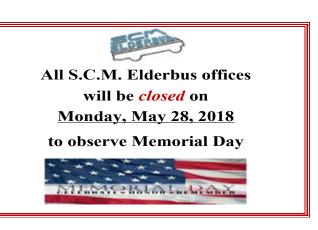
The town is also proceeding in its process of bringing a retail marijuana dispensary to Leicester. At the annual town meeting, voters approved the Planning Board's recommendation to allow up to one dispensary in town. Officials expect that Cultivate Holdings, Inc., which already operates a medical marijuana dispensary in town, will be awarded the single retail dispensary license. "The minimum allowed siting

of one facility allows us to meet the requirements of the law while seeing increased revenue, but not encouraging widespread use of the product by allowing for multiple sales outlets," Genereux added.

Selectmen said it's important for town officials to look past their personal views of recreational marijuana and focus on how the town can benefit financially from it. Between the retail dispensary and the cultivation entities, there are multiple opportunities for significant revenue and employment for residents.

"Whether you agree with it or not, it's legal. Someone is going to get the money from it, and we didn't want our town to miss out on that," Belanger said. "David did a spectacular job of putting [the cultivation facility deals] together.'





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Post 138 will hold its Memorial Day parade Monday, May 28.

Line up at 8:30 a.m., start at 9 a.m. and services will follow immediately after at Isaac L. Prouty Memorial Park. Local groups and organizations are invited to participate in this year's parade. Those desiring to do so should contact: John Canty, Senior Vice Commander, Gaudette-Kirk Post 138: (508) 612-0966.

EAST BROOKFIELD

The Memorial Day observances for the Town of East Brookfield will be held on Monday, May 28, 2018. A ceremony will be held at the Podunk Cemetery beginning at 9:30 A.M.

annual parade will beg

closing ceremonies will be held at the Veterans' Memorial at Depot Square.

The Grand Marshal for this year's parade is Glenn Fletcher, United States Navy. Guest Speaker is State Representative Donald Berthiaume. East Brookfield Elementary School students will again participate in the proceedings: Tyler Downes and Logan Josti will recite the Gettysburg Address; Zachary Anderson and Madison Ethier will recite "In Flanders Fields"; and James Luukko and Ayla Messier will present Answer." "America's

The East Brookfield Memorial Day Committee invites all veterans of any branch of the military to march in the parade to honor those men

and women who made the ultimate

sacrifice for our country. Uniforms are

also invite scouting groups, recreation teams, and antique car owners to join us to offer a proper observance of this national holiday. Scouts and recreation teams should wear uniforms. Parade formation will begin at 10:40 A.M. at the Memorial Town Complex on Connie Mack Drive. Vehicles will be provided for any veteran wishing to participate but unable to march in the parade. For more information, contact Heather Gablaski at 774-200-1264 or gablaskih@gmail.com

LEICESTER

Monday May 28. The parade starts at 10: 30 am at the Memorial School and heads north on Pleasant Street to

the Town Common, where ceremonies

will be held immediately following.

Weather

others will participate in the parade. The Cherry Valley American Legion and Post 205 American Legion in Rochdale will have open houses all day following the ceremonies. Please contact Bruce Swett at 508-892-9238 for more information or if you would like to participate in the parade.

NORTH BROOKFIELD

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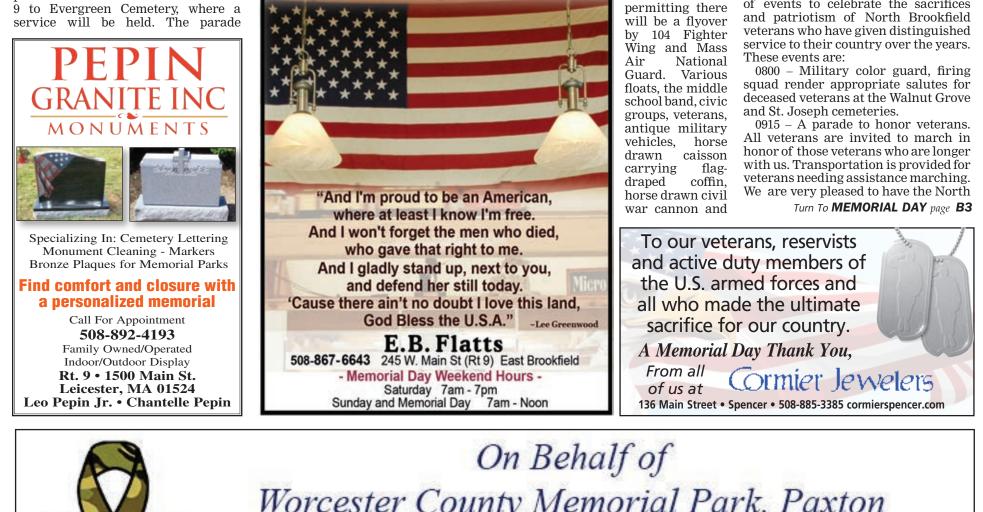
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11:00 A.M. from the Memorial Town Complex on Connie Mack Drive and proceed east on Main Street/Route 9 to Evergreen Cemetery, where a





Anne Marie Wetherbee Lewis

OBITUARIES

Daniel Carl Coonan



Daniel Carl Coonan of North Brookfield passed away after a long hard-fought battle with cancer. He leaves behind his parents, Betty and Bob Filipkowski his brother, Glenn Coonan. His Uncle

Larry Burtt and Aunt Chaele of South Carolina, Uncle Albert Burtt from Leicester, Uncle Mike and Aunt Leah of Oxford and his Grandfather Stanley "Glenn-O" Filipkowski of Worcester, and many other extended family members. He is also predeceased by his loving Grandparents, Carl and Violet Burtt and Grandmother, Donna Filipkowski.

He was an avid Celtics and Bruins fan, loved his Red Sox and masked his love for the Rams. Danny was a great athlete who loved his sports. He was a champion in baseball, won basketball games with last second free throws, and even was a finalist in candlepin bowling championships. He loved his backyard wresting crew and often traveled with his brother throughout New England to compete. Like all of us Danny was not without missteps in life, but he embraced those mistakes

and realized they made him a stronger person. He finished his education by going back to school for his G.E.D. and it was there he received the Tenacity Award from Y.O.U. Inc. Tenacity is defined as the quality or fact of being determined. Those that knew Danny, know how much this applied to him and all he did in life. He worked hard to get himself a full time job, his own place, and established himself on his own with his own dreams and aspirations. Although he moved away to create his own life, he never forgot the many childhood friends from his hometown.

Danny will forever be known to his friends and family as a person who was a truly caring and loving person who was taken far too young. He truly cared for those close to him and was fiercely loyal to them. Danny lived life on his own terms and he died on his own terms as well, peacefully and quietly choosing to have those who knew and loved him to remember him as he was.

Celebration of Life services will be held on Tuesday, May 29th from 6-9 PM at the Knights of Columbus 91 Mannville Street, Leicester, MA. In lieu of flowers Danny had requested donations be made in his name to the Worcester County Food Bank.



SOUTHBRIDGE-Anne Marie Wetherbee Lewis passed away on Thursday, May 17, 2018.

Anne Marie was the daughter of Raymond

X. Wetherbee Sr. whom predeceased her when she awas twelve years old.

She is survived by her loving husband of nearly forty years, John, and her four children, daughter Stephanie and her husband Eric, and grandbabies Esmée and Matthew of Southbridge, son Brendon and his wife Vanessa, and grandbabies Merrick and Everleigh of Southbridge, son Trevor and his fiancée Stephanie, and grandbaby Liberty of Putnam, CT, and son John Jr. and his wife Christina, and grandbabies Kyle and Victoria of Framingham, MA. Anne Marie is also survived by her three brothers, Raymond Jr. and his wife Lora of Mooresville, IN, David of Southbridge, and Richard and his wife Joanne of Centerville, MA, as well as her brother-in-spirit, James Philbrook of Spencer, MA. She also leaves behind many nieces and nephews.

