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Spencer voters back Senior Center improvements

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – Special Town Meeting voters recently authorized funds that will pave the way for fire code improvements at the Senior Center.
At the Feb. 13 Special Town Meeting, voters

overwhelmingly supported funding the design phase of the project. At minimum, the 68 Maple St. building needs a new fire detection system and fire suppression system, town officials said. Additional code improvements may also be required for the building,

which previously housed Maple Street School and now serves as the Senior Center.
For seniors and town officials alike, it meant a lot to see Special Town Meeting voters show strong support for the center.
“I am very pleased

that the Town Meeting approved the funds to perform the architectural study to draw up the plans and bid specifications to provide the Senior Center with a fire suppression and updated alarm system,” said Selectman Ralph Hicks. “This is an important

first step in ensuring that our senior citizens have an appropriately sized and safe place to meet and take part in activities that improve their quality of life.”

Officials anticipate signing a contract with an architectural firm in

the coming weeks. Once the firm completes the study, the town will have a full list of improvements that are needed.

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**WEAR
RED DAY**

The faculty and staff at Wire Village School in Spencer took part in National Wear Red Day on Feb. 7 to raise awareness of heart disease among women.

Brookfield receives funding for senior housing study

BROOKFIELD – The town recently received a grant that will assist the study of senior housing opportunities.

As the lead community in a regional project, Brookfield was awarded a \$15,000 grant from the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC). Officials are moving into the second phase of the regional project, and the grant funds will support additional workshops and technical assistance geared toward addressing affordability and availability of senior-focused housing alternatives.

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New Fire Chief excited to take the reins in West Brookfield

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

WEST BROOKFIELD – Appointed as the town’s Fire Chief earlier this month, Clayton Edwards is excited to lead the department into a new decade.
A lifelong West Brookfield resident, Edwards has spent

ten years with the fire department, previously serving as an assistant chief and lieutenant before his promotion. He understands the many challenges of running a part-time call department, in addition to his full-time position as a supervisor for the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture.
“The guys are extremely

dedicated. They are all working 40-plus-hour jobs, but they always get here on Monday nights [for trainings and meetings],” Edwards said of his staff. “It’s a great group of guys, and I wouldn’t be where I am now without the guys we have and those we’ve had in

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Kevin Flanders Photo

Clayton Edwards is the new West Brookfield Fire Chief.



DPHS students create documentary on cell phone policies

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – A lot more goes into the creation of a documentary than meets the eye, as David Prouty

Courtesy Photo

David Prouty High School students recently teamed up with University of Hartford undergraduates for a documentary project.

High School students recently discovered.
Earlier this month, Prouty students and staff welcomed members of the University of Hartford’s communications department. Led by Professor Susan Cardillo, the team filmed Prouty students in multiple classes for a documentary highlighting cell phone policies in local schools.
As part of the project, DPHS students were asked an array of ques-

tions about their opinions on the school’s cell phone policy. General reactions to the policy were covered, as well as suggestions for potential improvements.
For Prouty students and staff alike, it was a thrill to take part in the process and see firsthand the extensive work required to make a documentary.

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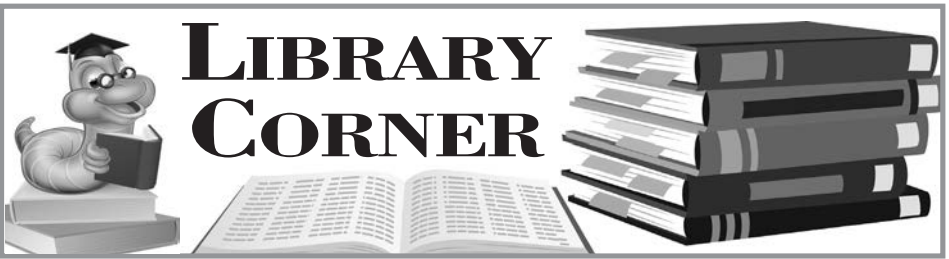
North Brookfield man sentenced for assaulting underage victims

NORTH BROOKFIELD – A 55-year-old man was sentenced last week after pleading guilty to drugging and sexually assaulting multiple underage boys. During his Feb. 10 sentencing in Worcester Superior Court, Paul Menard was ordered to spend 15 to 20 years in state prison. He previously pleaded guilty to drugging the victims, then videotaping and photographing abusive encounters with them while they were unconscious. The assaults occurred over a nearly 20-year period.

In total, Menard pleaded guilty to 33 charges, including 11 counts of rape and child rape, 11 counts of possessing child pornography, nine counts of posing a child in a state of nudity, and two counts of indecent assault and battery of a person over 14. The case involved at least four victims, and the crimes occurred between 1998 and 2016, according to Worcester County District Attorney Joseph Early’s office. Prosecutors said Menard systematically preyed on the victims,

gaining their trust and eventually inviting them to house parties where he drugged them. He even gained the trust of a few victims’ parents, prosecutors said. “Mr. Menard admitted that he invited boys to his home and served them drinks laced with drugs, which caused the victims to pass out,” read a statement issued by District Attorney Early’s office. During a lengthy investigation, police found multiple devices in Menard’s

home that contained videos and photographs depicting child pornography. In addition to the prison sentence, Judge James Reardon ordered Menard to serve five years of probation after his release. Assistant District Attorney Lambrini Pashou had argued for a sentence of 25-30 years in prison. The case was investigated by State Police detectives assigned to the Worcester County District Attorney’s Office, the North Brookfield Police, and the Worcester Police.



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February 24
Teen Mania: Artist in you! Metalworking: With a professional metalworker, come explore and try your hand at this art! All levels welcome. Teen Mania meets on Mondays from 3:30-5:30 pm in the Community Room. All students in grades 6-12 welcome. Teen Mania prepares for our first teen art show at the library! Try different art mediums each week. Discover your inner artist and enter your favorite pieces in the show in April.

February 25
Toddler story time meets from 10:00 am - 10:45 am for ages 18-35 months and their caregivers.

Pre-K story time meets from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm for children 3 years (by Sept 1st) to school age.

February 26
Pause: Mindfulness Meditation is held on the Library’s Main Floor on Wednesdays from 8:30 am—9:30 am. Drop-in and learn about mindfulness. We will practice mindfulness, and discuss using these tools to enhance our relationship with ourselves and others.

February 27
Community Connections hosts Read, Build, Play, a STEM program for infants-age 5 from 10:00 am - 11:00 am. These free programs are provided by a grant through the Department of Early Education and Care.

Paws and Pages is held on the 4th Thursday of the month from 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm. Come relax and read to a therapy dog! Research has shown that reading aloud to a therapy dog helps improve reading skills and confidence. Barbara Laborde brings Gallifrey from American Poodles at Work to listen to your stories!

Mark your calendar!
March 12
The Road to the Vote: The Boston Women’s Suffrage Trail will be held at 7:00 pm. Adults and Teens are invited to this celebration of the 100th anniversary adoption of the 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which gave women the right to vote. This presentation, given by the Boston Women’s Heritage Trail, highlights local leaders and significant events in the decades long quest for equality at the ballot box.

March 30 Sign up today!
Alzheimer’s Disease: Know the 10 Signs. Early Detection Matters will be held from 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm. If you or someone you know is experiencing memory loss or behavioral changes, it’s time to learn the facts. Early detection of Alzheimer’s disease gives you a chance to begin drug therapy, enroll in clinical studies and plan for the future. This interactive workshop features video clips of people with Alzheimer’s disease. Space is limited. Sign up required. Sign up for a reminder by visiting, or calling the library at (508) 885-7513 x1, or online at www.spencerpubliclibrary.org. A workshop presented by the Alzheimer’s Association®

Second Chance gearing up for largest dinner auction ever

EAST BROOKFIELD — Second Chance Animal Services has a ‘good habit’ of outgrowing things. Over the course of 20 years, the nonprofit has outgrown the founder’s porch (where the ‘shelter’ began,) adding locations and making renovations to make the best use of every inch of space, all in the name of helping pets in need. This year, Second Chance is moving their annual dinner auction to the Southbridge Hotel & Conference Center to accommodate the growing fundraiser that generates critical funding to help pets in need all year long.

The gala fundraising event to be held on Saturday, March 28, 2020, will feature hundreds of silent and live auction items for bid, along with pet themed raffles, a delectable buffet and a short video highlighting the past year’s accomplishments.



Lindsay Doray, the event’s organizer, is nervous but excited for the new venue, and said “We’ll have so much more room for all the auction items and attendees. The past few years, it’s been a tight squeeze between the dining tables and the items that ringed the entire ballroom. We’ll miss the previous venue which felt like home, but now more people will be able to come out for a fun night and bid on even more really great prizes.”

Doray revealed a few of the exciting items that have already come in, from the popular stays in Big Sky, Montana and Cannes, France to more unique offerings like a set of signed books by author W. Bruce Cameron including “A Dog’s Purpose,” and a behind the scenes tour of WHDH Boston for twelve. Proceeds from the auction

will help meet the needs of the over 40,000 pets that rely on Second Chance to live a better life through adoption, veterinary care, vaccine & spay neuter clinics, a pet food pantry and more. The nonprofit is accepting item donations and additional sponsors for the event. Sponsorship information can be found on their website: www.secondchanceanimals.org. Items can be dropped off at the Adoption Center, 111 Young Rd., East Brookfield.

This year’s dinner auction has a very special platinum sponsor. Last December Second Chance lost a long-time supporter and dinner auction attendee, Pamela Crawford. Her fellow RE/MAX realtor Wendy Johnson is sponsoring the event in loving memory of Pamela Crawford.

Tickets for the event are \$42 per person and include a buffet dinner and dessert. Anyone interested in attending can purchase tickets online through the Second Chance website or Facebook event page, or in person at the Adoption Center in East Brookfield.



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Knights of Columbus to host benefit dinner

WEST BROOKFIELD – Knights of Columbus Council 11080 members are inviting residents to attend a benefit dinner later this month. The chicken parm dinner will take place on Saturday, Feb. 29, in Dugan Hall at Sacred Heart Church (10 Milk St.). Takeout meals will be available beginning at 5:30 p.m., with the sit-down dinner slated for 6 p.m. Proceeds from the event will benefit Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish. Dinner will include pasta fagioli, chicken parmigiana, pasta, garden salad, garlic bread, homemade desserts, water, soda, and coffee. The cost is a \$12 donation for adults and a \$10 donation for children under 12 years old. Admission tickets also include entry for special door prizes. Tickets for a 50/50 raffle and other activities will also be available. To purchase your tickets for the event, call Wally Connor at 413-813-8100, or send an email to wally@supportingorphans.org. Only 120 tickets will be sold for this dinner.

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North Brookfield Savings Bank announces promotions



Frank Amato



Caitlin Burns



Michael Terlalis

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NORTH BROOKFIELD — North Brookfield Savings Bank is pleased to announce the promotions of Frank Amato, Caitlin Burns, and Michael Terlalis, members of the Bank's Mortgage Center team, with their primary office location at 35 Summer St., North Brookfield.

"Frank, Caitlin and Mike all have vast experience within the mortgage lending field and a comprehensive background in customer service," said North Brookfield Savings Bank President and CEO Donna Boulanger. "They strengthen our Mortgage Center team, ensuring we provide our customers looking to finance a home with the best lending experience, from start to finish. They are most definitely an asset to our customers and the NBSB family."

Frank Amato, of Longmeadow, has been promoted to the role of Vice President, Director of Mortgage Lending & Business Development. He began his career with the North Brookfield Savings Bank in 2018 as Vice President, Residential Lending Manager. He quickly demonstrated himself to be a valuable addition to the Mortgage Center team and a respected and appreciated resource to the customers of the area.

In his new role, he will continue to manage the residential mortgage department and assist customers with their home buying goals. In addition, he will further develop and manage the North Brookfield Savings Bank business development program in order to

cultivate new prospective customers and build relationships in the Bank's communities.

Amato holds a Bachelor's degree in Finance from Stonehill College and is licensed by the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System, NMLS License ID# 204101. Previous to joining North Brookfield Savings Bank, he successfully managed a team of loan officers and originated loans as the Assistant Sales Manager at Citizens Bank. Prior to that he was a Vice President of Production and Senior Loan Officer at 1st Alliance Lending where he oversaw the sales and processing teams to ensure high quality customer service was provided and origination practices were met.

"I am happy to be recognized with this promotion. I look forward to continue to work with our community members to help make their dreams of homeownership possible," said NBSB Vice President / Director of Mortgage Lending & Business Development, Frank Amato. "I am also eager to take on the responsibility of business development program and look forward to further growing North Brookfield Savings Bank's relationship within our communities."

To reach Frank Amato, Vice President, Director of Mortgage Lending & Business Development, call 508-637-7435 or email famato@banknbsb.com for your lending inquiries.

Caitlin Burns, of West Brookfield, has been promoted to Assistant Vice President / Residential Lending Manager. She began her career at North Brookfield Savings Bank as a Loan

Servicing Representative and through career advancements has since held various titles, with her most recent title being Assistant Vice President and Underwriter/Closer. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Worcester State University and is licensed by the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System, NMLS License ID# 968666.

In her new position, Burns will be responsible for overseeing the residential mortgage department in the origination, underwriting and servicing of all mortgage loans, as well as ensuring residential lending policies and procedures best serve the bank and its customers.

"I look forward to growing in my new role and taking on the additional responsibility as Residential Lending Manager. I love to help customers along their home financing journey and I always aim to give them the best possible lending experience," said Caitlin Burns, Assistant Vice President and Residential Lending Manager of NBSB. "As a local myself, I enjoy helping those within our communities, whether it be through a lending based connection or through community outreach."

To reach Caitlin Burns, Assistant Vice President / Residential Lending Manager, call 508-637-7412 or email cburns@banknbsb.com for your lending inquiries.

Michael Terlalis, of Ashford, Conn., has been promoted to Senior Mortgage Underwriter. He began his career at North Brookfield Savings Bank as a



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Mortgage Loan Processor in 2018.

In his new role, Terlalis will focus largely on offering support to customers throughout the process of obtaining a mortgage, as well as verifying, reviewing, evaluating and preparing mortgage loans for approval and loan commitment. In addition, he will be responsible for processing and preparing loans for closing.

Terlalis holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Central Connecticut State University, is a Certified Master Mortgage Underwriter through the National Association of Mortgage Underwriters and is licensed by the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System, NMLS License ID# 1039303.

"I enjoy working with the Mortgage Center team at North Brookfield Savings Bank and interacting with our customers as they explore their financing options. It is great to be a part of a person's home buying or refinancing experience and to provide them with the tools they need to make their goals become reality," said Michael Terlalis, North Brookfield Savings Bank Senior Mortgage Underwriter. "I am very happy for this recognition and look forward to continuing my growth with the team and the Bank."

To reach Michael Terlalis, Senior Mortgage Underwriter, call 508-637-7413 or email mterlalis@banknbsb.com for your lending inquiries.

Amato, Burns and Terlalis are currently members of the Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce, the Central Massachusetts South Chamber of Commerce, the Worcester Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Three Rivers Chamber of Commerce.

If you are looking to learn more about the home buying process North Brookfield Savings Bank's Mortgage Center team will be hosting a Buyers & Brews Home Buyers Night on April 30th from 6-8PM at Oakholm Brewing Company. More details and registrations are accepted by visiting www.NorthBrookfieldSavingsBank.com/HomeBuyersNight.

Country Bank donates more than \$900,000 to local nonprofits

WORCESTER — Country Bank proudly reported donations for 2019 totaling \$905,049. Through the bank's philanthropic efforts, they provide support to local non-profits throughout the communities they serve; in 2019, more than 500 of these organizations received generous donations. Organizations receiving support included The Children's Fund, Hearts for Heat, The Children's Trust, Provision Ministry, Sherry's House, the Worcester Youth Center, and Preservation Worcester.

Recognizing the importance

and overwhelming need to help organizations that address hunger, Country Bank provided monetary donations to food programs throughout the region that exceeded \$100,000. The recipients of these funds included Mustard Seed, St. John's Food Program, and the Worcester County Food Bank as well as many local food pantries.

"Our desire to support and enrich our communities is not only a part of our mission, it's truly who we are," stated Paul Scully, President, and CEO of Country Bank. "Team mem-

bers embody our Standards of Professional Excellence every day by applying the bank's iSTEP core values of integrity, service, teamwork, excellence, and prosperity. These values continue to guide our mission, especially through our community involvement efforts."

In addition, Country Bank's Employee Charitable Giving Program raised more than \$30,000 in 2019 through events such as jeans days, bake sales and raffles. "Our team volunteered more than 1,000 hours of personal time at various events within our communities. These

volunteer hours speak directly to our culture and our belief in helping others. Serving meals, filling backpacks for the homeless and building beds for children in need are just a few of the ways we gave back to our communities," stated Jodie Gerulaitis, Vice President of Community Relations.

To learn more about Country Bank's Charitable Giving program, visit <https://www.countrybank.com/communications-center/>.

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full-service mutual community bank serving central and western Massachusetts with 14 offices in Ware, Palmer, West Brookfield, Brimfield, Belchertown, Wilbraham, Ludlow, Leicester, Paxton, Charlton and Worcester. Country Bank is a member of FDIC, DIF and the SUM network. Country Bank can be reached at 800-322-8233 or online at countrybank.com.

Gobi announces community development award for Quaboag Valley CDC

BOSTON — Sen. Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) joined members of the Baker-Polito Administration last week in announcing that the Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation would be receiving a grant award as part of the Governor's Community Development Capital Program. The program seeks to spur job creation and small business growth across the Commonwealth by lowering the barriers to capital access – increasing the flow of capital to small businesses that cannot secure financing through banks. Successful grantees will leverage state funds, along with significant non-state capital sources, to provide small businesses with a spectrum of potential credit products, including direct loans, participation loans, and loan loss insurance.

"I appreciate the work of the Quaboag Valley CDC," commented Gobi. "They continually work to bring resources to our area and to support the growth of new businesses. I will continue to support funding for these important programs."

Serving the 15 towns of the Quaboag Region and Southern Worcester County, QV CDC offers many programs and services with a focus on community and economic development and supporting small business in our region. The grant award, in the amount of \$50,000, will go

towards continuing these efforts and will enable these community-based organizations to leverage federal and/or private funds, for the purpose of extending credit to small businesses.

For more information, please contact Senator Gobi's office at (617) 722-1540.

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Madison Hippert•Marena Matavao
Tej Patel•Emily Virzi
Grade 11
Liam Pataky•Delaney Sherman
Jacob Stolberg
Grade 10
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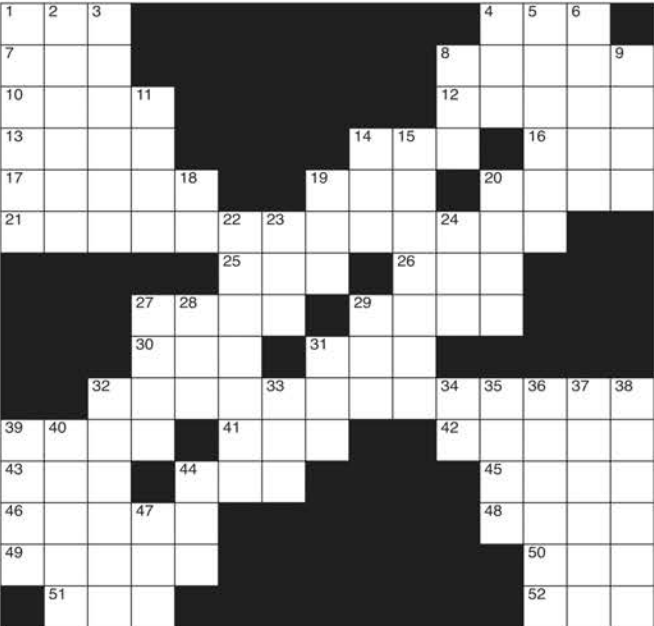
AREA RESIDENTS ON BRIDGEWATER DEAN’S LIST

BRIDGEWATER – The following area residents were named to the dean’s list for the fall semester at Bridgewater State University.

Auburn
Marc Louis, Timothy Prosser and Nicholas Williams.
Brimfield
James Damon and Joshua Watts
Charlton
Shaelyn Donovan, Julie March and Carlos Sousa I.

Charlton City
Lauren Fox
Douglas
Katherine Bullied, Zachary Ells, Ian Haire, Nathan Haire, Ryan Kuczer and Lydia Labonte.
Dudley
Nicholas Disley, Kevin Hill II and Lindsay Vo.
Fiskdale
Alyssa Raymond and Hannah Raymond
Holland
Alexzandra Dickey
Northbridge
Vanessa Karagosian and Ireland Stuart
North Brookfield

Samantha Rischitelli
Oxford
Jessica Bourassa
Spencer
Ryan Casault, John Dalton, Hunter Deane, Jillian Roy and Joseph Wilkman Jr.
Sturbridge
Meaghan Lowell, Emily Macey, Cooper Novelline and Alice Van Wickler.
Uxbridge
Ava Howe, Reid Miller, Tess Miller and Aidan Ryan.
Webster
Abigail Adams and Spencer Young

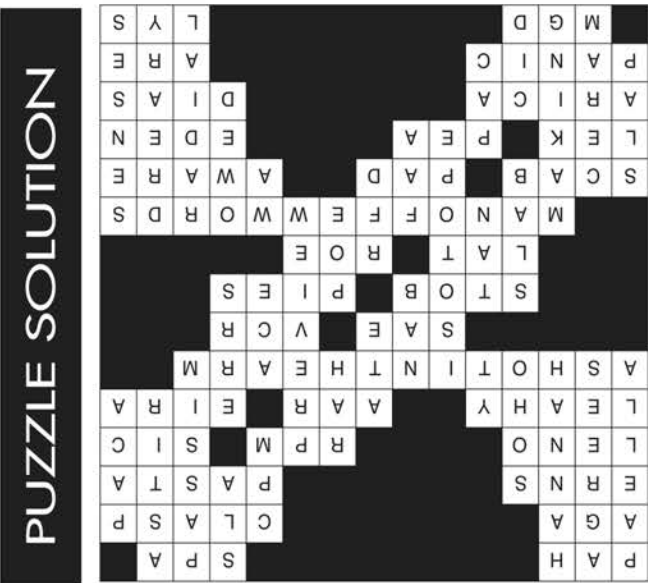


CLUES ACROSS

1. Expression of disgust
4. A place to unwind
7. A type of cooking range
8. Grasp tightly
10. Sea eagles
12. Carb dish
13. Late-night host
14. Revolutions per minute
16. Indicates odd or erroneous
17. FDR’s military chief of staff
19. Swiss river
20. Norwegian district and river
21. A form of motivation
25. Car mechanics group
26. Once a must-have home theater accessory
27. Broken branch
29. Apple and pumpkin are two
30. Skeletal muscle
31. Small Eurasian deer
32. Tight-lipped fellow
39. Comes after a cut
41. A place one lives
42. Cognizant of
43. Albanian monetary unit
44. Carrot’s partner
45. Famed garden
46. Chilean seaport
48. Days (Spanish)
49. Sudden anxiety
50. 100 square meters
51. A type of beer
52. French/Belgian river

CLUES DOWN

1. Spanish dish
2. Concurs
3. ___and her sisters
4. Patti Hearst’s captors
5. Used to refer to cited works
6. A state of excited movement
8. Advertising term (abbr.)
9. Nocturnal S. American rodent
11. New York art district
14. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
15. Pre-release viewing
18. Northwestern Canadian territory (abbr.)
19. Consumed
20. Falters
22. Radioactive form of an element
23. Catch a wrongdoer
24. Breeze through
27. Thick piece of something
28. Yellowish-brown color
29. “The Raven” poet
31. Rural free delivery (abbr.)
32. Creating
33. Supervises flying
34. Northwestern state
35. Was obligated to repay
36. Diverging in lines from a common center
37. Bleak
38. We all have them
39. Hit with the palm of one’s hand
40. Sea that’s part of the western Pacific
44. Political action committee
47. Famed Spanish soldier El ___



Western NE University students named to President’s List

SPRINGFIELD — Western New England University congratulates close to 500 students named to the Fall 2019 President’s List.

