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Kevin Flanders photo.

Recently hired Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District Superintendent Paul Haughey chats with guests during a meet and greet session last week.

Superintendent meet and greet introduces Haughey

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – With the start of the school year just days away, parents and residents took advantage of a recent opportunity to meet the district’s new chief.

After taking over in July, Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District Superintendent Paul Haughey has spent the summer meeting residents and

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Loosemore making a bid for 17th District

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER — After working alongside a state representative for a decade, Stu Loosemore is eager to take his shot at the open 17th Worcester District seat.

Current State Representative Kate Campanale will not seek re-election, running instead for the Worcester County Registrar of Deeds. The search for her successor is shaping up to be a packed race, with Loosemore set to square off with Democrats Pamela Gemme and David LeBoeuf at the Sept. 4 primary election. Paul Fullen is running unopposed on the Republican side.

In preparation for the primary, Loosemore has spent the summer meeting residents and

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Kevin Flanders photos

State Representative candidate Stu Loosemore, left, with his campaign advisor Paul Dell'Aquila at a recent event in Leicester.

Police seeking witnesses to freak accident in Spencer

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

SPENCER — Following a freak accident last week that left a man dead, police throughout the area are reminding drivers to secure all items before traveling.

On Aug. 13, John Madaio, age 63, of Paxton, was traveling east on Route 9 when a crowbar penetrated the windshield of his Toyota Rav 4 and struck him in the head.

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Courtesy photo.

John Madaio, a longtime local attorney, was killed last week when a crowbar penetrated his windshield on Route 9 in Spencer. Pictured, Spencer Police officers investigate the August 13 wreck.

Kevin Flanders photos

Volunteers take a quick break after spending hours clearing the North Brookfield Rail Trail last week.

Rail trail under construction

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The train tracks in the center of town are long gone, but a community project is firmly on the rails thanks to a dedicated group of volunteers.

Town officials and residents have teamed up for several weekends to clear brush and debris from the rail trail. The group has progressed quickly,

clearing the trail from the center of town to Orchard Street. The ultimate goal is to clear the trail all the way to the East Brookfield town line and eventually connect with Route 9.

Even though the railroad tracks in town are history, the North Brookfield Railroad, Inc., has retained ownership of the line. The organization is overseen by the Board of Selectmen, whose members have played an integral role

in readying the trail. Last Sunday, Aug. 19, Selectmen Dale Kiley and John Tripp once again joined a handful of other volunteers in removing brush.

“We have received support in many different forms. Some people donated labor and equipment, and others donated refreshments. All of the volunteers have worked hard on

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Toastmasters plans contest

STURBRIDGE —Village Toastmasters of Sturbridge will host a speech contest on Thursday, Sept. 20 at 7:00 pm.

On Sept. 20, members of Village Toastmasters will compete in a humorous speech contest and a speech evaluation contest. Contestants in the humorous speech contest will present five- to seven-minute comical tales or stories. Other Village Toastmasters members will serve as judges, scoring the humorous speeches based on content and delivery.

Immediately following the humorous contest, Village Toastmasters members will compete in a speech evaluation contest, where contestants look to deliver the best possible two- to three-minute assessment of a test speech. Judges will score each evaluation on their analytical quality, organization and recommendations.

Speech contests are a Toastmasters tradition.

Last year's humorous speech contest winner, Charles Cook, who went on to the area and divisional contests, says, "Participating in a speech contest is always a learning experience and a fun time. It pushes you out of your regular speaking comfort zone. But it also helps you fine tune your speaking and timing. Advancing to the next level speaking contest is always a challenge because the next level speakers bring out the

best in you!"

Winners from the Village Toastmasters contests will continue competing through the Toastmasters' area, division and district levels in October and November.

Visitors and guests are always welcome at Village Toastmasters contests. The group meets every Thursday night from 7-8:15 p.m. at the Chamber of Central Mass South at 46 Hall Road, Sturbridge.

Village Toastmasters, located in Sturbridge, is focused on helping members improve their public speaking and leadership skills while building confidence in their abilities. The group meets every Thursday night 7-8:15 p.m. at the Chamber of Central Mass South, located at 46 Hall Road. For more information, visit VillageToastmasters.org.

Toastmasters International is a non-profit educational organization that teaches public speaking and leadership skills through a worldwide network of meeting locations. Headquartered in Rancho Santa Margarita, CA, the organization's membership exceeds 313,000 in more than 14,650 clubs in 126 countries. Since 1924, Toastmasters International has helped people of all backgrounds become more confident in front of an audience. For information about local Toastmasters clubs, please visit www.toastmasters.org. Follow @ Toastmasters on Twitter.

Implementation Committee seeks to actualize Master Plan

West Brookfield officials want to make sure its new Master Plan doesn't get dusty sitting on a shelf—they are taking measures to make sure its goals become a reality.

The town's Master Plan was adopted in January 2018. It is a vision document for what West Brookfield residents want for their town in the coming 10 years. It identifies a program of specific changes that, if taken over time, will allow West Brookfield to retain and enhance its character while remaining economical and fiscally competitive.

In order to start achieving this program, the West Brookfield Master Plan Implementation Committee (MPIC) was formed and held its first meeting in June. The MPIC is made up of citizen volunteers and is seeking to form a road-

map for action. In the coming months, it will be working together with town officials to set out the potential projects, programs, policies and strategies to move the Master Plan towards fruition. The Implementation Committee will be most useful in guiding the town in defining programs, setting priorities, allocating finances and assessing achievements.

The MPIC will be meeting at town hall at 6:30 p.m. the last Monday of each month through the end of the year. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend. Members of the Committee include the following: MJ Haesche, chair; Al Collings, vice chair; Rebekah DeCoursey, secretary; Rick Provencher; Steve Carroll; Diane Vayda; Dean Wisniewski; and Sharon Shepardson.

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mer meeting students, parents, and staff members. There are a lot of new faces to keep track of, but Haughey has worked hard to familiarize himself with all aspects of his district ahead of the school year.

To that end, Haughey and other school officials hosted a Meet, Greet and Eat session on Aug. 15 at Knox Trail Middle School. After enjoying a pizza dinner, guests were able to chat with the new superintendent about current projects and visions for the future. Several improvement projects are underway at David Prouty High School, and parents have been encouraged by the direction of the district over the last year.

"The Meet, Greet and Eat is such an outstanding event and introduction to the towns, parents, families and students," Haughey said. "There were so many smiling faces — administration,

faculty, staff, parents, families and students — enjoying one another's company. The turnout left me humbled and proud to have joined the Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District family."

Haughey wasn't the only newcomer in attendance at the event. Newly hired Knox Trail Middle School Principal Ralph Borseth also met guests, and principals of the other SEBRSD schools stopped by as well. Administrators have plenty to share with parents regarding projects completed over the summer, including renovated tennis courts and locker rooms at DPHS. Offices were also upgraded in the building.

For East Brookfield residents, EBES Principal Ron Tomlin and staff members were in attendance to discuss the elementary school in that town. Officials in each of the district's schools look forward to meeting more community members throughout the year, and Haughey has cited improved transparency and communications as a goal for the entire district.

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Dancers waltz into hearts of Disney visitors



BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Disney vacations are known for making unforgettable memories, but members of a local dance studio took the experience to a whole new level this summer.

Dancers from Kara Anderson's Dance Studio took part in several programs during their trip to Disney Springs this past June. They got to rehearse in the Performing Arts Rehearsal Hall, then took the main stage on June 27 to show off their skills. The dancers visited the Disney Dancin' Workshop the next day, where they met Disney cast members and learned choreography from various dances. There was even time for the dancers to talk to Disney performers about auditions and what their careers are like.

For Kara Anderson, the owner and director of studios based in North Brookfield and Southbridge, it was a thrill to bring 31 dancers along for the trip. A total of 105 people, including dance instructors and family members, got to enjoy the Disney experience. Many of the dancers had never gotten to perform in front of a large crowd before, and they were exhilarated by the countless dance fans in attendance.

"As we were walking over the bridge at Disney Springs to the main stage, we could hear everyone cheering and yelling for us. It was a very exciting moment for all the dancers," Anderson recalled. "As soon as they announced, 'Now performing is Kara Anderson's Dance Studio from Massachusetts', I had tears of joy in my eyes. To see my dancers on the main stage in Disney

Spring was like no other feeling."

Anderson's assistant director Miranda Desplaines and instructor Analis Roze choreographed a 22-minute dance for the performance. Dancers ages 7-20 took part in the production, and there were even a few Kara Anderson's Dance Studio alumni members who joined them for the performance. Dancers represented several area towns, including Southbridge, Sturbridge, North Brookfield, West Brookfield, New Braintree, Spencer, and East Brookfield.

"I was so proud of them and my staff that worked hard for three months to put this performance together," added Anderson, who opened her North Brookfield studio in 1997.

"So many people stopped to watch them dance — it was a full house and every seat was taken. They got a standing ovation when they were done."

When the dancers weren't on stage or learning from the professionals, they visited Hollywood Studios, Magic Kingdom, Animal Kingdom, and Epcot with their families. The trip also showed dancers the many paths their careers in performing can take them if they continue to work hard and have fun.

Kara Anderson's Dance Studio has about 175 students spread between its two locations. Classes are offered for kids as young as two years old, and the studios provide everything from beginner to advanced level instruction.

In 2010, Anderson had the thrill of opening her Southbridge studio at the same building where she took classes as a child.

"I was very excited to do this because

it was in my hometown and the studio was the same dance studio I grew up in and found my love for dance," said Anderson, who has taught dance for 27 years.

Anderson's students have gone on to win several choreography awards at regional and national dance competitions over the years, in addition to earning scholarships. When she isn't instructing, Anderson enjoys traveling the country to judge dance competitions and share her knowledge with aspiring dancers.

For more information about the dance studio, visit www.karaandersonsdancestudio.com.

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The most important part is to follow the best process for your home search. I highly recommend that you get a preapproval right away before deciding to look at homes unless you are paying cash. The reason for this is that if you look at the perfect home today and it takes till tomorrow to get a preapproval and write an offer then the buyer that did the same thing yesterday will beat you out on the home. Once you have a preapproval in place and know what price you are comfortable with you should sit down with a Realtor for a consultation. This consultation should include questions to help them understand your wants and needs and possibly even help you discover what you really want and to decide if this is the agent you will hire. This agent should then be looking for homes for you as you do the same and when



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#MeToo luncheon planned in September

Woman in Business, Inc., a Sturbridge-area support group of dynamic women of all types of careers, has announced its September luncheon.

Held Wednesday, Sept. 12 at the Southbridge Hotel and Conference Center, the informative session will focus on the “Me, Too” movement — what employers are doing, what employees should know, and what changes are happening on a state and national level.

#MeToo spread virally in October 2017 as a hashtag used on social media in an attempt to demonstrate the widespread prevalence of sexual assault and harassment, especially in the workplace. Since then, it is a topic that countless women have responded to with their own stories and experiences. It also launched a movement that continues to call out and bring down men in all spheres of business and politics, who are now being held accountable for their actions and inaction.

WIB welcomes the public to join the conversation with Lisa Mason, SHRM-SCP, and Amelia J. Holstrom, Esq.

Mason is the director of human resources for Harrington HealthCare System, a position she has held since 2009. In this role, she provides leadership and counsel in HR matters including employee relations, salary administration, benefits,

staffing, compliance, training and education to the healthcare system’s 1,400 employees. She has also designed, developed and delivered training programs including employee engagement, sexual harassment prevention and employment law. Prior to her role at Harrington, Mason was the HR director for the (then) Hubbard Regional Hospital. She has more than 30 years of experience in HR, including 13 years at Allmerica Financial (now Hanover Insurance) where she managed employee relations and staff development for 6,000 employees.

Holstrom is an attorney with Skoler, Abbott and Presser, P.C., with offices in Springfield and Worcester. Since 1964, Skoler Abbott has exclusively represented management and employers in the fields of labor relations and employment law. Skoler Abbott’s clients range from small, not-for-profit agencies to national Fortune 500 companies. Since joining the firm, Holstrom has provided legal advice to employers who want to remain union-free; represented clients at arbitrations; and defended employers against claims of discrimination, retaliation, harassment, wrongful termination, as well as actions arising under wage & hour law and other state and federal laws. Additionally, Holstrom frequently provides counsel to management on tak-

ing proactive steps to reduce the risk of legal liability that may be imposed as the result of employment practices, including comprehensive policy and handbook reviews. She is a current member of the board of directors and executive committee for GSCWM; member of the board for Clinical and Support Options, Inc.; and an ad hoc member of the personnel committee for the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts. Holstrom was a selected as a 40 Under Forty honoree by BusinessWest in 2015; received the Massachusetts Bar Association Community Service Award in 2016, and was named as an Up & Coming Lawyer Honoree by Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly for its Excellence in the Law Event in 2017.

The cost is \$20 for members and \$25 for guests.

WIB is welcoming new members to its organization. The group holds events year-round including an annual scholarship fundraiser, networking receptions, breakfast presentations and luncheon seminars. Members also receive newsletters, social media attention, a website listing and other incentives to further expand professional development and growth. For more information, or to register, visit wibsturbridge.org or email info@wibsturbridge.org.

Domestic violence agency offers its help

STURBRIDGE — In response to last week’s alleged domestic violence homicide in Sturbridge, the non-profit domestic violence agency, New Hope, Inc.’s and its Executive Director and President Marcia Szymanski issued a statement to inform the Sturbridge community about services available to them.

“Our thoughts are with the family and friends of Maddilyn Burgess. There are no words that anyone can say to express how horrible and senseless this was,” said Szymanski.

New Hope, Inc. provides domestic violence services to 41 communities, including Sturbridge. New Hope provides counseling services in Southbridge and an advocate who works directly within the Dudley Court to assist survivors of domestic violence with safety planning, obtaining restraining orders, and other legal protections to ensure their safety.

Szymanski stated, “We want to inform the public that New Hope has a 24-hour, toll-free hotline available to survivors and witnesses to violence, as well as to concerned family members, friends, co-workers and neighbors who may need support. Our hotline is 1-800-323-HOPE (4673), and

we encourage anyone who may be in need of our services to call and get help.”

New Hope, Inc.’s comprehensive domestic and sexual violence services include the 24-hour domestic violence and sexual assault hotline (1-800-323-HOPE), two emergency shelters for survivors fleeing violent homes, counseling services for adults and children, a supervised visitation center where non-custodial parents can visit in a safe supervised setting with their children due to domestic violence and other issues, court-based legal advocacy to help survivors obtain restraining orders, safety planning, an intimate partner abuse education program, education/outreach services and more. The agency serves 41 cities and towns throughout central and southeastern Massachusetts, and has five offices located in Attleboro, Milford, Southbridge, Taunton and Worcester.

New Hope, Inc. is a registered 501 (C) (3) non-profit organization, whose mission is “Creating Communities Free from Violence and Exploitation.” For more information, visit www.new-hope.org.

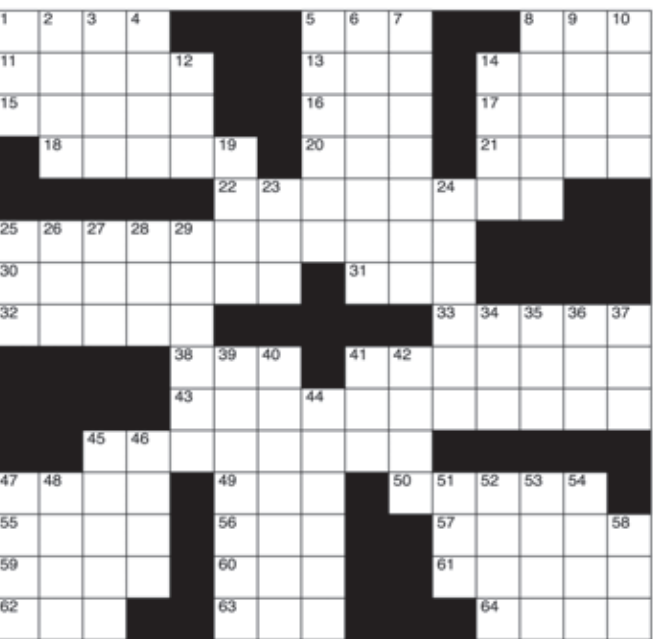
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three seasons. Ducharme is a retired K9 officer and is a life-long resident of Connecticut. He has two adult sons, both serving in the United States Air Force. As an avid outdoorsman, and finding the empty-nest, Sam decided to buy a backpack and a plane ticket to Georgia. From there, he started walking north. With no prior backpacking experience, he learned on the trail. Gear, trail nutrition, enduring the elements, and the logistics involved in a long distance backpacking trip were hard lessons. After 20 years working within Connecticut’s prisons, the search for a positive recharge resulted in a life changing journey.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Sacred bull (Egyptian myth.)
- 5. One-time European money
- 8. Disfigure
- 11. Polish city
- 13. Move quickly on foot
- 14. Landlocked West African country
- 15. Used in aromatherapy
- 16. The greatest of all time
- 17. Type of horse
- 18. Volcanic craters
- 20. Type of graph (abbr.)
- 21. Supporters
- 22. North and South are two
- 25. Spread
- 30. Adjusted
- 31. Vietnamese offensive
- 32. Nazi architect
- 33. Nigerian peoples
- 38. When you hope to get there
- 41. Ridicules
- 43. Allied Powers vs. Central Powers
- 45. Produce
- 47. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- 49. Hebrew unit of liquid capacity
- 50. Type of sword
- 55. “Sin City” actress
- 56. Female reproductive cells
- 57. Afflicted
- 59. One point north of northeast
- 60. Garland
- 61. Spiritual leader
- 62. Negative
- 63. Tooth caregiver
- 64. Cheek

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Form of “to be”
- 2. A hand has one
- 3. Thought
- 4. Physical body
- 5. Removes
- 6. One who perpetrates wrongdoing
- 7. Make one
- 8. Kate and Rooney are two
- 9. __ Ladd, “Shane” actor
- 10. Makes fun of
- 12. Space station
- 14. Gene
- 19. Satisfy
- 23. Livid
- 24. It comes after “et”
- 25. More (Spanish)
- 26. Electronic data processing
- 27. Buffer solution to separate DNA and RNA
- 28. Primate
- 29. Scattered
- 34. Evergreen tree
- 35. What engaged couples will say
- 36. Barbie’s friend
- 37. Midway between south and southeast
- 39. A position from which progress can be made
- 40. Showed up
- 41. Insecticide
- 42. Type of milk
- 44. Verandas
- 45. Annoyingly talkative
- 46. Abba __, Israeli politician
- 47. “Heat” director
- 48. Plant genus
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Prejudice
- 53. Actor Idris
- 54. Freedom fighters (slang)
- 58. Criticize



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Harrington Physician Services welcomes new providers

Alireza Nazhad, MD, board-certified cardiologist, has joined the Harrington Physician Services office at 79 Sayles St. in Southbridge. He joins Dr. Paul Santolucito and nurse practitioner Paula Shonak.