Anne Marie was predeceased by her brother Stephen who passed away in 1995.

Anne Marie was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and friend, and took the greatest pleasure in caring for her family, watching after, and having a blast with her grandbabies.

She was a seasoned shopper and could be found at yard sales throughout the community during the warm months. Anne Marie had a passion for decorating and design, which was reflected in the antique collection she built over the decades at her home.

She held a great faith in the Lord and was a lector at Saint John Paul II Parish. Her spirit, charisma and "call-it-like-it-is" attitude will be greatly missed by all those who knew and loved her. Calling hours will be held on Friday, May 25, 2018 from 6-8 p.m. at Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge, MA. Funeral services will be held Saturday, May 26, 2018 at 10 a.m. at Saint Mary's Church, 263 Hamilton Street, Southbridge, MA.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Greater New England Chapter, 101A First Ave., Waltham, MA 02451. www.sansoucyfuneral.com

SEND ALL OBITUARY NOTICES TO THE NEW LEADER, PO Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550, or by E-Mail to JEAN@STONEBRIDGEPRESS.NEWS

Kenneth Howard Jackson, 67

ROCHDALE- Kenneth Howard Jackson age 67 died Saturday, May 19, 2018 at the Rose Monahan Hospice House in Worcester. He leaves his brother, Lawrence Jackson of Carver and a sister Susan Bruce Putnam of Worcester.

He was born in Worcester son of the late Russell Jackson and June Cleverley Jackson and lived in Rochdale most of his life. He was a US Navy Vietnam era Veteran. He was a technician for Sprint for 30 years. Ken was an avid fishermen, hunter and enjoyed concerts, Rock n Roll and heavy metal. He was a member of Auburn century sportsmen's club.

There are no calling hours. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has

been entrusted with his arrangements. A guest book is available at www. shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

MEMORIAL DAY

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Brookfield School Marching Band participating in the parade under the direction of Ms. Courtney Cummings.

(0930) - Should there be inclement weather a condensed Memorial Day program will be held in the North Brookfield Congregational Church. This ceremony is a modified combination of the Civil War and Haston Library activities.

1015 – A ceremony at the civil war memorial includes the reading of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address by Jessie Hevy, who is an AP History honor student in the NBHS Junior class. The reading is followed by a tolling of the bells symbolizing the joyous welcoming home of returning veterans, concluded by a rifle salute and the playing of taps.

1100 – Å ceremony in front of the Town war memorials (Haston

associate pastor of St. Joseph's and John the Baptist Catholic Churches Mr. Dale Kiley, the chair of and the North Brookfield Board of Selectmen. This is followed by the solemn reading of the names of North Brookfield deceased veterans (by veterans) starting from WW I to the present conflict in the middle-east. The ceremony is concluded with the community singing of the National Anthem (lead by Emily Sampson), the formal lowering and raising of the flag by the commanders of the NB American Legion (Ray Dupel) and Veterans of Foreign Wars (Caroyl Cheras) detachments. A gun salute is rendered and the playing of taps concludes the Memorial Day activities.

Town citizens are then invited to open house functions at the AL and VFW halls. The Friends of the Town House in conjunction with the Congregational Church are sponsoring a chicken bar-b-que at

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Memorial Day calls upon a united nation to appropriately mark the last resting place of our sons and daughters who saw service while following the flag in times of war. Fellow citizens, Comrades of any military organization, all Comrades of the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force or returned Comrades of the same, Veterans of all wars, all Service Men and Women, Town of Brookfield Police, Firefighters, First Responders, Civil Defense, Emergency Medical Technicians, Sons of the American Legion and V.F.W., Scouts, 4-H Youths, Recreation Teams, Students and Parade Units are earnestly invited to join us in a proper observance of this day. 35 Central Street, Start 10 AM. BrookfieldCemetery,assembly10:30AM Memorial Town Common, 11:30 Square, assembly AM Dismissal 12noon. In the event of rain, assembly will be at the Brookfield Elementary School cafeteria and gymnasium. If you have any questions or would like to be in the parade line up, please contact: Bill Simpson 508-867-9233. Jeanne Lytle 508-867-6705, Barbara Wilson 508-867-8080.

WEST BROOKFIELD

West Brookfield – Memorial Day Parade, Monday, May 28 at 9 am. Begins at West Brookfield Elementary, to Pine Grove Cemetery to Wickaboag Valley Road, to Main St., and meet at the Common. Continue down Main St. to Sacred Heart Cemetery and finish up at the American Legion Post 244. Ceremony to follow with refreshments.

Library) includes: speeches by honored guests: Fr. Don Ouellette,

the Congregational Church, starting at noon. Tickets are available at the event.

Order of Brookfield Elementary March: School.

CALENDAR

Saturday, May 26, Sunday May 27, Monday 28

INDOOR-OUTDOOR YARD SALE: Memorial Day Weekend Saturday, May 26 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Sunday, May 27 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and Monday, May 28 7:30 a.m.-noon at Mary Queen of the Rosary Parish, 60 Maple St., Spencer. Something for everyone! Raffles, food too!

Saturday May 26

BROOKFIELD GARDEN CLUB: COME TO OUR PLANT SALE Saturday, May 26 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the Brookfield Common. A large variety of plants from our members' gardens as well as local nurseries. Come and look for what will grow best in "your" garden. The Brookfield Agriculture Commission will be there with their tractors to parade around the Common and will be parking along Common Street. They will also be "giving away" pumpkin and flower growing kits for children. Garden Club members will be there to assist with your purchases.

Monday May 28

ALL ABOUT THE CHICKEN: The Friends of The Town House, in partnership with the First Congregational Church of North Brookfield, will hold its annual Memorial Day Chicken Barbecue on Monday, May 28th from noon to 2 p.m. North Brookfield has a full array of events to celebrate the sacrifices and patriotism of North Brookfield veterans who have given distinguished service to their country over the years. Following these ceremonies, the BBQ will be held under the big tent on the Church lawn. Tickets for the BBQ are \$10 each, and are for sale at the First Congregational Church each Friday from 5 until 9 PM. They will also be available at the Town Offices, the Haston Free Public Library, STATZ, and TIME OUT. For other ticket arrangements call Jean at (508) 867-7855, or Mike at (207) 641-7137. Take-out meals are available. All proceeds from the Barbecue will help restore the North Brookfield Town House, and provide support for worthy causes of the First Congregational Church.

Wednesday May 30

YOU ARE INVITED: Veterans, active military invited to concert: Brookfield Elementary School will be hosting a Memorial Day concert on Wednesday, May 30 at 1:30 p.m. Doors open at 1 p.m. Veterans and those on active military duty are encouraged to attend. If you or a member of your party is a veteran or on active military duty, please RSVP to (508) 867-8774.

CHOCOLATE SUNDAY! Once again, the seductive fragrance from the chocolate fountain will envelop the hall as Chapter R of the P.E.O. Sisterhood presents its third annual Chocolate Sunday, May 20 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., at The Performing Arts Center, The Overlook, 88 Masonic Home Road, Charlton. Enjoy an afternoon sampling multiple chocolate treats, punch, coffee, and tea. There will be a cake-decorating demonstration by chefs from The Overlook. The decorated cake will be raffled at the end of the event, along

with baskets, gift certificates, and other items donated by sponsors. Proceeds beneeducational fit philanthropies of P.E.O. Tickets for the event are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. For further information, call Georgeanne Roe (508) 278-3589.