Erin Butts of Brookfield is working toward a BS in Actuarial Science

Abigail Gershman of East Brookfield is working toward a BS in Forensic Chemistry

Kayla Bolduc of Leicester is working toward a BS in Health Sciences

Andrew Fountain of West Brookfield is working toward a BSBA in Business Analytics & Info Man

Shaylah Dorman of West Brookfield is working toward a BS in Health Sciences

Celebrating its Centennial in the year 2019, Western New England University is a private, independent, coeducational institution. Located on an attractive 215-acre suburban campus in Springfield, Massachusetts, Western New England serves 3,974 students, including 2,629 full-time undergraduate students. Undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs are offered through Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business, Engineering, Pharmacy and Health Sciences, and the School of Law.

Students named to Dean’s List at Western NE

SPRINGFIELD — Western New England University congratulates more than 730 students named to the Fall 2019 Dean’s List.

Jacob H Glass of Brookfield is working toward a BA in Communication/Media Theory & Production Concentration.

Kevin P O’Neil of Brookfield is working toward a BS in Computer Science.

Emma Catherine Schultz of North Brookfield is working toward a BS in Biology.

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Anderson earns spot on Emmanuel College Dean’s List

BOSTON — Emmanuel College has named Emily Anderson of Spencer to the Dean’s List for the Fall 2019 semester. To earn a spot on the Dean’s List, Emmanuel students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for a 16-credit semester.

Emmanuel College is a co-educational, residential institution with a 17-acre campus in the heart of Boston’s educational, scientific, cultural and medical communities. Enrolling more than 2,200 undergraduate and graduate students, the College provides boundless opportunities for students to expand their worldview through rigorous coursework, significant internship and career opportunities throughout the Boston area and beyond, collaborations with distinguished and dedicated faculty, and participation in a dynamic campus community. Emmanuel’s more than 70 programs in the sciences, liberal arts, business, nursing, and education foster spirited discourse and substantive learning experiences that honor the College’s Catholic educational mission to educate the whole person and provide an ethical and relevant 21st-century education.

East Brookfield student recognized for academic excellence at Tufts University

MEDFORD — John Button was named to the dean’s list at Tufts University for the Fall 2019 semester.

Dean’s list honors at Tufts University require a semester grade point average of 3.4 or greater.

Tufts University, located on campuses in Boston, Medford/Somerville and Grafton, Massachusetts, and in Talloires, France, is recognized among the premier research universities in the United States. Tufts enjoys a global reputation for academic excellence and for the preparation of students as leaders in a wide range of professions. A growing number of innovative teaching and research initiatives span all Tufts campuses, and collaboration among the faculty and students in the undergraduate, graduate and professional programs across the university’s schools is widely encouraged.

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Pete's Posse performing in Brookfield



BROOKFIELD — Pete's Posse, Vermont's own trad-roots power trio, comes to the Brookfield Unitarian Universalist Church for a concert on March 22 at 2 p.m. Composed of acclaimed musician Pete Sutherland, his talented protégé Oliver Scanlon and the uber-dynamic Tristan Henderson, Pete's Posse never fails to surprise and excite! Twin fiddles in tight, wild harmony over high-powered guitar and pounding foot percussion with mandolin, clawham-

mer banjo, jaw harp, rocking keyboards, and soaring vocal harmonies adding color to the Posse's sonic landscape. The Boston Irish Reporter recently proclaimed the Posse puts forth "(a) kaleidoscope of sounds and styles with equal parts amiability and energy." A steady flow of powerful uplifting energy that spans their age gap, they tap into many traditions from the north to south, and east to west, to distill a distinct sound that is completely their own. The Posse's signature is variety: all multi-instrumentalists, the band plays a dynamic repertoire of folk-roots genres; songs and tunes, traditional and original. For over six years they've been bringing their brand of 'Neo-Traditional Folk' to festival

stages, dance halls and concert series across the US, Canada and Europe. Since 2014 the Posse has racked up more than 150,000 miles of touring, released 5 albums, and played numerous festivals including Shetland Folk Festival, Festival Memoire et Racine, New Bedford Folk Festival, and more!

They will perform at the Brookfield Unitarian Universalist Church, 9 Upper River St., on the Brookfield Common, on March 22 at 2 p.m. Adult tickets are \$15 and are available for cash at the door. Children under 12 are free with accompanying adult. For more information, contact buuc.music@gmail.com.

Gobi announces training grants for area businesses

BOSTON — Sen. Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) joined the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development today to announce training grant awards for three businesses located in the district through the Workforce Training Fund Program. Funded by Massachusetts employers via contributions made to unemployment insurance, the Workforce Training Fund helps companies improve productivity and competitiveness by providing resources to invest in the Massachusetts workforce.

When asked about the grants, Gobi commented, "Our region is fortunate to have so many thriving manufacturing companies. This partnership between the Commonwealth and businesses assists in creating new jobs and opportunities, strengthening the existing workforce to ensure continued growth and economic viability."

The grant awards are as follows:

G & F Molding in Sturbridge will receive \$119,400 to train 100 workers and anticipates adding 10 jobs by 2021.

Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation in Ware will receive \$74,233 to train three workers, and anticipates adding 40 jobs by 2021. This grant was awarded to a consortium of businesses, which includes DeTector Technology of Palmer, Mustang Motorcycle Products of Three Rivers, Palmer Foundry of Palmer, and Quabbin Wire & Cable of Ware.

Vibram Corporation in North Brookfield will receive \$94,070 to train 289 workers and anticipates adding five jobs by 2021.

In partnership with EOLWD, Commonwealth Corporation reviews and awards training grants of up to \$250,000 to Massachusetts businesses and consortia of businesses to fund training for the current and newly hired

employees, with grants being awarded on a rolling basis throughout the year. In 2019, nearly 600 Massachusetts employers were approved for more than \$20 million in WTFP grant-funded training for more than 15,200 workers.

The program is a powerful tool to create new jobs, increase skills and opportunities for our workers, and maintain the economic strength and viability of the Commonwealth's businesses. Companies who completed grants in FY2019 added jobs at a rate of 15.5 percent, more than eight-times the statewide average, resulting in 3,833 new jobs.

To learn more about the Workforce Training Fund, please visit WorkforceTrainingFund.org.



LOCAL SENIORS DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY

SPENCER – The fifth annual Sweetheart Dance at the Senior Center was especially memorable, as the event landed on Valentine's Day. The dinner-dance was once again sold out, with seniors packing the center in red attire. Since its creation, the event has been a midwinter favorite each year, enabling seniors to get out of their houses for a fun program. "We were sold out within a week [of tickets going on sale]. This is a great event, and the seniors always have a fun time," said Spencer Council on Aging Chair Christine Mancini. Sounds by Rich provided musical selections throughout the evening, and the dinner was catered by E.B. Flatts.

West Brookfield Democratsto pick delegates at caucus

WEST BROOKFIELD — A caucus open to any Democratic voter registered in West Brookfield will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 29 in the upstairs conference room at the Merriam-Gilbert Library, 3 West Main St. Registered but unenrolled town voters are welcome to change registration to Democratic at the caucus and fully participate.

The event is held to select delegates to the party's 2020 state convention and provide voters with information about activities to prepare for primary and general elections this year. Democrats will select a U.S. Senate nominee in September's state primary leading up to the Nov. 3 general/presidential election.

"It will require everyday people to get involved and take on the turnaround our nation and our environment need, for our generation and those coming along," Bob Datz, chairman of the West Brookfield Democratic Town Committee said. "This is the time to stand up."

Any registered Democrat may represent West Brookfield as a delegate to the state convention scheduled Saturday, May 30 at the Tsongas Center in Lowell.

This nominating convention will endorse candidates for statewide office.

For more information about the West Brookfield Democratic Town Committee, visit us on Facebook or email wbdtc01585@gmail.com.

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To learn more about adoption from foster care, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at 617-964-6273 or visit www.mareinc.org. The sooner you call, the sooner a waiting child will have "a permanent place to call HOME."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Oh, the misconceptions...

To the Editor:

It looks like more than one of us had Rush Limbaugh on our minds last week. I hope the opposing viewpoints caused at least some readers to do their own research before discounting anything as “fake news.” Don’t listen to me or anyone else – look it up for yourself and I’ll be satisfied where the truth lies.

Thanks to the author who pointed out how many false or misleading statements Trump has made in his time in office (15,000 is mind boggling). I want to remind everyone that I do my best to “tell it like it is” and invite those who loath me to check my facts, while you check into your Dear Leader’s statements, and while you check the other authors of this publication.

My campaign to inform and educate on Facebook has continued. Last week, Trump used the National Prayer breakfast to jibe his political foes and made it into the 2nd campaign event of the week that was intended for something else. As much as I would like the “prayer breakfast” abolished it is neither the time nor the place for political attacks. Most of the comments were critical of Trump’s behavior even if they supported him. Some said things like he had “earned the right to call out the hateful hypocrite pharisees like crazy Nancy” and in follow-up comments this person said that it was a strategy to hey inside the heads of the “craziest leftists.” We’re either looking at an unhinged narcissist or we are looking at “Operation Outrage” where those that are paying attention get continually outraged at outrageous behavior while the uninformed masses only see the reactions of those who understand in a game of 3D chess of biblical proportions.

The next topic of misconception would be the Electoral College, its origins, its purpose, and its contemporary effects. I approached this one in an academic sense of “we’re all going to understand this, then form opinions” but the Facebook commenting public had other plans.

The “electoral college” was the original idea of the framers of the constitution to elect a president. The idea was that each state would send “electors” to Washington to debate and decide on a president that was palatable to most states. No elections, no voter ID, no

parties, none of that. It was up to each state to determine who the electors would be, and these electors were real people who could be swayed in debate. According to Federalist No. 68 the electors were supposed to stop a candidate with “Talents for low intrigue, and the little arts of popularity” from becoming president... a.k.a. Trump. The electoral college failed bigly.

Who were these electors and how were they originally chosen? Originally land owning white males would vote in elections to select a state legislature. The state legislature, without an election, would then select enough electors to represent every free person and three fifths of a slave to represent the state in the electoral college. These electors would then debate in Washington to select a president. Nothing about big cities, nothing about giving empty land appropriate weighting, nothing about two wolves and a sheep, nothing about ‘mob rule’ or protection from the 46% mob which is angry it is in the minority...

Over time, the states started having elections. South Carolina didn’t have a presidential election until after the Civil War. Everybody that defends the electoral college in 2020 with a “but the founders...” or “but the cities...” argument is just wrong. Anyone using a similar argument is either being intentionally obtuse and lying or they are just dumb and repeating talking points they hears elsewhere. There is one reason and one reason only Republicans or Trump sycophants like the electoral college right now – it has a built in advantage for Republicans. A Democratic candidate would need to win several million more votes to actually win the election. They like the built-in-advantage they have, and I get it. To use a golf reference, it’s nice to have a handicap.

Ironically Trump himself tweeted in 2012 that the electoral college was a danger to American democracy (republicanism, system-of-choosing-the-leader, etc.). At that time, he was afraid that Obama would win the electoral vote and lose the popular vote. I think we can all agree that in 2016 if the tables were turned he would not have accepted his loss despite millions more votes. He would have been screaming “rigged!” from the hilltops, would have refused to concede, etc.

Does the EC provide appropriate representation of empty land? What about rural NY farmers and rust belt workers and rural CA ranchers and farmers? Are we OK with them getting steamrolled by New York City and the first five mile strip from the Pacific? Shouldn’t their votes go onto the national tally of the candidate who represents their interests? What about highly educated tech workers in Austin, Texas or Huntsville, Ala.? Shouldn’t their votes go onto the national tally for their preferred candidate? What about the people in the New Leader circulation area? Shouldn’t their votes go onto the tally of the candidate who is speaking to them instead of being drowned out by Boston to the east and the universities to the west?

If empty land deserves a voice, then surely empty land in high population states deserves a voice, too.

Perhaps we should re-draw state lines to better represent the population and industry of the day. State lines are arbitrary internal boundaries some of which were drawn in the 1600’s. Most of California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, and part of Colorado and Wyoming were all acquired at the same time in the Mexican Cession (spoils of winning a war) as a block and we chopped them up somewhat arbitrarily. Why should a vote on the Nevada side of an arbitrary line be worth 1.5 votes on the California side? Why? Why should a vote in WY be worth 3.8 votes in California? Why?

The current electoral system advantages low population states because every state gets 2 senators regardless of population or land mass and no state can have less than one rep. As the middle of the country hollows out and young people move to the coasts this is only going to exacerbate because our population is on the move but the arbitrary lines in the dirt are remaining. If a 3.8 to 1 ratio is OK, will it be OK when a Wyoming vote is worth 10 times a California vote? 20 times? What is OK?

Obviously, in 2020, the EC system advantages Republicans because they play well in low population densities. It isn’t a fair system, but every unfair system needs a beneficiary and in 2020 it is the Republicans.

Well fine... Let’s accept that a built-in-advantage for Republicans in what is a state-by-state popular vote is

what the founders intended (it wasn’t). Let’s accept that the states themselves are historical and arbitrary lines in the dirt because America grew up with one single identity and we are a real nation not a collection of states 244 years later. What other problems does the EC have? Winner-take-all contests in 48 states and DC pervert the results greatly.

Having each state “winner-take-all” instead of proportionally allocating electors causes a severe perversion. First, the only states that matter are “swing states”, ie: competitive ones. Everybody knows Massachusetts, California, and New York are blue so we don’t matter. Everybody knows Texas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas are red so they don’t matter either. Only truly competitive states like Ohio, Florida, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, and Michigan matter at all. Do you really think the founders intended on a small collection of competitive states being the only places voters’ opinions truly mattered? How is this good?

The winner-take-all situation also means that if candidate A wins by huge margins in the states they win they get all the electors. If candidate B wins by razor thin margins in his states he gets all those electors, and then by virtue of math the guy who wins fewer votes might win the election. The loser became president in two of the last five elections. How is this good? Shouldn’t the people who like candidate B in Massachusetts get to put votes in his column to help him out? Why should be ignore every vote in California above the 50 percent high water mark? Why should be ignore every vote in Kansas above the 50 percent high water mark? How is this good or what the founders intended?

The answer is simple – this is not what the founders intended. The founders didn’t even want parties. This system developed over the centuries, it benefits one party, and the fans of that party seem unable to even admit it for what it is. The random evolution of history benefited you. Now go be sore winners and tell yourself that we don’t have mob rule because the mob boss is only supported by 46 percent.

Omar Har-Yarok
East Brookfield

DPHS
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“I never would have thought they would need so much equipment. A lot of work went into it,” said DPHS senior Emma Bain.

Added fellow senior Aidan Joyce, “It was fun to see how documentaries are made and what goes on behind the scenes.”

DPHS Principal Elizabeth York and teacher Nancy Gingras were instrumental in making the program happen. Staff members have made it a priority in recent years to offer more experiential learning opportunities that go beyond the typical classroom structure.

“It was very helpful for our students who are interested in any form of media or communications moving forward,” Gingras said. “It was fun to have cam-

era crews in here, and the students got to explore how documentaries are made.”

One of the major goals for the documentary is to examine the effects cell phones have on learning. Specific areas of focus include the relationship between phone use and academic performance, students’ attention spans while phones are present, the ability to multi-task in class, and student safe-

ty related to social media access on phones.

In recent years, schools nationwide have adopted comprehensive – and often creative – policies to keep students’ eyes off their phones. DPHS employs the “away for the day” approach, banning student use of their devices throughout the school day. While answering questions about the policy for the documentary, students were able to explore the many pros and cons to stowing their devices away.

“I think certain aspects of the policy can be modified a little. Maybe they could be allowed at certain parts of the day, like during lunch,” said DPHS junior Jason Brewster.

Having been involved in Prouty’s journalism program and written for the school’s online newspaper, The Prouty Times, Brewster enjoyed the opportunity to engage in a lengthy discourse over policymaking and possible improvements. He is no stranger to asking questions on several topics, but it was a unique opportunity for him to be on the other side of the journalistic coin.

The documentary questions also enabled Prouty students and staff to discuss some of the insidious problems created by cell phones and other devices in class. Sometimes students don’t even realize they’re becoming detached from a lesson.

“Phones can often interfere with classes, interpersonal relationships, and socialization at school,” Gingras said.

Looking ahead, Prouty’s participants in the project will visit the University of Hartford this spring to view a sneak peek of the documentary. Students are looking forward to being on a college campus and getting a taste of what a typical day is like for an undergraduate.

The completed documentary will include interviews with students in a handful of other local schools.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We have the gift of free will, choices!

To the Editor:

God has given us the gift of freedom to make our own choices. God did not create us to be robots, to do what God, Jesus teaches without choices. In Mark 8: 34 Jesus is giving us a choice, “if” anyone would come and follow Jesus he or she must deny him or her self. We have that choice!

God sent His Son Jesus into our world to save us from Adam’s sin of disobedience to God [Genesis 3] that affected all of creation. Jesus unfortunately was to suffer persecution from the high priest of yesteryear who believed Jesus was a heretic because Jesus claimed to be the Son of God, and the persecution was death on the cross and the cross to us Christians today represents hardship, rejection from the world and some persecution to some of us because we believe that Jesus is the Son of the living. Jesus is also teaching if we choose to follow Jesus, we have that choice, we must deny our self and accept whatever the consequences [cross] that leads us to God, Jesus.

As Christians, each of us has his or her own trials [cross] experiences signifying our submission to fellow God, Jesus. [Mark 8: 34]

All who choose from the heart to believe, accept and welcome Jesus in their heart as the Lord, the Savior of their eternal life are spiritually reborn [born again] they are receiving new life from God through Jesus. This new life, rebirth will change us from the inside out. The Holy Spirit will help change our attitude, desires day by day making us physically and spiritually alive. Being reborn of God makes us spiritually alive and places us in direct relationship with God, Jesus and God’s families.

This fresh new life is available to anyone who makes that choice to believe and accept Jesus in their life, their heart. [John 1: 12-13]

John 7: 17 is teaching those of us who choose to know God’s will intimately through the Holy Spirit that Jesus is who He says He is, Jesus teaches the truth. Jesus is also warning us in 1 John 4: 1 whoever we listen to teaching us we must check it with God’s Word, the Bible.

Eternal life is a gift from God, we cannot earn heaven! We cannot buy our way to heaven. Our salvation is a gift from God just like our choice, God, Jesus saved us because of His mercy and love and not because we were good or righteous. Heaven is a gift of choice; we can believe and accept Jesus as the only Savior [Lord] of our life or reject Jesus and accept the ways of the world. The choice is ours. [Romans 6: 23]

Have you ever asked or been asked how do I become a Christians? Salvation is a gift from God through Jesus. Salvation is as close to you as your heart and mouth. If you believe from your heart and speak with your mouth that Jesus Christ is the living Son of the living God, Jesus is the only Savior of your life, your soul you will be saved. The choice is yours. [Romans 10: 9-10]

We all have been created from and through God [Genesis 2: 7], and unfortunately, we all have inherited, born with a sinful nature from Adam and Eve. [Genesis 3]

God, Jesus is teaching us through Paul who is an apostle of Jesus how to choose wisely between the freedom to sin and the freedom to serve Jesus.

Satan is sin; Satan encourages us to indulge inn sin of our sinful nature against God. [Galatians 5: 13]

The apostle Paul is teaching us how not to be influenced, slaves to our sinful nature through Jesus, God, Jesus has given us the freedom of choice to know the difference between right and wrong and that freedom is Jesus, and

we receive that gift when we confess and accept Jesus in our heart, life. [Galatians 5: 16]

Within us, there are two forces, God’s Holy Spirit and Satan. The Holy Spirit is infinitely stronger, however, apart and without Jesus the Holy Spirit will not, is not able to work in us. Apart from Jesus we will make wrong choices. Our only hope for freedom from evil, Satan is through the power of the Holy Spirit through Jesus. The choice is yours. [Galatians 5: 17]

Some of us don’t go to heaven because we are good and we deserve it, we go to heaven because God is love and forgiving us through His Son sacrificial death on the cross.

When Adam and Eve sinned by disobeying God [Genesis 3] God could have left it that way, however, God’s love for us His creation gave us a second chance by redeeming us through Jesus, the second Adam [1 Corinthians 15: 22] and today through Jesus we have a choice to choose our destiny because God is love and freely gives salvation to anyone who professes and accepts Jesus Christ in their hearts. [Ephesians 1: 4]

Salvation originated in the timeless mind of God long before we even existed. God knows the beginning from the end. God chose us before the beginning of time. God chose Jesus to die for all so that all [us] would live for God. It is because of God, Jesus sacrifice on the cross God sees us as never have sinned, we have the opportunity to live forever if we choose to, the choice is ours, all we need to do is confess, profess Jesus as the Lord, Savior of our life and live and express our praise to God, Jesus wonderful eternal love. [Ephesian 1: 4]

It is God’s grace that saves us through our faith, there is absolutely nothing we can do to save our self, it is a gift from God, a gift of our choice, our willingness to please, obey God, accept

His Son Jesus as the only Savior and live by God’s values, standards, and principles that God teaches through His Word the Bible. [John 10: 9, 14: 6] [Ephesians 2: 8]

It may seem at times that God is not listening or He is slow in answering our prayers. God is not slow! To God one day is like a thousands years [Psalm 90: 4] [2 Peter 3: 8] God is not on a timetable. Time to God is eternal, however, we must not just wait for God and do nothing, it is our responsibility to continue to live our daily life, repenting when we need to and live our life ready every day being ready for the coming of Jesus at any time, even today.