The HPS office provides preventive and diagnostic cardiology care including stress testing, lipid and hypertension management, permanent pacemaker therapy and more. New patients welcome; call 508-764-6041.

Dr. Nazhad received his medical degree from Shiraz University of Medical Sciences in Iran. He completed both his internal medicine residency and fellowship in cardiovascular medicine at Saint Vincent Hospital in Worcester.

Dr. Nazhad is a well-versed academic professional. He has presented numerous academic presentations and has many online publications, in addition to over 25 peer-reviewed articles and webinars. He has sat on various committees including First Iranian Congress in Emergency Medicine and chaired a committee for enhance public awareness of cardiorespiratory resuscitation while at Shiraz University. He is a member of several professional affiliations, including the American Medical and Massachusetts Medical Society.

Jeffrey Gordon, MD, has joined The Cancer Center at Harrington, providing both oncology and hematology care for patients. He joins Dr. Christopher Seidler and Physician Assistant Donna Kentley at 55 Sayles St. in Southbridge. New patients welcome; for a referral or more information, call 508-764-2400.



Shannon Short, DO

Dr. Gordon received his medical degree from Brandeis University in Waltham and completed his fellowship in oncology and hematology at University of Massachusetts Medical Center. He also completed his residency and internship in internal medicine from University of Massachusetts Medical School in Worcester.

Dr. Gordon is a Worcester native and currently lives in Woodstock, CT.

He is very active in community education and municipal government. Dr. Jeffrey Gordon was part of the Town of Woodstock, Planning & Zoning Commission, Municipal



Jeffrey Gordon, MD

Telecommunications task force, and sat in the state of Connecticut medical examining board appointed by the Governor. He is also an active member of the American Society of Hematology, American Society of Clinical Oncology and American Medical Association.

Shannon Short, DO, has returned to the HPS family practice office at 255 E. Old Sturbridge Road in Brimfield. She will join Drs. Ruth Benet and James Goodwin and nurse practitioner Kim Vetal beginning in September. New and former patients welcome. For an appointment, call 413-245-3389.

Dr. Short, board certified in family



Alireza Nazhad, MD

medicine, will be providing routine and preventative care for all ages. She previously worked for HPS from 2014-16.

She received her medical degree from the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed her residency at the Puget Sound Family Medicine Residency Program in Bremerton, WA, as well as an internship in pediatrics at Naval Medical Center in San Diego, CA.

Dr. Short most recently practiced at Harrington from Hartford HealthCare Medical Group, where she started two new practice locations and supervised midlevel providers.



State Representative candidate Stu Loosemore, left, greets guests at a recent Leicester event.

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discussing issues. Most recently, he visited Hot Dog Annie's in town to chill out with local families at an ice cream social.

With debates on the horizon and his campaign hitting high gear, the Aug. 15 ice cream social was a great opportunity for Loosemore to meet residents at an informal setting and discuss his qualifications.

For 10 years Loosemore

worked as a legislative aide for then state Representative Anne Gobi, who has since become a state senator. During his final year at the State House, Loosemore served as Gobi's staff director after she was named House

Chair of the Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture. He gained valuable experience in that role, working closely with Gobi every day to assist constituents — and now he believes the time is right for him to serve as state rep and continue his passion for helping residents.

"The focus for government should always be on helping people. I want to help grow local businesses and strengthen the community," said Loosemore, who has lived in town for six years.

Additional priorities for Loosemore include securing funding for road and infrastructure projects, protecting open space and woodlands, and providing enhanced support for public education. He also wants to create jobs and help put more people to work in rewarding fields.

Loosemore's two sons represent the fifth generation of his family to live within the 17th Worcester District. He understands the towns and their needs, and he knows his service in Gobi's office and subsequent experience in the Worcester Regional Chamber of Commerce would translate well if he is elected.

"I gained great experience by helping [Gobi] with policy, budget issues, and working with resi-

dents," Loosemore added. "I learned a lot about the needs of residents and the workforce in Massachusetts. When I left the State House, I went to work for the Worcester Regional Chamber of Commerce as their general counsel and director of government affairs and public policy. This gave me great insight into the ongoing issues faced by the business community, primarily the small businesses that make up the backbone of our economy."

Loosemore also serves as a soccer coach in town, as well as a member of several local organizations. He graduated from Auburn High School and attended Clark University.

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Kevin Flanders photos.
Dean Iacobucci, left, and Nathan Gershman keep guests well fed during another hot night.



Dedicated volunteers of all ages keep the snack shack running smoothly.



It must be the dog days of August, as East Brookfield’s Allen Savage and his four-legged pal are in attendance.



Music has kept families and seniors entertained throughout the summer at Connie Mack Field.



Where has the summer gone? Guests enjoy one of the final concerts of 2018.



The seventh inning has arrived at Connie Mack Field, and best friends Taylor Richard (left) and Hannah Wood, both 10 years old, are ready to stretch.



Historical Commission members Christine Lavin, left, and Melanie Ethier are ready to provide tours of the museum.



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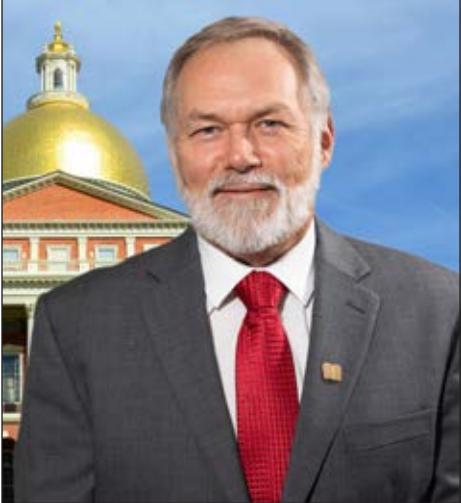
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Baker challenger upbeat despite apparent odds



Scott Lively

BY GREG VINE
STONEBRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

Four years ago, Dr. Scott Lively ran for governor of Massachusetts as an independent, garnering just over 19,000 votes; about .9 percent of ballots cast. Lively is running for governor again this year, but instead of seeking the office as an independent he has taken on the apparently Herculean task of trying to snatch the Republican nomination away from incumbent Charlie Baker in the September 4 state primary.

At the Republican State Convention in Worcester last April, Lively stunned many political observers by capturing the support of nearly 28% of the delegates, well over the 15% required to earn a spot on next month's primary ballot. However, a WBUR/MassINC poll conducted in late June showed Baker leading Lively among likely primary voters by a margin of 70% to 17%.

But three months is a lifetime in politics and, for his part, Lively remains unbowed.

"I'm very unhappy with the direction Charlie Baker is taking the Commonwealth," Lively told Stonebridge Press in a recent interview. "He's taking the entire Republican Party and shifting it farther and farther to the left. He just signed a biggest state budget ever; he's anti-Second Amendment, having signed the so-called 'Red Flag' bill; he's funding Planned Parenthood. Baker is more aligned with the Democratic platform than with the Republican platform."

Lively is also critical of Baker for failing to support President Trump.

"He opposes the Trump agenda," said Lively. "I am 100% pro-Trump. His pri-

orities are right on the money. I want to be the most pro-Trump governor in America."

The 60-year-old Lively, who has earned a PhD in theology and a Juris Doctor of Law, proudly boasts of his support for the Second Amendment.

"I believe in the Second Amendment codification of the right to self-defense," he told Stonebridge. "Any attempt to restrict weaponry runs counter to the Constitution. Whatever weapons are in the hands of those who would kill us should be available to the citizenry. I might even consider what they do in some areas of the south by enacting mandatory gun ownership."

When it comes to economic policy, Lively says, "The ever-expanding service economy favors the large urban centers. We need to restore manufacturing to help revitalize the smaller cities and towns like Winchendon. But with the way things are, why in the world would any company, any manufacturer, want to come to Massachusetts? Businesses here are over-regulated and taxed to death. Liberal policies have driven companies out of state."

"President Trump's economic miracle," he continued, "is benefitting the state in a macro sense. More could be done. But Charlie Baker has shown disrespect to our president at every opportunity. He even refused to meet with Vice President Pence when he came here. It infuriates me. We need someone to cooperate with President Trump."

While not denying it will be tough to unseat a popular sitting Republican governor, Lively remains steadfast in his quest.

"I don't take positions based on whether they're popular," he said, "they are based on my strongly-held beliefs. Charlie Baker panders to the left in order to win. I was up against a stacked deck at the Republican convention but still managed to pull off a huge upset. No one expected me to get that kind of support. But I'm giving voice to the conservative base of the Republican Party."

Asked if he'd consider attempting another independent bid for governor in the event he loses the GOP nomination, Lively demurred.

"I wouldn't do that," he said. "I'm committed to rebuilding the conservative base in the party; to taking it back from the Republican establishment."

"I think I have a very good chance of winning. The anger of Republicans against Charlie Baker is palpable. Some

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Friday's Child



Alexis is a joyful nine-year old girl of Caucasian descent whose smile and laugh lights up the room! Alexis has had many medical challenges in her short life, but she has an optimistic spirit and brings so much joy to those who know her. While she cannot speak, Alexis makes her needs known in other ways through adaptive technology and non-verbal cues. She also does make sounds and her caregivers are very attuned to what her different tones mean. Alexis loves being around other children and likes participating in different activities with her peers. She loves to

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EDITORIAL

Continuing:
Free speech is
for BOTH sides

When you read the letters to the editor today, you might find one from someone not from your town. That is because we are using it as an example for this editorial. You see, we need to stress yet again, that you don't get to choose who gets free speech.

Right away we need to say we don't agree with the letter writer, and we continue always to stress to our opinionated people to make certain they tell those reading it is indeed their opinion, even if they are attempting to cite facts as they know them.

Example: no, America is not "85% Christian." The latest Gallup poll conducted in 2017 had people self identifying as Christian a bit less than 75% of the time, and mostly without an affiliation to any specific church. The trend, according to Gallup, was expected to continue downward, as the younger respondents did not identify with any organized religion at all.

The controversy over the raising of a statue of the 10 Commandments at the Little Rock AR state capitol is not a done deal. The American Civil Liberties Union has a lawsuit pending in federal court over the matter, stating obviously it violates the First Amendment against establishing religion in government. It has been the site of several continuing protests, had a car driven into it, and the statue of Baphomet is just the latest protest.

Baphomet, who is actually a made up "deity" and if anything is a demon and not the devil at all; was originally described as the idol of the Knights Templar when the church was attempting to discredit them centuries ago. Descriptions of "him" vary depending on which compendium you choose to read, but it is known that Alistair Crowley, one of the earliest "magicians" who attempted to codify the various branches of the occult in some fashion, took the name as his own magical identification.

And yes, there does exist a group calling itself the Satanic Temple. Its headquarters are right in Salem (how appropriate); and it does not call itself a church. It does have enough organization, to launch freedom of speech and religion campaigns nationwide, include lawsuits in Missouri and Arkansas. Among its seven tenets of conduct is "The freedom of others should be respected, including the freedom to offend."

The group manages to do that quite well. And the eight and a half foot (even the size is quoted wrong by the letter writer) statue of Baphomet (by the way the name, which is combination of Greek and Roman words, means torch of wisdom), which they will continue to use as a tool and representation of their group at various venues where they feel a point should be made.

Will it offend. Yes.

Should they have the right to do so. Yes.

Should the letter writer have the right to decry the event. Absolutely. But please get the facts correct.

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VIEWPOINT

OPINION AND COMMENTARY FROM SPENCER, LEICESTER AND THE BROOKFIELDS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cohen: On voting and citizenship

To the editor:

In the case of DACA and other long term undocumented immigrants I have long wondered how conservatives reconciled their various positions. Like our ancestors, illegal immigrants immigrated here to escape oppression, poverty, and build a better life. Nobody wants to leave their home, their family, their friends, their culture, or their language. Immigrants of all stripes (illegal included) are the determined ones, the hardworking ones, the ones who persevered a hellacious journey for a better life.

Hispanics should be a natural constituency for Republicans. They are family oriented, hardworking, patriarchal, very Christian and very conservative. Illegal immigrants especially are the modern day equivalent of the romanticized pioneers who took weeks or months long journeys in squalid conditions in ships to build a better life. To moralize an arbitrary line in the sand when we are all descended from people who did just as they did. Some of my relatives came through Ellis Island. Some of them were literally stow-a-ways on ships fleeing pogroms. Some of them "chain migrated" through relatives to work back breaking labor. What is the story of your family? Did they spawn here?

DACA recipients, especially the younger ones who do not remember their home country are just as American as you and I. They speak English at a native level, they have grown up immersed in our culture, and they know no other country or culture. Furthermore, they themselves did nothing wrong - any perceived crimes belong to their parents. How you can hold it over a 30 year old person's head that they were carried through the desert 28 years ago is beyond me.

One of the things that always confused me about conservatives was their various "paths to legalization" plans concerning long term illegal immigrants, DACA, etc. It seems like the art of "saying no by saying yes." Illegal aliens have little earning power without "papers" and no records of what they've earned in the past - so when they are simply unable to "pay a fine and back taxes." That just isn't practical. The long, long, time frames that have been discussed for various steps just seems impossible. So a 30 year-old who was brought here 28 years ago and doesn't remember needs to wait 10 years for final status? There needs to be a limit on how long this takes - how about no longer than that person was alive outside the United States?

The final thing that has come up recently is Republicans candidates have suggested that citizenship was a "step too far." As though they have

enough empathy to extend "legal status" to avoid destroying lives, but citizenship was just too much. I would always wonder, "why do they care so much, they are here anyway." Mr. McRae's letter of 8/17 just shed some light on the topic. Republicans don't want them voting. He is convinced that liberals are "hell-bent" on filling up the country illegal immigrants and the Democrats only want them because it will drive votes their way. To have large populations here permanently that aren't allowed a voice is an affront to our Democracy AND our Republic.

Our economy needs the estimated 11 million illegal immigrants who are here and filling jobs Americans don't want. They are not going anywhere unless our immigration system is reformed to be more similar to Canada, allow more work visas, and allow more legal immigration. The Conservatives hatred of all immigrants (you're not fooling anybody) will not allow a reasonable system to get passed, so our country will have the labor demand. Conservatives understand supply and demand - as long as there is demand (for low skilled/disgusting labor in the US) and a supply (people south of the border) they will find a way. The next item is cash, as long as we stay woefully behind the rest of the first world with our cash, paper checks, and opposition to electronic systems for privacy concerns - illegal aliens will have a way to function in our society.

What "conservatives" (Trumpicans/Republicans are hardly) seem to want is a caste system with apartheid. When backed into a corner they accept large numbers of "foreign born" being here, but not with them voting. They want it easier to deport them on a dime if caught for anything. They seem to want a three tiered system - citizens, non-citizen legal aliens, and illegal aliens with different sets of rights. They want this apartheid because the only way to maintain power as a minority is to exclude people not like them in the process and simply rule over them.

When Mr. McRae suggested that Democratic politicians, in a thirst for power through votes, are hell-bent on filling up the country with illegal immigrants without regard for consequences to the language, culture, and quality of life I think he accidentally described Republican voters. They are fearful that our language and culture has changed since the 1950s and continues to change. Our discourse is going down a dangerous path - conservatives don't like democracy in the face of demographic change.

ESTHER COHEN
WEST BROOKFIELD

Lyons: supports Strauss

To the Editor:

The 5th District of Worcester has a rapidly approaching, golden opportunity to make a positive difference in our lives and in our community in November. We have an opportunity to elect someone as State Representative who believes in our local businesses and industry, the difficult issues facing our elderly each and every day, the environment, the overwhelming issues now facing our farm communities, our educational systems, public safety and in making positive changes by putting forth legislation so that our 5th District becomes better than ever.

Jean Strauss is running for State Representative in the 5th Worcester District and she is innovative. She has a unique vision for our future and a determination to be proactive by being present. By being present, that means she will always be present for her constituents, making sure their calls, requests, and concerns are always promptly addressed. She will be present for every vote on the floor of the State House. Jean Strauss will be making a case for her constituents whenever necessary, writing legislation that affects her District and improves lives not just in Central Massachusetts but the entire Commonwealth of Massachusetts. There are no issues too large and no issues too small, they are all important to Jean Strauss and she will be someone we can truly count on. Jean will have everyone's back. A vote for Jean Strauss for State Representative, Democrat, Worcester's 5th District is a vote to step into what promises to be a very bright future for our 5th District.

SUSAN LYONS
NORTH BROOKFIELD

Dubois: blasphemy is not free speech

To the Editor:

Last Friday, "The Satanic Temple" used a truck and a forklift to bring a giant 7.5 ft. tall bronze statue of a goat-headed-and-winged creature to the Arkansas state capital in Little Rock and attempted to display this next to the 10 commandments. This is blasphemous and as Americans we cannot allow this to continue.

The organizers gathered for what they called a "First Amendment Rally." They called the Satan statue a symbol of tolerance. There is nothing more intolerant to Christians which represent 85% of the country than Satan. As a society, we don't allow hate speech, and we shall not allow hate statutes. I don't even think the Satanic Temple is real, I think it is a bunch of hell-bound atheist college students trying to mock Christianity and Christians. Thankfully they were forced to remove the statue at the end of their rally.

The legislature of Arkansas has been courageous through it all. They were admirable for erecting the 10 commandments monument in front of the state capital, on the Capitol grounds in 2015. I commend them for passing a law in 2017 requiring all monuments be sponsored by an elected legislator in an attempt to avoid the predicament they are in. The Satan statue is offensive, it is hate speech, it is blasphemous, and it is NOT free speech.

CHRISTOPHER DUBOIS
SPENCER

Time to put
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You'll always want to base your investment decisions on your own needs and goals. But there may be times when you might consider adjusting your portfolio because of risks and opportunities. Now may be one of those times.