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Saturday June 2

FLEA MARKET & CRAFT FAIR: Women of Christ Church, Rochdale will hold its 6th annual Flea Market and Craft Fair Saturday, June 2 from 9 a.m-2 p.m., 1089 Stafford St. There will be something for everyone; beautifully handcrafted items, seasonal plants and honey products, attic treasures, collectibles, household items, a fabric tent sale, crafting items and much more. There will be multiple tables offering many great finds donated by Christ Church members. A snack and lunch bar will be available throughout the day offering freshly made items.

In the event of inclement weather, vendors with or without tents will be able to set up in the Parish Hall. For more information or to obtain a registration form to reserve a space, please contact Susan at (508)864-0660 or steixeira925@gmail. com.

Saturday, June 16

A HOOK IN: The Association of Traditional Hooking Artists Quiet Corner Chapter is hosting a Rug Hook In gathering on June 16 at the Woodstock Fairgrounds in Woodstock, CT. Registration fee of \$15 is required for this event and must be paid in advance by June 1. Registration forms for this event may be received by contacting treasurer Gretchen Gray at gretchg@verizon.net, or call Whispering Hill at (860) 928-0162 for more information. To learn more

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Birthday or Anniversary Greeting, in the Spencer New Leader,

the deadline is Friday noon for the following week.

Ad prices are \$15 for a 2x3 (actual size 2.4" x 3") or \$25 for a 3x4 (3.7" X 4") or 4x3 (5" x 3"). You can add a photo at no additional cost.

To send by mail, please mail to June Simakauskas, P. O. Box 90, 25 Elm St., Southbridge, MA 01550.

Personal checks, Visa, Master Card, Discover and AMEX are accepted.

For more information, please call June at 508-909-4062 or email jsima@stonebridgepress.news and she'll be happy to help!



CALENDAR



Ad Libs by June

This week has been a whirlwind of activity in the Spencer New Leader. First we have our MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBRANCES page on

B2. Thank you to the sponsors of this page and to those who sent in remembrances. I made an effort to get the ceremonies and parade info from each town. If some info is missing, I sincerely apologize. Please send me the contacts for your town and I'll be sure to contact them next year.

Also this week is THE WRITE STUFF, in Section B. We've had some regular authors each month for which I'm grateful. We have a new author this month... a very talented 13-year-old from Fiskdale. I'm so happy to be able to give her and all of our writers a platform to publish and share their compositions. Please take a moment to read this month's section. There is one Write Stuff left to this season....June 29th. We then take the summer off and start up again in September.

WE LOVE OUR PETS deadlined this week. I've received dozens of adorable photos of pets. Watch for this section in our June 8th issue! If you missed this issue, the 8th Annual Pet Halloween Costume Contest is coming up in the fall....start snapping pictures of your pet in costume and send them in anytime!

Welcome to JOE'S DRIVE-IN RESTAURANT & LEICESTER DRIVE-IN to our Dining Page! They both open this weekend! Enjoy great food at Joe's and then take in a double feature at the Leicester Drive-in, or enjoy the concessions during the movies. Double Features this week on two screens...Solo: A Star Wars Story and Avengers: Infinity War on Screen 1, and Classics on Screen 2....Grease & Saturday Night Fever! What a great date night for young and old! See the ad on the Dining Page for websites for menus, hours and movie titles, or find them on Facebook.

Also welcome to RT. 9 STORAGE, a new business in Leicester just West of Joe's Drive-In Restaurant & Leicester Drive in. See the ad this week on the Front of Section B for their Grand Opening Specials! They offer five unit sizes ranging from \$75-\$160 month. For more info or to reserve a unit, call 508-892-2918 and tell them you saw their ad in the Spencer New Leader!

MEET YOUR MERCHANTS deadlines on June 13. It is a special supplement that will be inserted into 7 Mass papers...46,000 households, in 22 towns. Cost starts at just \$200 for a generous sized 5" X 5" ad. Tell our readers about your business! Call or email me for more information.

Have a great week, and have a fun & safe Memorial Day holiday weekend!

June Simakauskas 508-909-4062 jsima@stonebridgepress.news CALENDAR continued from page **B3**

about rug hooking and become a member of Atha Quiet Corner, individuals can contact Whispering Hill regarding membership. All are welcome.

Tuesday, June 26

THE SOUND OF MUSIC: On Tuesday, June 26 at 10:30 a.m. at Senior Living at Prouty, 195 Main St., Spencer, join Jean Strauss of East Brookfield as she shares behind the scenes stories of one of the most beloved films of all time. Jean has written two books with Charmian Carr (who played Lisl von Trapp) and is a font of information. The program is free and open to the public. Parking and entrance on Pope Street, off Grove Street. Call (617) 431-4937 to reserve a seat or questions.

ONGOING EVENTS

GIRL SCOUTS SEEK MEMBERS: Leicester Junior troop #64765 is welcoming girls in grades 4 and 5. The troop meets bi-weekly on Mondays.

Leicester Daisy/Brownie troop #64656 is welcoming girls in grades 1 through 3. The troop meets biweekly Mondays from 4:30 to 6pm.



Leicester Cadette troop #11077 welcomes girls in grade 8 and meets bi-weekly Fridays 5-6:30pm.

Leicester Cadette troop #11700 welcomes girls in grades 6 & 7 and bi-weekly on Mondays from 2:15 to 4pm.

Spencer Girl Scouts is welcoming girls in kindergarten, first, second, third, sixth and seventh grade.

Joining Girl Scouts is a great way to help girls build confidence, try new things, and discover their inner G.I.R.L. (Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-Taker, Leader). Previous Girl Scout experience is not necessary. For more information regarding meeting days and times visit our website gscwm.org and click on the pink bar or call (508) 749-3612.

ECONOMY SHOP HOURS: First Congregational Church, 207 Main St., Spencer has announced ECONOMY SHOP hours for January through June. Open every Wednesday 8 a.m. to noon; Thursday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. & 6 to 8 p.m.; and Friday 8 a.m. to noon. Come in and see our daily specials. For information call (508) 885-2149.

Deja New: Closed until April. Art, Antiques, & Collectibles Vendor Marketplace open on Wednesday from 1:00 pm-7:00 pm in the St. Joseph's Rectory building for its first season. All

proceeds will benefit the non-profit "24-7 Community Partnership which will provide funds to programs for the needy, including the Leicester Food Open Pantry. April-December.

 \mathbf{F} W V MEETING: The Rochdale VFW Post 7556 will hold their monthly business meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the post at 713 Pleasant Street, Rochdale on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP: On the third Wednesday of each month.

6-7 p.m. at the Overlook Independent Living Building, fourth floor Solarium, 88 Masonic Home Road, Charlton. The intent is to build a support system, exchange practical information, talk through issues and ways of coping, share feelings, needs and concerns and to learn about community resources. Contact Kathy Walker at (508) 434-2551 or kawalker@overlook-mass. org for more information. Presented by Alzheimer's Association MA/NH Chapter, visit (800) 272-3900 or alz.org.

THRIFTY: St. Joseph-St. Pius X Parish, 759 Main Street, Leicester, (508) 859-8083. The "New to You Thrift Shop Hours: Tuesday 5 to 7 p.m., Wednesday 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., and 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 Afterschool Fun program is today from 4-4:45 p.m. for children from k-grade 5.

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.