It is our responsibility to live today, as this could be our last day ready to meet with our destination depending on the choices we made, and, there could be many more days, years, we must remain ready. [2 Peter 3: 9]

Here I am cries out the Lord Jesus; I stand at the door knocking! Jesus is at the door of our hearts. Jesus wants to have a fellowship with us, Jesus wants, cries out to us through the fellowship of others, your priest, your pastor, Jesus desires you to open up to Him God, Jesus, patiently and persistent trying to get our attention before we breed our last breath. There is no second chance after we stop breathing, die! It is your will, your choice to decide if you want to open your heart, your life to Jesus, make an eternal commitment to Jesus. [Revelation 3: 20]

Let me remind you, when we breathe our final breath there are no more choices, no second chance. Our destiny has been established. Choose wisely! Your eternal life is your choice. Amen!

ROLAND BLAIS
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Apologies to former students

To the Editor:

In a previous time, and when one could say such things and not be fired, I used to urge the over 3,000 students I taught for thirty years to never take their American citizenship for granted, and, moreover, to thank God for the accident of birth which allowed them to have been born in this country offering, as it did, opportunities to lead a meaningful and productive life unavailable to the vast majority of people in most places on earth.

I still believe that, as a general proposition, to be the case. But, recent events have caused me to consider that maybe I was wrong, and perhaps an apology is due my former students for sending them on their way with an unwarranted faith in their country, which, as they grow older, may prove to be a huge disappointment for them as they look around and sense that it’s not what their old teacher used to tell them.

We taught and discussed John Adams’ famous dictum that “We are a nation of laws and not men.” That, in the main, the law in our representative republic applied equally to all regardless of one’s station in life, and that who you were and who you knew wasn’t supposed to matter. While acknowledging the major failures-historically-to live up to that ideal, I still believe it was one American trait of governance which set us apart from other nations.

would be voted in to power?

If you’re searching for a reason to question your own acceptance of things as the equally odious players in this drama, the mainstream media tells it, just look at the treatment afforded Trump supporter Roger Stone, as well as that of another one-Paul Manafort, by these criminals:

Stone, a 68-year-old man and his handicapped wife had their home invaded by a platoon of Ninja-clad, heavily armed F.B.I. agents who had arrived in a fleet of black SUV’s with smoked-out windows at four o’clock in the morning and, humiliatingly, were dragged off to the hoosegow in front of their disbelieving neighbors. His crime? Being a friend and outspoken supporter of Donald Trump, and one who MAY have committed some so-called “process” crime where the F.B.I. claims one lied on some form or deposition. Yet, he was treated as though he were the uni-bomber, Ted Kaczynski, holed up and vowing to take some coppers with him. If you’ve read Solzynytsyn’s “Gulag Archipelago,” you know how the N.K.V.D. rolled up in the middle of the night to bash in the door and drag poor Ivan off never to be seen again. Same modus operandi for the current FBI dealing with friends of Trump: state sponsored terrorism. And the whole thing conveniently filmed by a CNN crew who, somehow, just knew something big might be going down that night. Somehow.

Congress, Tomeka Hart, who, among other social media comments, repeatedly claimed all Trump supporters were/are racists. She obviously had to lie to get on the jury, and the judge, Berman-Jackson, had to know she was completely unacceptable as a jury member, let alone the leader of it. This is what happens in So. American banana republics.

Folks, in the D.C. courts the defen-

dant, if he/she is from a suitably protected class of politically correct offenders, one could shoot and kill an innocent visitor to the Lincoln Memorial in broad daylight with three-hundred eye witnesses, and even if the victim was a Spanish-speaking, gay, handicapped, black, transgendered, illegal alien it wouldn’t matter: You’re looking at, what? three or four years, tops.

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Lost time
is never
found again

Lately, we have been hearing an awful lot of chirping about how people are too busy these days. Too busy to catch up with extended family, too busy to grab a workout, too busy to read a book, too busy to do the things we forgot we enjoyed doing. The largest contributor to the lack of free time seems to be time spent at work. Many people in today's world juggle two or three jobs to make ends meet. Sometimes, however, we need to make some cuts in our lives to give ourselves something more valuable than money, time. Time is a treasure.

For one, you cannot make more time. Ways to earn money will always be at your fingertips however there is never a way to create more time. There is not a spell book that has the answer to creating more hours in a day or a way to give you more years on Earth. Time is finite, and that is something we could all stand to remember.

Take a moment to think about the fact that you can do more with time off than with a day's pay. While we all can earn a different amount of money during a shift at work, a day off is the same to all of us. During a day off, you can choose to do what you want with it. Catch up on chores, hike a mountain, catch a movie, enjoy a nice lunch or pick up your dusty guitar and remember how to play the C chord.

Memories hold more stock in our lives, than money. When we think back on our past experiences that brought us fond memories, how many of those were because of money and how many were because of another person? Travel of course costs money, or the purchase of a fancy boat, however it is the simple moments that are always the ones that count.

At the end of a person's life, you will never hear them say they wished they had more money, however you will hear them say they wished they had more time. A good question to ask yourself if you had a short time to live, 'Would you like \$5 million dollars or ten more years to live?' The answer is obvious.

A survey of roughly five thousand people was conducted to back up the fact that most people prefer time over money. Most people opted to take a position with less hours and less money over long hours with a high salary. Young people, who have more time ahead of them, did choose to make more money, however this proves the point that if you have less time, you value it more.

Money changes in value every day, but time does not. Think about the price tag you would place on a three hour beach day with good friends.

Time brings us awareness and clarity, and gives us a chance to figure out the person we want to be or already are. These things cannot be bought. Sure, we need money to live, however time is what puts life, into our lives. Often, we need to get creative about how we can give ourselves more time. We must always remember to protect and prioritize our time.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Socialism isn't a bad word

To the Editor:
As we exit the first two Democratic contests we emerge with Bernie Sanders and Pete Buttigieg as the clear front-runners. While I believe these are the two most electable candidates, I'm sure the Republican rage machine is gearing up to attack a 78-year old self-described Democratic Socialist or a 38-year-old homosexual.

Ironically, the youngest man represents a status quo return to normalcy, and the oldest man in the race represents a "political revolution." They both represent left-of-center politics (in Pete's case only because Trump dragged the 'center' to the right) but they couldn't be more different as candidates.

Bernie is a purist and an ideologue. He is not a team player and has always made a point not to be part of any party. He never voted against his conscience to support the party agenda, and he never 'took one for the team' since he is so popular in Vermont. He describes himself as a Democratic Socialist even when "socialist" and "socialism" are misunderstood as dirty words in America. It begs the question, what does socialist mean and is Bernie a socialist?

Republicans have a long, disreputable history of conflating any attempt to improve American lives as "socialism." Reagan once declared that Medicare would destroy our freedom. Similar things were said about Social Security and even public education at times. These days calling for things such as universal child care will result in conservatives accusing you of turning America into the Soviet Union. It's a smarmy and dishonest political strategy, but it sure has been effective. Bernie, as front-runner, is driving head-first into the GOP's dishonest strategy by proudly declaring he is a Social Democrat.

The issue is, Bernie isn't a socialist the way we understand the term in America. He doesn't want to nationalize our major industries or replace markets with central planning. He has expressed admiration for Denmark, not Venezuela. In Europe, Bernie's politics would be branded "Social Democrat" and social democracies like Denmark are actually very nice places to live, and if anything, those societies are freer than our own. The Socialist Workers Party and Socialist Party USA have criticized Bernie, arguing that he isn't a socialist because he aims to reform capitalism rather than replace it.

Why does Bernie wear the "socialist" label proudly? It is mainly personal branding and his desire to have some shock value and rebuke the Republicans' smear campaign against the "S" word. In Vermont, rebuking Republicans at every turn has only helped him, but it will be a liability among low-information swing voters in swing states.

Bernie has many good policy proposals such as single-payer health-care, free public colleges and universities, universal childcare, and raising taxes on the ultra-rich. While these are good ideas that would put us more in line with the developed world, they are unlikely to come to fruition. Americans of all stripes should want these things, but even if they're scared of them, Bernie can't do it without

Congress. Even if implementing ideas that work in the rest of the 1st world scares you - would you prefer being turned into a place like Denmark or becoming a white nationalist autocracy like Hungary? A Russia and Russian-first democracy-in-name-only like Putin's Russia where journalists, prosecutors, and dissidents seem to fall off balconies frequently?

Bernie isn't talking about nationalizing the means of production. He isn't talking about eliminating personal property. He isn't talking about collectivization. He isn't talking about redistributing the wealth of anybody who lives within the circulation area of this newspaper. He is talking about transforming us into a more functional first world country. Is repealing the Trump tax cuts socialism? Is returning to the tax policy of the very prosperous 1990's socialism? Is in-state tuition like we had in the 1980's socialism?

Mayor Pete is a very different candidate. He is falling into the trap of being a deficit hawk - hobbling the economy to clean up Republicans' messes through austerity. Reagan was the first to blow up the deficit, cutting taxes and an arms race with the Soviet Union. Clinton finished his term with budget surpluses. Bush blew up the deficit with a recession, tax cuts, and war. Obama inherited the worst crisis since the Great Depression starting his term with record deficits and finishing with lower deficits than when Bush was in office. Trump then cut taxes, increased military spending, and blew up the deficit during peacetime and a good economy. Pete wants to clean up Trump's mess but shouldn't because he will be blamed for the austerity. Democrats have cleaned up Republican messes long enough. We need to not focus on cleaning up Trump's fiscal mess but instead focus on the programs future Americans wouldn't conceive to living without.

One bright spot of a Pete candidacy would be the fact that America's loudest voices don't seem ready for a gay president or a first family consisting of two young men, yet the American people seem ready. If Rush Limbaugh and his ilk get wrapped around the axle over a potentially gay president, two men kissing on TV, or opining what he imagines goes on in their bedroom it will make ordinary Americans realize how out of touch these old men are and it will distract some of the most dangerous people in America from their primary goal of turning us into a Trump autocracy. Hopefully, it will even create divisions within the conservatives because the best thing for America is to break their cohesive, united front and make them start fighting with each other.

Both of these candidates, while very different, are orders of magnitude better than the career criminal we have now. The Democratic party and the nation as a whole will need to come together and wholeheartedly support whoever emerges as the candidate. Failure to do so would be a tragedy for the party, the nation, and the entire planet.

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Can you
improve your
relationship
with money?



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In your life, you will have all sorts of relationships – with your family, your friends, your co-workers, and even with civic groups

and charitable organizations you support. But have you ever considered another key relationship – the one you have with money?

Of course, this type of relationship has several aspects, such as saving, spending and investing. And your fellow Americans clearly face some challenges in these areas. For example, in a recent survey by financial services firm Edward Jones, only 21 percent of respondents reported that they feel happy when thinking about saving money, while 92 percent said they see room for improvement in their financial health. Yet only one in four plan to improve their spending habits. Furthermore, just 26 percent said retirement was a top savings priority.

If you share some of these concerns, what should you do? Here are a few suggestions:

- Identify your money-related emotions. Try to recognize the emotions you feel in connection with saving and investing. Do you get nervous about spending? Does putting away money for the future give you satisfaction or not? Do you worry that you don't know how much you should be investing, or whether you're investing in the right way? Clearly, these types of questions can cause some anxiety – and, even more importantly, they may lead you to make poor decisions. Emotions are obviously closely tied to money – but they really should not play a big role in your spending, saving and investing choices.

- Develop a financial strategy. By developing a sound financial strategy, you can reduce money-related stress and help yourself feel empowered as you look to the future. A comprehensive strategy can help you identify your goals – a down payment on a new home, college for your children, a comfortable retirement, and so on – and identify a path toward reaching them. Your financial strategy should incorporate a variety of factors, including your age, risk tolerance, income level, family situation and more. Here's the key point: By creating a long-term strategy and sticking to it, you'll be far less likely to overreact to events such as market downturns and less inclined to give in to impulses such as "spur of the moment" costly purchases. And without such a strategy, you will almost certainly have less chance of achieving your important goals.

- Get an "accountability partner." Your relationship with money doesn't have to be monogamous – you can get help from an "accountability partner." Too many people keep their financial concerns and plans to themselves, not even sharing them with their partners or other family members. But by being open about your finances to your loved ones, you can not only avoid misplaced expectations but also enlist the help of someone who may be able to help keep you on track toward your short- and long-term goals. But you may also benefit from the help of a financial professional – someone with the perspective, experience and skills necessary to help you make the right moves.

Like all successful relationships, the one you have with money requires work. But you'll find it's worth the effort.

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When optimism isn't easy

"Optimism, optimism, optimism. It's great that you are so optimistic, but I'm just not that way. I'm a realist and I see things as they are and the facts of the situation determine if I am optimistic or not," the email began. I'd love to be more like you but being optimistic may make you feel better in the moment, but in reality, optimism changes nothing."

I fully realize there are more people in the world who feel this way. It's easier to let circumstances control your attitude than to thoughtfully work your attitude to positively impact your circumstances.

The email continues. "It's easy for you to be optimistic. Your job is to sit at a desk and type a bunch of happy words into a computer and get paid for it. I'd be optimistic too of that's all I had to do!"

I don't think I've ever met the author of this email. It was sent anonymously and that's okay. I am never offended by a response like this. I view this as a pos-

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itive opportunity to help this reader and others live a more optimistic life.

It's easy to be optimistic when everything is going your way. Things are good at work, the economy is good, your love life is positive and there is an expectation that your positive life will not

change.

Suddenly, without warning, there is a downturn in the economy and your company frantically looks for ways to cut expenses. You lose your job and your significant other becomes irritable at the change in circumstances and the uncertainty of your financial future. Circumstances can change without notice. You can choose to dwell on how unfair life is or you can find the positive opportunity buried within the negativity and move forward.

One of the only things certain in our lives is the inevitable uncertainty. Optimism, when you are on top of the world is easy, but when the future is uncertain and your outlook is dire, it's

difficult to find and optimistic person. When your optimism is needed most, that's when it's harder to muster.

Controlling your attitude and outlook is difficult for most people. They allow circumstances to determine their outlook. As their attitude plummets, so does their optimism.

Optimism properly applied is a way of life, not a here now, gone later state of mind that is controlled by external forces. It is your optimism that will guide you to a positive future.

In 2004, I was CEO of a company that was growing, thriving and providing great products and services to the incredibly stable housing market. Life was good. It was easy to be optimistic.

I've told you this story before, but with encouragement from family and friends, I decided to write a book about my father's experience in baseball and war. Once completed I began my search for a publisher. My first rejection came quickly, followed by the second and

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third ... then the eleventh, twenty-seventh, forty-ninth, sixty-third and seventy-fourth. After seventy-four rejections what did I do? I submitted it a seventy-fifth time and it sold. A reviewer said “Playing with the Enemy” became a surprise hit. A surprise to others, but not to me. I was always optimistic I would find a publisher

and the book would succeed. I’ve since then written two more and have a fourth ready to go. So, in 2006, I was still CEO of a company and a part-time author. Less than eighteen months later, a massive implosion of the housing market destroyed my company, left me out of work. I lost almost everything. I was depressed for a few days, then I clicked my optimism back on and evaluated my opportunities. It appeared

that in the midst of the Great Recession, my chances of landing a corporate position were bleak. I didn’t have the resources to start a new business, so I decided I’d write for a living. I published two more books and began writing this column. It’s been a long road. My column is still expanding its reach and I continue to write more books but, deciding to write full-time was a risky decision that mustered all the optimism and positive energy I could find.

Here’s my point. If you allow your circumstances to determine your optimism ... you have no optimism. You are a bobber floating in the water. The weather and tide will determine your fate. Optimism allows you to think past your current disaster. Your belief something better is coming encourages you to create the plan to make it so. As I say almost every week ... “If you believe nothing better is possible, why would you try?”

Optimism in the worst of times, leads you back to the best of times.

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Unless you’re a Trump supporter; then its throw away the key and destroy another person’s life and that of his family, for nothing. Lord Acton was right: “Power corrupts, absolute power corrupts absolutely.” And by the way, Epstein didn’t kill himself.

In this protracted nightmare of the coup attempt to disenfranchise the American voter, the single-most repulsive role of all has been played by the once-fabled F.B.I. under, first, Comey, and now the oleaginous careerist, Christopher Wray. I lost all respect for the G-men back in 1992 when they set up Randy Weaver—a decent guy and a veteran who had done nothing to warrant the full force of the police state coming down on him—for destruction at his home on Ruby Ridge in Idaho. That was

when their West Point graduate and sniper, Lon Horiuchi, murdered Vicky Weaver by shooting her in the head as she stood, unarmed, in her doorway while holding her baby. They killed Weaver’s 14-year old son, his dog, and, I think, Weaver’s neighbor and friend. For nothing. No one ever was tried for murder or sent to prison; they all gave each other high-fives, as far as I know.

And that was just a warm-up for what they would do a year later at Waco, Texas when they unnecessarily assaulted the Davidians with tanks and armored vehicles and in the process burned to death 75 or so people including many women and twenty-five young children and babies. But, hey, those were mainly white, rural, gun-owners with some weird religious views who distrusted the government, so, as far as the Clinton-loving liberals were concerned, they got what they deserved.

What the F.B.I. did to try to destroy the falsely accused Atlanta Olympics bomber, Richard Jewell, was horrific as well, but small potatoes compared to Idaho and Waco. At least Mr. Jewell got to live for a few more years after the thugs tried to scapegoat him into prison for the rest of his life despite knowing he was innocent.

None other than Sean Hannity goes on and on about how it’s only the corrupt leadership of the agency that needs to go. Sorry, Sean, the whole thing needs to be shut down and its agents told to go home and find some work that doesn’t stink to high heaven of Third World, totalitarian thug behavior. A soldier or Marine who goes along on a mission that is clearly immoral, unethical, and unjust, will be court martialed for his dereliction of duty. Any one of those agents who agreed to act as enforcers for the Deep State in their vile assaults against Manafort and Stone should be

totally ashamed of themselves and, if they are, should do the decent thing and resign from this now hopelessly corrupt organization.

Please, Trump, get yourself re-elected, prosecute the desperadoes of the Deep State, spring Manafort and Stone from their prison nightmare, and have your sons turn the F.B.I Building on Pennsylvania Avenue into another lovely hotel just as you did with the “Old Post Office.”

As for my old students, my apologies, but if you want a return to your country being a place where you and your children are citizens and not serfs, wake up, get involved, vote Trump, and, whatever you do, don’t even think of voting for a Democrat...for anything.

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With the senior population expected to significantly expand over the next decade, officials in area towns want to be prepared in advance with services and housing. The most recent grant funds will enable an even broader conversation on housing options, officials said.

In preparation for the first regional workshop scheduled for March, officials held a meeting on Feb. 20 at Brookfield Congregational Church. Several focus areas were slated for discussion, including recommendations to enhance current bylaws allowing accessory dwellings (also known as in-law apartments). “In the Phase 1 explorations, it was determined ‘in-laws’ are

the quickest and least expensive way to add housings and a preferred alternative with seniors wishing to stay in their homes,” read a statement released by town officials.

Local leaders will continue to move forward to discuss ways to add more senior-friendly housing units.

Meanwhile, CMRPC grants were also awarded to several other towns. Projects to be sup-

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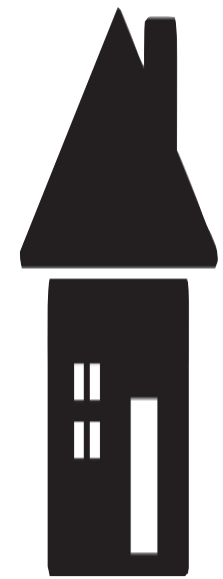
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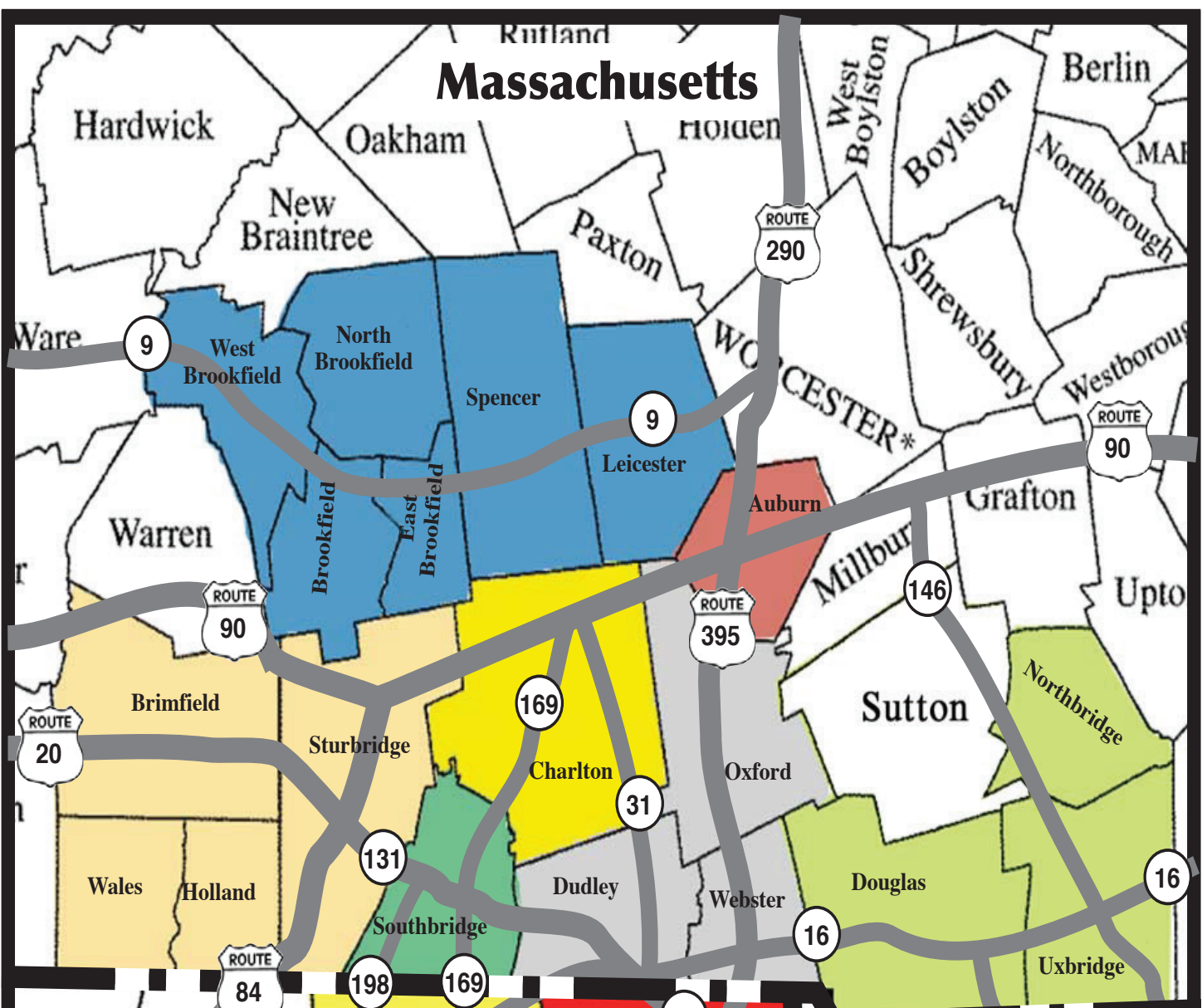
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Vintage Comfort Food Recipes

If your mouth's been watering for baked beans like grandma used to make, if you just can't seem to get the recipe down pat for Aunt Ellen's heirloom pickles, or even if you simply yearn to cook up an old fashioned feast, then perhaps the answer to your food fantasies are as close as a vintage cookbook. Cookbooks of the past provide a peek into yesterday's kitchen. From historical dishes to childhood desserts, the following recipes recall simpler times when food was real, comforting, and made from scratch.