Here's some background: In recent months, the Federal Reserve has raised short-term interest rates several times, and given its generally favorable outlook on the economy, it has indicated it may continue bumping up interest rates gradually over the next year or so. The Fed doesn't control long-term interest rates, but these rates often follow the lead of short-term movements. However, longer-term rates haven't yet risen as much as shorter-term ones, which means the difference between short- and long-term rates is relatively small, historically speaking.

This doesn't mean you should make drastic changes to your portfolio. You still need to stick with the asset allocation that's suitable for your situation, which typically involves owning a certain percentage of growth-oriented vehicles, such as stocks, and a certain percentage of fixed-income securities, such as bonds. However, if you do have space in the fixed-income part of your portfolio, you may find the higher interest rates offered by short-term bonds and certificates of deposit (CDs) to be attractive. To take advantage of this opportunity, though, you will need to have the cash available to invest.

Some people hold too much in cash, waiting for interest rates to rise, or as protection against the risk of a market decline. But holding excess cash involves its own risk - the risk of not investing. So, if you have your cash needs covered, you may want to consider investing any excess cash.

To determine if you are holding excess cash, you'll need to review your entire cash situation. For example, do you have enough cash, or cash equivalents, to create an emergency fund of three to six months' worth of living expenses? This fund can be vital in helping you pay for things like a major car repair or an unexpected medical bill without dipping in to your long-term investments. And, of course, you need enough liquidity to provide for your lifestyle, including your regular spending needs - your mortgage, utilities, groceries and so on. Also, you may want to set aside enough cash for a goal you want to reach in the next year or so, such as a vacation.

But if you have taken care of all these needs and you still have excess cash, you may want to consider putting this cash to work, possibly by investing in short-term fixed-income vehicles now being issued at higher interest rates.

And keep in mind that regardless of where interest rates are going, bonds and other fixed-income investments can offer some key benefits to investors. In addition to providing a source of regular income, these types of investments can help reduce the effects of volatility on your portfolio. While bonds can, and will, fluctuate in value, they typically can provide more stability to your portfolio and tend to behave differently than stocks over time.

After years of historical lows, short-term rates now have risen to levels that are more attractive to investors. Take the time to review your situation, perhaps with the help of a financial professional, to determine if taking advantage of these rates may be appropriate for you.

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Next move, closeout all opposition media?

Conservative outlets are aflame with what appears to be Internet giants Facebook, Google and Twitter's intentional move to closeout conservative viewpoints on their platforms. This is significant because the big five Internet companies' collective worth is estimated to be about \$4 trillion, a total that places them above the GDP of nearly all countries. Since they are the major vehicles through which all information is disseminated globally, should they succumb to a collective political view they could control the world. If conservatives are correct this may be in progress.

We show we are free to the extent we tolerate opposing viewpoints. How does one know he is free unless everyone is free to express himself?

In July Facebook suddenly dropped a campaign ad from California Republican congressional candidate Elizabeth Heng claiming the ad, showing scenes of Cambodian genocide experienced by her family, was "disrespectful" content. No such barometer is used



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on left of center outlets. Something similar happened, to other conservatives this year notably Diamond and Silk (said to be "unsafe to the community"), Ben Shapiro, Dave Ruben and Dennis Fraser. But the incident bringing this to a head nationally last week was when Internet giants ganged-up on Alex Jones. Apple pulled several of his podcasts from the iTunes store, Facebook unpublished four of his pages, and YouTube "suspended the Alex Jones channel with its \$4 million subscribers," all charging that he violated their "hate speech" policies (Laura Ingraham, The Ingraham Angle, August 7, 2018). Hate speech has become synonymous with opposition speech. All this begs the question, "Is the next move of the globalist to close out all opposition media?"

Ingraham told her audience that this Internet heavy handedness began in earnest last February when "Facebook launched a new algorithm that would cause top conservative pages to see a dramatic drop in traffic and this includ-

ed personal pages by the way. President Trump's Facebook page saw a 45% drop."

She asked, "Why do leftist... always seem to escape big tech censures?"

"But this isn't about Alex Jones," she argued, "This is about freedom and our access to information from the sources we as individuals trust and like. If big tech can control the information flow then they can also perhaps even influence the outcome of the midterms and even future presidential elections... And that is the point! Controlling who has a voice and who doesn't on these monster platforms is tantamount to limiting speech."

In the national media war, it is increasingly obvious that the Establishment Media, mostly the over 300 Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) members who have dominant power in it, seriously threaten the 15% (as reported on The Tucker Carlson Show Aug. 8) that is not yet controlled by them. The fact that still half of Americans have not heard of this ever growing influence over the last nearly 100 years, because they are already hooked on only Establishment News sources is evidence of its power expansion. A very real possibility exists that those who do not already know of

CFR control over the media and government never will, allowing a future existence of no opposition media. We would have entered an Orwellian society from which there exists no exit.

But when this dominance moves to Internet giants Facebook, Google and Twitter this threat becomes global. The conservative panic watching their diminished ability to resist the "secret combination" chorus of the globalist, the Deep State, and the Establishment media for ending free speech opposing them is not new to those who read or view more than just Establishment sources.

Internet bias against alternative news has been going on for more than a decade. Matt Drudge, Alex Jones, Steve Bannon of Breitbart and Mike Adams of Natural News have all talked about it. Over a year ago The New American reported: "Breitbart News, the Drudge Report, InfoWars, Natural News, and dozens of other Internet-based news providers have already been targeted and are feeling the impact of the corporate-government jackbooted heel on their jugulars" (News: Alternative,

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

McRae: moonbats

To the Editor:

Occasionally, I use the term “moonbat” — only in the most kind, sensitive, and loving way — to refer to some of the leftwing commentators whose words appear regularly on these pages. It occurs to me that perhaps I err in assuming the average reader understands the word and its derivation. Simply put, it is interchangeable with “looney” as in “the looney Left.” “Looney”, I gather, is a diminutive of “lunatic”, as in “crazy.” Get it? Luna (the moon) coupled with the myopia of bats, i.e. “blind as a bat”, added to crazed, irrational beliefs, and, hesto presto, you have the perfect pejorative for these people: moonbats.

Moonbats, like other exotic creatures, tend to be found concentrated in certain specific locations. University towns like Cambridge, Amherst, Burlington, Ithaca, Madison, Ames, Boulder, Austin, Berkeley, and, sadly, too many others to name here, are host to very large numbers of these smug, self-assured, and — in their own eyes — superior — citizens of the world. Normal people do not want to live in these places with such folks. They also can be found in charge of every failed, dysfunctional, large — and some not-so-large — city in America. Rational people fear having to live in such places.

But, if you want to observe this phenomena, you don’t need your binoculars, field guide book, and a bus ticket to find them in their natural habitat. Like ticks and mosquitoes, they’re everywhere; try as you might, you can’t avoid them.

I submit to you, gentle reader, for the past few weeks the pages of this newspaper have featured a veritable parade of moonbatterry on display. There has been such a determined and, seemingly, coordinated assault on the character, the intelligence, indeed, the very worth as a person of those whose opinions are at variance with those of our better-sour very own moonbat community — that it’s almost impossible to respond to their scattershot rhetorical aggressions in anything less than a 10,000 word essay.

I have come to think of them as our area’s Four Horsemen (sorry, horsepersons) of the Progressive Apocalypse: Pestilence, War, Famine, and Death. Should their ill-conceived and failed ideas prevail, and the fate of the old REPUBLIC is handed over to socialist crooks, tyrants and traitors like Clinton, Sanders, Corey Booker, Kamala Harris, or just about any Massachusetts Democrat, then the apocalypse will have arrived: three hundred years of blood, sweat, toil, and tears, always with the goal of building “the shining city on a hill” will have been utterly wasted.

But, our local moonbats, like their counterparts everywhere, compound the felony by being personally obnoxious in their offerings to this paper. They all seem to share a common trait: a conscious willingness to brag about their accomplishments, their superior

Newton: ‘I’ doesn’t stand for ignoramus

intellect and moral sensitivity, and their abject loathing of their fellow Americans who may support Trump, and who may, ugh, actually believe their nation, warts and all, is a pretty good place to live, and, in fact, may be the greatest country ever in the history of the world.

Now, don’t expect any names from me, I forget them as soon as I read them, but one of these riders on a pale horse brags that he/she pays more in taxes than all us peasants out here on Podunk Road earn in a year. If that’s the case, one wonders, what are you doing slumming it here in the Baby Town of the Commonwealth? Another, a veritable Odysseus, boasts of his travels to far and distant lands, exotic places which we, the unwashed, can only wish to ever see. He frankly lets slip that, yes, America and Americans between the Hudson River and the western slope of the Sierras pretty much sucks, and there is no way he could possibly let his friends abroad know he lives in the “Rustbelt” of New England where the rubes actually voted for old 666 himself, DJT. Another reports he feels no sense of gratitude or respect for those of his countrymen who served in the military, only pity. Yet another, in the single-most ignorant, vicious, and hateful statement ever to appear on these pages equates American Christians with the Taliban. It would be a safe bet to assume this avatar of tolerance sports a “Hate Has No Home Here” sign on his or her lawn. Total hypocrite.

And yet, these clowns continue to live in this benighted area with its population of inbred troglodytes. Why? If I were ashamed and embarrassed by the people near to whom I ended up living, why would I not relocate? If I thought my country was an embarrassment to the human race, I’d simply move to a better, richer, freer, safer place to live out my days. There must be some place like that to which it’s easy enough to move. After all, according to one of these batty people, borders are nothing more than a line in the sand, and it’s only America that worries about who wants to come in here. All other countries are wide open.

Not.

I close for now with a quote I know will drive the equalitarian equestrians to paroxysms of rage: “My country, may she always be right, but, right or wrong...my country.” (Stephen Decatur). We Rustbelt Rebels may have hated every minute of the years we had to suffer under LBJ, Clinton, and Obama, but we never gave up on our country. Progressives, suffering as they do from TDS (Trump Derangement Syndrome), would destroy the whole country if that’s what it took to get rid of President Trump, so all-consuming is their hatred. Stay strong, Mr. President.

JOHN MCRAE
EAST BROOKFIELD

this community and sending my own children through its system, without regrets.

Also in this letter, I felt I came under personal attack finding myself in “ a collection of low information voters”, that we have a “lack of depth of knowledge on anything instead of researching the issues themselves” and that we “simply lacked the intellectual depth to understand what was going around them.” I think he just called me stupid, all due to the fact that I dared not vote in the same fashion that he did. What was I thinking, I should have just listened to the intellectual elitists and did what I was told because they are smarter than the rest of us. And if we don’t realize that, we ought to. We should feel thankful that we’re given an opportunity just to be able to breathe the same rarified air that they do, much less disagree on a political topic. Of course they know better, just ask them. Like the troglodytes of Ardanan in the ‘City in the Clouds’ we should merely know our place and life would be much better for everyone concerned.

Unbelievable! The arrogant, condescending, pompous attitude of a self inflated ego knows no bounds and they have the audacity to accuse anyone one on the other side of the political spectrum of fuming the ‘hate’ rhetoric. Now I know I have to be careful since I was the idiot who chose to use my Master’s degree of mathematics from the aforementioned WPI to try to educate the unwashed of the Spencer/ East Brookfield school system, but it was a decision I am proud of and never regretted it once.

OMG! ~ now I’m starting to sound just like “them”. Sorry. Allow me to try to extricate myself out of this mess by saying that on my voter registration card you’ll find a capital “I” next to my name and it doesn’t mean ignoramus. I try to approach each issue with an open mind, do an appropriate amount of background research, and basically vote my conscience ~ left or right.

ANDY NEWTON
EAST BROOKFIELD

Miller: We are a Democracy

To the Editor:

In Mr. McRae’s letter from 8/17 the concept of whether we are a democracy or a republic came up, yet again. In this week’s issue the letter stated that we are not both though they are similar. That letter seemed to deride “democracy” as a system, describing it as 2 wolves and a sheep deciding what’s for dinner, mob rule, and that the fact the British people voted Churchill and his Conservative Party out of office at some point as an inherent weakness of democracy. In a government of the people, by the people, and for the people we have to be willing to accept the outcome of fifty percent plus one within the constraints of our constitution. The only other solution is a dictatorship which is the very tyranny our forefathers fought against!

Mr. McRae explained a number of historical references to “the REPUBLIC” and not to “the DEMOCRACY” including Benjamin Franklin’s proud assertion that he helped create a republic. This begs the question, what is the definition of a republic? At its core, the literal meaning of the word republic when used to reference a form of government means: “a country that is governed by elected representatives and by an elected leader (such as a president) rather than by a king or queen”, i.e.: power is not inherited. It is without a doubt, that in 1787 the most radical part of the American experiment was the non-monarchical nature of it, the fact that we were a republic and didn’t merely break off and create a new kingdom with George Washington I as our king. If the pinnacle of your patriotic pride lies in the fact we are not a monarchy, then absolutely our republican form of government is most important.

This begs the question, again, what is the definition of a democracy? Democracy literally means “rule by people”. A common definition of “democracy” is, “Government by the people, exercised either directly or through elected representatives” — we are that, too. We are a representative democracy, which is a form of democracy. Remember a government by for and of the people? Indeed the American form of government has been called a “democracy” by leading American statesmen and legal commentators from the Framing on. It’s true that some Framing-era commentators made arguments that distinguished “democracy” and “republic”; see, for instance, The Federalist (No. 10), though even that first draws the distinction between “pure democracy” and a “republic,” only later just saying “democracy.” But even in that era, “representative democracy” was understood as a form of democracy, alongside “pure democracy”: John Adams used the term “representative democracy” in 1794; so did Noah Webster in 1785; so did St. George Tucker in his 1803 edition of Blackstone; so did Thomas Jefferson in 1815. Tucker’s Blackstone likewise uses “democracy” to describe a representative democracy, even when the qualifier “representative” is omitted.

Likewise, James Wilson, one of the main drafters of the Constitution and one of the first Supreme Court Justices, defended the Constitution in 1787 by speaking of the three forms of government being the “monarchical, aristocratical, and democratical,” and said

Lamoureux-Kane: voting for Strauss

To the Editor:

On Sept. 4, and again Nov. 6, I will be casting my ballot for Jean Strauss for state representative in the 5th Worcester District. I am so excited to be able to support a candidate who knows how to make real change in the state legislature. Jean, who lives in East Brookfield, understands the importance of serving her constituency and has made a point of meeting as many people in the district as she can and really listening to our concerns. She is a problem solver with over a decade of experience in legislative advocacy. She will put aside partisanship to look for common sense and creative solutions to our region’s challenges.

Jean will work to:

- end the opioid crisis by preempting addiction (how about drop-in arts and tech centers after school?),
- increase economic opportunity in our overlooked towns by boosting our

that in a democracy the sovereign power is “inherent in the people, and is either exercised by themselves or by their representatives.” And Chief Justice John Marshall — who helped lead the fight in the 1788 Virginia Convention for ratifying the U.S. Constitution — likewise defended the Constitution in that convention by describing it as implementing “democracy” (as opposed to “despotism”), and without the need to even add the qualifier “representative.”

To be sure, in addition to being a representative democracy, the United States is also a constitutional democracy, in which courts restrain in some measure the democratic will. And the United States is therefore also a constitutional republic. Indeed, the United States might be labeled a constitutional federal representative democracy. But where one word is used, with all the oversimplification that this necessary entails, “democracy” and “republic” both work.

Now one can certainly argue that some aspects of U.S. government should become less direct, and filtered through more layers of representation. One can argue, for instance, that the 17th Amendment should be repealed, and that U.S. senators should no longer be elected directly by the people, but should return to being elected by state legislators who are elected by the people. Or one can argue for repealing state- and local-level initiative and referendum schemes. Or one can argue for making the Electoral College into a deliberative body, in which the electors are supposed to discuss the candidates and make various political deals, rather than being elected solely to vote for particular candidates. And of course one can equally argue for making some aspects of U.S. government more direct, for instance by shifting to truly direct election of the president, or by institute a federal-level initiative and referendum.

But there is no basis for saying that the United States is somehow “not a democracy, but a republic.” Today and in the Framing era, “democracy” has been generally understood to include representative democracy as well as direct democracy.

In 1787 the most radical and unique attribute of the United States was our republican form of government and not based around a king. Today there are 149 counties claiming to be republics out of 195 UN member states. Granted a few are actually monarchies such as North Korea. Today the most radical and unique attribute of the United States is that we are a government by for and of the people, where majority rules while respecting minority rights, where every vote matters and every vote counts.

By the way, the actual question in 1787 was, “Well, Doctor, what have we got—a republic or a monarchy?” Benjamin Franklin’s reply was “A republic—if you can keep it.” I believe Donald Trump recently expressed admiration for Xi Jinping’s position as President for life and some conservatives want to see him hand off power to Ivanka eventually. Perhaps we are losing our grip.

EDITH MILLER
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She also happens to be an inspiring and fascinating woman, an historian, athlete, author and filmmaker who accomplishes all she sets out to do. I encourage you to learn more by visiting jean2018.org, and plan to vote in the primary Sept. 4 and general election Nov. 6.

DANIELLE LAMOUREUX-KANE
BROOKFIELD

Perron: not happy with Warren

To the Editor:

United States Senator Elizabeth Warren, with her disgusting, irresponsible, comments about our law enforcement and police officers, causes more division within our state; and her ‘apology’ that we didn’t understand what she said, just adds insult to our intelligence.

Well, most of us, Elizabeth, are going to remember your hypocrisy when you run for re-election, and I’ll bet that many diehard democrats admit that you have to go.

Also, Sen. Warren, God forbid you have an occasion to call 911 some day,

will you be concerned at the time if officers are racial?

Our police officers have the most dangerous and difficult job, and we owe them a debt of gratitude; and did you forget Elizabeth that many officers in the uniforms of police departments held signs for your last election?

I hope and pray that this is the beginning of the end of you in the senate seat, and I feel confident that many citizens agree with my views.