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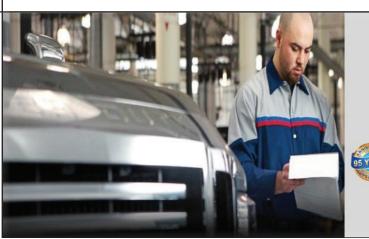
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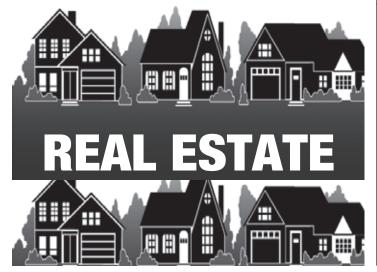
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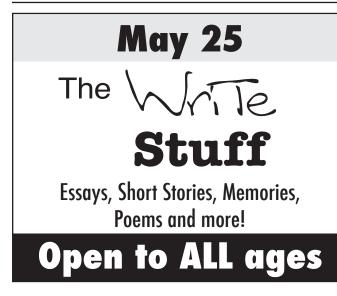
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Beyond the Wall. BY: EMILY OWENS (AGE 13), FISKDALE, MA

My name is Annabel Thorton. I went missing two years ago. Where did I go? Well, here's my story:

I, a naïve eleven-year-old girl at the time, loved to play in my backyard with the lush grass and blue skies. My parents always told me I could go outside as long as I never went in the woods.

One day, my best friend teased me into disobeying the rule and going into the dark forest at night. I was afraid, but too bold and prideful to listen to my head.

As I stepped into the dark woods, the ground wet with rainwater and the clouds blotting out the moon. Little did I know that my woods were special. In fact, that night, I stumbled upon a large stone wall, tall and intimidating. It looked thousands of years old, but yet it also seemed brand new and stretched though the forest.

Drops of rain had begun to fall, looking like small crystals in the dim light of the moon. I could hear the low sounds of animals and the low whistle of the wind through every nook and cranny. I had shivered in my thin nightgown. I could smell the damp soil, and humid air.

But as I drew closer to the wall, I had not thought of what the wall could do or what it was. I had only looked at it with curiosity, temporarily forgetting about the chilling wind. All I saw was the cream colored wall built with nothing but limestone bricks. The stone is worn down from years of erosion. As I placed my palm on the cool stone, it seemed to turn to dough, my hand sinking into the stone. As I snatched my hand back, I could look at the imprint of my own fingers, spaced evenly.

"Odd, is it not?" A voice had rung out behind me, smooth and even, like cut steel. Her eyes flashed multiple colors. A small horn on her forehead, just poking through her red bangs. Her hair falls all the way to her slim waist. Behind her back wings the color of pearls. She wore a pretty silky white dress.

"Dear, why do you look at that wall? What about it interests you?" She asks, her eyes looking to the wall, then back at me. I shrugged my shoulders.

"It's... I don't know what about it, but I feel drawn to it." I had replied. I marveled at this woman standing before me. She was magical, every part of her, but something about her... was

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- 1. What is your idea of the perfect summer day?
- 2. Congratulations to all 2018 graduates! Tell us about a graduate you are most proud of & why?
- 3. Write a poem or short story about the 4th of July.
- 4. Share memories of your childhood, neighborhood, and how things are different today.
- 5. Topic of your choice.

For more information or to submit for next month, email jsima@stonebridgepress.news or call 508.909.4062

A BABYSITTING EXPERIENCE BY EVA E. PERRON, EAST BROOKFIELD, MA

It was on New Year's Eve, 1943, that my friend Gladys and I (as 13-year-olds) babysat for a new family; we didn't know what to expect but the lady on the phone promised that her boyfriend would drive us home at the end of the night.

It was a bitterly cold winter stormy night and in order to be able to babysit, I told my mother that Gladys' mother knew the mother, and Gladys gave the same story to her mother, so we were able to go.

The young mother was attractive and dressed beautifully. She lived on the second floor and the only heat was from a kitchen oil burner stove. She instructed us to not go in the boy's bedroom if they cried; they were afraid of strangers and we would frighten them. We sat close to the stove that threw very little heat. The orange flame that had a kerosene smell, I knew, meant that the burners needed a cleaning badly.

We were not only cold, even with our coats on,but by 10 o'clock, we were hungry. There was very little food in the pantry, and only a small amount of milk in the fridge; we found a can of dark baking cocoa, and though it seemed to take a long time to warm water, a cup of cocoa, we thought, would bring some warmth. The cocoa was very bitter and when we opened the sugar bowl, what we thought was a grasshopper lived in the winter indoors. Nevertheless, we used the sugar but no amount would diminish the bitter taste. We rinsed the cups and drank water.

One little boy, a 3-year-old, started crying; we couldn't ignore his crying. With only a diaper on, in a cold room, the navy blanket was in the bottom of his crib. We covered him up and tried to sooth him. The younger 2-year-old was also uncovered, but luckily, the crying didn't wake him.

As young as we were and even though we didn't know the difference between a grasshopper and a cockroach, we did recognize a poor example of a mother.

After midnight, the drunken partying mother returned hom and her boyfriend, with a big tip to us, drove us home.

Later we learned that the woman's husband was in the Navy and also the mother was accused of heavily sedating her little boys so they'd sleep a lot. The couple was divorced.

This babysitting experience, a learning

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SPENCER WRITERS' GROUP SUBMISSIONS It's Here! by s. J. shepherd, auburn

Flowers and birds, and so much more, I can find it all when I open my door. Out in the air I am meant to be, laughing and playing, oh so much to see. Today is warm with a nice gentle breeze I can feel it from my head to my knees. "Time in New England" is how the song goes, A nice place to be with grass between my toes

A Walk at Dusk BY LINDA JONES, N. BROOKFIELD

Every night I like to take a walk around dusk, but last night as I walked past the pond, I heard a loud, "Huff" and then heavy footsteps in the underbrush. I stood very still. I was so very frightened, as our neighbor had seen a big black bear in her yard. She said the bear came close to her house and took down the bird feeders taking them with him. I didn't know what to do. Should I keep quiet or should I try to make it back to the house? Everything was so very quiet. Had the bear heard me or was he waiting for me to make a move? Why didn't I bring a flashlight with me or even my cane?

I was starting to tremble and I was so afraid to move but I knew I had to do something. It had gotten darker and I thought that was good, maybe this bear had poor eyesight? So, very gingerly I moved as quietly as I could and I made it to the road and then HOME!

I was so glad to be home and safe and I haven't been out walking by the pond again at dusk.

Clams, Oysters and Snails, Oh My! BY GINGER CAMARDA, N. BROOKFIELD

Whenever I see someone devouring raw clams, oysters or snails it transports me back to when I was a little girl and experienced my first raw clam. Dad had a good friend who owned a boat. Actually it was a very large boat; it had a large kitchen, two sets of bunk beds, even a master bed room and ample room on deck to enjoy the sun, a sea breeze and the intoxicating aroma of the ocean. I am sure it was big enough to be a yacht!

It was anchored in Narraganset Bay. One summer Dad's friend let us use the boat for a vacation. My earliest memory of our seafaring week was the day a fishing boat pulled alongside with fresh clams and oysters for sale. I remember my father was overjoyed with excitement at the prospect of fresh seafood. So he purchased some. "Ginger! These are so delicious," he told me. "You must try one – They don't even have to be cooked." Then he proceeded to show me how to put the clam on half of the shell and slurp that ugly looking thing into my mouth and swallow it! Are you kidding me? Why did I ever try it? I gagged, and threw it up over the side of the boat into the Atlantic Ocean. I have never again tried to eat any of the above, in any form, except maybe clam chowder.

disturbing. Something I could not quite place.

But before I could do anything, the woman held out her hand. Her horn glowed a deep crimson red, as well as the smoke that floated around her fingertips like ink.