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The Boston Cooking School Cookbook (Farmer, Fannie Merritt. The Boston Cooking-School Cook Book. Boston: Little, Brown, 1918)

Fannie Merritt Farmer was credited with standardizing measures for recipes. Until her Boston Cooking School Cook Book came out in 1896, must recipes called for "a pinch" or "egg sized" portions. She has been credited with singlehandedly revolutionizing recipes. One of her most popular recipes is this one for authentic Boston Baked Beans. Note that she has added helpful notations at the end of the recipe.

Boston Baked Beans

Pick over one quart pea beans, cover with cold water, and soak over night. In morning, drain, cover with fresh water, heat slowly (keeping water below boiling-point), and cook until skins will burst,—which is best determined by taking a few beans on the tip of a spoon and blowing on them, when skins will burst if sufficiently cooked. Beans thus tested must, of course, be thrown away. Drain beans, throwing bean-water out of doors, not in sink. Scald rind of three-fourths pound fat salt pork, scrape, remove one-fourth inch slice and put in bottom of bean-pot. Cut through rind of remaining pork every one-half inch, making cuts one inch deep. Put beans in pot and bury pork in beans, leaving rind exposed. Mix one tablespoon salt, one tablespoon molasses, and three tablespoons sugar; add one cup boiling water, and pour over beans; then add enough more boiling water to cover beans. Cover bean-pot, put in oven, and bake slowly six or eight hours, uncovering the last hour of cooking, that rind may become brown and crisp. Add water as needed. Many feel sure that

by adding with seasonings one-half tablespoon mustard, the beans are more easily digested. If pork mixed with lean is preferred, use less salt.

The fine reputation which Boston Baked Beans have gained has been attributed to the earthen bean-pot with small top and bulging sides in which they are supposed to be cooked. Equally good beans have often been eaten where a five-pound lard pail was substituted for the broken bean pot.

Yellow-eyed beans are very good when baked.

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What Mrs. Fisher Knows about Old Southern Cooking: Soups, Pickles, Preserves, Etc.

(Women's Cooperative Printing Office, San Francisco, 1881)

Abby Fisher was a former Alabama slave who couldn't read or write but was an expert cook. Her talents made her a repeat recipient of blue ribbons at county fairs. Her pickles and jams took first prize at the San Francisco Mechanics Institute Fair in 1880. The next year she transcribed her recipes from memory and the cookbook "What Mrs. Fisher Knows about Old Southern Cooking" was published. This recipe, which is one of the 160 in the book takes a lot of time, but like most great Southern foods, it is likely well worth the effort!

Sweet Watermelon Rind Pickle

Take the melon rind and scrape all the meat from the inside, and then carefully slice all the outside of the rind from the white part of the rind, then lay or cover the white part over with salt. It will have to remain under salt one week before pickling; the rind will keep in salt from year to year. When you want to pickle it, take it from the salt and put into clear water, change the water three times a day —must be changed say every four hours — then take the rind from the water and dry it with a clean cloth. Have your vinegar boiling, and put the rind into it and let it lay in vinegar four days; then take it from the vinegar, drain, and sprinkle sugar thickly over it and let it remain so one



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pounds. While the syrup is cooking add one teacupful of white ginger root and the peel of three lemons. When the syrup is cooked, then put the rind into the boiling syrup, and let it cook till you can pass a fork through it with ease, then it is done. When cooled, put in jar or bottles with one pint of vinegar to one quart of syrup, thus the pickles are made. See that they be well covered with vinegar and syrup as directed."

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"Ruth Wakefield's Toll House: Tried and True Recipes" (M. Barrows & Company, New York, 1941)

Ruth Wakefield ran the Toll House Inn in Massachusetts. While her claim to fame was the invention of the chocolate chip cookie in 1930, Ruth created many other memorable dishes for her diners. One of these favorites is the English Cheese Soup recipe below.

Toll House Old English Cheese Soup

Melt one half cup butter. Add four tablespoons flour, one teaspoon salt and one half teaspoon pepper. Blend well and add four cups milk. After thickening well add 1 1/2 pounds Old English or a yellow snappy cheese; 1 1/2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce; and 1/2 teaspoon paprika

If too thick, thin to desired consistency with hot milk. Serve with crumbled crisp bacon sprinkled over the top of soup or a garnish or shredded boiled eggs.

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"First Ladies Cook Book: Favorite Recipes of All the Presidents of the United States," Parents' Magazine Press, 1965.

When this cookbook came out in 1965

housewives everywhere scrambled to make dishes fit for a President. This recipe for Johnny Cakes was said to be William McKinley's favorite.

Johnny Cakes

Ingredients: 1/3 cup granulated sugar; one egg; one half stick butter, melted (no substitution); 3/4 cup yellow corn meal; one teaspoon salt; one teaspoon soda; one cup sour milk (modern milk spoils, but won't "sour" so substitute buttermilk.); one cup flour; butter or lard for greasing the griddle

Directions: Mix sugar, egg and melted butter together. Blend corn meal and salt together, then stir into egg mixture. Stir soda into milk. Add white flour alternately with the milk, a bit at a time, blending to make a smooth batter. Allow mixture to stand in a cool place about 30 minutes to "lighten."

Heat a greased griddle or heavy skillet until a few drops of water will "spit" and bounce off the surface. Spoon or pour the mixture onto the hot griddle, using up to 1/4 cup at a time. Brown pancakes on each side, (turning only once), about 1 minute per side. Don't overcook. Serve hot, with more melted butter, maple syrup, honey or jam.

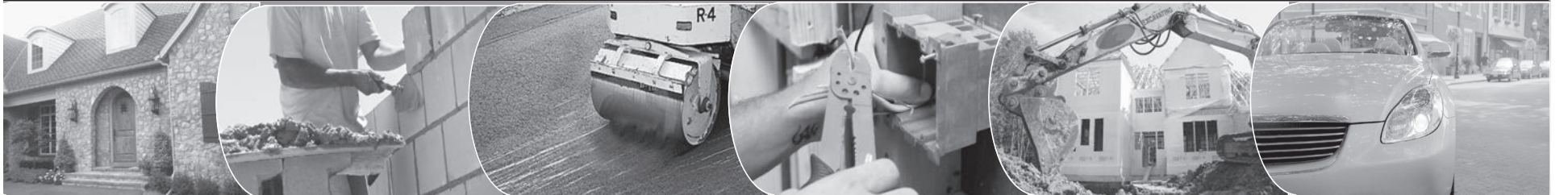
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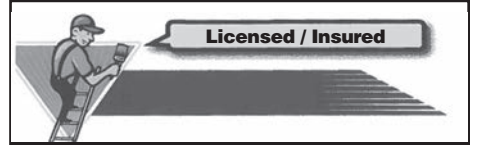
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SPORTS

Splendid Senior Night for David Prouty while taking down Indians



David Prouty's Jenna Pertuzi drives through the North Brookfield defense as she goes up for a shot.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

SPENCER — The David Prouty Regional girls' varsity basketball team put together a strong start to each half in its game against North Brookfield High on Thursday, Feb. 13 and, as a result, easily defeated the Indians 49-19.

With a Senior Night crowd packing the Edward R. McDonough Gymnasium, the Panthers scored the first 13 points of the game and used the run to lead 13-2 at the end of the first quarter. Prouty stumbled a bit in the second quarter but still led by double digits 16-6 at halftime.

"We knew when we went into the locker room at halftime that all of us needed to step it up," said Prouty senior captain Erin Parenteau, who, along with senior captain Raquel Ortiz and senior team manager Allie Hingston, were honored in a pregame ceremony. "We all looked at each other with that 'we got this' look."

And they did.

David Prouty scored the first 14 points of the second half and led 35-11 after three quarters. With the victory the Panthers finished the regular season 12-8 and qualified for the Central Mass. Division 3 Tournament for a second straight year, after having not been to the postseason since the 2001-02 season.

Freshman Liv Pepin led the way for Prouty against North Brookfield, scoring a game-high 19 points to go along with 5 steals and 2 assists. Junior Jenna Petruzzi did her part, too, finishing with a double-double that consisted of 14 points and 12 rebounds. Not to be forgotten in the winning effort was the play of sophomore Gabby Soter, who finished with a double-double as well, scoring 14 points and recording 10 steals. Soter also had 3 assists.

The Panthers earned their berth in the postseason with their 10th win of the year, a 52-29 triumph over Worcester's Main South High back on Feb. 3. Despite that, David Prouty head coach Johanna Annunziata said the approach heading into the Senior Night win over North Brookfield was the same as it has been all year — business as usual.

"Our mindset in this game had nothing to do with the playoffs. Our goal coming into this game was to win so we could finish our season 12-8. Our goal for the season was to be better than last year, better than 10-10," Annunziata said. "Nothing changed going into this game. The pre-game talk was the same, the practices were the same. The playoffs will be our focus starting tomorrow. Tonight was about winning and celebrating with an ice cream party for our seniors."

Because the playoffs are looming, Ortiz said Senior Night didn't have the finality for the Panthers that it does for other teams.

"It was fun and exciting; and a little emotional because it is sad in a way, but we're still playing," Ortiz said. The whole night was super nice, but we still have the playoffs ahead of us, so this wasn't our last game."

North Brookfield (11-6) was led in scoring by sophomore Kelly Daige (7 points) and classmate Serenity Ayala (5 points).

"My approach coming into this game was to have it be a closer game than when we played each other last week," Indians' head coach Lyndsey Bennett said, referring to Prouty's 61-26 win over North Brookfield on Saturday, Feb. 8. "We had a tough game with them last week."

"I think these games with Prouty were a wakeup call for us because this is what the competition is going to be like when we get to Districts," Bennett said of the Indians partaking in the upcoming Western Mass. Division 4 Tournament. "Now, after these two games, the girls know where they stand."



Serenity Ayala of North Brookfield makes space in the paint as she looks to complete a play on David Prouty's defense.



Evelyn Doe of North Brookfield brings the ball up the court against David Prouty.



North Brookfield's Megan Bokis passes the ball past David Prouty defender Erin Parenteau and into the paint.



David Prouty's Liv Pepin drives to the hoop while on a fast break.

ATHLETE of the WEEK

Liv Pepin, Jenna Petruzzi,
Gabby Soter

David Prouty Regional's triple-headed monster combined for 47 points as the Panthers defeated the North Brookfield High girls' varsity basketball team 49-19 on Feb. 13. Pepin registered a game-high 19 points, while Petruzzi and Soter both notched double-doubles. Petruzzi scored 14 points and pulled down 12 rebounds, while Soter scored 14 points and came away with 10 steals.

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Freshman White helps Panthers beat North Brookfield on Senior Night



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David Prouty's Isaiah St. Vil defends the point against North Brookfield's Michael Bokis.



North Brookfield's Connor Morse pushes past David Prouty's Braeden White as he drives the baseline.



David Prouty's Nick Soter goes up for a rebound against North Brookfield's Michael Bokis.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

SPENCER — The local fans that attended the David Prouty Regional boys' varsity basketball game against North Brookfield High on Thursday, Feb. 13 came to the Edward R. McDonough Gymnasium to honor the Panthers' four seniors — Derek Houston, Isaiah St. Vil, Nick Soter and Jeff Skov.

They went home talking about the play of freshman Braeden White.

After being held scoreless by the Indians' tenacious defense in the first half, White poured in a game-high 20 points in the second half — 14 in the fourth quarter — to lead Prouty past North Brookfield 63-41.

With the win the Panthers improved to 3-15. It was the second time this season David Prouty has defeated North Brookfield. The Panthers also beat the Indians 68-34 on Saturday, Feb. 8. North Brookfield fell to 5-14 with the loss.

The game was a hotly contested affair for three quarters, even though the Panthers led at all the stops — 11-10 after the first quarter, 27-21 at halftime and 40-31 through three quarters. Prouty's halftime and third quarter advantages were a bit misleading; the Panthers were up by 11 in both periods before North Brookfield closed the gap both times with a late-quarter run.

"We made a few uncharacteristic mistakes that led to 3s for them and when you hit a 3 it's such a momentum swing," David Prouty head coach Pat O'Connor said. "We were a little overaggressive at times, which led to easy points for North Brookfield. We were going for the steal a lot, and if you get it that can lead to easy points, but if you don't get the steal the other team has numbers."

Also scoring in double figures for David Prouty were Houston (14 points) and junior Trevor Grenier (11 points). Soter added 8 points to the winning cause, while St. Vil had 7.

"We've had — I don't want to say a rough season because I love my team and playing with them is a good time — but it's just fun to come out here and get a win at the end of the season," said Houston, who believes the Panthers' work ethic is their signature. "That's one thing you can't knock us on. We're the first ones to the ball and we're always running, hustling and playing very hard as a team. Every day we come out and compete."

The Panthers made seven 3-pointers as a team; Grenier had three, White two, and Houston and Isaiah Kruse both had one each.

"We've been working on shooting all year. We try to get the open guy the shot, we try to feed the hot hand," Houston said. "This was a great way to close out the home part of our season. I've been here for two years with the new head coach, Pat O'Connor. He's a great coach and I can't wait to



Deacon Buzzell of North Brookfield, right, plays lockdown defense in the paint against Prouty's Derek Houston.



Derek Houston of David Prouty dribbles the ball across the midcourt line and then puts a move on North Brookfield's Alejandro Aponte Cruz.

see what he's going to do next with this team."

North Brookfield was led by freshman Michael Bokis, who scored 11 points and hit three 3-pointers. Classmate Alejandro Aponte Cruz added 9 points.

"We have a very young team and they work their tails off," Jon Leroux, the Indians' first-year head coach, said. "This is a fun group to coach because they work so hard. The effort is there every practice and every game. We're a bunch of freshmen playing against seniors right now. We're taking our lumps for that reason. We're in the game for three quarters but we can't get over the hump. It's because we're young."

"For these guys this year will be huge for them moving forward because they're getting all this valuable experience this year. Next year, maybe, or the year after they're going to be very good because of all the experience they've gotten this year," Leroux added. "The effort's there; I don't have to teach the effort. We can work with everything else."



Alejandro Aponte Cruz of North Brookfield rises up over the David Prouty defense as he takes a shot in the second quarter.

SPORTS

Behind Dorman’s play, Cougars step up in fourth quarter to take down Nipmuc



Quaboag’s Addy Ford takes a step back to create space against a Nipmuc defender.



Kiarra Dorman of Quaboag stops at the free throw line to attempt a midrange jump shot.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

AUBURN — Kiarra Dorman scored a game-high 25 points to lead the Quaboag Regional girls’ varsity basketball team to a come-from-behind victory over Nipmuc Regional, the Cougars defeating the Warriors 45-36 in the third-place game of the Lady Rocket

Classic on Saturday, Feb. 15 at Pappas Gymnasium. Grafton High then defeated Auburn High for the tournament title.

Dorman, a senior captain, scored 20 points in the second half, 13 of those points coming in the fourth quarter as Quaboag rallied from a two-point deficit with less than three minutes remaining in the game.

“This was the final game of the regular season for us, but we knew coming in this was a game we had to have,” said Dorman, who scored all but two of the Cougars’ fourth-quarter points. “We knew if we won we’d have a better chance of getting a home game in Districts, which would be a huge benefit for us.

“This was a wake-up

call for us,” Dorman continued. “I was happy with the way we stepped up in the fourth quarter, got the lead back and went on to get the win.”

Quaboag heads to the postseason — they will play in the Central Mass. Division 4 Tournament — with a 12-8 mark. Nipmuc finished its season 7-13.

Nipmuc took a 32-31 lead with 4:42 to play on a pair of free throws by Cailleigh Christensen and extended its lead to 33-31 30 seconds later on a free throw by Anna Cedrone.

That’s when Dorman took over.

She put Quaboag ahead 34-33 on a three-point play with 2:30 remaining. On the play Dorman scored on a put-back of an offensive rebound while being fouled to tie the game and then calmly added the free throw, which hit nothing but net.

Dorman then extended the Cougars’ lead to 38-33 with a pair of drives on consecutive possessions, the first basket coming at 1:59 to play, the second with 1:01 remaining. She made it 40-33 with 47.6 seconds to play with a pair of free throws.

Nipmuc cut the Quaboag lead to four, 40-36, with a 3-pointer from the top of the key by Ashley Porter with 38.6 seconds remaining, but the Cougars sealed the win with a layup by freshman Megan Shea (10 points, two 3-pointers) and free throws by Dorman in the final 30 seconds.

“I’m very happy with the win, with the way the girls battled in the second half, especially in the fourth quarter, but we’ve got a lot of work to do,” Quaboag head coach Bill Beauregard said. “It’s good to win a tight game like this. Things weren’t perfect. Nipmuc did some things we’re not used to seeing, so it was an adjustment for us.

“But the girls battled and continued to play tough defense,” Beauregard added. “Using a smaller lineup against some of Nipmuc’s bigger players was tough, but we worked through it, didn’t panic and in the end scored enough points to get the win.”

Dorman said she was proud of the way her team kept fighting. “It was refreshing,” Dorman said of the comeback. “They’re a good team, but we all knew we could win this game

because we’re a better team even though we didn’t show that until the last quarter. If we hadn’t won this game I think it would have hurt us, confidence-wise. This win gives us momentum going into Districts and the confidence to know we can win close games when we get there.”

Dorman scored just four points in the Cougars’ loss to Grafton (41-25) in the first round of the tournament, held a day prior.

“I sprained my foot my against Tantasqua on our Senior Night [Tuesday, Feb. 11],” Dorman explained. “So [Friday] I only played a little bit in the first quarter. Today was the first full game back since the injury. My foot’s a little sore, but I was happy I could get back playing again. Knowing this was our last game and we needed a win I think made the whole team step up.”



organ of Quaboag steps into a shot from the elbow of the free throw line.



Quaboag’s Sydney Corfey lets a 3-pointer fly in front of the defense of Nipmuc’s Jenny Capalucci.



Julissa DeLeon of Quaboag leaps off her left foot before flying through the lane and attempting a layup.



Quaboag’s Kiarra Dorman eyes the basket while attempting to navigate some room on a Nipmuc defender.

SPORTS

Tantasqua's Boland becomes school's first female 1,000-point scorer



Ken Powers photo

Tantasqua's Lydia Boland, posed alongside head coach Tom Goyette, became the school's first female 1,000-point scorer when the Warriors took on Nashoba Regional last Friday, Feb. 14.



Nick Ethier photos

Senior Night saw family members celebrate with Tantasqua's Lydia Boland before the Warriors took on Nashoba Regional.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

STURBRIDGE — History. That's what high school basketball fans at the Tantasqua Regional Field House witnessed on Valentine's Day as Warriors' senior Lydia Boland became the first female in school history to score 1,000 points in her career.

Already the school's all-time leading scorer, Boland entered Tantasqua's Senior Night game with Nashoba Regional needing 16 points to hit the career milestone and 16 is the exact total the 5-foot-6 shooting guard finished with against the Chieftains, who won the game 45-30.

Career point Nos. 999 and 1,000 came with 5:49 remaining in the game and came on a sig-

nature Boland move. Moving left-to-right parallel to the free throw line she suddenly cut sharply into the lane, headed for the basket.

Boland picked up her dribble about five feet from the basket, faked a pass to a teammate in the right corner — causing her defender to take a step in that direction — and then went strong to the hoop, laying the ball off the glass and in.

"It's fitting Lydia scored her 1,000th on a nice slash move to the basket," said Tantasqua head coach Tom Goyette, who watched the historic moment unfold standing in his usual spot in front of the Warriors' bench. "That's just one of the many ways she scores for us. Lydia can also hit the 3 and she is also a great free throw shoot-

er. It was an exciting moment to be a part of. I'm very proud of her."

Before the ball even hit the floor, the entire Tantasqua bench exploded in cheers and screams of joy and rushed onto the court. The team formed one giant group hug with Boland disappearing into the middle of it.

The game was stopped for about four minutes while Boland posed for a picture on-court with her team and a 1,000-point poster, and she also went across the court and into the stands briefly to give mom and dad a kiss and a hug.

After the game Boland, who has been pushing herself to get to 1,000 all season, expressed relief that the moment had finally materialized.

"It's such a relief to have finally reached this goal that I've been working for these four years," Boland said. "As soon as I hit the shot I felt like this giant weight I've been carrying around the last couple of weeks had suddenly been lifted off my shoulders."