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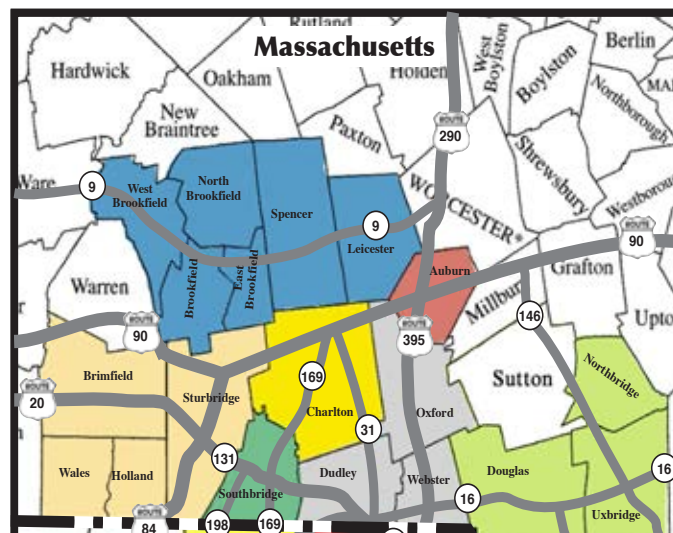
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Salmon on the run and anglers ready to make the pursuit

Salmon fishing on Lake Ontario has started to heat up for anglers in pursuit of king salmon. A report from Fat Nancy's Bait & Tackle shop in Pulaski, N.Y. this past week was all good news for local anglers that want to make the trip to the area to catch king salmon.



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The summer fishing has been great and the fishing is only going to get better in the coming weeks. Lake fishing is good now through September and the Salmon River heats up in middle to late September as the salmon migrate up the river to spawn. October will have hundreds of fish in the river providing fast action for most anglers, but trying to fish with as many anglers as fish is absolutely crazy. The carnival like atmosphere for anglers casting their bait to the fish from both sides of the river, results in chaos for many anglers. Fishing Lake Ontario from a boat has a more relaxed, but exciting fishing adventure.

This past week this writer and Harry Salmon enjoyed a great day catching fluke and seabass off of the Point Judith lighthouse in 40 to 50 ft. of water. Harry caught numerous fluke in the 18 inch class and were released because they fell short of the 19 inch minimum legal size. He was rewarded with a nice 24 inch doormat near the end of the day.

The huge fluke hit his combo of frozen shiners as bait, affixed to his #3 circle hooks. Love them or hate them, circle hooks work. You just need to remember not to set the hook when a bite is felt on the rod. The hook is designed to hook the fish by itself. It works very well when the rod is placed in a rod holder. By the time you remove the rod

from the holder, the fish is already hooked. I use multiple rods when bottom fishing using circle hooks and often find all of the rods with fish on them at one time. At the end of the day we caught and released close to 100 seabass, retaining our six fish limit.

Numerous boats were observed chasing schools of false albacore as they fed on schools of bait (bunker fish) near the surface. Seagulls and other shore birds also fed on the baitfish allowing the anglers to constantly monitor the feeding fish. Catching these hard fighting fish with a fly rod can provide a lot of fun for the angler as they strip line from the reel. The boats often need to chase the fish down to retrieve some line before the reel is totally stripped. After we had called it a day, we observe a large school of albacore surface feeding on the schools of baitfish near the entrance of the west wall, but they quickly disappeared to deeper water as we approached them. Most all of the seabass that we caught were feeding on the bunker and coughed them up while we were removing them from the hook.

The first segment of the Massachusetts goose season is scheduled to open on Sept. 4 this year statewide. The 15 bird daily limit of Canada geese will be hard to fill if not impossible. Most of the corn fields in the area will not be cut prior to opening day due to the heavy amounts of rain. Some fields are so waterlogged that harvesting the crops anytime soon is going to be tough for the local farmers. The heavy rain has impacted many crops of vegetables in the area this year, including resident back yard crops.



Courtesy photo

Last week we had the wrong photo for Mike Daniels and his monster salmon; so get a load of it here. It weighed in at 39 pounds 9 ounces, nearly 40 pounds total. As big as some children...one monster of salmon.

The regular Massachusetts waterfowl season opens on Oct. 9 in the Central District for ducks and geese. Teal were the number one bird that provided this writer with some great shooting in my younger years, but seem to have disappeared from the area. Flights of blue wing teal and green wing teal migrating south were early in October, and we always asked Fish & Wildlife to consider this when setting the duck season, giving waterfowl sportsmen the opportunity to harvest some of the birds before they passed through the area. The local duck population is in good shape with wood duck populations increasing every year. Mallards

and black duck populations are also increasing in the area.

Surplus Massachusetts antlerless deer permits go on sale Sept. 25 for zone 11, Sept. 10 zone 10, Sept. 27, 9,13, & 14. All sales start at 8:00 a.m.!

Last week's picture of Mike Daniels' 39 lb. 9 oz. striper was incorrect. This week's picture shows Mike with his fish. Also one local angler observed a seal carrying a large striper in his mouth last week in the canal. They sure do eat a lot of fish!

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ACCIDENT

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Madaio's vehicle left the road and struck an unoccupied car in a parking lot before crashing over an embankment. First responders had to break the passenger window to gain access to Madaio, who was transported to Harrington Hospital in Southbridge and pronounced dead.

The crowbar was either sent airborne by

Madaio's vehicle or fell from another vehicle, police said. The incident occurred shortly before 10 a.m. near the Crestview Condominiums. Madaio, a defense attorney based in Worcester, had just left East Brookfield District Court on Route 9. Colleagues, clients and residents continue to mourn his loss.

"John was a great father, great lawyer, and extremely well-respected member of the DA's office for more than 15 years,"

said Worcester County District Attorney Joseph Early, Jr. "More recently as a defense attorney, John was a dedicated advocate for his clients. John touched many people in his life with his sharp wit, his compassion, and his legal abilities. He will be missed by all who knew him. This is a big loss for our community."

Investigators continue to search for the source of the crowbar, though it will be difficult to deter-

mine how long it was in the road before the collision or if it was kicked up by a passing vehicle. The accident reconstruction team is comprised by officers from the Central Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council. Spencer Police officers were assisted on scene by members of the State Police and East Brookfield Police, along with the Spencer Fire Department and East Brookfield EMS.

Anyone who witnessed

the accident or has information on the source of the crowbar is asked to contact the Spencer Police Department at 508-885-6333. Police are also reminding drivers to make sure their loads are secure, especially vehicles with trailers or overhead storage.

"Law requires that a vehicle be loaded in such a manner to prevent the escape of contents that could create litter or a potential hazard to another vehicle," said Spencer

Police Chief David Darrin. "Vehicle operators should be mindful of this and also report any road hazards they may observe to police."

Madaio is survived by his wife, Sue, and his daughters, Molly and Laura. Molly Madaio currently works in the Worcester County District Attorney's Office, her father's former employer.

RAIL TRAIL

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this," said Kiley, the chairman of the Board. "We have gotten great feedback from the town on this project. It will be very scenic once it's completed."

The North Brookfield Railroad first opened the rail line in 1876, a project that linked the town with the Boston and Albany Railroad main line in East Brookfield. Trains transported freight and passengers through North Brookfield for several decades before the tracks were removed in 1976, 100 years later. For many years the fate of the former rail line was uncertain, with multiple ideas proposed for the line and the nearby train station. Officials even considered the possibility of returning rail service to North Brookfield in 2010, but the idea eventually faded as interest in the rail trail increased.

Now the Board is fully sup-

portive of seeing the rail trail project through to completion. Volunteers might not reach the East Brookfield border until next year, as there are several areas of thick vegetation and a few waterlogged spots following a rainy summer. Using weed whackers, tractors, and clippers, volunteers have meticulously opened up the overgrown trail and hauled away debris each weekend. Many of the volunteers are seniors determined to see a walking trail that can be enjoyed by all residents.

Once the clearing component of the project is finished, volunteers will turn their attention to surfacing the trail to facilitate bikes and strollers. To protect residents and the trail surface, no motorized vehicles will be allowed on the trail.

"After we get the trail reestablished, we can continue to move forward in steps," Tripp said.

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Volunteers work hard to clear the rail trail on August 19.

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SPORTS

Nuts defuse Bomb Squad to capture LBCBL Championship for third straight season

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

OXFORD — Watching the Laid Back Competitive Baseball League (LBCBL) is a lot like watching television in the summer — nothing but reruns.

For the third consecutive year, the Turner's Club Nuts of Sturbridge are the LBCBL champions, thanks to a two-game sweep of the Oxford Bomb Squad, which beat the Nuts twice during the regular season. The Bomb Squad was the only team to defeat the Nuts this summer.

With this year's championship the Nuts became the first team in the six-year history of the league to win the championship three times, breaking the record of two league championships, which was held by the North Brookfield Gunners.

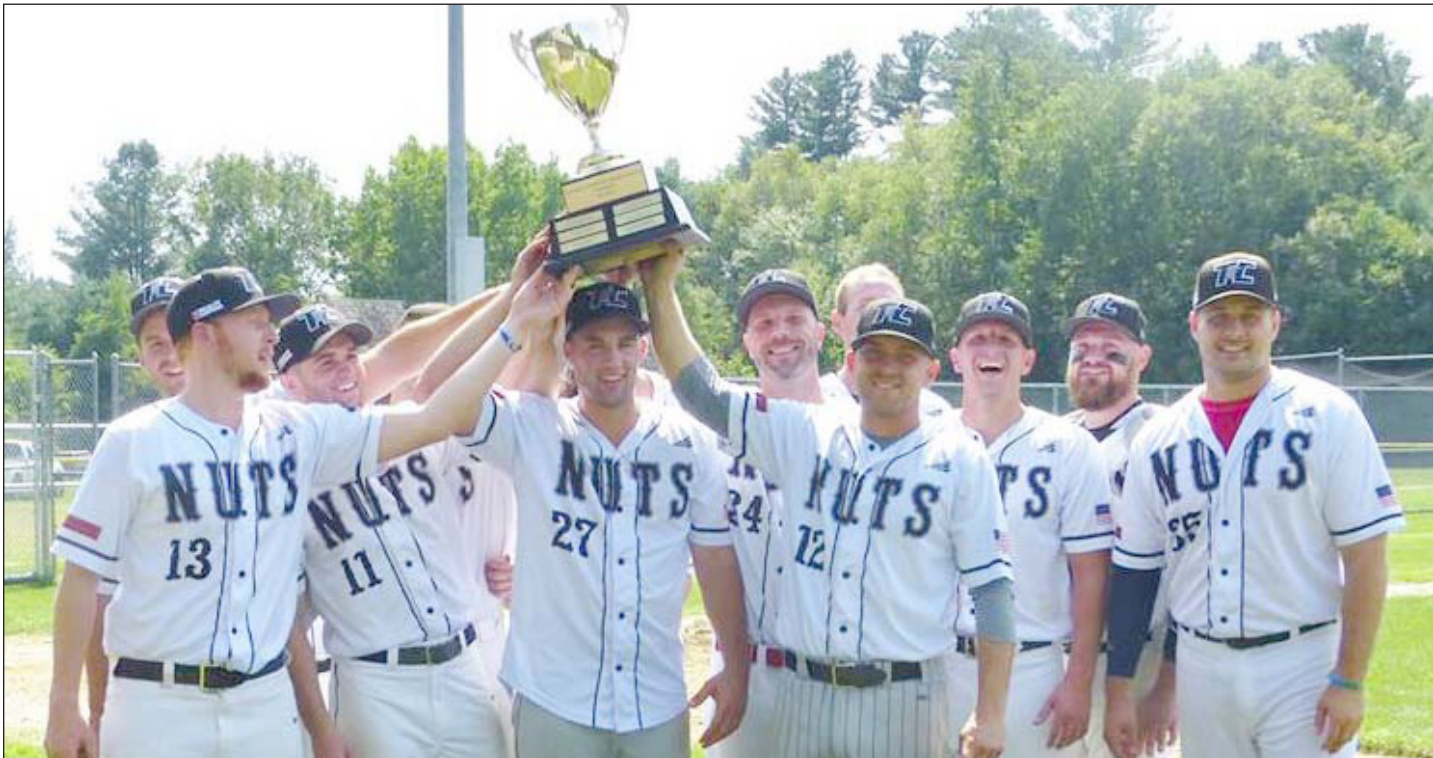
Because of those two losses to the Bomb Squad, the Nuts finished in second place in the regular season to the Bomb Squad. In the Championship Series the Nuts were focused on not only avenging those two losses, but winning a third consecutive league title.

As a result Turner's Club (14-2 in the regular season) took care of business quickly, winning the first game of the best-of-three series 8-2, on Saturday, Aug. 18, at Horgan Field. The game was called with one out in the top of the sixth inning when heavy rains made the field unplayable for the rest of the day.

Leading the way for the Nuts in their Game 1 win was Ray Bell, who belted a two-run homer, and starting pitcher Pat Button, who went the distance and allowed just two runs. The Bomb Squad's lone highlight from the Game 1 was a solo home run off the bat of Nick Bruzios. The round-tripper was Bruzios' first-ever LBCBL dinger.

The Nuts then made sure there was no cardiac comeback by the Bomb Squad on Sunday, Aug. 19, returning to Horgan Field and prevailing in a pitching duel, 2-0, to claim the 2018 LBCBL Championship.

Game 2 of the Championship Series



Courtesy photo

The Turner's Club Nuts of Sturbridge celebrate following their third straight Laid Back Competitive Baseball League title.

saw Bell on the bump for the Nuts and he threw a complete game shutout. Oxford's Kris Doyle also turned in an impressive performance on the hill, allowing just two runs in six innings of work.

The Bomb Squad finished 11-1 in the regular season, its only loss coming to the Southbridge Spectacles, 8-1, back on June 30. This was the team's first-ever trip to the LBCBL Championship Series.

Offensively in the Championship Series the Nuts' Logan Nellis led the way, driving in a total of four runs.

"It was a pretty competitive series; today's game [Sunday's 2-0 win] was extremely well played," said Eric Proulx, a former player at Tantasqua Regional who is currently vice president of the LBCBL as well as a mem-

ber of the Southbridge Spectacles. "The competition was good both days, to be honest."

The LBCBL was founded back in 2012 by Cody Mundell, who ran the league until this past offseason when Matt Higgins took over as league president and Proulx became vice president. Higgins said the league is doing well and he hopes it will get stronger and bigger.

"This year we had 10 teams and at the end of the season we kind of threw a couple of teams together because they were struggling to get nine guys out there for some games," Higgins said. "From a long-term perspective, however, I think we're in pretty good shape. We're gaining a lot of interest around the surrounding communities. I think overall we're in a good position to keep

growing."

Higgins, who played his high school baseball at Southbridge High and is also a member of the Spectacles, said he hopes to have 12 teams in the league next year.

"I'm not 100 percent sure about expansion for next year," Higgins said. "The original goal was to get to 14 teams, but I think a more realistic goal is to have 12 teams next year. I do think we can get more teams than we had this year. It will come down to really advertising in the surrounding communities. We're going to have a golf tournament as a fundraiser so we'll be able to really advertise in the surrounding communities and gain some more interest. So, I definitely think [12 teams for next year] is a realistic possibility."

The 10 teams currently in the league represent several towns and communities throughout Central Massachusetts, including Sturbridge, Southbridge, Oxford, Shrewsbury, North Brookfield, Dudley and Charlton.

Going forward the LBCBL hopes to continue to expand into other towns and communities throughout Central Massachusetts. Some of the towns that could field teams in the near future include Spencer, Leicester, Auburn, Millbury, Sutton, Webster, Douglas, Grafton, Northbridge, Uxbridge and Worcester.

Higgins said the LBCBL has recently filed paperwork to become a 501c3 non-profit organization.

"We just incorporated about a month ago," Higgins said. "We're a non-profit corporation and now we've filed the paperwork for the 501c3 tax-exempt status, but that can take up to six months to be finalized. Things are going really well. We have a long term prospectus and we want to partner with the local communities and local Little Leagues and towns to use the proceeds that we get to not only make our league better but to also make the community ball fields better and help the Little Leagues get better at the same time."

SPORTS BRIEFS

WORCESTER — Wormtown Milers and Rapsallion Brewery are pleased to announce 9Round Worcester as the naming sponsor of the inaugural Running Out Of Summer 5K to be held on Saturday, Aug. 25. The race, which begins and ends at Rapsallion Brewery in Sturbridge, benefits Second Chance Animal Services of Worcester and East Brookfield.

"We are extremely excited to be part of such a worthwhile event," commented Sheri Barrette, Owner of 9Round Worcester. "Not only does this event support animal welfare — a cause deeply important to me personally — but it also focuses on including fitness in a healthy lifestyle, a core value of 9Round Fitness."

The race was conceived by the Wormtown Milers and Rapsallion Brewery as a means to promote community, philanthropy and fun in south central Worcester county. The charity was chosen by asking Rapsallion Mug Club Members and Wormtown Milers members to vote for their charity of choice, with Second Chance being the overwhelming winner.

Participants in this inaugural event will enjoy a scenic, timed 5K race that is dog- and kid-friendly, and will also receive a tech shirt, medal, and a free beer specially brewed by Rapsallion for the event — the Running Out Of Summer Ale. The beer will be brewed in a very limited quantity, on tap solely on the day of the event and the evening prior during bib pick-up.

The race, which takes place at 10 a.m., caps at 300 runners. Those wishing to participate are encouraged to register early to avoid missing out on this memorable event. Register online at www.runningoutofsummer.racewire.com.

Quail Hollow Golf Results and News

Pit's Crew
First place: Roger Beland, Dick Ulman, Phil Courchane and Ed Sutherland, -10
Second place: Ron Rainka, Howard Tilitzin, Tim Hickey and Ed Thompson, -9
Third place: Rick Nolin, Rich Ferguson, Ed Messier and George Renaud, -6

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First place: Team John Bernier, 63
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Third place: Team Brad Borges, 66
Fourth place: Team Ernie Biando, 67
Fifth place: Team David Ferriera, 67

Glow Ball Tournament comes on Sept. 7

Quail Hollow will host a Glow Ball Tournament on Friday, Sept. 7 with an 8:45 p.m. shotgun start. You will play holes 1, 2, 3, 4, 9 and 10. Dinner reservations (along with live entertainment) before the tournament are encouraged. Sign up in the clubhouse. Members will receive first preference. Sign up as a foursome, with a total fee of \$80 per team.

Charlton Old Home Day Road Race fast approaching

The 52nd annual Charlton Old Home Day Road Race will take place on Monday, Sept. 3. The race will start at 9 a.m. with registration beginning at 7:30 a.m. in front of the Town Hall across from the Library at 37 Main Street (Route 31). The entry fee is \$20. Be one of the first 300 pre-registered participants and receive a Tree House Brewing Co. pour! Walkers are welcome! Get race applications at the Charlton Town Hall, Charlton Optical or on www.CharltonOldHomeDayRoadRace.com. See website for link to online registration and mail-in forms.