"You should have never come here, little mortal." She had said. With that I was engulfed in the smoke.

I woke to blue skies. Grass under my hands... no, hooves? Yes, I had woken with hooves not hands. As I stood, I found I stood on four legs, not two. And as I raced over to the small pond nearby, I saw the face of a llama looking back at me. That was when I realized the large palace above me, overlooking the field I stand in, accompanied by other llama's. As my eyes traveled over to the balcony, I saw a figure looking down on me. Her eyes the color of a rainbow.

"Welcome to beyond the wall." She said softly, yet I could hear it. Then she turned, the silky cloth of her dress swooshing behind her as she left the balcony. I'm beyond the wall. But where is beyond the wall?

To be continued...(June 29th Write Stuff)

Dear Mom and Dad BY DEBBIE GREGOIRE LEFEBVRE, SOUTHBRIDGE, MA

Dear Mom and Dad,

Where would I be without you? You've been there for me in good times and

bad. When I was little, you took me to the zoo. As I got older, I may at times made you made, But you made me realize what I needed to do. I remember all the great vacations we had, And all the weekend camping trips too! Being a good parent isn't just a fad,

It takes time, patience, love, understanding and care too. $% \left({{{\left[{{{T_{{\rm{c}}}}} \right]}_{{\rm{c}}}}}} \right)$

one, gave us a greater appreciation of a good mother and a home filled with love, food and warmth, and though we thought we were putting something over on our mothers, it didn't do any good to lie to them.

A Bike Like No Other BY RICHARD TRAUSCHKE

I think it was 1946, in the summer, and new bikes were not to be had. Mine was an old fenderless number, kinda rusty, and rattled pretty bad.

It used to be maroon, quite a ways back; years ago when it was brand new. My brother since then, painted it black, with fenders of the brightest blue.

When I received the hand-me-down it was already the worse for wear. Chain guard missing, and fenders gone, not even handle grips, but I didn't care.

It was fast, I mean no slowpoke; It was the quickest bike around. Baseball cards for a motor in the spokes, gave it that motorcycle sound.

I kept it running for two years straight, when a birthday gave me a new bike. A Columbia navy blue and white, a horn and everything on it I liked.

I retired the old, but trusted ride; put in out to pasture in the shed. Many good times I spent on it outside; but I sadly had to put it to bed.

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My Best Purchase Ever BY JOAN BEDARD, EAST BROOKFIELD

Last week I was at the Mall and saw a bathing suit I absolutely had to have! It wasn't a navy blue or black suit with a skirt that is popular for the mature figure. I have two of those. This bathing suit had pizzaz and could be considered a little sexy. I could just visualize myself at the beach with a large hat on my head and the flattering suit. Actually, we do need a little up lift every now and then, don't we?

I didn't want to undress to try it on in the store. I bought a large size because that is the size I've bought these last few years.

The suit was packed in my suitcase because last weekend we were at Hampton beach. It was beautiful day and I was anxious to put my new bathing suit on! I just love it! I put my right leg in and then my left leg in and pulled it up to my knees. UMMM, you know now-a-days they charge more and use less material. As I pulled it above my knees I realized this was a tight squeeze. I moved my hips to the left and tugged at the suit. I then wiggled to the right pulling on the suit. The suit has a tummy panel, so that was taking up space. I finally got it to my waist and thought I might have torn it, but, I hadn't! When I pulled it up over my top I realized, "my cup runneth over." I think I'm more curvaceous than I thought.

Did I return it? OH NO! I love this suit! I'll put it in my drawer and lose some weight. I'll wear it next year when I'm 93!

The First Day at Camp BY SHARON LEGASEY, SPENCER

Three buses roared into the parking lot at Greenwood Valley Camp. Mary Jo stood by the assigned, "first and second year campers," picnic table watching the children step off the bus. Being her first year as a camp counselor, her excitement rose with every child as they exited the bus.

The more experienced campers rushed off the bus first running to the back of the bus and grabbing their bags and talking about who they would choose for their teams. As they walked away, Mary Jo finally saw a few parents getting out of their cars to meet their children. They walked together to the back of the bus and lifted their bags from the baggage holder. Soon they walked quietly to the younger camper tables. Mary Jo stood up with clip board in her arm and a smile as bright as the sun itself. Overjoyed to meet her first camper, she held out her hand to the parent, "I'm counselor, Mary Jo. What year is your daughter in?" she asked.

scared, what am I to do?"

Calmly you say you are going to be just fine, pet God will see you thru

Scattering around the house looking for the keys to your car

Maybe I can just run to school it isn't very far

A quick message to your husband – he is on the way

Reassuring you not to worry – the kids will be okay

Police - ambulance - fire trucks - sirens blaring up and down the street

Looks of shock – horror on all parents – faces everyone you meet

Text after call – one-two-five now more then ten

This is not a drill – this we can't pretend

Fumbling to open the door to your car – shaking like a leaf

Blank stares from neighbors - strangers - all in disbelief

Shots fired – screaming – chaos all around

How can this possibly be happening in this quiet suburban town?

Turning around anxiously your husband calling out your name

Within a matter of time your life will never be the same

Hysterically you keep texting but nothing on the other end

Maybe they're in hiding alongside their very best friend

Feeling anxious – hundreds of tears your emotions you can'd hide

Please keep all these individuals safe – please don't let them die

Suddenly the school doors are swinging open children running far and near

The innocent rushing to their family members – tension everywhere

News spreads quickly – the shooter captured now in the hands of the law

Not even beginning to comprehend what they heard and saw

There have now been a few injuries but no one passed away

Still searching for your two teenagers be it as it may

What seemed like an eternity now moments frozen in time

Hoping and praying for this nightmare to end so you can eventually unwind

Helping a young woman with training for her

This day 4-12-18 frozen in time – now she can only regret

What the chances anothare er police shot was also named Sean Something in our society is horribly - something terribly wrong

How can anyone with 100 criminal charges be walking the streets free?

To all so incomprehensible - anyone would see Every day on the job you were put to the ultimate test

But every day when your shift ended you were the best of the best

The thin blue line now is only a little thinner Yet you are our hero – you are a winner

The sun – moon and stars not as bright they'll never be the same

Endless clouds in the sky – now are like tear drops – they turn to rain

At the ocean – the waves no longer crash loudly on the shore

For your smiling face and laughter your family will have no more

Weeks will turn into months – each day still brand new

The only difference is we'll be spending the rest of our lives without you

Yarmouth has lost a great officer - and all have lost a friend

Because of your warmth and compassion even strangers have come to depend

A country now stands in silence – flags half staff – a last salute

Thousands of tears shed because you are like no other

You Sean shall forever be a K9 Police Officer you shall forever be "Our Brother."

THE LOCKET BY SHER MORSE, SPENCER, MA

I wear my Mum & Dad's photo in a simply stated locket.

But there was nothing simple about them.

They were sole mates.

Best Friends -

Man & Wife -

They were devoted to each other.

Mum left us first, breaking more than a heart or two.

"First year, this is Sally." Said Mrs. McDonald "This is your camp counselor Sally, say hello." Sally just walked away and sat at the picnic table casting her eves to the ground. "She's just shy, give a minute."

Jason was the opposite, he ran directly to the table with Michael close behind calling, "Hey Jason, wait up!" Slapping him on the back when he caught up to him, "Want to dig for worms?" he asked

Once all ten of her campers were gathered and the parent's said goodbye, Mary Jo was ready for the time of her life!

NEVER AGAIN BY SUE ANGELA HEALY, NORTH BROOKFIELD, MA

It's 6:00 on Monday morning – yes your kitchen's a mess

Yelling upstairs to your daughter – did you study for your test?