"I'm super proud of having accomplished this, but I'm super proud of my entire team, too," Boland continued. "It's not just my effort that made this happen; it was a total team effort. The passing, the defense, everything goes into reaching a milestone like this and everyone on the team has a hand in it."

After the game the crowd waiting to personally congratulate Boland and have a quick moment with her included her older sister Emma, a soccer, basketball and track standout at Tantasqua who graduated in 2016.

"I'm very proud and very happy for her," said Emma Boland, who admitted she did give her younger sister one piece of advice heading into the Nashoba game. "I just told her to go out and play her game and remember that it's just a game. She went out and did what she does. She deserves this. She's a hard worker. She wanted it, she went for it, she got it."

Boland passed Rachel Turkington (971 career points) and Ashley Braun (969 career points) on Tantasqua's all-time

scoring list earlier this season.

"We don't have a banner in the gym listing the 1,000-point scorers like some other schools do, so I came into this not knowing that no girl had scored 1,000 points in school history," Lydia Boland said. "Once I found that out, I certainly did want to be the first girl to score 1,000, but, seriously, it wasn't about the title. It was about the accomplishment of doing it and seeing how I've grown over these last four years."

Tantasqua principal Michael Lucas said he thought the milestone and Boland are a perfect fit.

"This is such a deserving honor for such a great kid. It's so fitting that Lydia is the first female basketball player in school history to score 1,000 points," Lucas said. "She is a great basketball player, but she is so much more than a basketball player to us. Lydia is one of our AP students and she works very hard academically. She also gets along with her peers and is respected by her teachers. We could not be prouder." And now with the 1,000-point milestone in the rearview mirror, Tantasqua can focus on the upcoming Western Mass. Division 2 Tournament. The loss to Nashoba slipped the Warriors' record to a still-strong 15-3 as they played in the Westborough Invitational Tournament before District seedings were announced.



Lydia Boland of Tantasqua blows by Nashoba defender Shauna Curran on her way to the basket.



Lydia Boland of Tantasqua goes in for a hug with a teammate while getting introduced as part of the Senior Night festivities.



Tantasqua's Lydia Boland releases a 3-pointer from the right-side corner of the court.

SPORTS

Under odd circumstances, Rockets tie North Middlesex to take Dana Willard Memorial Tournament



Auburn's Nic Spanos skates by a North Middlesex defenseman and toward goalie Thomas Kelly.



Auburn's Nolan White dumps the puck down the ice.



Joe Valone of Auburn attempts to chase after the puck following a faceoff.



Auburn's Joel Miller dangles past a diving North Middlesex defender.



Zach Schirm of Auburn stick-handles the puck down the ice and into North Middlesex's defensive zone.



Caleb Bartlett of Auburn attempts to block a shot taken by a North Middlesex player.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

AUBURN — Way back on Saturday, Dec. 14, Horgan Arena hosted the first round of the Dana Willard Memorial Tournament. First up, East Longmeadow High's boys' varsity ice hockey team defeated the Worcester co-op, 2-1. Then, in the nightcap, the Auburn High co-op (along with Millbury High, Tantasqua Regional and Shepherd Hill Regional) played the first period against North Middlesex Regional and trailed 1-0. Then, between periods, the Zamboni hit a door and broke it, making the rink unusable.

"What are you going to do? Things happen like that," Rockets' head coach Glen Bombard said.

So, on Wednesday, Dec. 18, Auburn defeated East Longmeadow 3-1 and Worcester took care of North Middlesex 7-1.

Then, on Saturday, Feb. 15, the tournament finally came to a close when the Rockets hosted North Middlesex. The game started back up with Auburn trailing the Patriots 1-0 in the second

period. But thanks to a goal by Shawn Bradway with 7:54 to play in the third period, the Rockets rallied to tie the game at 2-2.

That tie gave Auburn the Dana Willard Memorial Tournament title, as they finished 1-0-1 in the two games. East Longmeadow and Worcester both went 1-1, while North Middlesex finished 0-1-1.

"We had the best record in the tournament. We were the only ones that didn't lose, everybody else lost a game," explained Bombard.

Auburn's Joel Miller was named Tournament MVP after registering two points against East Longmeadow and grabbing another point on an assist versus North Middlesex.

Bombard was pleased with the Rockets' two periods of play, which also saw Dillon Winkelmann tie the score at 1-1 in the second period.

"We had some opportunities tonight. For two periods I thought we played pretty well," he said.

Winkelmann's goal came shorthanded as Auburn had three penalties in the second period, all of which were successfully killed off. Nic Spanos assisted on Winkelmann's tally. Spanos carried the puck into the zone and fed a pass to Winkelmann's stick on the right point. From there, Winkelmann blasted a slap shot past Patriots' goalie Thomas Kelly.

North Middlesex (5-8-4) took a 2-1 lead early in the third period on the power play when Nick Miller and

Caleb Amidon assisted on Jimmy O'Keefe's goal.

The resilient Rockets then tied it up on the power play when Joel Miller gave a pass to Spanos, who then went behind Kelly's net and found an open Bradway in the slot. His shot then got past Kelly for the equalizer.

That gave Auburn the tournament title in back-to-back years for the first time in school history.

Despite the accomplishment, the Rockets' record stood at 6-10-2 as they will miss the upcoming Central Mass. Division 3 Tournament for the first time in four years.

"That's our ultimate goal," Bombard said of trying to qualify for District play. "We just struggled putting the puck in the net."

Auburn lost 13 seniors from a year ago and will lose another 12 this spring, but Bombard enjoyed this season despite the sub-.500 record.

"Overall it was a great year, had a lot of fun with these guys," he said. "Probably the hardest working team I've ever had. They stuck together all year and just kept working. They never quit, they just lacked putting the puck in the net."

"I'm thrilled, I really am," added Bombard. "I had a lot of fun this year, I know they did, and we all worked hard together. We all wanted the same thing, unfortunately we fell a little short."

SPORTS BRIEF

Team Mass Boys AAU Basketball to hold tryouts

Team Mass Boys AAU Basketball will hold tryouts on Saturday, Feb. 29 at Brookfield Elementary School (37 Central Street). Age breakdowns are as follows: Grades 4-6, 10-11:15 a.m.; Grades 7-8, 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.; Grades 9-11, 1-2:15 a.m. If a varsity player is in Districts, it will be a sign up only. Girls will only sign up on Feb. 29 and try out on a later date. Please bring a birth certificate, a \$20 tryout fee and arrive 15 minutes early. In case of inclement weather visit www.teammassboys.com and www.teammassgirls.com for more information. Coaches and assistants are always needed.

Expand your edible garden indoors

No matter the season, size of your garden or climate, you can inject homegrown flavor into your meals. Just clear a shelf, countertop or windowsill and get busy planting herbs, greens and even tomatoes to enjoy year-round.

For quick results, grow microgreens. These nutrient packed edibles are ready to harvest in as few as 10 days. Plant microgreen seeds in a quality potting or seed starting mix. A recycled fast food container or other shallow pot with drainage holes works well. Plant the seeds according to label directions, moisten the soil and place in a warm location. Keep the soil moist and move to a sunny window or under artificial lights as soon as sprouts peak through the soil. Then break out the scissors and start harvesting when the second set of leaves appears. Use microgreens on salads, sandwiches, soups or as a snack.

Replace those underutilized appliances cluttering the counter with an under the cabinet LED light garden like the Bamboo Mini LED Grow Light Garden. You'll be able to grow and harvest your own herbs and greens right in the kitchen for easy access. The LED lights will also help brighten the room – a welcome addition to any dreary winter day.

Purchase plants or start herbs from seeds in individual pots or a container large enough to hold several plants. Select herbs you and your family typically use for seasoning. Basil, chives, sage, parsley, and oregano are a few of the easier herbs to grow. Just harvest a few leaves or sprigs as needed for some homegrown flavor.

Boost the vitamins, minerals and fiber in your meals with leafy greens. Plant an indoor garden of leaf lettuce, spinach, arugula, baby leaf kale and beet greens. A self-watering pot with a built-in overhead light like the Gardener's Revolution® Light Garden Kit (gardeners.com) makes it easy to grow a variety of greens at the end of a counter, next to a desk or anywhere you have a few square feet of space.

Harvest greens regularly to keep the plants producing. You'll enjoy the convenience and have no excuse not to boost the flavor and nutritional value of your meals.

Reserve a space in front of a sunny window to grow a tomato or pepper plant. Expand your growing options and ensure a bountiful harvest by supplementing natural daylight with artificial lights. Start with compact tomato and pepper varieties that require less space. You will probably need to start plants from seeds when growing these vegetables outside the normal outdoor gardening season. Once the plants start flowering, you will need to lend a helping hand. Give the stems a shake for pollination and eventually fruit formation to occur.

Reduce maintenance and the mess with self-watering containers. These planters have reservoirs that hold water that moves into the soil via wicking systems. This provides the plants with a constant supply of water while extending the time between watering. Plus, the self-contained watering setup minimizes the risk of water getting on your floor.

Start plans for your indoor edible garden with a walk around your home to identify potential growing spaces. Then develop a list of favorite herbs, greens and vegetables you and your family enjoy. Match the space to your favorites and invest in plants and resources that fit your gardening goals and help ensure success. Then start growing and enjoying the benefits of fresh, homegrown produce all year long.

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Self-watering planters like the Gardener's Revolution Light Garden make it easy to successfully grow a variety of greens or other edibles indoors.

The beaver problem



The topic of beaver destruction to our forests and river banks throughout the state was discussed at a recent meeting at a local Rod & Gun Club. Destruction along river banks by beaver and damming of outlets restricting water flow is out of control in many areas. With spring not far off, flooding of private and public land will cause serious damage to areas, killing trees and damaging homes in the area.

Trapping by sportsmen that enjoyed being outdoors, also kept numerous species of fur bearing animals under control, including beaver. The trapping ban in Massachusetts needs to be lifted. Not only did trappers keep the animal population under control, but they also purchased a license to do it. Now trappers can only use live catch traps that are extremely expensive and hard to handle. The cost of trapping is extremely expensive, with the cost being handed to local cities and towns.

The new leg hold traps and trapping laws need to be addressed soon.

Some local clubs have installed "Beaver Deceivers" (a device that restricts beaver damming at water outlets) and helps somewhat, but the beaver are still causing some serious damage to trees and brush along river banks and surrounding areas. If any landowner caused the destruction to riverbanks and woodlots along waterways like the beaver do, they would be locked up. Wildlife of all forms need to be kept under control, and

the best tool is hunting and trapping.

The deer harvest figures for Massachusetts' 2020 season are in and they are another record setting year. The youth deer hunt day had reported 89 deer harvested and the paraplegic hunt had only five recorded.

The archers scored the largest harvest with a whopping 6,149 animals while the shot-gunners had 4,984. Primitive firearms season scored a good number of deer totaling 2,694. Figuring in non-retrieved deer and car deer collisions the total could reach higher than 15,000 deer.

Many impressive deer sporting huge antlers and weighing in at more than 200 pounds has got to say something about our deer herd in Massachusetts!

There will be plenty of deer meat for the freezer this year, but most, if not all, hunters dis guarded some of the best part of the deer which included the tongue. I was watching a hunting video this past weekend and one of he cooks explained the best way to cook the tongue. They claim it was delicious. I still think I would pass on that part of the deer for food.

This writer received another release from the Mass. Marine Fisheries on the proposed regulations for striped bass this year. It looks as though the slot limit for striped bass will happen. The commercial striped bass fishing will also be cut back along with their season, but they will still be able to take striper's over the maximum size limit of recreational anglers. They reported that the release of striped bass by



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recreational bass anglers have a high mortality rate. The striped bass will see an 18 percent reduction for commercial anglers for 2020. No gaffing of striper's will be allowed for recreational anglers also.

Some ice fishing by local anglers at Lake Ripple in Grafton this past weekend had some nice fish being caught. One angler showed me a nice four pound large mouth he had just caught. Close to a dozen anglers braved the dangerous ice conditions.

This past week, this writer was at Jerry's Pro Shop in Milford and watched nine year old Lucas Bergman receive his birthday present from his dad. The excited archer was presented a new Hoyt bow for his birthday. After he was given the bow he headed for the archery range for some instruction at the shops indoor range, but not before he was given a new Hoyt hat. The young archer is part of the new generation of archers that will hopefully enjoy bow hunting for many years to come.

Take A Kid fishing And Keep Them Rods Bending!

EDWARDS

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the past."

The WBFD also serves as a mutual aid department, assisting firefighters in area towns like they did earlier this month in North Brookfield. After battling a three-alarm blaze from midnight until dawn, the firefighters headed home, grabbed a quick shower and meal, and embarked on their day jobs.

"It's very challenging at times, but we all love the camaraderie in this tight-knit group.

It's one big family," said Edwards, an Anna Maria College graduate.

Over the last decade with the department, Edwards has seen several upgrades in industry techniques and technologies, and he is eager to keep the department on the cutting edge. Many of the recent innovations in the industry have centered around cancer prevention, including changes in equipment cleaning techniques immediately following responses.

"You learn a lot as you continue to grow. There is always something new to learn on the job, and

every day you try to take in as much information as you can," Edwards told the New Leader.

Looking ahead, recruitment and retention will be major focuses for Edwards and his staff. They are looking for residents who are eager to embrace the challenges and sacrifices required to keep their community safe.

"We are always looking for people who come here and want to stay. It's definitely a challenge and a big commitment, but we try to get out there in the community as much as possible and meet new

people," Edwards said.

Firefighters always attend the annual Asparagus Festival in May, where they meet thousands of guests, and they also open their doors to residents during the White Christmas in West Brookfield celebration. Word of mouth is a critical component of their advertising strategy, and they are always on the lookout for students straight out of high school or college who are eager to enter the profession.

Upgrades of equipment and vehicles are also on the department's radar

over the next few years. One of the trucks is nearly 40 years old and will need to be replaced, and Edwards is also hoping to see improvements made to the station over the next five to ten years.

In terms of equipment, Edwards will seek grants and other funding sources to ensure that gear is always fitted with the latest technologies. Thanks to a grant the department received about three years ago, firefighters currently use masks featuring thermal imaging. The department also has two sets of gear for each firefighter on the staff,

one for training and the other for responses. One of the priorities for Edwards is to always make sure the cycle of gear provides enough equipment needed for incoming firefighters.

"It's important to update the gear frequently and have a good rotation schedule," Edwards said.

In his very limited spare time between jobs, Edwards enjoys hunting, fishing, and spending time outdoors.

POLICE REPORTS

Spencer Logs

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

2:15-2:38 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 5:13 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), Harrington CT down; 6:06 a.m.: mv stop (North Spencer Road); 6:26 a.m.: mv stop (Greenville Street); 6:34 a.m.: mv stop (North Spencer Road); 7:52 a.m.: vandalism (North Spencer Road), graffiti/wall; 9:28 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; 10:47 a.m.: building checked, secure; 10:55 a.m.: animal complaint (Northwest Road), injured raccoon; 11:03 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 11:26 a.m.: disorderly conduct (North Spencer Road), spoken to; 11:32 a.m.: medical/general (Clark Road); 12:10 p.m.: elderly matter (West Main Street), info taken; 12:12 p.m.: disturbance (Mechanic Street), unwanted party; 12:53 p.m.: medical/general (Smithville Road); 1:54 p.m.: juvenile matter (Ash Street), investigated; 2:33 p.m.: officer wanted (High Street), poss. eBay scam; 2:40 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), Leicester PD bolo; 3:21 p.m.: mv stop (Greenville Street); 3:26 p.m.: mv complaint (Greenville Street), erratic operation; 3:47 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), req. transport; 4:04 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), info taken; 4:08 p.m.: medical/general (Elm Street), lift assist; 4:36 a.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 5:17 p.m.: officer wanted (McDonald Street), ex-tenant issue; 5:23 p.m.: lost/ found (West Main Street), cellphone found; 5:54 p.m.: fire/rescue (Lake Street), services rendered; 6:04 p.m.: fireworks complaint (Howe Village), gunshots heard; 6:15 p.m.: animal complaint (West Main Street), loose dog; 7:46 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 8:20 p.m.: mv stop (Water Street); 9:21 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), assist East Brookfield PD; 9:43 p.m.: mutual aid (Grove Street), assist Putnam, CT PD.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

12:12 a.m.: building checked, secure; 12:39 a.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 1:17-1:18 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:22 a.m.: mv stop (Bixby Road); 1:30-1:32 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:37 a.m.: parking violation (Mechanic Street), ticket issued; 1:40-1:54 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:57 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 2:00 a.m.: building checked, secure; 2:05 a.m.: DPW call (West Main Street), icy conditions; 2:07-2:09 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:17 a.m.: DPW call (Meadow Road), referred; 2:17 a.m.: building checked, secure; 5:47 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Lloyd Dyer Drive), no contact; 7:01 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 7:14 a.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 7:28 a.m.: disabled mv (North Spencer Road), assisted; 8:05 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 8:57 a.m.: disabled mv (Charlton Road), assisted; 10:03 a.m.: mv lockout (Sunset Lance), assisted; 11:06 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 11:13 a.m. officer wanted (West Main Street), info taken; 1:20 p.m.: trash dumping (Bixby Road), info taken; 1:20 p.m.: vandalism (Charlton Road), mailbox; 2:24 p.m. mv lockout (Bacon Hill Road), assisted; 3:42 p.: 209A service (May Street); 4:06 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 4:08 p.m.: multiple LTC issued/4 (West Main Street), assisted; 4:15 p.m.: FID card issued (West Main Street), assisted; 4:43 p.m.: mv complaint (Chickering Road), erratic operation; 4:50 p.m.: mv lockout (Paxton Road), assisted; 6:51 p.m.: mv complaint (Chickering Road), erratic operation; 9:15 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:15 p.m.: 209A service (West Main Street); 11:17-11:54 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

12:02-12:12 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:18 a.m.: mv stop (West Main Street); 12:35 a.m.: parking violation (Grove Street), ticket issued; 12:45 a.m.: building checked, secure; 12:54 a.m.: fire alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 1:40 a.m.: elderly matter (Lincoln Street), unwanted party; 2:10 a.m.: juvenile matter (Main Street), investigated; 3:07 a.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), investigated; 6:22 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 8:26 a.m.: DPW call (Bond Street), icy conditions; 8:33 a.m.: medical/general (Chestnut Street); 8:47 a.m.: mv complaint (Chestnut Street), speeding; 8:50 a.m.: medical/general (Wall Street) 8:52 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 9:57 a.m.: residential alarm (North Brookfield Road), services rendered; 10:10 a.m.: suspicious mv (Paxton Road), info taken; 10:43 a.m.: lost/ found (West Main Street), wallet found; 11:23 a.m.: medical/general (Paxton road) 11:24 a.m.: residential alarm (North Brookfield Road), services rendered; 12:07 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), strange call; 12:30 p.m.: elderly matter (Lincoln Street), unwanted party; 1:04 p.m.: medical/general (Marble Road); 1:24 p.m.: fraud (Chestnut Street), scam call; 1:45 p.m.: attempt to commit crime (West Main Street), att. theft; 2:36 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operation; 2:45 p.m.: mv complaint (Chickering Road), erratic operation; 2:56 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), Harrington CT down; 3:12 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 3:50 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 3:56 p.m.: medical/general (Pleasant Street); 5:08 p.m.: disturbance (West Main Street), unwanted party; 6:16 p.m.: medical/general (Roys Drive); 6:41 p.m.: DPW call (Greenville Street), icy conditions; 7:05 p.m.: DPW call (Bixby Road), water issues; 7:14 p.m.: suspicious mv (High Street),

investigated; 7:59 p.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 8:15 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 8:36 p.m.: mv stop (West Main Street); 8:44 p.m.: mv stop (West Main Street); 8:57 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 8:57-9:12 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:15 p.m.: mv lockout (Main Street), assisted; 9:26-9:36 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:38 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 9:58 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 11:27 p.m.: elderly matter (Lincoln Street), tenant issue; 11:50 p.m.: medical/general (Valley Street); 11:53 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

12:04-2:28 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:42 a.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), investigated; 5:16 a.m.: fire alarm (Pleasant Street), CO activation; 6:04 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 7:12 a.m.: school alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 7:16 a.m.: commercial alarm (Mehanic Street), services rendered; 8:42 a.m.: medical/general (Norcross Road), lift assist; 8:48 a.m.: accident (Browning Pond Road), report taken; 8:51 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 10:26 a.m.: medical/general (Grove Street); 11:24 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 12:10 p.m.: commercial alarm (Maple Street), services rendered; 1:36 p.m.: accident (Mechanic Street), hit/run; 1:48 p.m.: officer wanted (Bixby Road), spoken to; 1:58 p.m.: entire incident redacted from police log; 2:41 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), failure to pay; 2:59 p.m.: officer wanted (Maple Street), kids on pond; 3:33 p.m.: officer wanted (Paxton Road), poss. b&e; 4:12 p.m.: fire (Wall Street), referred; 5:35 p.m.: accident (North Spencer Road), mv vs deer; 6:27 p.m.: medical/general (Whittemore Court); 6:56 p.m.: animal complaint (Mechanic Street), loose dog; 7:42 p.m.: assault (Chestnut Sreet), Nyari Sai Holly, 19, 192 Fountain Street, Springfield, assault & battery w/dangerous weapon/3 counts; resisting arrest; disorderly conduct, disturbing the peace, assault & battery on police officer/2 counts, arrest; 9:26 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), Harrington CT down.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

12:00 a.m.: building checked, secure; 12:03 a.m.: mutual aid (Prospect Street), Worcester PD bolo; 12:14-12:40 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:43 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), Sturbridge PD bolo; 12:54 a.m.: building checked, secure; 12:59 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 1:07 a.m. mv stop (Main Street); 3:34 a.m.: mv stop (Watson Road); 3:49-3:50 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 4:18 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 4:20 a.m.: parking violation (Pope Street), ticket issued; 4:27 a.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), info taken; 4:49-5:17 a.m.: parking violations (Elm, Main streets), tickets issued; 4:56 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 6:29 a.m.: mv stop (West Main Street); 5:25 a.m.: medical/general (Norcross Road); 5:26 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), welfare check; 6:14 a.m.: mv stop (West Main Street); 6:37 a.m.: mv stop (West Main Street); 7:47 a.m.: animal complaint (Northwest Road), bear in yard; 7:52 a.m.: mv stop (West Main Street); 12:02 p.m: 911 call (Greenville Street), misdial; 12:14 p.m.: 911 call (Adams Street), open line; 12:22 p.m.: accident (Charlton Road), report taken; 12:55 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), disruptive customer; 12:56 p.m.: accident (Maple Street), report taken; 2:13 p.m.: commercial alarm (Water Street), services rendered; 2:51 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 6:10 p.m.: medical/general (Paxton Road); 7:25 p.m.: juvenile matter (Mechanic Street), info taken; 8:13 p.m.: officer wanted (Lincoln Street), tenant issued; 9:19 p.m.: vandalism (Highland Street), house egged; 10:07 p.m.: building checked, secure; 10:13 p.m.: medical/overdose (Pleasant Street); 11:08 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