Leicester Little League Golf Tournament set for Sept. 22

Leicester Little League is hosting its annual Golf Tournament to support youth baseball. The event will have raffles, prizes, a golf ball cannon, closest to the pin and a chance to win a Harley courtesy of Sheldon's Harley. The event will be held at Leicester Country Club on Saturday, Sept. 22 with a 7:30 a.m. shotgun start. Cost is \$95 per player. To register foursomes, please email leicesterbaseball@gmail.com or call/text (508) 340-8966.

Kettle Brook Golf Club — Kettle One League

Week 16 Results
First Place: Al Morin and Fred Wozniak, +4
Second Place: Vinny Cloutier and Todd Wozniak, +4
High Quota: Al Morin, +6
Closest to the Pin on Sixth Hole: Dave Lussier

Weeks 9-16 Results
First Place: Kris Houston and Dan Henderson, +22
Second Place: Bob Berthiaume and Steve Thebodo, +19
Third Place: Arnie Arsenault and George Kiritsy, +18



Sturbridge Wicked looking for interested softball players

The 2018 Sturbridge 10U Girls' Fastpitch Softball team, who also play in four summer tournaments under the name "Wicked-Softball," finished their season with 24 wins and only four losses. They went undefeated in the recreation season, won the Webster Tournament and made it to the semifinals of the remaining three tournaments in Dighton, Bellingham and Wyantskill, N.Y. This team is aging up to 12U and looking for the right players to fill a few openings.

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While based in Sturbridge, the Wicked opens playing opportunities to the entire Tantasqua Regional District and surrounding towns.

"Between 'rec' and Wicked, this group of girls begin indoor practices locally once a week, November-March; then play the Sturbridge recreation spring season April-June; compete in four tournaments in June and July; seven games of Fall Ball in September and October; and one October Halloween tournament...the four coaches for this team are super committed to preparing players for their future Junior High School and High School team," said head coach Tom Stewart.

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Rosenberg: this is absurd

To the Editor:

What passes today for ordinary political commentary, “the other side”, is just mind blowing. I always knew that despite our strong checks and balances there was nothing structural from preventing the United States from electing a demonstrably unfit person with no relevant experience, a celebrity to any office. I always knew that the American people could vote away all of our freedoms and could vote either directly or indirectly to end democracy as we know it. Personally, I feel that democracy, as a form of government, is failing. We are in a post-fact era and a democracy cannot function in a tribal environment with cults of personality running for office and an electorate indifferent or even hostile to facts.

I regularly read the Washington Post, New York Times, Vox, CNN, and watch the PBS NewsHour among other sources. I am aware Fox News is the most popular singular news source in America and the sole news source for a lot of people. I occasionally log onto foxnews.com just to see what their ‘front page’ stories are and the trivial

stuff they report on when there are clearly important things going on in the country and the world scares me. What disturbs me is how when something big and important is happening that doesn’t play well with Fox’s political agenda it gets buried if it is even on the front page at all. Usually Fox is careful to make sure to report everything so that they can’t be accused of being a tabloid or Republican party apparatus, but they sure are good at hiding important stories of the day while splashing something irrelevant about Hillary Clinton as the main story.

As I look at the last few months of the Spencer New Leader letter writers, I see hand wringing and teeth gnashing over successful societal advances such as the introduction of “the pill.” I see a writer thanking Russia for their 2016 election interference since he likes the result indicating a strong “end justifies the means” attitude. I see somebody seemingly infatuated with Trump spinning everything he has done including some despicable things positively and finishing up with a suggestion to turn

ourselves into a monarchy by passing the torch to Ivanka. This same letter writer feels pretty strongly that I and my fellow Americans should either love this country as it is or leave it. To where, may I ask? We have seen, in these pages, the press attacked and any news which paints Trump negatively (which is most of it) declared “fake.”

We have had several conservatives claim that our country is not a democracy and one described democracy as mob rule while going on to say that there is a political purpose of immigration to hijack democracy. What is the alternative suggestion, an apartheid solution that creates a caste system with only the top, rural and suburban white Christian caste allowed to vote? Or is the dream a benevolent dictator that bows to the whims of the armed minority of America? We have had conservative letter writers call for repealing the 1st Amendment and establishing a Christian theocracy which while scary, I appreciate the honesty. I really enjoyed this week’s full throated support of Trump’s latest deflection of ridiculousness - the Space

Force. A Space Force seems pretty rich coming from the party that complained for eight years about spending too much and having too many federal bureaucrats. Now they are trying to solve a ‘problem’ nobody knew existed by spending billions upon billions and creating loads of bureaucratic inefficiency with a separate branch. I especially like how, in line with Trump’s ignorant remarks, the EU and Canada are listed among our chief adversaries.

The conservatives who write into this paper have been quick to jump on the liberal writers but seem to be ignoring the outlandish ‘conservative’ comments. Is this what passes for conservative political thought these days? Are you unwilling to say anything because they are on your “team”? For the intellectual integrity of your ideology you should probably focus on the ridiculous and absurd things that are said by your political allies.

DAVID ROSENBERG
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PEASE

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Real, Fake, May 8, 2017, p. 11).

But bias against alternative news sources was not enough. A second tier of the attack has been to cut off conservative advertisers. Each has complained about this — even Rush Limbaugh. AppNexus, who specializes in Internet ad delivery and handles about \$2.5 billion in ad spending, has also adopted the “ideological squeeze play” as have Omnicom and AdRoll “two additional huge advertisement buying networks that have joined the thought police.”

Over a year ago ADRoll informed InfoWars that their advertising campaigns were suspended.

“All content on your website should be relevant, accurate, informative, and up to date. Any claims should be easily verifiable” (Ibid.).

Using this criteria, anything could be excluded. Since so much of MSNBC, NBC, CNN and other

news cites dominated by CFR globalists are not accurate or verifiable, as per the Trump Russian Collusion story, why should they get a pass? That is the point.

As reported the latest ploy in the “ideological squeeze play” is the current practice of Internet giants Facebook, Google and Twitter’s intentional move to closeout conservative viewpoints on their platforms by removing their pages or even, in the case of Alex Jones, suspending his channel. It does appear that the present move of the globalist is to close out all opposition media?

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people will vote for me simply because I’m not Charlie Baker. But there are a lot of people who know who I am, who know what I stand for, and who are working hard to get me elected. They’re getting out the message.”

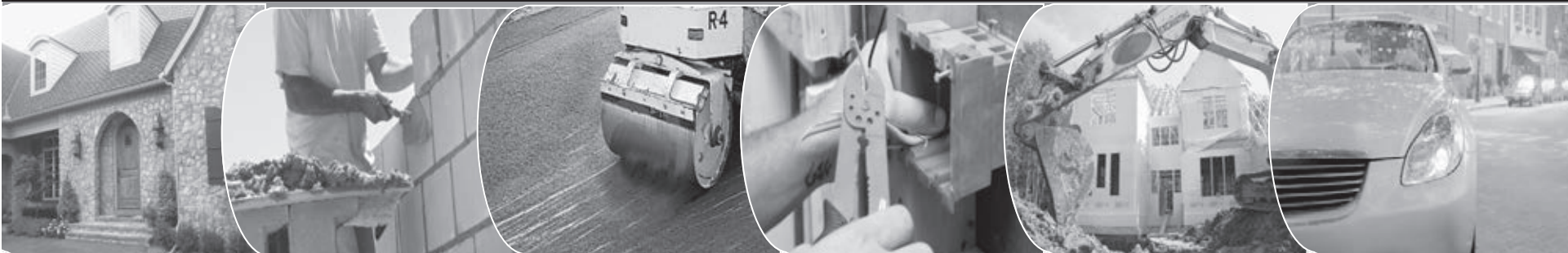
Lively said a major motivation for challenging Baker is corruption.

“I want to work for the restoration of ethics. Charlie Baker has talked about doing away with patronage but he’s the worst culprit ever. We’ve had a culture of corruption in this state for a very long time. He didn’t introduce it, but it’s gotten worse under his administration.”

The Shelburne Falls resident points to the recent State Police overtime scandal as just one example of corruption in the Baker administration.

Lively has been married to his wife Anne for 36 years and the couple have four children.

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Celebrating peach season

Here in New England, summer is celebrated with the long awaited peach crop. Native peaches are offered up by area orchards, local farmers markets and roadside stands. Patrons, eager to taste the first juicy peach of the summer, often extend the short peach season by toting home a bag or bushel of fresh peaches to become holiday pies and top shelf jams and jellies.

In recognition of the refreshing, ever so sweet, summertime peach, this week's column will celebrate the pleasures of peaches.

Peach History: Did you know? Peaches were first grown in China, traced as far back as 551 BC. Peaches are a member of the same family as the rose, which accounts for its sweet fragrance. But early peaches, which were tiny and tart with a larger pit and lots of fuzz, barely resembled today's plump, juicy fruit. Despite its shortcomings, the historic peach earned its place in early Chinese folklore, as it was considered to bring luck and immortality. In fact, today, the Chinese still consider peaches are proper birthday gifts.

Strains of early peaches attracted favor and the tasty fruit traveled from China through Europe and finally to the "New World," gaining legions of fans along the way. The Romans fondly dubbed peaches "Persian Apples," for the country that first introduced the sweet fruit to the west. Louis XIV of France was so fond of peaches that he once awarded a pension to the man who provided him with peaches from Montreuil, a suburb of Paris.

While Spanish explorers brought the peach to America, Native Americans are credited with spreading their cultivation. Eventually, Georgia was named the Peach State, for its abundant peach crops, which flourished in the warm, southern climate.

Tips to Pick Perfect Peaches
Peaches should be picked at their prime of ripeness as the fruit does not always ripen well after its been plucked off the tree. Choose your peaches carefully, as a fruit picked prematurely could spoil before it ripens.
A peach that is ripe to be picked has a yellowish color, which extends to the stem area. Avoid peaches that show

a greenish tinge, as they may have been picked too early to contain the desired sweetness. And ignore the peach's red blush, as it does not promise superior taste, simply an abundance of sun exposure.

The flesh of a peach should have a slight give. Not sure which peach to pick? If all are ready to harvest, choose the larger fruits as they have been on the tree longer, upping the odds of a sweeter pick.

To properly pick a peach, carefully twist the stem off the tree. Experts advise handling freshly picked peaches as if they were eggs to avoid bruising. A soft tree-picked peach should be eaten within two days of picking.

To ripen peaches at home, spread them on a flat surface and do not allow them to touch. Bruising can be fatal to a peach, so keep handling to a minimum. Or place peaches in a brown paper bag to escalate ripening. Do not pile peaches in the bag, rather spread them out so they do not touch. Ripened peaches will keep their flavor for up to five days in the vegetable crisper drawer of the refrigerator.

Health Benefits of Peaches
Peaches are low in calories and are rich in beta-carotene, vitamin C, calcium, boron, magnesium, phosphorus, potassium, fluoride, iron and flavonoids. The fruit is also a moderate source of vitamin A and B carotene

One average peach is typically under 50 calories and provides almost three quarters of the daily vitamin C requirement. Peaches are also an antioxidant, diuretic, expectorant, and a laxative. Studies show the potassium in peaches, coupled with the fiber of the fruit, can help lower blood pressure.

In addition, peaches have also been touted as a weapon in treating the following ailments: anemia, asthma, acidosis, bronchitis, bladder and kidney stones, constipation, gastritis, and poor digestion.

Peaches are also used to improve skin tone and elasticity; strengthen the lungs, aid in proper circulation and reduce perspiration.

Plant a Peach Tree
Both kids and adults alike enjoy this



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simple project, which requires only a peach pit and patience. Here's how: After you enjoy a fresh peach, remove the pit, wash it, and store in the refrigerator until the weather just begins to cool, usually in late September, or early October. At that time, plant the cooled pit in the ground about five inches deep. Cover with soil. In the spring you will see green sprouts. Continue to water and fertilize the growing plant and your young tree will bear fruit in as little as two years!

Peachy Recipes
Shortcut Peach Jam
Don't have time to "put up" jars of peach jam? Try this shortcut way to produce peach preserves:

Ingredients: Two cups fresh peaches, peeled, pitted and mashed; four cups sugar; two tablespoons lemon juice; two teaspoons Fresh Fruit; one 3ounce pkg. liquid pectin (Sure Gel); one quarter teaspoon cinnamon.

Instructions: Combine peaches, sugar, lemon juice, Fresh Fruit and cinnamon in a large, deep casserole dish. Microwave on high, uncovered, for five minutes. Stir well. Microwave on high uncovered for about 16 more minutes, or until a full rolling boil is reached. Stir in pectin, skim off foam with a spoon. Pour into hot sterilized jars, leaving a quarter inch space. Cover with metal lids, and screw on bands. Let stand at room temperature until cool. Store in refrigerator up to 3 weeks. Makes seven half pints.

Peachy Salsa
This salsa balances sweet and hot, for a versatile topping that's sure to be a crowd pleaser.

Ingredients: one pound peaches, (about three medium); one tablespoon lemon juice; two ripe tomatoes; six large green onions; one tablespoon canned jalapeño peppers, chopped; 12 tablespoons good quality olive oil; six tablespoons sherry vinegar; two table-spoon honey.

Instructions: Dip peaches into boiling water and then peel the skins. Cut peaches into thin strips and throw away

pits. Toss with lemon juice. Dip tomatoes into boiling water, then peel and seed them. Cut into medium julienne strips. Combine peaches and tomatoes. Add onions and peppers. Whisk together oil, vinegar and honey. Pour over other ingredients. Refrigerate.

Fresh Peach Pie
Homemade made easy (and scrumptious)!

Ingredients: Ten fresh peaches, pitted and sliced; one third cup all-purpose flour; one cup white sugar; one quarter cup butter; pastry for a double crust pie

Instructions: Mix flour, sugar and butter into crumb stage. Place one crust in the bottom of a 9 inch pie plate. Line the shell with some sliced peaches. Sprinkle some of the butter mixture on top of the peaches, and then put more peaches on top of the crumb mixture. Continue layering until both the peaches and crumbs are gone. Top with lattice strips of pie crust. Bake at 350° F (175° C) for 45 minutes, or until crust is golden. Allow pie to cool before slicing. Best when eaten fresh.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

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

Do you have a helpful hint or handy tip that has worked for you? Do you have a question regarding household or garden matters? If so, why not share them with readers of Stonebridge Press newspapers? Send questions and/or hints to: Take the Hint! C/o the Southbridge Evening News, PO Box 90; Southbridge, MA 01550. Or email KDRR@aol.com. Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.

Unique edibles to wow your guests



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our next gathering one to remember by including a few unique vegetables on the relish tray, as a side dish or for dessert. Your guests will be "wowed" not only because you grew your own ingredients, but because of the unique shape, color or flavor of the vegetables you serve.

Create a memorable dining experience with attractive edible containers adorning the patio, balcony or deck. Include a few Candle Fire okra plants in large containers to create a tropical feel. The dark green leaves, hibiscus flowers and colorful red pods make a striking display in a container or the garden.

Surprise guests with roasted Candle Fire okra and Candyland red currant tomatoes. Roasting okra eliminates the slime that prevents many from eating this unique vegetable. And don't discard any overripe pods, use them in flower arrangements to dress up any event.

Allow your guests to harvest their own greens, herbs and cherry tomatoes to toss into their salads or season their meal. Use Prizm kale as a vertical dark green accent in your containers. Then add a contrasting ornamental leaf lettuce like Red Sails, long lasting vibrant Red Kingdom Mizuna (Japanese mus-

tard) and edible flowers like calendulas, nasturtiums and pansies. The new Patio Choice tomatoes produce up to 100 yellow cherry tomatoes on an 18" plant. Plant it in a container for a splendid display then watch as guests harvest fresh tomatoes from your centerpiece.

Dress up the table, indoors or out, by using a few potted herbs as centerpieces. Include Dark Opal basil with dark purple leaves and compact Dolce Fresca in a simple container or more decorative pot to create a splendid display. Just place a pair of garden snips on the table and let your guests flavor their meals.

Make any meal special with a bok choy frittata. Your guests will be impressed when you create this popular dish from your own home-grown ingredients. Asian Delight pak choy (or bok choy) is slow to flower so you will enjoy season-long harvests. The mild flavored tender white stems and textured dark green leaves look good in containers, the garden and when served fresh in a salad, frittata or stir fry.

Serve a colorful platter of sliced tomatoes with the Chef's Choice series of red, pink, orange, yellow and green fruit. The globe shaped beefsteak tomatoes have the perfect balance of acid to sugar. Their disease resistance, productivity, yield, flavor, color and performance made them winners in the non-profit All-America Selections national trials (all-americaelections.org).

Stuff a few of the uniquely shaped Mad Hatter sweet peppers with cheese. Your guests will enjoy the beauty and refreshing citrusy floral flavor of this three-sided red pepper. The vigorous plant produces an abundance of fruit, so you'll have plenty to use fresh in appetizers and salads throughout the growing season or pickled for future enjoyment.

End the evening with a surprise. Serve each guest their own watermelon for dessert. Mini Love watermelon packs lots of sweet flavor into individual size fruit. Or brighten their dessert plates with a slice or two of Gold in Gold. This eye-catching watermelon has a yellow rind with golden stripes. The orange-gold flesh is crisp and sugary.

With just a little planning, you can plant unique and beautiful edibles in your garden and containers this season. Then find fun ways to include these in dishes shared at potlucks, meals for family and friends, or as a snack to enjoy on a summer afternoon.

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The uniquely shaped Mad Hatter sweet red pepper has a refreshing citrusy floral flavor.