Gazing in the mirror you son says, "man don't I look cool?"

You look very handsome - don't forget your lunch for school

Out the door your two children race no time to make a fuss

Your husband leaves a few minutes later you are all alone

Within 45 minutes you receive text after text on your aging phone

Blinking your eyes in denial, this is not what it seems

This really can't be happening – this a joke or dream

Your neighbor banging at your door – scurrying to put on the TV

Tears beginning to fill your eyes - you can barely see

Receiving a call from your son there's a shooter in the next room

In only a matter of moments I know he'll be in here soon

Now breathing heavy – your heart starts pounding - weakness in your knees

If you can hear me dear Lord please save our children as you begin to make this plea

Now a call from your daughter, "mom I'm were probably unaware

Your daughter and son – safe together – arms raised up high

Trembling – running hurriedly toward them – all you break down and cry

Hugging – sobbing – uncontrollably falling A thank you to heaven you send

Whispering softly, "not one more - enough never again, never again." \sim \sim \sim \sim \sim

OUR BROTHER

BY SUE ANGELA HEALY

In Loving Memory of Sean Gannon 4-12-18

You Officer Sean Gannon is someone I have never met

But the way your short life ended I shall never forget

Entering a home in Marston Mills with Nero by your side

To you he was everything – your joy – your pride

They two words we citizens never want to hear in large cities or small towns

All of a sudden breaking news – an officer is down

People stopping in their steps not knowing what to say or do

Eyes filling with tear drops as the nation prays for you

This kind of tragedy is happening too often in each and every state

Police officers being shot down at a very high rate

You were rushed to Cape Cod Hospital hours later learning you had died

Shock - heartbreak - sorrow - heads shaking in disbelief - asking simply why?

A recently wed husband - brother - friend and son

Everyone who knew - loved you - considered number one

Memories from your Chief - "The Tom Brady of Police"

Stories from neighbors - relatives - strangers

- their stories they'd release

Saying I hope it isn't anyone I know or a member of my family

But then everyone on the force is considered family to me

Staying with a sick boy until you Sean knew he was in good care

The love and admiration all had for you - you

And many years later, Dad joined her.

I like to believe they are dancing together in Heaven.

It lessens the pain I feel from losing them. My locket's photos show their outer beauty, but I knew their inner beauty.

The love they had for each other and their children will never die.

And with all my heart, I wish they didn't die. It was too soon to be without them near

Mother's Day Love (A Poem) BY TOM VANTRE, SOUTHBRIDGE, MA

Mother, what you say is true.

There will never be a woman like you. Your caring eyes saw when I was in trouble. Your voice spoke the words I could not say. When I needed to talk, your ears listened. You were the light to help keep the darkness away

You've kept me alive since I was a tiny cell. Defenseless and fragile.

All it took was your love and devotion.

I know I say it everyday, but today it means more.

I love you, mom! Happy Mother's Day!

LEGALS

Notice of Public Hearing-Spencer Zoning Board of Appeals

At the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting to be held on Tuesday, June 12, 2018 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 7:15 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard:

Special Permit-Applicant/Owner: FLEXcon; Neil McDonough, Location: 5 & 11 South Spencer Road, Spencer Assessor's Map U10/7. The applicant is requesting a Special Permit under Section 4.4.G (Accessory Uses) of the Spencer Zoning Bylaw for a modular unit on the property for an onsite health center. The property is located within the Industrial 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 and 7:30am-12:00pm on Thursdays.

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May 25, 2018 June 1, 2018

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Brookfield Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 6pm, Tuesday, June 5, 2018 in the Brookfield Town Hall Kitchen. The purpose of this hearing is a request by Roger Mundell Jr. for a special permit to construct an apartment above a pre-existing garage at 52 South Maple Street located in the Business A District, according to a denial from the Zoning Enforcement Officer based on the Brookfield Zoning By-laws,

Section 4 District and Use Regulations sub-section D Use Regulation Table, 2 - Residential, f - Conversion of single family to a two-three-four-family dwelling.

Stephen J. Comtois II ZBA Chairman May 18, 2018 May 25, 2018

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Additionally, within thirty days after said return day (or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order), you must file a written affidavit of objections stating the specific facts and grounds upon which each objection is based and a copy shall be served upon the Conservator pursuant to Rule 3 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court.

You have the right to send to the Conservator, by registered or certified mail, a written request to receive a copy of the Petition and account(s) at no cost to you.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the abovenamed person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.

Date: May 08, 2018

Stephanie K. Fattman Register of Probate

May 25, 2018

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 Alicia Benoit to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., dated February 28, 2013 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 50517, Page 55, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association dated March 27, 2015 and recorded with said registry on April 2, 2015 at Book 53546 Page 62 and by assignment from JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association to Secretary of Housing and Urban Development dated December 13, 2016 and recorded with said registry on June 9, 2017 at Book 57233 Page 114 and by assignment from Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to U.S. Bank National Association, not in its Individual Capacity but Solely as Trustee for the RMAC Trust, Series 2016-CTT dated March 27, 2018 and recorded with said registry on April 11, 2018 at Book 58650 Page 173, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 a.m. on June 19, 2018, on the mortgaged premises located at 10 Lyford Road, Spencer, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage. TO WIT: Land on the southerly side of Lyford Road in Spencer, Worcester County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts being shown as Lot 5 on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Spencer, MA owned by the Estate of Esther Gale, Joy White, Executrix, April 12, 2006, Donald A. Para, Land Surveyor, Inc., New Braintree, MA" which plan is recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 844, Plan 25 and which lot is more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Road to a stone bound;

THENCE S. 37 degrees 57' 12" E., 82.16 feet along the southerly line of Lyford Road to a solid rod set at the point of beginning.

Containing 113,586 square feet (2.608 acres).

Being the same premises conveyed to the mortgagor(s) by deed recorded in Book 50517 Page 53

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 50517, Page 53.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed. TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

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

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR THE RMAC TRUST, SERIES 2016-CTT Present holder of said mortgage By its Attorneys, HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C. 150 California Street Newton, MA 02458 (617) 558-0500 201605-0518 - PRP May 25, 2018

June 1, 2018 June 8, 2018

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508) 831-2200 Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508) 831-2200 Docket No. WO18P1515EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Estate of: Theresa Marie Labelle Date of Death: 07/17/2007

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Dennis Labelle of Spencer MA

requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that

Dennis Labelle of Spencer MA

be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in <u>an unsupervised</u> administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/05/2018. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS

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

Justice of this Court. Date: May 09, 2018 Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate

Town of Spencer, MA Tree Hearing

A public hearing will be held at the Spencer Memorial Town Hall, Conference Room A, 157 Main Street, Spencer, MA on Monday, June 4, 2018, at 6:30 pm. to consider the proposed re-

be heard:

Variance-Applicant/Owner: Mary Williams; Location: 29 School Street, Spencer Assessor's Map U24/6. The applicant is requesting a Variance under Section 7.3 (Variance) of the Spencer Zoning Bylaw to extend their porch and receive relief from the setbacks. The property is located within the Village Residential zoning district.

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June 1, 2018

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Division Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 Docket No. WO15P2001PM CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF CONSERVATOR'S ACCOUNT

In the matter of: Erica L Kresco Of: West Brookfield, MA

Protected Person/ Disabled Person/ Respondent

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, you are hereby notified pursuant to Rule 72 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court, that the **SECOND** account(s) of Cheryl A Edwards of West Brookfield, MA as Conservator of the property of said Respondent has or have been presented to the Court for allowance.