12:57-2:46 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 4:25 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street), lift assist; 4:25 a.m.: medical/general (South Street); 4:42 a.m.: DPW call (West Main Street), icy conditions; 5:58 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), tty call; 6:35 a.m.: suspicious mv (Rene Drive), investigated; 8:35 a.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 8:44 a.m.: DPW call (Wilson Avenue), icy conditions; 10:24 a.m.: disabled mv (West Main Street), assisted; 11:06 a.m.: sex offender registration (West Main Sreet), assisted; 12:02 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), Harrington CT down; 12:08 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), unwanted party; 12:39 p.m.: animal complaint (Northwest Road), bear in yard; 1:31 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 1:38 p.m.: officer wanted (South Street), lockout/home; 1:48 p.m.: sex offender registration (West Main Street), assisted; 1:59 p.m.: residential alarm (Smithville Road), accidental; 2:07 p.m.: 911 call (Main Street), open line; 3:22 p.m.: medical/general (Valley Street); 3:45 p.m.: residential fire (North Street), services rendered; 4:21 p.m.: disturbance (Mechanic Street), domestic dispute; 4:38 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 4:45 p.m.: harassing phone calls (Robin Road), info taken; 4:59 p.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 5:34 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), erratic operation/Brookfield; 6:03 p.m.: mv complaint (Greenville Street), tailgating; 6:31 p.m.: elderly matter (Lincoln Street), tenant issue; 6:32 p.m.: 911 call (Elm Street), misdial; 6:43 p.m.: fire alarm (South Spencer Road), services rendered; 7:28 p.m.: mv complaint (Route 49), erratic operation; 8:15 p.m.: suspicious mv (Greenville Street), investigated; 9:30 p.m.: intel-

ligence/drugs (Pleasant Street), info taken.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

12:53-1:31 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:34 a.m.: mv stop (West Main Street); 1:44-2:20 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 4:22 a.m.: commercial alarm (Water Street), services rendered; 5:25 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 7:58 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 8:03 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 8:35 a.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), info taken; 9:19 a.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 10:29 a.m.: LTC issued/3 (West Main Street), assisted; 11:36 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 11:37 a.m.: medical/general (Greenville Street); 11:50 a.m.: DPW call (Pine Acres), icy conditions; 2:18 p.m.: larceny (Howe Village), theft of packages; 2:57 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), info given; 5:28 p.m.: citizen complaint (West Main Street), info taken; 6:52 p.m.: officer wanted (Lincoln Street), neighbor issue; 7:04 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Grant Street), no emergency; 8:06 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:16 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 8:27 p.m.: mv repossession (Main Street), services rendered; 8:34 a.m.: mv stop (Maple Street); 8:45 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), protester; 8:47 p.m.: disabled mv (West Main Street), info taken; 9:26 p.m.: officer wanted (Howe Village), spoken to; 9:29 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 9:42 p.m.: mv stop (West Main Street); 9:44 p.m.: medical/general (Bixby Road); 11:46 p.m.: officer waned (West Main Street), spoken to.

Leicester Logs

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

7:00 a.m.: accident (Stafford Street), report taken; 8:54 a.m.: residential alarm (Pleasant Street), false alarm; 12:46 p.m.: hazardous conditions (Main Street), services rendered; 1:33 p.m.: investigation (Main Street), services rendered; 3:22 p.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive), name and address redacted from police log, shoplifting by concealing merchandise; name and address redacted from police log, shoplifting by concealing merchandise, criminal application issued x 2; 3:26 p.m.: erratic operation (Huntoon Memorial Highway), unable to locate; 4:51 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), spoken to; 5:23 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 6:02 p.m.: erratic operation (Main Street), verbal warning; 9:42 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

3:16 a.m.: assist citizen (Auburn Street), spoken to; 5:57 a.m.: ambulance (Virginia Drive), transported; 6:29 a.m.: disabled mv (Auburn Street), services rendered; 8:36 a.m.: animal complaint (Paxton Street), unfounded; 10:37 a.m.: ambulance (Pine Ridge Drive), transported; 11:08 a.m.: ambulance (Verona Street), transported; 1:20 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacte from poice log, op w/ suspended registration, report taken; 1:34 p.m.: welfar check (Main Street), transported to hospital; 1:58 p.m.: assist citizen (Warren Avenue); 2:24 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), verbal warning; 2:42 p.m.: erratic operation (River Street), unfounded; 4:02 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, op w/ suspended license, no inspection sticker, failure to notify RMV of name/address change, criminal application issued; 4:37 p.m.: mv stop (Soojians Drive), verbal warning; 4:47 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 5:03 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 5:12 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 5:30 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 5:30 p.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), verbal warning; 5:46 p.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), verbal warning; 6:06 p.m.: suspicious ativity (Pine Street), services rendered; 7:57 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 8:21 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), no action required; 8:28 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 8:44 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), no action required; 9:00 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), written warning; 9:13 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 11:01 p.m.: suspicious mv (Collier Avenue), no service.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

12:45 p.m.: ambulance (Auburn Street), transported; 8:00 a.m.: welfare check (Reservoir Street), services rendered; 8:32 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), no action required; 8:38 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 8:39 a.m.: mv stop (McNeil Highway), verbal warning; 11:41 a.m.: ambulance (Mayflower Road), transported; 1:14 p.m.: mv stop (River Street), citation issued; 1:37 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, uninsured mv, unregistered mv, criminal application issued; 3:43 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), mv towed; 4:54 p.m.: mutual aid (Stafford Street, Worcester), transported to hospital; 7:49 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 8:38 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

1:01 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 1:17 a.m.: disabled mv (Pleasant Street), no action required; 8:55 a.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 10:59 a.m.: mv stop (Whittemore Street), spoken to; 1:46 p.m.: mv stop (Mulberry Street), name and address redacted from police log, op w/suspended registration, uninsured mv, citation issued; 2:35 p.m.: welfare check (Soojians Drive), transported; 3:48 p.m.:

ambulance (Stafford Street), transported; 4:38 p.m.: assist other agency (Main Street), services rendered; 6:40 p.m.: disabled mv (Huntoon Memorial Highway), no action required; 8:44 p.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), spoken to; 8:48 p.m.: mutual aid (Auburn Street, Auburn), services rendered; 8:55 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 9:29 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), spoken to; 9:52 p.m.: assist other agency (Main Street), services rendered.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

12:49 a.m.: welfare check (Main Street), spoken to; 12:59 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 4:24 a.m.: ambulance (West Street), transported; 4:38 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street, Spencer), referred; 5:24 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 8:04 a.m.: family problem (Westminster Street), spoken to; 8:27 a.m.: disturbance (Main Street), spoken to; 9:15 a.m.: ambulance (Auburn Street), transported; 11:21 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 11:58 a.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 12:30 p.m.: suspicious activity (Watch Street), spoken to; 5:04 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 5:38 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), verbal warning; 5:47 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 8:11 p.m.: assist other PD (Hyland Avenue), services rendered; 9:18 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 9:27 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 10:11 p.m.: family problem (Auburn Street), advised civil action; 11:03 p.m.: ambulance (Peter Salem Road), transported; 11:38 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 11:58 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

12:27 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 12:45 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 12:52 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), Charles L. Lusignan, 47, 7 Lake Drive, Leicester, op w/suspended license, possession Class B drug/2 counts, possession Class E drug, arrest; 5:20 a.m.: mv stop (River Street), written warning; 10:26 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 10:28 a.m.: ambulance (Suomi Street, Paxton), transported; 11:30 a.m.: summons service (Rawson Street), served; 11:42 a.m.: summons service (Stafford Street), served; 11:46 a.m.: community policing (Winslow Avenue), spoken to; 3:30 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), verbal warning; 4:11 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 4:28 p.m.: disturbance (South Main Street), services rendered; 4:36 p.m.: restraining order service (Rawson Street), unable to serve; 4:50 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 5:04 p.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), spoken to; 5:09 p.m.: parking complaint (Washburn Square), citation issued; 5:52 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 6:08 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), no action required; 6:25 p.m.: restraining order service (Rawson Street), unable to serve; 7:06 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), mv towed; 8:23 p.m.: suspicious mv (Stafford Street), spoken to; 8:28 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 8:37 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 8:39 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 8:59 p.m.: welfare check (Stafford Street), spoken to; 9:09 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 9:33 p.m.; mv stop (Main Street), written warning.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

12:24 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, unregistered m, uninsured mv, criminal application issued; 5:55 a.m.: ambulance (Craig Street), transported; 8:17 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), verbal warning; 8:34 a.m.: parking complaint (Washburn Square), citation issued; 10:00 a.m.: restraining order service (Rawson Street), unable to serve; 1:53 p.m.: mv stop (Clark Street), name and address redacted from police log, op w/suspended license, mv towed; 2:25 p.m.: ambulance (Fairview Drive), transported; 3:38 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 3:47 p.m.: mv

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Courtesy Photo

Multiple items were seized during a drug bust in Leicester earlier this month.

Drug bust results in multiple arrests

LEICESTER – A major drug bust resulted in a pair of arrests earlier this month.

On Feb. 4, with assistance from Spencer officers, the Leicester Police Department executed a narcotics warrant at a residence on Parker Street. Police seized cocaine, marijuana, ecstasy, pills, an illegally possessed shotgun, ammunition, and several thousand dollars in cash.

Two suspects were arrested and face multiple charges in connection with the investigation. Their names were not released as of press time.

SENIOR CENTER

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"The other code improvements, which will likely be minor repairs, will be determined by the architect the town hires," Town Administrator Thomas Gregory previously told the New Leader.

Preliminary estimates for the total construction cost are in excess of \$300,000, officials projected. Meanwhile, all Senior Center activities are still allowed to take place in the building as the design study gets underway.

The second floor of the Senior Center features a yoga room,

library, meeting room, and a handful of other rooms where seniors enjoy various activities. The code improvements will ensure that seniors continue to have access to all sections of the building.

During the Senior Center's annual Valentine's Day dance held last week, seniors and staff had extra cause for celebration. They are looking forward to seeing the improvements completed and putting the fire code issues behind them.

"I want to thank all of the seniors who showed up at the Town Meeting. I was very impressed by the number of peo-

ple there," said Senior Center Director Pamela Woodbury.

Many seniors have fond memories of the building that came well before its time as a senior center. Several guests recall attending the building when it was a school, and they are thrilled with its new purpose.

"This building holds so many memories for our seniors. The location is perfect, and they feel right at home when they're here," said Christine Mancini, the Chairperson of the Council on Aging.

The Special Town Meeting warrant also featured articles covering a utility easement and a proposed transfer of monies to Town Counsel Services.

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stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 3:58 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 4:18 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, unlicensed operation, citation issued; 4:49 p.m.: welfare check (Henshaw Street), investigated; 5:23 p.m.: ambulance (Huntton Memorial Highway), transported; 6:05 p.m.: erratic operation (Hemlock Street), message delivered; 7:58 p.m.: welfare check (Mannville Street), services rendered; 8:47 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), verbal warning; 8:57 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 11:38 p.m.: mutual aid (Suomi Street, Paxton), no action required; 11:47 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 11:52 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning.



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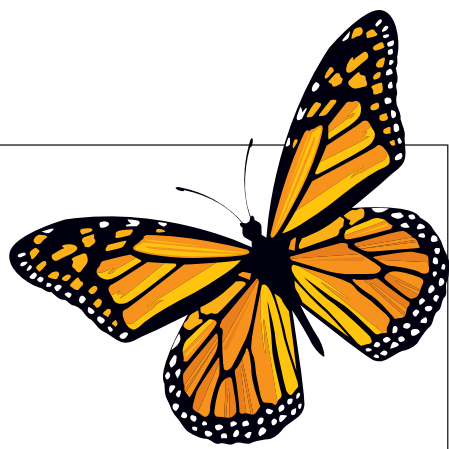
If you like German cuisine, stop by **EB FLATTS** this week for some special German favorites. They are open for breakfast and lunch daily, and for dinner Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. You'll find their beautiful restaurant on the flats in East Brookfield! Guten Appetit!

If your car doesn't start when you first try to start it, or doesn't start at all, maybe you need a new car battery from **NAPA Auto Parts** in West Brookfield. Get a \$20 coupon for your next in-store purchase when you purchase a NAPA Legend or Legend Premium Battery. See the ad or visit Jim or Dan at 117 West Main Street, West Brookfield or call 508-867-9947 for details.

You have until Monday to get your ABC's of the Seasons Crossword Puzzle answers in to be eligible for a prize. We've received more than 75 responses so far! Thank you to everyone who sent in their answers for a chance to win a \$25 card or gift certificate to one of our ABC businesses. Good luck!

Have a great week!

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OBITUARIES

James F. Laney, 88



SPENCER, MA—James F. Laney, 88, of Spencer, died Monday, Feb. 10 in Dodge Park Rest Home, Worcester, MA. He was predeceased by his beloved wife, Rose M. (Bartolomei) Laney, the love of his life for 65 years who passed in 2018, and his brother, Joseph L. Pethe of AZ. He leaves his son James J. Laney and his wife Linda of North Brookfield, his daughters Deborah M. Laflamme and her husband Bill of North Grafton, and Sandra J. Laney and her husband Rupert McKenzie of Chicago, IL, 12 grandchildren, and 13 great grandchildren.

Born in New York City, he grew up in the catholic orphanage, Brightside Home for Boys in Holyoke, MA. His birth parents were Gertrude W. Delaney and Francis E. Barrett. Jim later served his country with the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. He started his career as a bread delivery man for Town Talk Bread Co. and was well known throughout the area as the “singing bread man”. Then Jim and Rose became the co-owners

of Laney’s Variety in Spencer from 1974 to 1989 before retiring to Oakham, MA and then Myrtle Beach, SC. He was a member of Mary, Queen of the Rosary Parish and sang in its choir for many years. He was a longtime Spencer Little League Coach, loved gardening, birds, singing and most of all spending time with his family.

The family would like to sincerely thank his Dodge Park family and Hospice for the excellent care of their father.

Jim’s funeral was held on Saturday, Feb. 15 from the J.HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer with a Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. in Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 7 Church St., Spencer. Burial with Military Honors followed in Mary, Queen of the Rosary Cemetery, Spencer. Calling hours were Friday from 4 to 7 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Brightside for Families and Children, 1233 Main St., Holyoke MA. www.morinfuneralhomes.com



Christine C. Robillard, 60



SPENCER – Christine C. Robillard, 60, of Spencer, died Friday, February 14, 2020 at St. Mary Health Center, 39 Queen St, Worcester.

She leaves her husband of 22 years, Mark D. Robillard; a son, Mark D. Robillard Jr, a daughter, Kristen L. Robillard; a brother, Richard MacDuff, a sister, Kathleen Anderson; a niece Nikki Turner, and nephew Christopher Anderson; aunts and cousins. She was born in Worcester, daughter of Edward G. and Muriel L. (Murphy) MacDuff.

Christine’s mother Muriel died unexpectedly when Chris was 18 which put a big burden on Chris. She worked hard at multiple jobs to help support herself and her siblings. She waitressed at Big Boys, IHOP, and later also worked as a

clerk at Big Y Supermarkets. She loved children and cared deeply for their wellbeing. She loved being the aunty to little Chris and Nikki. Her dreams and prayers were answered when she married and God blessed her with her own two children. She also loved music. Music from the 60-70’s and country were her favorite. She especially loved Allan Jackson.

The family would like to express their gratitude to the staff at St. Mary’s Healthcare Center for the care and compassion they showed Chris during her illness. They are truly angels on this earth.

A funeral service will be held on Feb 25 between 5 and 7 p.m. at Rice Funeral Home, 300 Park Ave. Her ashes will be buried with her mother at Notre Dame Cemetery by the family at a later date.

Donations may be made to St. Jude or to St. Mary’s Healthcare Center.

David W. Swan, 63



LEICESTER - David W. Swan, 63, died Wednesday, February 12 in his home after being stricken ill.

He leaves two brothers; John V. “Jay” Swan, Jr. and his wife Susan of Woodstock, CT, Fredrick J. Swan of Leicester with whom he lived, two sisters; Helen M. Swan Harris and her husband Richard of Worthing, W. Sussex, UK and Marybeth Bardot and her husband Douglas of Windham, CT, two nieces; Elizabeth Swan and her husband Shane Kegler of East Hartford, CT and Allison J. Swan of Woodstock, CT and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

David was born in Worcester, son of John Vincent and Elizabeth Agnes (Rowe) Swan. He was a lifelong resident of Leicester. He graduated from the Rhode Island School for the Deaf in Providence in 1976. In 1977, he com-

pleted courses at the St. Paul Technical Institute in St. Paul, Minnesota. He was employed in the retail food industry for over 39 years. He initially worked for Iandoli’s Supermarkets, which became Albertson’s and finally Shaw’s. His last position was as a bakery clerk at Shaw’s, Gold Starr Blvd., Worcester. He was a member and a communicant at St. Joseph-St. Pius X Parish.

The funeral was held on Monday, February 17 from the MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main Street, Leicester with a Funeral Mass at 11:00 AM in St. Pius X Church, 1153 Main Street, Leicester. Burial in Pine Grove Cemetery will be private and at the convenience of the family. Calling hours were Sunday, February 16 from 4:00-7:00 PM in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Leicester Women’s Club, 196 North Spencer Road, Spencer, MA 01562, in support of the Elizabeth Swan Memorial Nursing Scholarship. www.morinfuneralhomes.com

James R. Wright, 70



SPENCER- James R. Wright, 70, of Spencer, died peacefully at his home on Wednesday, Feb. 12.

He leaves his sisters; Barbara E. Dumais and her husband Raymond of Spencer and Marsha E. Williams and her husband Jon of Lucerne, Calif., a niece; Kya Williams of Calif., two nephews; Brentt Hoaglin of Calif. and Daniel Gagne and his wife Christina of New Milford, CT.

Born in Worcester, he was the son of Harry and Ruth (Wharton) Wright and graduated from Wachusett Reg. High School in 1969. He later served his country with the U.S. Navy on the USS Kitty Hawk as a parachute rigger

during the Vietnam War. He was a member of the Snowbirds Snow Mobile Club in Spencer.

Jim was a truck driver for Quality Water Products in Barre for 18 years, retiring in 2018.

Graveside services with Military Honors were held in Hope Cemetery, Worcester. At his request, services were private. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Spencer Fire Dept. Relief Fund, 11 W.Main St., Spencer, MA. 01562. J.HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer is directing arrangements. www.morinfuneralhomes.com



Migdalia Loughlin, 90



WEST BROOKFIELD – Migdalia (Camacho) Loughlin, 90, of West Brookfield, formerly of Amherst, MA and Massapequa NY, died on Monday, February 10, 2020 at her home.

She leaves five sons: Thomas W. Loughlin and his wife Ann Marie of Dunkirk, NY, William P. Loughlin and his wife Sharon of Simi Valley, CA, John Steven Loughlin and his wife Lori of West Brookfield, Kevin R. Loughlin and his wife Karen of Massapequa, NY, and James P. Loughlin and his wife Brenda of Canton, GA; thirteen grandchildren; Jenna, Brian, Eric, Sean, Elyse, Kelsey, Ryan, Brianna, J.D., Josh, Jordan, William, and Kirin; six great-grandchildren, Reagan, Finley, Fiona, Hanna, Alex Michael, and Rocklin Carter, and her daughter-in-law Anita Loughlin of Troy, NY. She also leaves her sister, Roxana Santiago. She was predeceased by her husband of 67 years, William T. Loughlin in 2018, her son Michael J. Loughlin, and by her siblings Armando Camacho, Jr., Ruben Santiago, and Radames Santiago Jr. She was born in New York City on June 5, 1929, daughter of the late Armando and Josephine (Santiago) Camacho.

Midge was a remarkable woman who led a long and well-fulfilled life. She spent parts of her childhood growing up in Manhattan and Puerto Rico. After earning her Registered Nursing

Degree at the College of Mount St. Vincent in New York City (where she was the first person of Puerto Rican descent to earn such a degree), she enlisted in the United States Navy as a nurse at the age of 21, where she served during the Korean War. She was a practicing nurse at several area hospitals on Long Island. She went on to obtain her Master of Education Degree and was the School Nurse/Teacher at Our Lady of Lourdes Parochial School in Farmingdale, NY for 25 years. She was very active in Maria Regina Parish in Seaford, Long Island, NY, and was the Director of the Right of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). She enjoyed shopping and loved collecting purses. She was also a very competitive Mahjong player. Above everything in her life, her love of God and her large family were what she held the closest.

At the family’s request, funeral services will be held privately. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations should be directed to the Homework House, 54 North Summer Street, Holyoke, MA 01040 or by visiting www.homework-householyokey.org.

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

An online guest book is available at varnumfuneralhome.com



William “Bill” R. Kingsland, 61

NORTH BROOKFIELD – William “Bill” R. Kingsland, 61, of North Brookfield died on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at UMASS Memorial Medical Center in Worcester.

He leaves two brothers and their spouses, Stephen and Lynn Kingsland of Holly Springs, NC and Christopher and Melissa Kingsland of Amesbury, MA, several nieces and nephews, his Aunt Dorothy Flett of Hingham, MA, many cousins, close friend and former wife Donna Kingsland of Boonville, NC, and close friend Eric Lefevre of New Braintree, MA. He was born in Framingham, son of the late Robert E. and Eleanor A. (Flett) Kingsland.

Bill was a Carpenter for friend Doug Waugh of Doug Waugh Carpentry in New Braintree and loved to create fine woodworking items for family, friends

and clients.

Bill was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting and fishing. In his younger years, he spent many hours waterskiing with his brothers and friends on Lake Wickaboag and other local waters.

A Graveside Service for Bill will be held in Pine Grove Cemetery in West Brookfield and will be announced in the spring. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, memorial donation may be made to the American Heart Association, 300 5th Ave, Waltham, MA 02451.

Varnum Funeral Home, Inc., 43 East Main St., in West Brookfield is assisting his family with arrangements.