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POLICE REPORTS

Spencer Police Department

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

Police agencies can no longer print the names of people who are arrested or charged with domestic assault related charges. The new law is designed to protect victims, so they are not re-victimized through indirect identification.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8
12:00-12:19 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:22 a.m.: medical/general (Lake Street); 12:25-12:56 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:00 a.m.: mv repossession (Lincoln Street), assisted; 1:18 a.m.: building checked, secure; 1:36 a.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street), lift assist; 1:56-2:45 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 5:20 a.m.: accident (Charlton Road), report taken; 7:31 a.m.: officer wanted (Mechanic Street), spoken to; 8:23 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village Road); 9:52 a.m.: officer wanted (Chestnut Street), scam IRS call; 10:37 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village Road); 11:09 a.m.: officer wanted (Maple Street), assist BOH; 12:50 p.m.: building checked, secure; 1:41 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village Road); 2:15 p.m.: animal control (Greenville Street), injured animal; 2:35 p.m.: DPW call (Paxton Road), power lines down; 2:36 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operation; 3:04 p.m.: fire alarm (Howe Village Road), services rendered; 3:43 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), non-emergency; 5:04 p.m.: suspicious activity (Howe Village Road), welfare check; 6:07 p.m.: commercial alarm (Mechanic Street), services rendered; 6:38 p.m.: parking complaint (Main Street), mv in fire lane; 7:10 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), harassment; 7:18 p.m.: entire incident redacted from police log; 8:48 p.m.: 911 call (Main Street), accidental; 8:57 p.m.: suspicious activity (Park Street), spoken to; 10:47 p.m.: animal complaint (Paxton Road), loose donkeys; 11:24-11:51 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9
12:08-12:41 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:48 p.m.: disturbance (Langevin Street), loud neighbors; 1:04-1:31 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:17 a.m.: mv repossession (Main Street), assisted; 4:54 a.m.: medical/general (Starr Street); 6:34 a.m.: mv stop (Charlton Road); 6:50 a.m.: commercial alarm (Man Street), accidental; 8:36 a.m.: abandoned mv (Clark Road), services rendered; 8:59 a.m.: medical/general (Franklin Street); 10:17 a.m.: 911 call (Maple Street), accidental; 11:18 a.m. LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 12:04 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 12:23 p.m.: fraud (Mechanic Street), identity theft; 12:42 p.m.: suspicious

mv (Cranberry Meadow Road), spoken to; 12:50 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), spoken to; 2:41 p.m.: residential alarm (Ash Street), services rendered; 2:59 p.m.: wire fraud (Fairview Drive), repeated company calls; 3:08 p.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), S/S card; 3:45 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 4:16 p.m.: school alarm (Ash Street), services rendered; 4:32 p.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 5:03 p.m.: officer wanted (Temple Street), welfare check; 5:14 p.m.: animal complaint (Bacon Hill Road), injury; 5:23 p.m.: mv stop (Temple Street); 5:36 p.m.: officer wanted (Church Street), welfare check/child; 5:49 p.m.: school alarm (Main Street); services rendered; 5:52 p.m.: officer wanted (Highland Street), info given; 5:57 p.m.: disturbance (Chestnut Street), spoken to; 6:17 p.m.: medical/general (South Spencer Road); 6:17 p.m.: medical/general (Cherry Street); 6:20 p.m.: disabled mv (Smithville Cross Road), assisted; 7:14 p.m.: DPW call (Chestnut Street), referred; 7:31 p.m.: residential fire (Greenville Street), services rendered; 8:40 p.m.: suspicious mv (Paxton Road), spoken to; 8:44 p.m.: mv lockout (West Main Street), assisted; 8:49 p.m.: medical/general (Pleasant Street); 9:17 p.m.: accident (Route 49), report taken; 10:11 p.m.: suspicious activity (Cherry Street), spoken to; 10:28 p.m.: mv stop (May Street); 10:45 p.m.: mv stop (Charlton Road); 11:14 p.m.: suspicious activity (Main Street), spoken to.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10
12:13-1:56 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:08 a.m.: commercial alarms (West Main Street), services rendered; 3:02-3:07 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 4:58 a.m.: suspicious activity (William Casey Road), spoken to; 5:40 a.m.: building checked, secure; 7:16 a.m.: medical/general (Roys Drive); 8:12 a.m.: officer wanted (Jolicoeur Avenue), spoken to; 8:17 a.m.: medical/sudden death (Hastings Road); 9:43 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 11:24 a.m.: fire/woods/grass (Greenville Street), services rendered; 11:41 a.m.: 209A service (Temple Street); 11:58 a.m.: harassment order service (Chestnut Street); 12:35 p.m.: medical/general (Valley Street); 2:38 p.m.: mv lockout (Main Street), assisted; 2:42 p.m.: 209A service (West Main Street); 3:13 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), Harrington CT down; 4:49 p.m.: suspicious activity (Smithville Road), unwanted party; 4:58 p.m.: school alarm (Ash Street), services rendered; 5:03 p.m.: juvenile matter (Park Street), spoken to; 5:49 p.m.: residential alarms (Borkum Road), services rendered; 6:05 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (North Spencer Road), illegal burn; 6:11 p.m.: parking violation (Prospect Street), citation issued; 6:28 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), spoken to; 8:15-8:23 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:24 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), assisted; 8:34 p.m.: commercial alarm (West Main Street), services rendered; 8:41-8:56 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:56 p.m.: elderly matter (Main Street), spoken to; 9:15 p.m.: building checked, secure; 9:16 p.m.: suspicious mv (West Main Street), spoken to; 9:23-9:30 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:36 p.m.:

medical/general (South Spencer Road); 9:50 p.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), spoken to; 10:00 p.m.: mv complaint (Route 49), erratic operation; 11:12 p.m.: disturbance (Mechanic Street), spoken to; 11:29 p.m.: building checked, secure.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11
12:05-12:24 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:24 a.m.: commercial alarm (West Main Street), services rendered; 12:40-1:14 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:17 a.m.: disturbance (Chestnut Street), spoken to; 1:20-3:22 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 3:27 p.m.: suspicious activity (Holmes Street), spoken to; 3:38-3:47 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 10:28 a.m.: DPW call (Mechanic Street), wire down; 10:34 a.m.: DPW call (Grove Street), flooded manhole; 11:08 a.m.: DPW call (Donnelly Road), road flooded; 11:47 a.m.: school alarm (Ash Street), services rendered; 12:06 p.m.: accident (West Main Street), report taken; 12:16 p.m.: mv stop (Route 49); 2:13 p.m.: mv stop (Maple Street); 4:42 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 6:01 p.m.: animal complaint (West Main Street), injured dog; 6:22-6:38 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:44 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 7:01-7:07 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 7:52 p.m.: disabled mv (North Spencer Road), assisted; 8:10 p.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 8:27-11:50 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12
12:03-2:54 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:32 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), spoken to; 2:54 a.m.: building checked, secure; 2:56 a.m.: suspicious activity (West Main Street), spoken to; 3:04 a.m.: building checked, secure; 6:15 a.m.: parking complaint (Church Street), spoken to; 7:08 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Chestnut Street), accidental; 7:21 a.m.: officer wanted (North Brookfield Road), wire down; 8:03 a.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), wallet found; 8:46 a.m.: officer wanted (Adams Street), spoken to; 9:54 a.m.: officer wanted (Browning Pond Road), tree down; 10:09 a.m.: animal complaint (Watson Street), loose dog; 12:26 p.m.: accident (Charlton Street), report taken; 2:54 p.m.: medical/general (Grant Street); 3:20 p.m.: building checked, secure; 3:34 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), spoken to; 4:08 p.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 4:37 p.m.: open door/window (Cherry Street), services rendered; 4:57-5:14 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 5:13 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), truck r/o in Leicester; 5:37 p.m.: medical/general (Valley Street); 5:56 p.m.: building checked, secure; 6:10 p.m.: RV complaint (Cranberry Meadow Road), spoken to; 6:13 p.m.: mv stop (Greenville Street); 6:21 p.m.: building checked, secure; 6:49 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; 7:51 p.m.: medical/general (Church Street); 7:54 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 9:33 p.m.: residential alarm (Pope Street), services rendered; 9:34 p.m.: accident (Charlton Road), report taken; 10:04 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), welfare check; 10:29-10:36 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 11:25 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 11:31 p.m.: officer wanted (Valley Street), spoken to.

MONDAY, AUGUST 13
12:19 a.m.: building checked, secure; 12:20 a.m.: disturbance (Bixby Road), female yelling; 12:52-3:20 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 4:34 a.m.: suspicious activity (Grove Street), spoken to; 8:53 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 9:30 a.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), money clip found; 9:58 a.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 10:46 a.m.: suspicious activity (South Spencer Road), spoken to; 10:49 a.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 11:06 a.m.: officer wanted (Summit Street), welfare check/209A service; 12:31 p.m.: officer wanted (Maple Street), spoken to; 12:40 p.m.: 911 call (Monticello Drive), misdial; 12:46 p.m.: harassment prevention order service (West Main Street); 12:54 p.m.: medical/general (Bay Path Road); 1:19 p.m.: lost/found (Crestview Drive), found cell phone; 1:23 p.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), missing dog; 2:25 p.m.: burglary (Grove Street), report taken; 3:08 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 3:12 p.m.: accident (Norcross Road), report taken; 3:56 p.m.: accident (Charlton Road), repot taken; 4:44 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 7:05 p.m.: fire alarm (Irving Street), services rendered; 7:30 p.m.: building checked, secure; 8:14 p.m.: DPW call (Church Street), wire down; 8:15 p.m.: medical/general (Jolicoeur Avenue); 8:44-8:56 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:27 p.m.: medical/general (Northwest Road); 9:30 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), spoken to; 9:45-10:50 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14
12:05-12:31 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:34 a.m.: commercial alarm (Olde Main Street), services rendered; 1:07-1:52 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 3:33 a.m.: 911 call (Pleasant Street), no answer on c/b; 4:16 a.m.: suspicious activity (Wilson Avenue), noise complaint; 7:19 a.m.: disturbance (Chestnut Street), spoken to; 7:51 a.m.: suspicious activity (Lake Whittimore Drive), spoken to; 8:47 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), debris in road; 9:38 a.m.: medical/general (Cherry Street); 11:06 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 11:48 a.m.: commercial alarm (West Main Street), accidental; 12:08 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 12:38 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), disconnected; 12:47 p.m.: DPW call (Main Street), wire down; 1:07 p.m.: disturbance (Temple Street), unwanted party; 2:10 p.m.: fire alarm (Grove Street), services rendered; 2:40 p.m.: animal complaint (G.H. Wilson Road), issue w/neighbor's dog; 4:56 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 5:16 p.m.: abandoned 911 all (Bixby Road), misdial; 5:41 p.m.: accident (Main Street), services rendered; 6:04 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no info; 6:24 p.m.: school alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 6:35 p.m.: medical/general (Cooney Road); 6:56 p.m.: mv lockout (North Spencer Road), assisted; 7:30 p.m.: animal complaint (Kingsbury Road), injured hawk; 11:16 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 11:29 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.

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Contact Leicester Senior Center, Joan Wall, (508) 892-3967 for information and reservations.

Wednesday, September 12: Newport Playhouse “There is a Burglar in My Bed” with buffet and cabaret. \$89, due

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October 11-14: Washington DC: staying at the Embassy Suites. Cost is \$610, including tips for driver and guides. Final payment due Sept. 4.

Friday, November 16: Captain Jack’s & Foxwood Casino, choice of lobster or prime rib. \$76, due by Oct. 16.

Saturday, December 1: Reagle Theatre Christmas Show and Chateau Restaurant. \$119, due by Nov. 1.

MARY QUEEN OF THE ROSARY PARISH

SPENCER — Mary Queen of the Rosary Parish, 60 Maple St., Spencer, is offering the following trips. For more information, call Bernard Dube at (508) 885-3098.

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SOUTHBRIDGE SENIOR CITIZENS 2018 TRIP SCHEDULE OPEN TO PUBLIC

Tuesday-Thursday, Sept. 11-13: Pennsylvania Dutch Tour

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UNION SAINT-JEAN-BAPTISTE CHAPTER 12

Union Saint-Jean-Baptiste, Chapter #12, Southbridge, is sponsoring a variety of excursions for all to enjoy in 2018. We are a non-profit family oriented Franco-American fraternal society since 1900. As always, you do not have to be a member to participate in any of the scheduled events. All are welcome. Gift certificates purchased in any amount can be used by the recipient to any event at face value. For information or reservations contact Ted at (508) 764-7909.

2018

2018 is the Society’s 26th anniversary in providing members and non-members alike the opportunity to experience excursions of a day or extended days. All are welcome to travel with our organization.

September 11-13: three day excursion for the performance of Jesus at the Sight & Sound Theatre, Lancaster PA, the Amish Country and Philadelphia. Two nights at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, four meals, wine and cheese reception, a post dinner show, trip insurance, all gratuities included (two local guides, escort and driver). The production has taken three years in the making and involving about 650 individuals in all phases of its completion for the upcoming 2018 presentation. Cost: \$519 pp/dbl. Waiver insurance and a budget plan available. Early reservation recommended.

November 17: Do as you wish day in New York City. A day of sightseeing, shopping, visit a museum, dine in a special restaurant, attend a Broadway matinee, or visit the 911 Fountains and the new museum via a ticket through 911museum.org. The possible activities are many. Departure from Southbridge is 6:30 a.m., return departure from NYC is 6:30 p.m. \$57 per person. For early reservation call (508) 764-7909. Deadline is Oct. 25.

December 8: Festival of Christmas Lights at Our Lady of LaSalette Shrine, concert with Fr. Pat the singing priest, the International Museum of Nativities, gift and book shop, Chapel of Light, a bistro for refreshments and snacks, a carousel for the children, option-

al trolley ride to view the display of more than 400,000 lights and a complete inclusive luncheon at Wrights Farm restaurant. Cost is \$49 per person, \$39 for children aged three to 10, younger than three, free. Reservation deadline is Dec. 6. Departure is 10:45 a.m. from Southbridge and return is about 7:45 p.m. As in the past, a departure from Webster is a possibility.

UXBRIDGE SENIOR CENTER

All trips leave from the Whitinsville Walmart and the Stop & Shop at 32 Lyman St, Westboro. Make sure to include entree choice, phone # (esp. cell) and an emergency # when sending payment. “Like” us on FacebookThe Silver Club and The Uxbridge Senior Center. Please call Sue at (508) 476-5820 for more information.

The Silver Club BUS TRIPS for 2018
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The Silver Club of the Uxbridge Senior Center has availability on the following trips:

Washington, DC: 4 day trip from Oct. 5-8. \$699. including five meals, narrated tram tour of Arlington National Cemetery, fully guided touring during the day and night time illumination tour of the monuments, time in the mall area for the Smithsonian Buildings, etc. Leaves from Whitinsville Walmart and some Rhode Island locations.

Portland, ME Narrow Gauge Railroad ride and museum: Wednesday, Oct. 10. \$64. Lunch will be a choice of baked stuffed chicken breast, fried clam strips, or baked haddock at the Clambake Restaurant in Scarborough, ME. Leaves Whitinsville at 8 a.m. and the Stop and Shop in Westboro at 8:45 a.m. Will be home around 6 or 6:30.

The Newport Mansions at Christmas: Wednesday, Nov. 28. \$86. We will tour Marble House and the Breakers all dressed up for Christmas! If you think the mansions are magnificent by themselves, wait until you see them at Christmas! Lunch will be a choice of grilled hangar steak, lobster roll, or penne alla vodka at the restaurant At the Deck right at the wharf area. Leaves Whitinsville at 7:30, home around 5:30.

Bright Lights at Forest Park, Storowton Village & Yankee Candle: Wednesday, Dec. 5 \$76. Lunch will be at the Storowton Tavern with a choice of baked scrod, Yankee pot roast, or vegetable compose. Take a tour of the decorated buildings of Storowton Village during the day and a tour of the Christmas Lights at Forest Park at night. Sandwich a trip to Yankee Candle into the middle! Leaves Westboro at 8 a.m., Whitinsville at 8:45 and home around 8:30 p.m.

North Conway: 3 day trip Dec. 12-14. \$469. Stay at the luxurious White Mountain Hotel and Resort and eat all your meals in their dining room overlooking the mountains. Order off the menu for breakfast, lunch and dinner. See three Christmas shows and take a guided tour of the northern valley as well as having some free time in North Conway to do some tax free Christmas shopping. Enjoy their heated (like bath-water!) outdoor pool!

Please call Sue to reserve any of these trips. (508) 476-5820

How to conserve water as the mercury rises

Conserving natural resources is often so simple that people make some adjustments without affecting their daily lives at all. But sometimes it’s not so easy to conserve.

Summer is one time of year when conservation efforts tend to require more sacrifice than normal. Even the most devoted conservationist may find it difficult to conserve water during the dog days of summer, when drought and soaring temperatures make it difficult to maintain lawns and gardens. Thankfully, there are ways to help lawns and gardens withstand summer’s dog days without wasting water.

- Water wisely. Watering lawns and gardens in the early morning hours is a savvy move for various reasons. Heat-related illnesses such as heat stroke and heat exhaustion pose a serious threat to people of all ages, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends cooling off in air conditioned places as temperatures climb. By watering their lawns and gardens early in the morning, homeowners are ensuring they won’t be outside watering during those times of day when their risk for heat stroke and heat exhaustion is at its peak. In addition, watering in the early morning when the sun has not yet reached its peak decreases the amount of water that will be lost to evaporation, thereby increasing the amount of water that will make it into water-needy lawns and gardens.

- Shower at the beach. Beach enthusiasts can conserve water and save money on their water bills by taking quick showers at the beach to wash the sand off. A cold shower can be the perfect remedy after a long day of soaking up some sun at the beach. And because beach showers use cold water, beachgoers are less likely to take luxurious, potentially wasteful showers than they might at home.

- Take nights off from doing dishes. Hand-washing dishes may seem like a more effective way to conserve water than using a dishwasher, but that’s not the case. The National Resources Defense Council notes that hand-washing dishes can consume as many as 27 gallons of water, while Energy Star®-rated dishwashers consume just three gallons of water. Before running the dishwasher, make sure it’s full.

- Cover your pool. Keeping pools covered during the dog days of summer reduces the likelihood that pool water will be lost to evaporation. In fact, the GRACE Communications Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to creating sustainable food systems, notes that uncovered pools can lose as much as 1,000 gallons of water to evaporation each month.

Conserving water during the dog days of summer may require some sacrifice. But such sacrifices are easier than many people may expect.