You have the right to object to the account(s). If you wish to do so, you

BEGINNING at a solid rod set in the southerly line of Lyford Road at the northeast corner of the lot herein described and the northwest corner of Lot 4 as shown on said plan;

THENCE S. 30 degrees 43' 15" W., 282.67 feet along Lot 4 as shown in said plan to a solid rod set.

THENCE S. 00 degrees 16' 08" W., 223.26 feet along said Lot 4 to a re-rod set in a pile of stones at land nor or formerly of Burdett;

THENCE S. 1 degree 21' 38" E., 58.37 feet along said Burdett land to an iron pin found at land now or formerly of Roy;

THENCE N. 89 degrees 02' 19" W., 170.00 feet along a fence along said Roy land to a solid rod set;

THENCE N. 2 degrees 00' 55" E., 389.94 feet along Lot 6 as shown on said plan to a solid rod set;

THENCE N. 30 degrees 54' 47" E., 330.00 feet along said Lot 6 to a solid rod set in the southerly line of Lyford Road;

THENCE S. 42 degrees 56' 00" E., feet along the southerly line of Lyford

Docket No. WO18P1514EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate of: Donna Marie Hilow Date of Death: 01/10/2016

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Michael P. Hilow of Spencer MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that

Michael P. Hilow of Spencer MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in <u>an unsupervised</u> administration.

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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court. Date: May 09, 2018

Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate May 25, 2018 moval of the following tree: 196 Paxton Rd-1 tree (for Drainage Improvement) Information on different sizes and species is available on the Town website <u>spencerma.gov</u>

> Ray Holmes Tree Warden

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Smart planning means all members of the family can walk away from vacations with fond memories.

Making the most of family vacations

Family vacations can seem like daunting endeavors to organize, as planners must cater to each member of the family and their individual needs. Family vacations can cost several thousand dollars, which only adds to the pressure planners may be under. But careful planning makes it possible to simplify the process so more time can be spent resting, relaxing and having fun.

CHILD-FRIENDLY HOTEL

One of the "musts" when booking a family vacation is finding the right accommodations. This often means booking rooms at family-friendly hotels. Things to look for when seeking hotels include amenities like swimming pools and recreation areas, nearby parks and other attractions that kids can enjoy, and easy access to stores that sell necessities.

When booking a room, request one that is close to the elevator or the breakfast buffet. If you have youngsters who nap or go to bed early, try to book adjoining rooms or one-bedroom suites. This way the kids are tucked in but accessible, allowing adults to enjoy their downtime.

PLAN THE TRIP TOGETHER

Get the entire family involved when planning a vacation and let children who are old enough to have a say in some of the travel plans. Let kids choose some activities, pick some restaurants or even select which seats to sit in on the airplane.

PACK AS LIGHTLY **AS POSSIBLE**

Pack light and, if possible, buy some necessities when you arrive. Few things can be as headache-inducing as dragging along extra luggage with kids in tow. Choosing a hotel or resort with laundry facilities can be advantageous to active families who may get messy along the way.

ALLOW FOR DOWNTIME

While it's beneficial to have an itinerary, leave some moments for spontaneity and rest. You don't want to return home so tired from the trip that you need another break. Use downtime as opportunities for kids to lead the way.

TRAVEL OFF THE BEATEN PATH

Mature children may like sights and sounds that aren't necessarily designed for kids. So while it may be tempting to stick to big-name resorts that cater to families, there's plenty of enjoyment to be had exploring lesser-known islands or villages. And while you're at it, introduce children to native cuisines so they can broaden their culinary palates.

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Cruising tips and tricks

Cruising can be an ideal vacation for people of any age, but particularly for seniors. Cruises combine all-inclusive meal packages with accommodations, breathtaking ports of call and pre-arranged activities, so vacationers do not have to lift a finger for days on end. Cruising also can be a social activity, meaning singletons can meet up with other like-minded people and enjoy the cruising experience together.

Cruise Lines I n t e r n a t i o n a l Association, a global organization advocating for the cruising community, found that 25.8 million passengers expected to take a cruise in 2017, and various cruise companies invested more than \$6.8 billion in new ocean vessels.

Whether a person is new to cruising or is a seasoned ocean or river traveler, there are always techniques to try to score great deals or enjoy the experience even further. Consider these tips and tricks, courtesy of Royal Caribbean, The Cruise Critic, the Travel Channel, and other vacationing experts.

• Research the ships, and not just the cruise lines. Cruise lines each



CAPTION: A cruise can be an ideal vacation for seniors who have the time to get away.

offer their own amenities and are known for certain features. One cruise line may be a better match for young singles, while others may cater to families. In addition, certain ships may have their own special features such as water slides, athletic events, casinos, and more. Choose a ship that meets your needs.

• Arrive the night before. There's no need to rush to the port to board the ship. Extend the vacation a little further by arriving a night or two before and checking into a nearby hotel. Some hotels may offer free parking or shuttle service to the ship. • Choose a close port. Select a port within driving distance to avoid airline costs and the extra hassles of coordinating luggage and travel to the port.

• Book dining ahead of time. Cruise ships often have a main dining room and then specialty restaurants. If you want a particular meal, make reservations before leaving port. Certain restaurants may offer discounts or perks, such as a free bottle of wine or premiere seating.

• Understand what's included. Cruise ships have many foods and drinks that are included in the packaged price.

Certain branded items, such as specialty coffees or ice creams, may be available at an additional charge, as are premium drinks. But chances are you can find a free, similar version elsewhere on the ship.

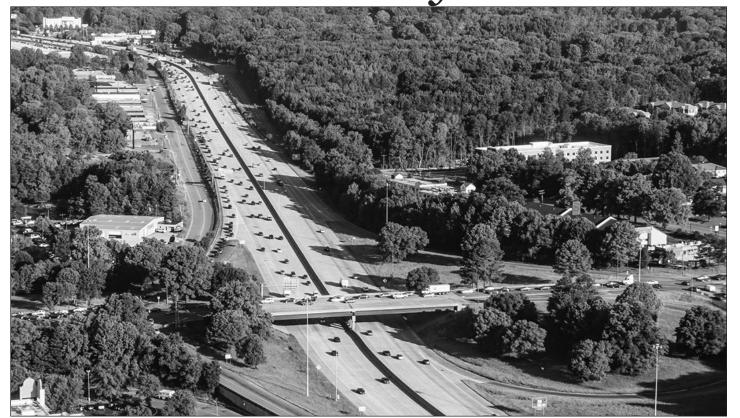
• Explore special discounts. When shopping for a cruise, see if there are discounts available for seniors, teachers, people in the military, or those who belong to certain clubs. Cruises often love to incentivize, so it pays to ask about discount pricing.

• Make a list of activities. It can be easy to get overwhelmed by all of the offerings on a cruise ship, so much so that there's some stress over trying to fit it all in. Recognize that you can't see or hear it all, and prioritize what's important to you. Make sure you have plenty of time to relax.

• Book at the right time. Cruises may be more available after Labor Day when kids go back to school and the weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas when others are too busy to travel.

Cruising can be an ideal vacation for travelers who are savvy enough to do their research.





Travelers who can't take an extra day off or leave work early the Friday before Memorial Day may want to consider taking public transportation to their beach destinations instead of driving themselves. In 2016, the U.S.-based data firm Inrix noted that a traffic-free Friday jaunt from New York City to Long Island's East end would take 90 minutes, while the same trip would take three hours and 40 minutes on the Friday of Memorial Day weekend. Travelers who can't leave early can save themselves from the stress of holiday traffic jams by letting someone else do the navigating.