An online guest book is available at varnumfuneralhome.com

Paul G. Levesque, 61



WORCESTER – Paul G. Levesque, 61, passed away at home surrounded by his loving family on Wednesday February 12, 2020.

Paul is survived by his Loving Partner Donna Niles, with whom he has lived for over twenty years. His only child Jeremy Levesque of Barre and His Mother Rise Levesque of Spencer; Three Brothers Scott and his spouse Cathy of Cape Cod, Thomas of Worcester and Donald and his wife Sherri of Florida; Two sisters Linda Drohan of Milbury and Gayle Leroi and her spouse Kay Lantman Loudan of Ludlow. Several Nieces, Nephews and cousins. He also leaves many dear friends.

Paul was born in Worcester, MA on May 23, 1958 son of the late Gerard F and Frieda (Rosenquist) Levesque; he attended North High School, afterwards he joined the Army National Guard 181; serving for several years. Paul was the district manager for Gas

N Go Sunoco for many years; he was an avid Bingo player and experienced caller at several churches and bingo halls in the Worcester area. Paul enjoyed listening to his country western music, and in his younger years, enjoyed hunting in his spare time, camping, watching and attending NASCAR races, and riding his motorcycle; he was also a Boating enthusiast. Paul will be sadly missed by all that knew and loved him. Please consider sending memorial contributions to any cancer research organization in honor of Paul.

Private funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street Webster, MA.

A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a message of comfort, share a fond memory, or light a candle in remembrance of Paul.



Joan T. Saucier, 89



SPENCER- Joan T. Saucier, 89, of Condon Dr., died Sunday, Feb. 16th, in St. Vincent Hospital, Worcester.

She leaves several nieces, nephews and her sister in law Jane Saucier of Spencer. She is predeceased by

her brothers; Robert D. and David W. Saucier and a sister Cecelia M. Sullivan.

Joan was a longtime shoe worker at the former Klevin Shoe Co. of Spencer and No.Brookfield and also worked at the American Optical in Southbridge

as well as Catholic Charities in Worcester. Born in Spencer, she was the daughter of David and Evelyn (St. Germain) Saucier.

Her funeral was held on Thursday, Feb. 20 from the J.HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer with a Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. in Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 7 Church St., Spencer. A calling hour preceded the service from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Assoc., 330 Congress St., Suite 501, Boston, MA 02210.

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Wednesday, February 26

COMFORT QUILTS SERVICE PROJECT: 10 a.m.-noon, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 108 New Braintree Rd. (Route 67), North Brookfield (2.2 miles north of the center of town). Over the last several years several hundred Comfort Quilts have been made and donated to local police, fire, and EMT departments for use by car crash, fire or other disaster victims. The quilts offer comfort and warmth at the scene of any type of distressing upheaval and provide a particularly vital sense of safety and solace for children involved in traumatic situations. Community members are invited to join us as we put together even more comfort quilts. The task requires no particular skill, just a warm heart, an hour or two, and a smile. Refreshments are served to keep stomachs happy as we enjoy each other's company and put together comfort quilts. For more information, call 508-867-9962.

Thursday, February 27

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION INFORMATION NIGHT: 6:30 p.m., Park Ave Elementary School cafeteria, 58 Park Ave., Webster. Hear from our staff — administration, teachers, related service providers, counselors, food service, before & after school care, and more. Registration packets will be handed out at this event. Completed registration packets should be returned to the Central Office located at 77 Poland St.

Saturday, February 29

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DINNER: Knights of Columbus Council # 11080, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, Brookfield/West Brookfield, Mass. is having a Chicken Parm Dinner on Saturday, Feb. 29, in Dugan Hall, Sacred Heart Church, 10 Milk St., West

Brookfield, Mass. Proceeds from this event will benefit Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, Brookfield/West Brookfield. Dinner includes pasta fagioli, chicken parmigiana, pasta, garden salad, garlic bread, homemade desserts, water, soda, and coffee. Cost is only a \$12 donation and \$10 for children under 12 years old. Take out is available at 5:30 p.m. and sit down dinner is served at 6 p.m. Admission tickets are also good for entry for special door prizes! Raffle tickets for a 50/50 Raffle and more will be available! Advance ticket purchase is encouraged and appreciated! Tickets are available by calling Wally Connor at 413-813-8100, or by emailing wally@supportingorphans.org. Only 120 tickets to be sold! Tickets will only be available at the door while they last!

Tuesday, March 17

DEE GEES CONCERT: 1:45 p.m., Senior Living at Prouty, 195 Main St., Spencer. The public is invited to enjoy St. Patrick's Day with some music from bluegrass to classic rock, along

with refreshments! This concert is provided through a local cultural grant from the town of Spencer. Please call (617) 431-4937 to reserve a seat and for parking instructions.

ONGOING EVENTS

GRIEFSHARE SUPPORT GROUP: Community members who have experienced the death of a loved one are invited to attend our GriefShare support group. This program features Biblical teaching that focuses on encouragement, comfort and hope in grieving. GriefShare will be held on Tuesdays for 11 weeks total, beginning Febr. 4 at the East Brookfield Baptist Church, from 2:30 to 4 p.m. in the Chapel. A registration fee of \$15 will cover the cost of a workbook. This ministry is a collaboration of both E. Brookfield Baptist Church and the Brookfield Congregational Church. For questions, please call 508-867-7725.

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Wendy Harmon, Manager**

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Monday— Spicy or Regular Chicken Patty on WG Roll or Pizza

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Tuesday, March 3

BBQ Chicken Nachos w/ Salsa & Sour Cream
Tossed Salad, Crunchy Carrots, Peach & Pineapple Cups

Wednesday, March 4

Chicken Bacon Ranch Sandwich, Potato Puffs
Roasted Broccoli Strawberry & Applesauce Cups

Thursday, March 5

Crunchy Beef Tacos w/ Lettuce, Tomato,
Salsa & Sour Cream & Shredded Cheese
Corn & Bean Salsa, Buttery Corn, Mixed Fruit & Pear Cup

Friday, March 6

School Made Pizza - Cheese or Pepperoni
Caesar Side Salad, Roasted Carrots
Assorted Fruit Cups

Monday, March 9

Grilled Cheese & Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup
Romaine Side Salad, Crunchy Carrots
Strawberry Cups & Craisins

Tuesday, March 10

Mashed Potato Bowl, Chicken chunks, mashed potato,
corn & gravy in a Bowl, Roll & butter, Pear & Peach Cups

Wednesday, March 11

American Chop Suey, Caesar Salad, Green Beans
Garlic Bread, Raisins & Mixed Fruit

Thursday, March 12

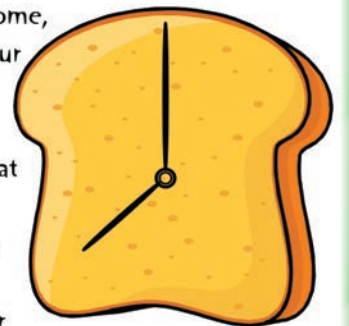
Turkey Dinner with Stuffing
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Roasted Carrots
Cranberry Sauce, Roll & Butter, Applesauce & Fresh Apple

Friday, March 13

Stuffed Crust Pizza, French Fries
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Monday, March 23

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Baked Beans, WG Cookies, Strawberry Cups
& Fresh Apples

Tuesday, March 24

Sweet Orange Chicken
Breaded Chicken tossed in a Sweet Orange Sauce
Rice Pilaf, Buttery Peas, Roasted Carrots, Pear Cups
& Mixed Fruit Cups

Wednesday, March 25

Meatball Grinder w/ Mozzarella Cheese
Tossed Salad & Dressings
Crunchy Cucumbers, Applesauce Cups & Raisins

Thursday, March 26

Chicken Fajita's - Sautéed Peppers & Onions, Salsa
Seasoned Potato Wedges
Roasted Broccoli, Peach Cups & Pineapple Cups

Friday, March 27

School Made Pizza - Cheese or Pepperoni
Caesar Side Salad, Green Beans
Assorted Fruit Cups

Monday, March 30

Chicken & Cheese Quesadillas
Potato Wedges, Salsa & Sour Cream
Corn & Bean Salsa, Craisins & Peach Cups

Tuesday, March 31

Barilla WG Spaghetti
With or without Meatsauce
Roasted Green Beans, Tossed Salad & Dressing
Mandarin Oranges & Pear Cups

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Featured Specials of the Day

Monday, March 16

Ham & Cheese Croissant
School Made Vegetable Soup
Crunchy Cucumbers, Applesauce & Strawberry Cups

Tuesday, March 17

Shepard's Pie
Roasted Carrots, Roll & Butter
WG Cookie, Craisins & Pear Cups

Wednesday, March 18

Chicken Stir Fry with Broccoli
Carrots in a Teriyaki Sauce
Rice Pilaf, Buttery Peas, Raisins & Mixed Fruit Cup

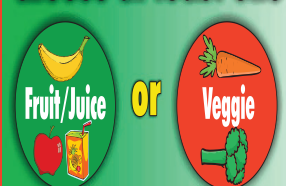
Thursday, March 19

BBQ Rib Sandwich on a WG Roll
French Fries & Ketchup, Baked Beans
Cole Slaw, Assorted Fruits Cups

Friday, March 20

No School— Teacher PD Day

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MASSASSOIT ART GUILD OPEN STUDIO: The Massasoit Art Guild would like to announce the addition of new Open Studio hours. Starting on Saturday, Jan. 11, we will be holding Open Studio time from 9:30 a.m. to noon each Saturday. The Current Wednesday morning Open Studio will continue to meet. Open Studio is a time to bring your current work in progress, start a new project, receive critiques if desired, pick up new skills and techniques and be with other artists for support and encouragement in an open and friendly environment. Membership is required. Please visit our Web site at massasoitartguild.com for more information!

ECONOMY SHOP: The First Congregational Church's Economy Shop invites you to come in and see our Holiday items and our weekly specials. Our shop hours are Wednesday 8 a.m.-Noon, Thursdays 8 a.m.-2 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. and Fridays 8 a.m.-noon.

DEJA NEW: Art, Antiques & Collectibles Marketplace which is open in the St. Joseph's Rectory building at 759 Main Street Leicester. Hours are Tuesday 5-7 p.m., Wednesday 9 a.m.-noon, Thursday 3-6 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.-noon, all proceeds going back into the town's Food Pantries, Hearts for Heat and programs for the needy. We are non-profit and run on volunteers. We are open May into December.

EAST BROOKFIELD LIBRARY PROGRAMS: The East Brookfield Public Library is currently conducting their fall registration for children's programming. Rhythm and Rhyme is for toddlers aged 18 mos. to 3 years. This program runs from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. and includes lots of music, finger plays, physical activities and a story with a related craft. Preschool story time is geared for children aged 3 to 5 years old. It runs from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30a.m. Seasonal songs, poems, and gross motor activities are part of this program, as well as a story and craft that encourages fine motor skills. Both programs are

held on Thursday mornings. Parents and caretakers are asked to remain with their children. For more information or to register by phone call (508) 867-7928. You can also like us on Facebook and visit our website @ www.eastbrookfieldLibrary.com. We look forward to seeing you!

VFW 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 St., Leicester, 508-859-8083.New 2 You Thrift Shop. Hours: Tuesday 5 to 7 p.m., Wednesday 9 a.m. to noon., Thursday 3 to 6 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to noon. We have added Thursday hours.

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

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Potato Puffs, Roasted Broccoli & Applesauce Cups
Thursday, March 5
Crunchy Beef Tacos w/ Lettuce, Tomato, Salsa & Sour Cream & Shredded Cheese
Corn & Bean Salsa, Buttery Corn & Pear Cup
Friday, March 6
School Made Pizza - Cheese or Pepperoni
Caesar Side Salad, Roasted Carrots
Assorted Fruit Cups
Monday, March 9
Grilled Cheese & Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup
Romaine Side Salad, Crunchy Carrots
Strawberry Cups
Tuesday, March 10
Mashed Potato Bowl, Chicken chunks, mashed potato, corn & gravy in a Bowl, Roll & butter, Peach Cup
Wednesday, March 11
American Chop Suey, Caesar Salad, Green Beans
Garlic Bread & Mixed Fruit
Thursday, March 12
Turkey Dinner with Stuffing
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Roasted Carrots
Cranberry Sauce, Roll & Butter, & Fresh Apple
Friday, March 13
Stuffed Crust Pizza, French Fries
Roasted Broccoli & Fruit Choices

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eat fit

wanna stay fit?
gotta eat right!

item: bananas
verdict: peel away
tip: Bananas are a perfect portable breakfast or snack! Athletes love them before a workout for their easily digestible carb fuel and after a workout with a protein food like peanut butter for recovery. Bananas even replace potassium lost during prolonged exercise!

Featured Specials of the Day

Monday, March 16
Ham & Cheese Croissant
School Made Vegetable Soup
Crunchy Cucumbers & Strawberry Cups
Tuesday, March 17
Shepard's Pie
Roasted Carrots, Roll & Butter
Pear Cups
Wednesday, March 18
Chicken Stir Fry with Broccoli
Carrots in a Teriyaki Sauce
Rice Pilaf, Buttery Peas & Mixed Fruit
Thursday, March 19
BBQ Rib Sandwich on a WG Roll
French Fries & Ketchup, Baked Beans
Cole Slaw, Peach Cup
Friday, March 20
No School– Teacher PD Day

DON'T GET! To make a lunch, choose at least one

or

and 3-5 items total

LEICESTER MIDDLE SCHOOL

Featured Specials of the Day

Monday, March 23
Kayem Hot Dog in WG Roll
Smiley Fries,
Baked Beans & Fresh Apples
Tuesday, March 24
Sweet Orange Chicken
Breaded Chicken tossed in a Sweet Orange Sauce
Rice Pilaf, Buttery Peas, Roasted Carrots & Mixed Fruit Cups
Wednesday, March 25
Meatball Grinder w/ Mozzarella Cheese
Tossed Salad & Dressings
Crunchy Cucumbers & Raisins
Thursday, March 26
Chicken Fajita's -Sautéed Peppers & Onions, Salsa
Seasoned Potato Wedges
Roasted Broccoli, Peach Cups
Friday, March 27
School Made Pizza - Cheese or Pepperoni
Caesar Side Salad, Green Beans
Assorted Fruit Cups
Monday, March 30
Chicken & Cheese Quesadillas
Potato Wedges, Salsa & Sour Cream
Corn & Bean Salsa, Craisins
Tuesday, March 31
Barilla WG Spaghetti
With or without Meatsauce
Roasted Green Beans, Tossed Salad & Dressing
Pear Cups

CALENDAR

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

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

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

STAY HEALTHY: The VNA Care Network and Hospice is holding a free Keep Well Clinic to residents 60 and older from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Spencer Fish and Game Club on Mechanic Street. Local residents may have their blood pressure checked and learn about health concerns. Blood sugar, weight monitoring and other health assessments may also be available. VNA Care Network and Hospice clinics are funded in part by the United Way, local boards of health, private foundations. For up-to-date clinic information visit www.vnacarenetwork.org or call (888) 663-3688 x 5603.

IT'S A LUNCH DATE: The East Brookfield Baptist Church invites all senior citizens to a Community Lunch at 11:30 a.m. every second Thursday of the month in Fellowship Hall. A delicious lunch and great desserts will be served. Followed by a time of fellowship and games concluding with a devotional just before 2 p.m. Reservations are encouraged. Call (508) 867-7725.

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HARING CUPBOARD: The First Congregational Church of W. Brookfield Sharing Cupboard - serving West Brookfield, Warren and West Warren. Located at 36 N. Main St., West Brookfield, is open Wednesdays 10-11:30 a.m. and Thursdays 7-8 pm. Call the church for more information (508) 867-7078.

BINGO at the Knights of Columbus is now at the Spencer Senior Center, 68 Maple St. in Spencer, every Thursday. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. The first game starts at 6:30 p.m. We have 20 regular games; two winners take all games, two 50/50 games and two progressive jackpot games with payouts of \$600 and \$500 respectively. Good food and soft beverages are available. Come and enjoy some good food, good people and hopefully win a little.

PITCH at the Spencer Senior Center will begin on Sept. 18 at 6 p.m. Cost \$5.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP IN W. BROOKFIELD: The First Congregational Church of West Brookfield, UCC has partnered

with Faith and Family Hospice of Marlborough, MA to offer a local bereavement group for individuals who are living with the loss of someone they care deeply for. This program honors the reality that there is no perfect way to grieve or say goodbye to someone that we love—we each have our own process and our own time. Grief is not something that we “get better” from or that ever leaves us. Rather, we build coping skills to help us carry it through our lives. This group is open for all ages and all kinds of losses. It is a circle that strives to be mutually supportive and free of judgment. Sessions are held on Fridays at 5 pm in the church office at 36 North Main Street, West Brookfield, MA. Please call the church office to indicate you will be attending (508) 867-7078 or email 1stcongo.westbrookfield@gmail.com. There is no charge for this group. This group has recently started and wishes to welcome others in joining them. Sessions will be offered for six weeks with a two-week break between the next. (There is no limit to the number of times any individual can sign up for this program.)



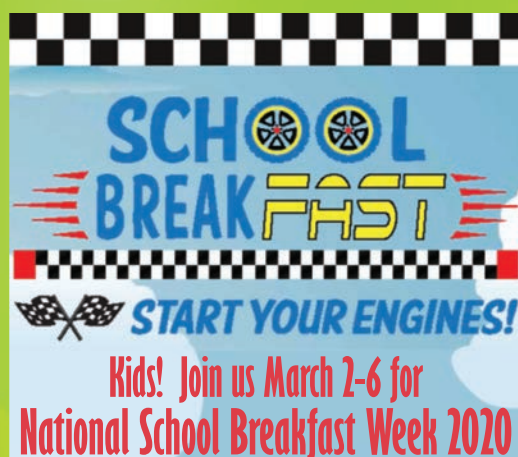
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Chicken Nuggets French Fries Baked Beans Mixed Fruit Cups Alternate Entrées: Bagel, Cream Cheese & Yogurt Or Peanut Butter & Jelly	Meatball Grinder Italian Meatballs in Tomato Sauce on a WG Roll Romaine Tossed Salad w/ Assorted Dressings Peach Cup Alternate Entrées: Bagel, Cream Cheese & Yogurt Or Peanut Butter & Jelly	Breakfast for Lunch Pancakes & Syrup Scrambled Eggs Homefries Crunchy Cucumbers Craisins Alternate Entrées: Bagel, Cream Cheese & Yogurt Or Peanut Butter & Jelly	Macaroni & Cheese Elbow Pasta mixed with Land O Lakes Cheese Sauce Tossed Salad w/ Dressing Steamed Broccoli Pear Cups Alternate Entrées: Bagel, Cream Cheese & Yogurt Or Peanut Butter & Jelly	Stuffed Crust Pizza WG pizza with a cheese filled crust Sweet Potato Fries Corn Assorted Fruit Choices Alternate Entrées: Bagel, Cream Cheese & Yogurt Or Peanut Butter & Jelly

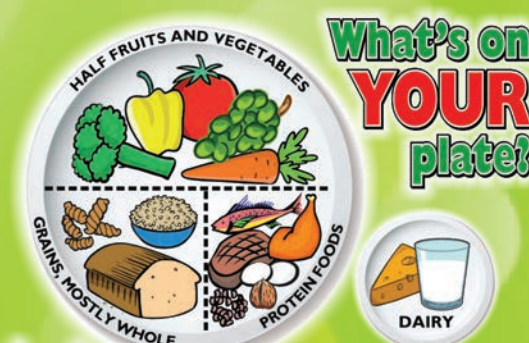
Monday, March 9	Tuesday, March 10	Wednesday, March 11	Thursday, March 12	Friday, March 13
Crispy Chicken Sandwich Breaded Chicken Breast on a WG Roll Corn Baked Beans Strawberry Cups Alternate Entrées: Bagel, Cream Cheese & Yogurt Or Grilled Cheese & Soup	Ham & Cheese Croissant Ham, American Cheese on a Toasted Croissant Potato Puffs Steamed Carrots Applesauce Cups Alternate Entrées: Bagel, Cream Cheese & Yogurt Or Grilled Cheese & Soup	Pasta w/ Meat Sauce Barilla Pasta served with Or without Meat sauce Green Beans Peach Cup Alternate Entrées: Bagel, Cream Cheese & Yogurt Or Grilled Cheese & Soup	Deli Day Turkey & Cheese on a Roll Lettuce & Tomatoes French Fries Pear Cups Alternate Entrées: Bagel, Cream Cheese & Yogurt Or Grilled Cheese & Soup	Pizza Day Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Romaine Tossed Salad Crunchy Cucumbers Assorted Fruit Choices Alternate Entrées: Bagel, Cream Cheese & Yogurt Or Grilled Cheese & Soup

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Q: What can you do with a LEEK?!

- A. Stick your finger in it until help comes!
B. Call a plumber to fix it!
C. ABANDON SHIP!
D. None of the above

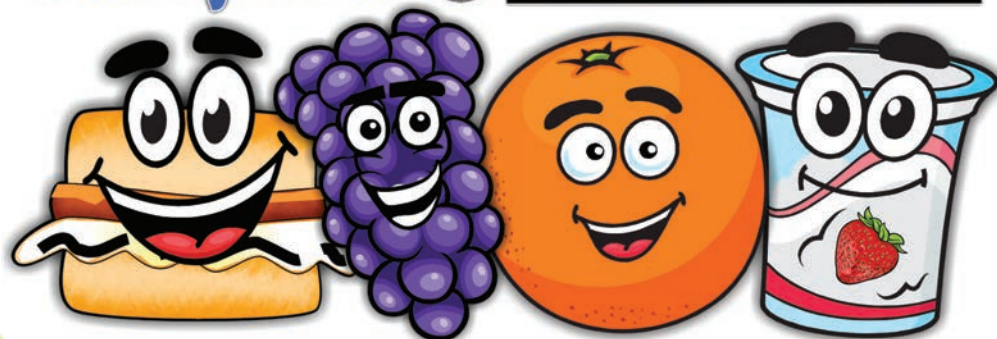
A: The answer is D—none of the above. The other choices are all LEAKS, not LEEKS! Leeks are mild-flavored veggies related to onions that are often used to flavor soups, but can also be enjoyed sliced and sautéed!