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6:30pm Chicken Flop/Poop Bingo (Agricultural Center)
7:00pm Demolition Derby (Grandstand Area)

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12:00pm National Anthem
2:30pm - 3:30 Ross McGinnes (Main Stage)
4:30pm - 6:30 Tequila Bonfire (Main Stage)
8:00pm Leaf Jumpers (Main Stage)

SATURDAY SEPT. 1ST. ON THE GROUNDS

7:30am Tractor Pulls on Concrete (Pull Area)
10:00am Beef Cattle Show (Show Tent)
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6:00pm Truck Pull (Grandstands)

SATURDAY MAIN STAGE:

12:00pm National Anthem (Main Stage)
12:30pm Bad Tickers (Main Stage)
2:30pm Sold Under Sin (Main Stage)
5:00pm Annie Brobst (Main Stage)
8:00pm Dan Candell (Main Stage)

SUNDAY - SEP. 2ND. ON THE GROUNDS

10:00am Draft Horse Pulls (Pull Arena)
10:00am Dairy Cattle Show (Show Tent)
1:00pm Youth Poultry Showmanship (Agricultural Center)
1:00pm Youth Rabbit Showmanship (Agricultural Center)
5:00pm Demolition Derby (Grandstands)
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SUNDAY MAIN STAGE:

12:00pm National Anthem
2:30pm Dennis Polisky & Maestro's Men (Main Stage)
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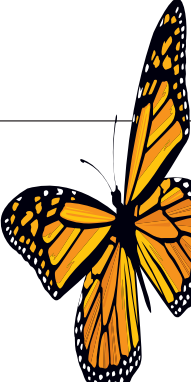
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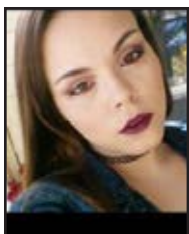
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OBITUARIES

Amanda Colon, 27



O A K H A M - Amanda Colon, 27, of Adams Road passed away unexpectedly on Friday August 10, 2018 at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester. She leaves behind her daughter Mariah Brannconner of Brookfield. Amanda is survived by her mother Tina (Surprenant) Misterka, father Ben Misterka, and her two sisters Mackenzie and Melanie Misterka whom she adored; and her grandparents Ken and Linda Misterka. As well as several aunts,uncles, and

cousins, whom she loved dearly. Amanda loved life, nature, and music. She loved singing as well as dancing. Amanda was good spirited, made an impact on everyone she met, loved beauty and fashion especially makeup, and most of all adored her daughter. She will be missed by friends and deeply by her family. Calling hours were held Thursday, August 16th, from 6:00 to 9:00 PM at the Belanger-Bullard Funeral Home, 51 Marcy Street in Southbridge MA. An online guest book is available at Belangerfuneralhome.com Funeral services and burial will be private.

Edward V. Hammerbeck, 80

WORCESTER- Edward V. Hammerbeck age 80 died Friday, August 17, 2018 at St. Vincent Hospital. He leaves his wife Suzona (Pratt) Hammerbeck of Worcester. He also leaves a son Richard V. Hammerbeck and his wife Som of Honolulu, Hawaii, a daughter Donna Ramey of East Springfield, PA, three grandchildren and four great grandchildren. He was born in Leicester, MA son of the late Siegfried Hammerbeck and Laivena (Lambert) Hammerbeck and lived in Worcester most of his life. He served in the Army National Guard and Army Reserves. He was a upholsterer

and ran the Grafton upholstery in South Grafton. One of his great enjoyments was fishing. There are no calling hours. All services are private. Omit flowers and donations may be made in his memory to Breast Cancer Research. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with his arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.



Matthew P. Guild, 37



AUBURN — Matthew P. Guild, age 37 of Auburn, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, August 16, 2018 after a long battle with opiate addiction.

Matthew was born in Worcester and grew up in Auburn where he graduated from Auburn High School, Class of 1998. After high school, Matthew enlisted into the United States Marine Corps in 1999. He served his country proudly and his unit was the first to be deployed to Afghanistan after 9/11. Matthew served for four years, did two tours of duty in Afghanistan where he was in the Special Forces and a sharpshooter. He is a recipient of the Marine Corps Good Conduct medal, Combat Action ribbon, Service Deployment ribbon and the National Defense Service medal. Matthew was honorably discharged a disabled veteran in 2003.

After returning home from the war, Matthew struggled with post traumatic stress disorder and turned to opiates. Like so many across the nation he struggled for many years with addiction and sadly enough like so many others, he lost his battle. Matthew will forever be remembered as a wonderful son, brother, uncle, grandson,

nephew, friend and most importantly a "Hero."

Matthew leaves behind his parents, Paul F. and Diane M. (St. Hilaire) Guild of Auburn; his sister, Lynn M. Guild and her fiancé, Bronson Lyons; his two amazing nephews, Bronson David and Luke Logan Lyons all of Leicester; two uncles, Thomas P. St. Hilaire of Spencer and Peter Guild and his wife Kathy of Sutton; two aunts, Nancy G. St. Pierre of Worcester and Pamela Newton and her husband Mark of Louisiana; many cousins. He is predeceased by his paternal grandparents, Peter and Shirley (Green) Guild Sr.; his maternal grandparents, Robert and Theresa (Nobrega) St. Hilaire; two aunts, Patricia A. Daley and Celeste St. Hilaire.

His funeral service was held on Thursday, August 23, 2018 in the Mercadante Funeral Home & Chapel (mercadantefuneral.com), 370 Plantation St., Worcester. Burial followed in the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Winchendon.

In lieu of flowers, kindly consider making contributions in his name to: Veterans, Inc., 69 Grove St., Worcester, MA. 01605.



Robert P. Power, 87



LEICESTER - Robert P. Power, 87, of Cherry Valley, died peacefully at his home on Thursday, August 16th.

He leaves his wife of 64 years, Gloria A. (Millette) Power, his sons Robert W. Power of Spencer and Christopher J. Power and his wife Justine of Cherry Valley, his daughter Michele B. Giroux and her husband Rodney of Spencer, six grandchildren; Amanda, Chelsea, Emily,

Fahlin, Nathan and Nolan, and his great grandson Jordan, several nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by a daughter Dorothea Power, a brother Francis Power, and sisters Charlotte Scavone and Bernice Power.

Bob belonged to the Teamster Local 170 and worked at New England Grocers in Northborough for many years, retiring in 1994.

He was born in Worcester, the son of Frank and Mae (Quinlan) Power, graduated from Worcester Boys Trade School and then served his country with the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. Bob had been a member at the Cherry Valley American Legion Post 443, Leicester Knights of Columbus Council 4528 for more than

50 years and served as a 4th Degree Knight, one of the founding members of the Leicester Rod & Gun Club, a Boy Scout Leader for Troop 124, and a parishioner of St. Joseph-St. Pius X Parish. He was a dedicated family man and a lover of the great outdoors.

His funeral was held Tuesday, August 21 from the MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main St., Leicester with a Funeral Mass at 11 a.m. in St. Pius X Church, 1161 Main St., Leicester. A calling hour preceded the funeral in the funeral home. Burial will follow with military honors in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Leicester. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Veterans, Inc., 69 Grove St., Worcester, MA 01605.

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Bernice M. Dembkowski, 91



E A S T B R O O K F I E L D - Bernice M. (Connor) Dembkowski, 91, died peacefully on Monday, August 20th.

She was the wife of Michael F. Dembkowski who died in 1998. She leaves her son Michael F. Dembkowski and his wife Debra of E. Brookfield, her daughter Deborah A. Kowal and her husband Stephen of Charlton, a sister Jean Jette of Charlton, grandchildren; Marci Sakowski and her husband Ron of E. Brookfield, Michael Dembkowski Jr. of E. Brookfield, Michael Kowal of No. Arlington, N.J., Krysta Kowal of Worcester and Tiffany Ponte and her husband Mark of Spencer, and several nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her siblings Alma, Virginia, Vivian, Shirley, Irene, Raymond and

Robert.

Born in Auburn, she was the daughter of George and Louise (Trudell) Connor and lived in E. Brookfield since 1956.

Bernice was an office supervisor at the former Chess King Corp. in Worcester for 21 years, retiring in 1992. She was a communicant of St. John the Baptist Church.

A Funeral Mass for Bernice was held on Thursday, Aug. 23 at 10 a.m. in St. John the Baptist Church, No. Brookfield Rd., E. Brookfield. Burial followed in Worcester County Memorial Park, Paxton. There were calling hours. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 309 Waverly Oaks Rd., Waltham, MA 02452. J.HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer is directing arrangements for the family. www.morinfuneralhomes.com

Francis E. Balcom, 86

BROOKFIELD- Francis E. Balcom, 86 of Wagon Wheel Park, died Monday, August 20 at Southbridge Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center.

He was the husband of Theresa E. (Pepin) Balcom who died in 1994. He leaves his son Steven F. Balcom and his wife Aneta of Weeki Wachee, FL., step son Phillip Sampson of Delmar, MD., a sister Jeanette Jette and her husband Emile of Brookfield, grandchildren; Jennifer Jasmin, Karen Hidalgo, Kevin & Kris Keyes, Robert & David Sampson, nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by brothers Arthur and Ernest Balcom and sisters Irene Jette and Marie Balcom.

Francis worked as a truck driver in Worcester for 25 years before moving to Florida where he was a warehouse supervisor at Best Manufacturing in Davie for 12 years, retiring in 1993.



He was born in No.Brookfield, the son of Grant and Jeanette (Bouffard) Balcom and later served his country with the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

Funeral services for Francis were held, Friday, August 24th. at 1 p.m. in the J.HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer. Burial followed with Military Honors in Mary, Queen of the Rosary Cemetery, Spencer. A calling hour will preceded the service on Friday from 12-1 p.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl., Memphis, TN 38105. www.morinfuneralhomes.com

Pauline L. Giguere, 88



LEICESTER - Pauline L. (Gildert) Giguere, 88, formerly of 30 Pleasant St., died Tuesday, Aug. 14 in The Meadows of Leicester.

Her husband Paul D. Giguere died in 1999. She leaves her son Michael A. Giguere and his wife Shelley of Summerville, SC, her daughter Kathy A. Sliwinski of Worcester, a sister Joyce Pendell and her husband Richard of Cromwell, CT., four grandchildren; Lynne Rohtstein and her husband Greg, Nicolas Putnam, Kelly Bennett and her husband Bill and Michael Sliwinski and his wife Rose, great grandchildren; Addison, Emma, Jacob and Edward, nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by three brothers; Arthur, Cecil and Roger Gildert.

Born in Presque Isle, Maine, she was the daughter of Arthur and Helen (Brown) Gildert.

Pauline worked

at Shaw's Supermarket in Webster Sq., for many years, retiring in 1995. She was a longtime member and Eucharistic Minister at St. Aloysius-St. Jude Parish. She enjoyed playing cards, bowling and shopping. The best part of her life was family and friends.

Her funeral was held on Saturday, August 18 from the MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main St., Leicester with a funeral Mass at 10 a.m. in St. Aloysius-St. Jude Church, 487 Pleasant St., Leicester. Burial followed in Greenville Baptist Cemetery, Rochdale. Calling hours preceded the funeral on Saturday from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Macular Degeneration Assoc., 5969 Cattlebridge Blvd., Suite 100, Sarasota, FL. 34232. www.morinfuneralhomes.com


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OBITUARIES

Shirley A. Smith, 77

NORTH BROOKFIELD - Shirley A. (Lavallee) Smith age 77 passed away at home surrounded by her loving family on August 11, 2018.

Shirley was predeceased by her husband Harold "Smitty" Smith. Shirley is survived by three sons: Robert Smith of FL, Steven Smith of Spencer and Kevin Smith of North Brookfield; two daughters: Suzanne Smith of Southbridge and Eileen Dagostino of Holden; one sister Eleanor Britt of Sutton; nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren, and her long time friends Paulette McDonald, VickieLynn McDonald and her partner Lisa Holst of South Barre.

Shirley enjoyed knitting, gardening, playing cards and going to the casino, but most of all she cherished spending time with her family who will miss her dearly. There will be no calling hours and funeral services will be private. Final arrangements have been entrusted to the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street, Wenster, MA. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

The family requests that memorial contributions be sent to Overlook Hospice, 88 Masonic Home Road #2, Charlton, MA 01507

Richard Loren Jenks, 72



Richard Loren Jenks, known to his friends and family as Loren, died on Tuesday, August 7th, 2018 surrounded by his family. He was 72 years old. Loren had lived in Sturbridge, Massachusetts since 2006 but previously lived for 25 years in Brentwood, California, where he had many close friends. Loren was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma and graduated from Oklahoma State University before joining the United States Marines and serving in the Vietnam War as a First Lieutenant. After the war, Loren worked as a science writer for the University of California at Irvine. He continued to work as a writer, editor and graphic designer until his retirement in 2013.

Loren was predeceased by his father, Loren Howard Jenks, and is survived by his wife, Robin Jenks, his stepson, Gabriel Harmell of Los Angeles, California, his stepdaughter Elizabeth Clements and her husband John and two grandsons, Ben and James of Grafton, Massachusetts. He is also survived by his mother, June Jenks, his sister, Christina Nunn and her husband, Clark, of Cleveland, Texas, his brother, Alan Jenks, and his wife, Katherine, of Houston, Texas and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Loren was a lifelong pianist, organist,

guitarist and offered his gifts of music to his family, friends and church communities both in California and Massachusetts. He also wrote his own music and enjoyed singing and acting. He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hiking with his family, including their many family dogs over the years. He enjoyed writing short stories, poetry, plays and science fiction.

Loren was a lifelong Methodist and most recently a member of the Charlton City United Methodist Church and formerly of the Brentwood Community United Methodist Church where he served both congregations as church organist and choir member, lay speaker and active community member.

Loren's family wishes to thank Dr. Herta Chao and the entire oncology and general staff at the Veterans Administration Hospital in West Haven, Connecticut as well as the staff at the Rose Monahan Hospice House in Worcester and the VNA Hospice nurses and staff. The family would also like to thank their fellow church members, neighbors and friends for their incredible support.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Rose Monahan Hospice House, 10 Judith Road, Worcester, Massachusetts, 01602. EC



CALENDAR

Saturday & Sunday
September 8 & 9

ST JOSEPH PARISH 38th ANNUAL FAIR: Join us for a delicious chicken dinner (served Sunday 1-2pm; \$12/adults \$6/children 12 & under) and other food available all weekend (hamburgers, hot dogs, steak grinders, chili, fried dough, French fries, pizza, ice cream sundaes and more!).

Variety of fun events for the whole family including: The Otters on Saturday Sept. 8 5-8 p.m. following outdoor Mass at 4 p.m., and DJ Richard "Tabby" LeBlanc on Sunday, Sept. 9: flea market, games, baked goods, crafts, basket raffles, exciting raffle prizes (including a 2 night off season stay for up to 6 guests at Misty Harbor in Maine), a large gift card tree and much, much more. Sunday's events are all day, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. To buy tickets for barbecue or information contact the rectory weekday mornings (508) 867-6811. All at St. Joseph Parish, 28 Mt. Pleasant St., North Brookfield.

Saturday
September 15

SEEKING VENDORS: The annual Flea Market sponsored by The First Congregational Church of West Brookfield, UCC will be held on the town common Saturday, Sept. 15 from 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Admission is \$1 for adults with kids free. To rent a 20 x 20 grassy spot for \$35, please call Terry at 508-867-4462 and leave your name and mailing address. A registration form will be sent to you. Antiquers, growers, crafters, flea marketers and tag salers are all welcome! Plan to enjoy a delicious grilled lunch in our food tent featuring dogs, burgers and grilled sausage! Proceeds will support the annual Youth Mission Trip to Washington, DC where teens help our nation's homeless and low-income population. Thank you for your support.

Saturday
September 22

Have something to sell? Reserve space at St. Joseph-St. Pius X Parish Fair: Anyone interested in reserving space at the St. Joseph-St. Pius X Parish Fair on Sept. 22 beginning at 10 a.m. (with a 4 p.m. outdoor Mass followed by a chicken BBQ) to promote & sell items is asked to contact the parish office at 508-859-8083 for more information as soon as possible. Event will take place on the grounds of St. Joseph Church located at 759 Main St., Leicester.

TOWN WIDE YARD SALE SPACES: Friends of the Spencer Senior Center are offering tables for \$15 each for the Town Wide Yard Sale inside the Senior Center Hall on Saturday Sept. 22.

Please call Joyce for more information at 508-885-0130.

ONGOING EVENTS

ECONOMY SHOP HOURS FOR August 22 through June 28, 2019

Open every Wednesday 8 a.m. to noon; Thursday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. & 6 to 8 p.m.; Friday 8 a.m. to noon at the First Congregational Church, 207 Main St., Spencer. We will be closed October 15 through the 19 for set-up for our Harvest Fair on Saturday, Oct. 20 – 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come in and see our daily specials. (508) 885-2149.

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.

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.

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.emmanuel-orthodox.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.

N-37: Bingo at the Knights of Columbus, 10 Meadow Road, Spencer every Thursday. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. The first game starts at 6:30 p.m. Along with our regular games we feature two winner 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 at Judy's Kitchen. Come and enjoy some good food, good people and hopefully win a little.

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.

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Ad Libs by June

 **JANINE'S FROSTEE**, 149 East St., Ware, MA, 13th Annual Car Show for Charity is this weekend... Saturday from 10-2 pm (rain date is Sunday, July 29). Live music, 50/50, prize wheel, raffles, food, and more! Find their ad on www.508local.com or visit www.janinesfrosteetec.com for more information!

The summer is going by quickly, but there is still time to get your child into **CAPEN HILL SCIENCE AND NATURE CAMP** in Charlton. It's for kids ages 4-12 and session 4 has openings for July 30th-August 3rd. "Exploring the woodlands, discovering animals, tracks, plants, frogs, insects, rocks, minerals, tadpoles, and understanding the environment is what it's all about." Call 508-248-5516 or register online at Capenhill.org.

Are you getting married and need wedding bands? **CORMIER JEWELERS** of Spencer has a **BUY ONE WEDDING BAND, GET ONE 50% OFF COUPON** in this week's issue! See the ad for disclaimers and coupon expiration date. You must bring in the coupon for the special pricing.

PLEASANT ST DINER also has a coupon on the Dining Page this week...10% off with the ad. See their ad for lunch specials and offerings for Seafood Friday. Their full menu can be viewed at pleasantdiner.com...dine in or order online for pick-up or delivery.

ATTENTION NORTH BROOKFIELD RESIDENTS...see the flyer in this week's issue for the Friends of North Brookfield COA Membership Drive. If you'd like to make a donation, please make checks payable to Friends of North Brookfield COA and send to 29 Forest Street, North Brookfield, MA 01535. The North Brookfield Senior Center is one of the most important resources in their community with an ongoing commitment to educate the community about the needs of seniors, their families and caregivers. Call 508-867-0220 for more information.