Memorial Day weekend is one of the busiest travel weekends of the year. In 2017, the automotive group AAA estimated that 40 million Americans would travel 50 miles or more on Memorial Day weekend. Those estimates also projected that 34.6 million vehicles would be used to make those trips.

Often referred to as "the unofficial beginning of summer," Memorial Day and the weekend that precedes it has become synonymous with beach trips and backyard barbecues. Travelers who want to avoid traffic jams and ensure their weekends get off on the right foot can benefit from employing these three travel-savvy strategies.

1. START THE WEEKEND EARLY.

In its "State of American Vacation 2017" survey, Project: Time Off found that 662 million vacation days were unused in 2016. People traveling for Memorial Day who typically leave some

vacation days on the table can start their weekends early this year. Many offices close early the Friday before Memorial Day, and workers who aren't so lucky may just leave work early, meaning Friday afternoon traffic figures to be heavy. By leaving Thursday afternoon or evening, travelers can avoid the Friday rush to the beach.

2. TAKE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION.

3. BE PATIENT AND DEPART ON SATURDAY MORNING.

Travelers who can be patient may find that waiting to depart for their destinations until Saturday can save them from dealing with much of the stress of traveling on Memorial Day weekend. The benefits of being patient may depend on where travelers live, as the Inrix study noted that Friday was the busiest day to leave Los Angeles on Memorial Day weekend, while San Diego residents tended to deal with the most traffic on Saturday. An added benefit of waiting until Saturday is the likelihood that such travelers will not return home until Tuesday, avoiding traffic on Monday, which tends to be the busiest return travel day of the weekend.

Memorial Day weekend travel tends to be hectic. But savvy travelers with some flexibility can take steps to make their trips less stressful.

Tips for a successful driving vacation

Driving vacations can be budget-friendly ways to get away from home for a few days. Such excursions can be customized according to families' particular schedules and interests. To make the most of driving vacations, travelers can employ these tips.

• Map the destination. Figure out the duration of the trip ahead of time, jotting down approximate times of travel. This will help you break up the ride so you can include stops for food, bathroom breaks and fill-ups.

• Plan food and accommodations. Some people like to plan road trips as they go. Those who prefer to have greater control can decide where to stop in advance, researching hotels, attractions and dining establishments.

• Be firm with departure times. Make a plan to leave at a particular hour and stick to it. This will help to keep the trip on schedule.

• Share the driving. Know your driving limits and share driving duties with

someone else who can take over if or when fatigue sets in.

• Pack stuff for kids to do. Prevent or delay the "are we there yets" with movies, puzzles, books, and music for children. Pack headphones so their devices will not disturb others.

• Schedule a tuneup beforehand. Before departing, ensure your vehicle is in good working order to reduce the likelihood of a breakdown. Make sure you have a spare tire and tire-changing tools, just in case.

• Don't pack too much. Leave some room in the vehicle for souvenirs picked up along the way. Take advantage of hotel laundry facilities to keep clothes fresh and to avoid having to pack too many outfits.

• Adjust as you go. Even the best plans need to be modified on occasion. Keep an open mind and be flexible so you can enjoy any unexpected wonders that may pop up. Flexibility also can help you adapt to traffic or detours.



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TRAVEL

Plan for a successful family vacation

Vacations provide a chance to rest, recharge and experience new locales. Family vacations also provide an opportunity to make lasting memories parents and their children will remember forever.

According to the 2016 American Express Spending and Saving Tracker, 70 percent of Americans expected to travel for leisure in 2016. In addition, the Family Travel Association notes that between 35 and 40 percent of family travel is multigenerational. That means extended families comprise a large part of the travel market, even if trips are not associated with traditional family vacations. "Experimental travel," or visiting locations that stray from the norm, has grown in popularity as people are more concerned with experiences than simply seeing a particular location.

Family trips are one of the fastest-growing segments of the tourism industry. Families traveling together can heed the following advice to ensure their next trip is successful.

• Be flexible with travel dates. Traveling during



off-peak seasons can mean fewer crowds and lower prices. Consider taking the kids out of school during a random week of the year rather than during scheduled breaks, such as winter vacation or spring break. Prices often spike during popular travel times and

dip during less popular times, such as when kids are in school.

• Consider a vacation rental. Look beyond the traditional hotel for accommodations. Prices on private rentals may be comparable or less expensive while providing travelers with more space. This is especially valuable to large families who want a little more breathing room. Kids can retreat to one area while the adults hang out in another, something that may not always be possible in standard hotels. Renting a condo or home with a kitchen also means families can prepare their own meals, which helps to curb costs.

• Encourage input from all. One person's idea of a good time may differ from everyone else's. Poll family members regarding their vision of a dream vacation and spend time trying to cater to at least one of these ideas per person. Make certain children have a say as well, as they'll be more likely to go along with plans that they were involved in making.

• Extend the fun to others. One way to maximize enjoyment is to plan vacations with other families. This way children have a group of friends with whom they can share the fun and different experiences. What's more, parents can enjoy adult time with friends. Some resorts discount for large groups, so this can be a cost-saving measure as well.

• Expect some hiccups. Vacations can be relaxing, but getting there sometimes can be a challenge. Go into the vacation process recognizing the potential for traffic or airport delays and plan accordingly to keep children occupied. Pack plenty of snacks as well.

Family vacations are an entertaining way to spend time together. With advanced planning and some patience, the end results can be well worth the work.

Campers' guide to RV care and maintenance



Sometimes referred to as recre

ter replacements should be conducted at regular intervals and in adherence to the owner's manual. Such maintenance prevents engines from seizing.

• Keep it covered. RV roofs are susceptible to sun and environmental damage. Store the RV under a steel RV carport or cover it using a product specifically designed for an PV. Bomember to sure to change the oil and filter of the generator regularly as well.

• Drain and clean water and waste systems. Water systems can benefit from being drained periodically and flushed with clean, fresh water. The disposal waste system needs to be drained as indicated in the owner's manual. • Lubricate joints and slide-out rails. Avoid rust and corrosion by spraying moving parts with a lubricant spray.

RVs can be a home away from home while vacationing or touring the country. With proper maintenance, they can run like new for years.



ational vehicles, travel trailers or campers, RVs are popular. According to the Recreation Vehicle Industry Association, RV shipments through February 2017 totaled 73,287 units. This represents an increase of 8.6 percent from the same period in 2016. In fact, RV shipments have increased for seven consecutive years.

This popularity might be driven by the affordability and convenience of vacationing in an RV. Essentially hotels or homes on wheels, campers provide many amenities in a compact package. RVs can be enjoyable, but mechanical failures and other problems can happen.

Regular maintenance, care and examination is necessary to avoid trip interruptions. According to the recreational vehicle advice gurus at Do It Yourself RV, RVs require all of the standard maintenance of a car plus much more.

• Schedule oil changes and filter replacement. To keep the hard-working engine of an RV operating at optimal capacity, oil changes and air filRV. Remember to routinely inspect and clean the roof of the camper as well.

• Check for leaks. Look under the RV and/or tow vehicle for any signs of leaks. Repair leaks promptly. Transmission fluid leaks can lead to vehicle fires. When checking for leaks, check fluid levels to ensure they're at the proper level. This includes engine oil, transmission fluid, power steering fluid, windshield washer fluid, and brake fluid.

• Check radiator coolant. Radiator coolant is another important fluid to check. Antifreeze protects the engine in cold temperatures, but it also helps the engine run cooler in hot temperatures. Wait for the RV to cool down before checking fluids.

• Periodically run the generator. RV generators shouldn't go unused for too long. Gasoline has a short shelf life, and after time it can break down, condense and damage the generator's internal components. Run the generator if the RV has not been used for awhile. Be

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