Learn more at www.CHOOSEMYPLATE.gov or <http://kidshealth.org/kid/stay-healthy/food/pyramid.html>

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Hamburger Hamburger on a WG Roll Condiments Potato Wedges & Ketchup Baked Beans Applesauce Cups Alternate Entrées: Bagel, Cream Cheese & Yogurt Or Peanut Butter & Jelly	Sweet Orange Chicken Breaded Chicken in a Sweet Orange Sauce Rice Pilaf & Broccoli Corn Pineapple Cups Alternate Entrées: Bagel, Cream Cheese & Yogurt Or Peanut Butter & Jelly	Grilled Cheese Grilled Cheese & Chicken Noodle Soup Tossed Salad & Dressings Crunchy Carrots Strawberry Cups Alternate Entrées: Bagel, Cream Cheese & Yogurt Or Peanut Butter & Jelly	Chicken Tenders All White Meat Chicken Tenders w/ Assorted Sauces Mashed Potatoes Buttery Peas Mixed Fruit Cup Alternate Entrées: Bagel, Cream Cheese & Yogurt Or Peanut Butter & Jelly	**NO School** Teacher PD Day

Monday, March 23	Tuesday, March 24	Wednesday, March 25	Thursday, March 26	Friday, March 27
Hot Dog Kayem Hot Dog on a WG Roll Baked Beans French Fries Pear Cups Alternate Entrées: Bagel, Cream Cheese & Yogurt Or Grilled Cheese & Soup	Tacos Seasoned Beef with Crunchy Taco Shells Lettuce, Tomato & Cheese Salsa & Sour Cream Buttery Corn Peach Cup Alternate Entrées: Bagel, Cream Cheese & Yogurt Or Grilled Cheese & Soup	Popcorn Chicken Crispy Breaded popcorn Chicken Bites Mashed Potatoes Steamed Carrots Mixed Fruit Cups Alternate Entrées: Bagel, Cream Cheese & Yogurt Or Grilled Cheese & Soup	Turkey Bacon Melt Turkey, Bacon & Cheese Toasted in WG Bread Sweet Potato Fries Crunchy Broccoli Fresh Apple Alternate Entrées: Bagel, Cream Cheese & Yogurt Or Grilled Cheese & Soup	School Made Pizza Romaine Tossed Salad Assorted Dressings Green Beans Applesauce Cups Alternate Entrées: Bagel, Cream Cheese & Yogurt Or Grilled Cheese & Soup

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Monday, March 30	Tuesday, March 31
Deli Day Ham & Cheese on a Roll Lettuce & Tomatoes French Fries Pear Cups Alternate Entrées: Bagel, Cream Cheese & Yogurt Or Peanut Butter & Jelly	Chicken Alfredo Barilla Pasta & Chicken Tossed with Land O Lake Cheese Sauce Steamed Broccoli Buttery Carrots Raisins Alternate Entrées: Bagel, Cream Cheese & Yogurt Or Peanut Butter & Jelly

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AUBURN – 16 Lorna Dr! 7 Rm Split Entry Ready for the Next Owner! Located on a Cul-de-sac! Many Recent Updates! Windows 2006! Roof 2010! Siding 2016! Water Heater, Garage Door & Opener 2017! Driveway & Deck 2018! Applianced Oak Cabinet Kit w/Tile Floor! Dining Rm! Spacious Liv Rm! Master Bdrm w/Hrdwds! 3 Comfortable Bdrms Total! Full Bath! Finished Lower Level Fireplace Fam Rm w/Custom Bar, Recessed Lighting & 2nd Bath! Screened-in Porch to a Private Yard w/New Pressure Treated Deck is Ready for Entertaining! Nicely Landscaped! 1 Car Garage! Shed! Ideal Commuter Location! **\$325,000.00**



WEBSTER LAKE – 9 Pebble Beach Rd! Middle Pond – Winter Cove! Private Peninsula Protected from the Storm – Safe Harbor! Custom 3,179' 8 Rm Contemp Ready for Your Immediate Enjoyment! Grand Entry Foyer! Ideal Open Fir Plan w/Sky Lighted Cathedral Ceilings, Tall Windows & Hrdwd Flrs! Beautiful Applianced Custom Granite Kit w/Center Isl! Formal Din, Fireplace Liv Rm w/Water/Estuary Views! 1st Fir Laundry! Second Floor Master Suite, Ideal Full Bath, Huge Walk-in Closet! 3 Bdrms Total! 2 Full & 2 Half Baths! Walk-out Lower Level Fireplace Fam Rm! Buderus Oil Heat! C/Air! Oversized 2 Car Garage! **\$779,900.00**



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OXFORD – 27 Rocky Hill Rd! Move Right Into this 6 Rm Ranch! Bright, Fresh Kitchen! Dining Rm! 20' Living Rm! 3 Comfortable Bdrms! Nice Bathrm! Deck w/Awning! All the Work has been Done! Roof, Siding, Windows, Insulation, Gas Furnace, Gas Hot Water Heater, AC, Front Porch Windows, Door, Living Rm Floor, Skylights, Kitchen, Bath & Dining Rm Floors! 2 Bdrms' Wall to Wall Carpeting & the Interior Freshly Painted 10/2019! Quick Closing Possible! **\$269,900.00**



WEBSTER – 27 N. Main St! 3 Family! 55/9 Rm! 3 3/4 Bedrooms! 1st Fir w/Eat-in! Liv Rm! 3 Bdrms! Updated Bathrm! 2nd Fir w/Kit w/Din Area! Liv Rm! 3 Bdrms! Updated Bath! 3rd Fir w/Eat-in! Kit! Liv Rm! Bdrm! Full Bath! Long Term Tenants! Sep Utilities! Vinyl Sided! Laundry Hook Ups! Freshly Painted Hallways! **\$249,900.00**



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DUDLEY – 9 Nellies Way! TOBIN FARM ESTATES! 10 Rm Colonial Set on 1.2 Acres! Applianced Dine-in Granite Kit! 3 Season Sun Rm off Kit! Din Rm, 2 Story Fam Rm w/Pellet Stove, Bdrm, Full Bath w/Laundry & Gleaming Hrdwds Round Out 1st Fir! 2nd Fir Features an Open Balcony to the Liv Rm! Plenty of Space for an Office, Playroom or Reading Area, Use Your Imagination! Master w/Tray Ceiling & 3 Closets! Master Bath w/Dual Sinks, Shower, Whirlpool Tub & Makeup Counter! 2 Additional Bdrms & Full Bath! Huge Finished Walk-out Lower Level Perfect for Entertaining! Wet Bar w/Wine Cooler & Fridge! Half Bath w/Tile Flr! Irrigation! Shed! JD Riding Mower! Don't Miss Out! **\$469,900.00**



ON DEPOSIT



DUDLEY – 7 – 9 West Street! Brick 4 Family plus a 2 Family! Side by Side! All with 5 Rooms and 2 Bedrooms! Gas Heat! All Separate Utilities! 2 Car Detached Garage! The 4 Family with Beautiful Natural Woodwork! All Apartments are Empty and Work is Needed in Several Apartments! Excellent Potential! Will be a Good Investment for the Right One! **\$399,900.00**



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WEBSTER – 9 Lake Parkway! Extremely Conveniently Located just off Exit 1 of 385! Loads of Potential! 6 Rm Cape! Applianced Kit! Din & Liv Rms w/Walk to Wall over Hrdwds! 3 Bdrms w/Hrdwds! 1st Fir Bdrm w/Commode Closet! Recent Furnace! Recent Roof! **\$169,900.00**



THOMPSON – 299 Quaddick Rd! Custom Cedar Log Home! 5.47 Acres! Stone Wall Entry! 700' Driveway! Nestled in the Woods! 6 Rms of Cedar! Granite Kit! Cathedral Ceilings w/Skylights! Hrdwds! Stone Floor! 1st Fir Master w/Full Bath & Walk-in Closet! 3 Bdrms & 2.5 Baths! Total! Oil Heat! 2 Car Garage! **\$399,900.00**

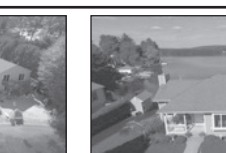


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DUDLEY – 94 Tracy Road! 7 Rm 4 Bdrm Colonial On 1.24 Acres! Privacy! Many Upgrades! Hrdwds Throughout! Frplce Liv Rm w/Recessed Lights! Formal Din Rm! Eat-in Kit! Updated in 2015! Cherry Cabinets, Granite Counters, Center Isl & SS Appliances! Sunroom w/Skylights, Hrdwd Flrs & Slider to Deck! 1st Fir 1/2 Bath w/Laundry! Master Bdrm w/Dble Closet & Full Bath w/Linen Closet! 2nd Fir Full Bath! Lower Level Game Rm/Office! Utility/Storage Rm! 16x21 Deck! Garage Under! Save on Your Electric Your Bills, 2015 Solar Panels! Level yard w/Shed! Call now! **\$349,000.00**



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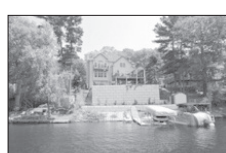
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WEBSTER LAKE – 50 West Point Rd! Killdeer Island! 4,700' Entertainers Dream! Magnificent Sunsets! Built 2016, Has It All! 2 Story Foyer! Granite Kit w/Center Isl, Dble Oven, High End Appliances & Walk-in Pantry! Din Rm w/Wet Bar, Sliders to 14x30' Deck! Bright & Airy Liv Rm w/Lake Views, Custom Built Cabinets, Gas Frplce! 1/2 Bath w/Laundry! An ELEVATOR to Service All 3 Floors! Upstairs leads to 3 Spacious Bdrms each w/Private Baths! Master w/Tray Ceiling, Walk-in Closet & Private Balcony! Master Bath, Soaker Tub & Large Tile Shower! Walk-up Attic w/Expansion Possibilities! Lower Level w/Full Kit, 1/2 Bath, Lake Facing Fam Rm, Media/Exercise Rm + Lake Facing Bdrm w/Frplce & Private Bath! Slider to Patio! 13 Zones! Oversized 2 Car Garage! Loaded w/Quality & Detail! **\$1,175,100.00**



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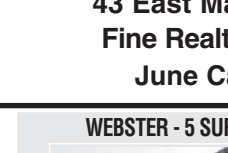
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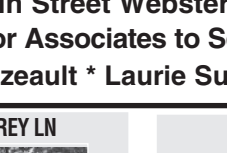
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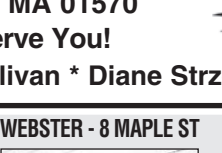
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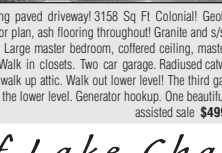
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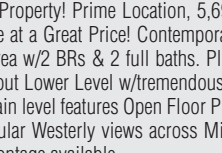
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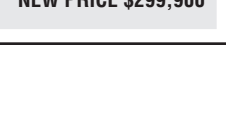
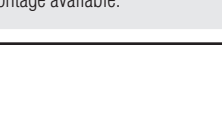
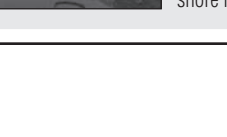
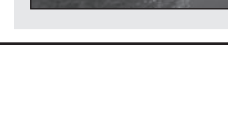
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17 Cutler St – \$119,900

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MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE AT PUBLIC AUCTION
Friday, February 28, 2020

12:00 PM-SOUTHBRIDGE
17 Oak Street
sgl fam, 2,532 sf liv area, 0.33 ac lot, 8 rm, 5 bdrm, 3 bth,
Worcester(Wor): Bk 37623, Pg 128

TERMS: \$5,000 cash or certified check at the time and place of the sale. The balance to be paid within thirty (30) days at the law offices of Korde & Associates, P.C. 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA 01851, Attorney for the Mortgagee

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ADDRESS	STYLE	TIME	PRICE	REALTOR/SELLER/PHONE
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WEBSTER				
68 Poland St	S	11-1	\$339,000	Hope Real Estate Group June Cazeault 860-377-2044
6 Summit St	A	Noon-2	\$1400/Mo	Re/Max Professional Associates/ Patrick Sweeney 774-452-3578
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23				
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1				2				3
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ACROSS

1. Clothing items
4. Female garment
6. Opposite of “down”
7. Invited people
9. Not in

DOWN

1. Marriage ceremony
2. Performs an action
3. Purple color
5. Chance or try
8. Adverb: Very much

THIS DAY IN...

HISTORY

• **1801:** THE TIE BETWEEN AARON BURR AND THOMAS JEFFERSON IS BROKEN BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, ELECTING JEFFERSON PRESIDENT.

• **1904:** PUCCINI'S OPERA “MADAMA BUTTERFLY” PREMIERES IN MILAN.

• **1996:** CHESS CHAMP GARRY KASPAROV BEATS THE IBM COMPUTER DEEP BLUE, WINNING THE SIX-GAME MATCH.

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How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Bride
SPANISH: Novia
ITALIAN: Sposa
FRENCH: Mariée
GERMAN: Braut

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ANSWER: WEDDING RINGS

HERE & THERE

Local Events, Arts, and Entertainment Listings

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

PANCAKE SUPPER ON MARDI GRAS 5 to 7pm at Grace Church 270 Main St, Oxford. Pancakes, sausages, juice, coffee and tea. We are joined by parishoners from St. Thomas, Auburn and Christ Church, Rochdale.

We have been flipping pancakes on Mardi Gras since 1974, so we know how! So wear your beads and maybe a funny het and come on down! More info? caroll-ee54@charter.net

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

OPEN HOUSE at Hodgkins Building (Museum/RR/Art Guild/ Boy Scouts) 108 School Street FREE 1:00-3:00

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

3RD ANNUAL JOHN PAIRE “BE BETTER” BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT Shepherd Hill Regional High School 64 Dudley-Oxford Rd. Dudley, MA 01571 Registration starts at 8:30am. Games begin at 9am. \$150 per team and \$40 for additional players. For more information contact us at johnpaire-3on3@gmail.com. Visit our facebook page: Friends of John Paire Student Support Fund. All proceeds benefit the John Paire Student Support Fund Register by March 1 Grades 5 to 8 (Co-Ed), High School. Women, Men, Adult Co-Ed. * This tournament is open to anyone who would like to participate

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

RE-ENACTMENT of signing of town bill and unveiling of Anniversary Quilt Senior Center, Pleasant Street. 6:30pm FREE

SATURDAY, APRIL 4,

ROARIN' TWENTIES DANCE at Sturbridge Host Hotel \$35, 5:00pm Tickets @EventBrite.com or at the library

SATURDAY, APRIL 11,

OPEN HOUSE at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR) 108 School Street, East Brookfield 1:00-3:00. FREE

SATURDAY, APRIL 18,

HISTORICAL TALK - Ed Londergan - The First and Second Settlements East Brookfield Town Hall 9:30 FREE

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

TOWN WIDE CLEAN-UP DAY Meet at East Brookfield Town Hall 9:00

SATURDAY, MAY 2,

EAST BROOKFIELD NATURE WALKS at Pelletier Woods Howe Street, East Brookfield 2:00. FREE

SATURDAY, MAY 9,

OPEN HOUSE at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR). 108 School Street, East Brookfield. 1-2:00 FREE

SATURDAY, MAY 16,

7K RUN AND FUN WALK Timberyard Brewery, East Brookfield 10:0am. \$30.00 adults, \$15.00 kids

SATURDAY, MAY 30

HISTORICAL TALK - Ed Londergan - Murder in the Brookfields (Spoonier / Newton Murders) East Brookfield Town Hall, 9:30. FREE

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

HISTORY & DESSERT at Podunk Chapel, East Brookfield 2:00 & 3:30 seatings. \$5.00 pp

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

COAST GUARD BAND East Brookfield Elementary School, 7:00 FREE

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

OPEN HOUSE at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR) 108 School Street, East Brookfield 1:00-3:00. FREE

SATURDAY, JUNE 20,

OPEN HOUSE at Camp Frank A. Day (archery, boating, basketball, mini golf, lunch) Rain Date: June 21. 125 South Pond Road, East Brookfield. 11:00-3:00. FREE

MONDAY, JULY 6

SUMMER READING KICK OFF - EB Library - continues for five weeks. East Brookfield Town Hall. FREE

SATURDAY JULY 25

HISTORICAL TALK - Heather Gablaski - East Brookfield: 100 Years a Town East Brookfield Town Hall, 9:30. FREE

SATURDAY, JULY 11

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION Parade & Fireworks Connie Mack Field East Brookfield

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

OPEN HOUSE at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR) 108 School Street, East Brookfield, 1:00-3:00. FREE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

PARADE AND FAMILY FUN EVENT! Route 9, East Brookfield, 9:30 -7:00. FREE. Rain date Sept 13

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

OPEN HOUSE at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR) 108 School Street, East Brookfield, 1:00-3:00. FREE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 3:30

BUS AND CEMETERY TOUR, ending in dinner at Podunk Chapel. Meet at East Brookfield Town Hall. \$15-\$20.00 pp

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

HISTORICAL TALK - Guy Morin- Central Massachusetts during the Revolution East Brookfield Town Hall, 9:30 FREE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

OPEN HOUSE at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR) 108 School Street, East Brookfield, 1:00-3:00. FREE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

HISTORICAL TALK - Ken and Tina Ethier - “Trolley Talk” East Brookfield Town Hall, 9:30. FREE

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LEGALS

MORTGAGEE’S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by John M. Townsend and Lourdes S. Townsend to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., dated June 20, 2012 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 49185, Page 368, subsequently assigned to NewRez LLC f/k/a New Penn Financial, LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing by JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 61043, Page 16 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 AM on February 28, 2020 at 106 Drake Lane, East Brookfield, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:
Lot Number 7 and the Westerly part of Lot Number 6 as shown in a plan of a portion of the property of Harold P. Andrews, located near Lake Lashaway in East Brookfield, which said plan is said to be recorded with Worcester District Deeds in Book 2686, Page 15. Said premises are more particularly bounded and described as follows: A triangular tract of land situated in said East Brookfield near Lake Lashaway and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the most Westerly point thereof, in a 20 foot Right of way leading to Lake Lashaway; Thence S. 63 degrees 45' E. about 152.5 feet by a 7 1/2 foot Right of way to angle; Thence S. 40 degrees E. 60 feet to the easterly part of Lot Number 6, as shown on the above mentioned plan; Thence N. 10 degrees 50' E. about 228.5 feet by the East part of Lot Number 6, to another Right of way; Thence S. 76 degrees 30' W., about 32.3 feet by said Right of way to an angle; And Thence S. 60 degrees 50' W., about 213.5 feet still by said right of way to the point of beginning. Granting also Rights of way as shown on the above mentioned plan from the granted premises to the public highway and also from the granted premises to Lake Lashaway. Being the same parcel conveyed to John M. Townsend and Lourdes S. Townsend from Robert T. Salem, by virtue of a Deed dated 05/06/2005, recorded 05/06/2005, in Deed Book 36278, Page 146, as Instrument No. 2005 00071326_ County of Worcester, State of Massachusetts.
The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, encroachments, building and zoning laws, liens, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession, and attorney's fees and costs.
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19-010212
February 7, 2020
February 14, 2020
February 21, 2020

**Notice of Public Hearing
Spencer Zoning Board of Appeals**
At the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 in the McCourt Social Hall of Memorial Town Hall, 157 Main Street, Spencer, MA, a public hearing will be held on the following item starting at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard:
Special Permit – Applicant/Owner: Francis & Barbara White. Location: 35 R. Jones Road, Spencer Assessor's Map R24/10. The applicant is requesting a Special Permit under Section 4.8.1 of the Spencer Zoning Bylaw to construct an accessory apartment in a garage. The property is located within the Rural Residential zoning district.
Variance – Applicant/Owner: David & Jean Flint. Location: 77 Cherry Street, Spencer Assessor's Map U06-144. The applicant is seeking a variance under Section 7.3 (Variances) of the Spencer Zoning Bylaw to install a driveway within the side boundary setback. The property is located in the Village Residential zoning district.
Interested Parties may review these applications at the Office of Development & Inspectional Services in Memorial Town Hall located at 157 Main Street Spencer, MA 01562, during regular business hours from 7:30am-4:30pm Monday-Wednesday and 7:30am-12:00pm on Thursday. The ZBA is committed to ensuring that its public meetings are accessible to people with disabilities. Should you require auxiliary aids, services, written materials in other formats, or reasonable modifications in policies and procedures, please call 508-885-7500 ext. 180 in advance of the scheduled meeting.
February 21, 2020
February 28, 2020

**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, March 9, 2020, at 6:00pm to consider National Grid proposed removal of trees at the following address for a total of numerous trees: McCormick Rd. 5 trees various sizes
Information of different sizes and species is available on the Town website spencerma.gov
Ray Holmes
Tree Warden
February 21, 2020

**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. WO20P0425EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
George L McGrail, Jr
Date of Death: 03/25/2016**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment** has been filed by **Mary A McGrail of North Brookfield 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 **Karen McGrail of North Brookfield MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an unsupervised administration.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 03/10/2020.** This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further 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: February 11, 2020
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
February 20, 2020

**TOWN OF SPENCER
MASSACHUSETTS
OFFICE OF
THE WATER DEPARTMENT
ATTENTION SPENCER RESIDENTS
A PUBLIC HEARING WITH THE WATER COMMISSIONERS
WILL BE HELD TO DISCUSS WATER RATE FEES
WEDNESDAY MARCH 4, 2020 @ 6:00 P.M.
SPENCER WATER DEPARTMENT
3 OLD MEADOW RD.
SPENCER, MA. 01562
February 21, 2020
February 28, 2020**

**LEGAL NOTICE
Fiscal Year 2021
SCHOOL BUDGET HEARING
Leicester Public Schools
Notice of Public Hearing**
Date of Public Hearing: **Monday, March 2, 2020**
Snow Date for Public Hearing: **Monday, March 9, 2020**
In accordance with Chapter 71 Section 38N of the General Laws, the Leicester School Committee will hold a public hearing on its proposed Fiscal Year 2021 Budget on Monday, March 2, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. in the Leicester High School Media Center, 174 Paxton Street, Leicester MA. The snow date for the public hearing will be Monday, March 9, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. in the Leicester Town Hall Select Board Meeting Room. Immediately following the hearing, there will be an open session meeting.
You may find the Superintendent's budget presentation on the district website: www.lpsma.net.
February 14, 2020

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Division
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
Docket No. WO20P0422EA
Estate of:
Jon Carl Merrill
Also known as:
Jon C. Merrill
Date of Death: December 5, 2019
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Erin M. Lopato of North Brookfield, MA**
Erin M. Lopato of North Brookfield, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representatives of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.
The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representatives under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
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