Enjoy the last week of July!

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DUDLEY - 5 Corbin Rd! Beautiful 9 Rm Tri-Level! 4.5 Acres! 3-4 Bdrms! 2 Full Baths! Granite Kit w/Slider to Deck & In-ground Heated Pool! Din Rm w/Hrds, Crown Molding & French Dsr! Frp! Liv Rm! Master w/Bath, Walk-in Closet, Finished Walk-Out Level! C/Air! 2 Car Garage!
\$469,900.00



WEBSTER - 175TH Ave! 3 Fam! 444 Rms! 222 Bdrms! Each w/Spacious Kits, & Liv Rms! Full Baths! 1st & 2nd Flr Units Remodeled, Rented in Wood Condo! 3rd Flr Vacate, Needs Cosmetic! Washer/Dryer Hookups Each Unit! O/Breakers & Landlord Meter! Separate Gas Heat & Water Heaters! Newer Roof! Nice Yard! Shed!
\$249,900.00



SUTTON - 36 Boston Rd! Well Maintained 5 Rm Ranch! Applianced Eat-in Kit! Formal Din Rm w/Corner Hutch! Frp! Liv Rm w/Bay Window! 3 Bdrms! Full Bath! Hrwd Flrs! Vinyl Siding & Windows! Newer Roof! Garage Under! Walkout Basement w/Laundry! Fenced Yard! Shed! Town Services!
\$217,500.00



DUDLEY - 34 West Main St! 10 Rm, 3322' Antique Colonial! 87 Acre! Grand Entry Foyer! Frp! Formal Liv Rm & Frp! Library! Fam Rm w/Hrds! Formal Din Rm w/Hrds & Tall Bay Window! Applianced Eat-in Kit w/Flr & Walk-in Pantry! 1st Flr Laundry Rm! 1/2 Bath w/Dressing Rm! Grand Stairway to 2nd Flr! Spacious Frp! Master Bdrm w/Hrds, Walk-in Closet & Full Bath! 2 Additional Bdrms w/Built-ins & Hrwd Flrs, 1 Bdrm w/Access to Additional Full Bath! "Maid Quarters" w/Spacious Bdrm w/Hrwd Flr, Full Bath & Separate Stairway Access! 4 Bdrms, 3.5 Baths, 4 Frp! Lower Level Finished Fam Rm w/Fr! & Abundant Shelving & Storage! 2 Car Detached Garage w/Full Loft! Fenced Yard w/Circular Driveway! Commercial Zoned!
\$695,000.00



OXFORD - 247 Main St! 10 Rm BUSINESS ZONED 2 Family! 4/6 Rms! Well Maintained! 4 Rms on First w/2 Half Baths! Perfect Office Location! 2nd Flr 3 Bdrm Apartment w/Eat-in Kit, Dining Area, Liv Rm w/Hrds & Sun Rm! Full Bath! Oil Heat, New Furnace! Full Basement! Ample Parking! Handicap Ramp! 2 Car Detached Garage!
\$359,900.00



STURBRIDGE - 13 Main St! Work & Live Here! Completely Remodeled! "Turn Key" 1st Flr Beauty Salon w/Cair, Handicapped Bdrm, Kit, Gas Heat! 2nd Flr - Applianced Kit, Liv Rm, 2 Bdrms, 1.5 Baths, New Oil Furnace! 13 Parking Spaces! 2 Car Garage! Sep Utilities! Town Services! Rte 26, 84 & 90!
\$289,900.00



OXFORD - 19 Wheelock St! 6 Rm Cape! Well Maintained! Level Lot! Knotty Pine Sunroom w/Slider to Stone Patio! Applianced Eat-in Kit! Liv Rm w/Hrwd Flr! 2 Spacious 1st Flr Bdrms w/Hrds! Full Bath! 2nd Flr 3rd Bdrm w/New Carpets! Full Basement w/Laundry! Attached Garage w/Workshop!
\$229,900.00



WEBSTER - 24 Emerald Ave! 2 Family! 5/5 Rms! 2,600 sqft! Each w/Dine-in Kit w/Pantry, Fam Rm, Liv Rm, 2/3 Bdrms! Washer/Dryer Hookups! Hrwd Flrs! 2 Car Detached Garage! Insulated Windows! New Furnaces! Incredible Flat Yard! Lead Certificates! Well Maintained!
\$239,900.00



THOMPSON - 1338 Riverside Drive! 8 Rm Colonial w/Grand Entry Foyer! 94 Acre! Farmers Porch! Applianced Granite Kit w/Is! Din Area w/Pellet Stove & Slider to Deck w/Jacuzzi! Din Rm & Frp! Cathedral Ceiling Liv Rm w/Hrds! Den! Office! 3 Bdrms! Master Bath! 2.5 Baths! Finished Lower Level! C/Air! Garage!
\$369,900.00



WEBSTER LAKE Access! 2-A Lakeside Rd! View of the Lake & Your Dock! Short Walk to the Shore! Young, "09", Spacious 7 Rm Split Entry Cape with ELEVATOR! Ideal for Handicapped, Wheelchair Board or Not Wanting to do Stairs! From Ground Level to the 1st Flr & On to the 2nd Flr! 750 lbs. Capacity! 1st Flr Open Fr Plan! Applianced Granite Kit w/Breakfast Bar, Din Area & Liv Rm All w/Gleaming Wood Laminate Flrs! 2 1st Flr Possible Bdrms/Master w/Ceiling Fans & Huge Dble Closets! Full Tile Bath w/6 Vanity, Laundry & Linen Closets! 2nd Flr w/2 Spacious Bdrms w/Ceiling Fans & Dble Closets, Office & Full Bath! Lower Level w/Front & Back Opposite Side! 12' Garage Doors! C/Air! Super Detached 30'x40' 2 Story Garage! 12x10 Dr! 12' 1st Flr Ceilings, 8' 2nd Flr Ceiling Height! 3 Car Lifts are Negotiable! Has It All!
\$449,900.00



WEBSTER LAKE - 39 Bates Point! Panoramic Views of South Pond! One of the Lakes Premier Shorelines! Southern Exp! Amazing Amounts of Sun! Park Lake Grounds! You'll Spend More Time Outside! Extensive Patio, Paver Walkways & Perennial Gardens w/Landscape Lighting! Irrigation for Lawns, Gardens, Potted Plants using Lake Water! 18'x24' Partially Covered Composite Deck, w/Vinyl Railings! 90' U-Shaped Dock! Beautiful Updated 7 Rm A/C'D Ranch! Perfect 14,549' Level Lot! Inside Find a Lake Facing Cathedral Ceiling Great Rm w/LP Gas Fireplace w/Antique Maple Mantle, Hand Planed Maple Hrwd Flrs, Custom Built Granite Wet Bar w/Tiger Maple Cabinetry! Applianced Granite Kit w/Maple Cabinets & Porcelain Tile Flr! Formal Din Rm w/Cathedral Ceiling, Skylight & Random Width Birch Flooring w/Hand Cut Antique Nails! 20' Master Bdrm w/Cathedral Ceiling, Skylight, 2 Ceiling Fans, 6.6'x11.6' Walk-in Closet & Dble Closet! 2016 Bthrm w/Travertine Flr, Dble Granite Vanity, Custom Tile Shower, Linen Closet & Cathedral Ceiling w/Opening Skylight! Entry Door/Foyer/Mud Rm w/Tile Flr, Slider to the Lake & Door to the Kit! Finished Walk-out Lower Level w/2 Bdrms, 1 Lake Facing! Open Liv Area w/Wet Bar & Frig! Full Bathrm! Laundry Rm! Work Shop & Storage Rm! Outside to the 26332 Detached Garage w/2 Stalls, Workbench Area & 2nd Flr Storage! Start Packing!
\$749,900.00



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WEBSTER - 32 Canille Rd! 9 Rm Cape w/Farmers Porch! Open Fr Plan! Applianced Kit! Din Area w/Slider to Deck! Frp! Cathedral Liv Rm! Den or Din Rm! Full Bath! 2nd Flr Master Suite w/Master Bath! 2 Add Bdrms! 3 Baths Total! C/Air! LL Fam Rm! Garages! Irrigation! Shed!
\$349,900.00



DUDLEY - 13 Pineview Rd! 7 Rm Colonial! Tiled Foyer! Kit w/Din Area & Slider to Composite Deck! Din Rm! Liv Rm! Den! 1/2 Bath w/Laundry! 2nd Flr w/3 Carpeted Bdrms & Full Bath! Master Walk-in Closet & Bath! Finished Lower Level w/Cair! Pabos! Fire Pit! Roof! 2017! Attached 2 Car Garage! Town Services!
\$359,900.00



DUDLEY - 9 Page Ln! Newly Renovated 6 Rm, 3 Bdrm, 2.5 Bath Cape! 1 Acre Lot! Cul-de-sac! Hrds Throughout! Open Liv Rm, Kit & Din Area! SS Applianced Granite Kit w/Is! Slider to Composite Deck! 1st Flr Master w/Walk-in Closet & Master Bath! 2nd Flr w/2 Large Bdrms & Full Bath! Garage Under!
\$309,900.00



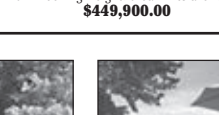
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\$579,900.00



WEBSTER - 14 Elaine St! 6 Rm Ranch! Level Tree Studed! 12,023' Lot! Applianced Eat-in Kit! Bay Window Liv Rm w/Hrds! Tile Bath! 3 Bdrms w/Hrds! Lower Level Knotty Pine Plam! Large Attached Garage! Large Deck! Detached Garage! Updated Electrical! Town Services!
\$199,900.00



WEBSTER LAKE - 54 West Pt Rd! North Pond - Killdeer Isl - West Expo - Beautiful Lake Views & Sunsets! 2002 Built 6+ Rm Colonial! Ideal 2nd Home or Yr Rd Living! Applianced Kit w/Center Is! Lake Facing Din Rm w/Panoramic Water Views & Recent Wood Flr! Lake Facing Liv Rm w/LP Gas Frp! Recent Wood Flr & French Door to Deck! 1st Flr Laundry & Hall Bath! 2nd Flr w/3 Spacious Bdrms! Lake Facing Master Suite w/Fantastic Lake Views, Frp! French Dr to its Deck, Dressing/Office Area & Full Bath w/Whirlpool Tub! 2nd Full Bath off the Hall! Huge Lake Facing Walk-out Lower Level w/Gas Stove & Slider to Stone Patio is Ready for "Finishing"! Additional Lakeside Deck! Dock!
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WEBSTER - 47 Lakeside Ave! 2 Family! 6/6 Rms! 33 Bdrms! 1/1 Bath! Applianced Kitchens! Recent Roof! 4 Yrs Solar Panels! 2 Yrs! Separate Oil Furnaces! Walk to Lakeside Beach! Launch Your Boat at the State Ramp! Convenient Location!
\$249,000.00



DUDLEY - 67 West Main St! Live or Work or do Both from this 7 Rm Colonial on 25,860' Lot - .594 Acre! Needs Updating! Zoned Business! Convenient Location for Eather! Home to Expand! Hrds! 2.5 Bath! Corner Lot - Rd Frontage on View St As Well! Town Services & Gas! Recent Buderus Furnace!
\$198,900.00



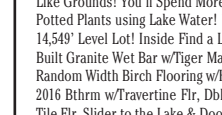
WEBSTER LAKE - 812 Beacon Park! WATERVIEW 1280' 5 Rm Townhouse! Lake Facing! Recently Applianced Galley Kit! Frp! Liv Rm w/48" Smart Tv! & Hrds! Master Bath w/Recent Skylight! 2.5 Bath! Corner Lot - Rd Frontage on View St As Well! Town Services & Gas! Recent Buderus Furnace!
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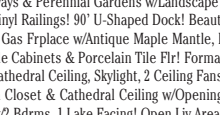
WEBSTER - 14 Elaine St! 6 Rm Ranch! Level Tree Studed! 12,023' Lot! Applianced Eat-in Kit! Bay Window Liv Rm w/Hrds! Tile Bath! 3 Bdrms w/Hrds! Lower Level Knotty Pine Plam! Large Attached Garage! Large Deck! Detached Garage! Updated Electrical! Town Services!
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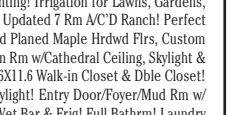
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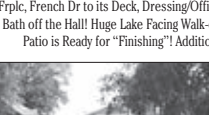
WEBSTER - 9-11 Lyndale Ave! 8 Rm Colonial w/Greenhouses! Eat-in Kitchen! Formal Dining Room Open to Living Rm w/Wood Floors! Full Bath! Den w/Built-ins! 4 Large Bedrooms on 2nd Floor! Nice Level Lot! Walking Distance to Center of Webster! Town Services! Rte. 395 Near! Walk to Schools & Churches!
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WEBSTER LAKE - 812 Beacon Park! WATERVIEW 1280' 5 Rm Townhouse! Lake Facing! Recently Applianced Galley Kit! Frp! Liv Rm w/48" Smart Tv! & Hrds! Master Bath w/Recent Skylight! 2.5 Bath! Corner Lot - Rd Frontage on View St As Well! Town Services & Gas! Recent Buderus Furnace!
\$198,900.00



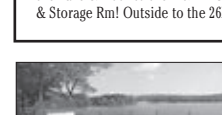
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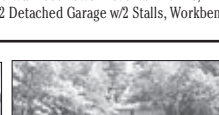
WEBSTER LAKE - 60 Bates Point Rd! Middle Pond! Absolute Prime 52' Level Waterfront Lot w/Western Expo! Beautiful Sunsets! Panoramic Lake Views! 8 Rms, 3 Bdrm, 2 Baths, A/C'd, Ranch! Custom SS Applianced Granite Kit! Din Rm w/Hrds & Slider to Waterfront Deck w/Awning! Lake Facing Frp! Liv Rm w/Cathedral, Skylight & Hrds! Comfortable Master Bdrm! Frp! Lower Level w/2 Bdrms, 2 Bath! 2 Car Garage!
\$729,900.00



WEBSTER LAKE - 210 Beacon Park! 5 Rm, 1100' Corner Garden Unit! Applianced Kitchen! Dining Room! Spacious Living Room! 2 Bedrooms! Master Bedroom with Master Bath! 1.5 Bathrooms! Tile Floors Throughout! C/Air! Garage! Gazebo! Lakeside Pool! Sandy Beach!
\$239,900.00



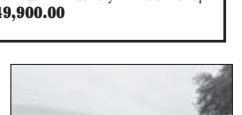
WEBSTER LAKE - 130 Killdeer Island - North Pond! West Expo - Beautiful Sunsets! 6 Rm 3 Season Home! Add Heat & Use Yr Round! Great Front Porch! 4 Bdrms w/Hrds, 2 Lake Facing Frp! Liv Rm w/Lake Views! Spacious Kit & Dining Area! 2 Baths! 55' of Sandy Beach!
\$475,000.00



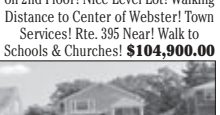
WEBSTER LAKE - 7 Point Pleasant Ave! Panoramic Lake Views! Eastern Expo! Super Sunsets! 9,000' Level Lot! 2,300' Custom Contemp Colonial! Built 2015! Like New! Open Fr Plan! Custom Granite Kit w/Island, Stainless Appliances, Gas Range, Soft Close Cabinets & Recessed Lights! Spectacular Lake Facing Great Rm, Stone Gas Frp! Surrounded by Custom Cabinetry, Recessed Lights & Center Panel! Dining Area w/Custom Ceiling! Full Bath w/Granite Vanity & Custom Tile Shower! Laundry Rm! "Wood Look" Tile Floors throughout the First Floor! 2nd Flr Features 3 Comfortable Bdrms w/2 Being Waterfront! Lake Facing Master w/Slider to Deck, Hrds, Recessed Lighting, Walk-in Closet & Bthrm Access! Lake Facing Bdrm w/Hrds, Dble Closet & Door to Deck! 3rd Bdrm w/Hrds & Dble Closet! Full Bath! w/Dble Granite Vanity & Tile Flr! C/Air! Gas Heat! 26'x20' 2 Story Detached Garage! Deck! Get Packing!
\$789,900.00



WEBSTER LAKE - 405 Treasure Island! Townhouse! 6 Rms! 1,874'! Hardwood Floors! Applianced! Remodeled! Kit! Open Floor Plan! 2 Bdrms! Master Bath! 2.5 Baths! Frp! Liv Rm! C/Air! Gas Heat! Recent Trex Deck! Garage! 2 BOAT SLIPS! Heated Pool, Sandy Beach!
\$289,900.00



WEBSTER LAKE - 100 Union Point Rd! Western Exposure - Beautiful Sunsets! 11 Rooms! 2,300'! Recently Renovated! Hardwood Floors! 5 Bedrooms! Master Bath! 2.5 Baths! Expansive Decks! Garage! Extra Lot! Parking Across Street! Still In Time for Summer!
\$629,000.00



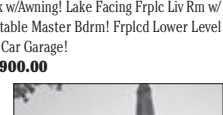
WEBSTER LAKE - 12 Kenneth Ave! South Pond! 5 Rm Ranch! 10 Waterfront! Completely Remodeled! 80 Yrs Ago! Kraftmaid Cabinet Kit w/Island & Silhouette Counters! Bamboo Wood Flrs Throughout! Open Fr Plan! Composite Deck! Lake Facing Master! 2 Bath! Full Bath! Rm!
\$419,900.00



WEBSTER LAKE - 602 Treasure Isl! Townhouse! 4 Rms! 1,874'! Hrwd Flrs! Applianced Granite Kit! Open Fr Plan! 2 Bdrms! Master Bath w/Whirlpool Tub, Separate Shower & Bidet! 3 Baths! Frp! Liv Rm! C/Air! Gas Heat! Trex Deck! Recent Windows/Doors! Garage! 2 Boat Slips! Heated Pool, Sandy Beach!
\$334,900.00



MILLBURY - WATERFRONT! Ramshorn Lake! 51 Davis Rd! Beautifully Landscaped & Private 1.22 Acres with 500' On the Water! One of Ramshorn's Premier Properties "Royledge"! Sprawling 3,117' French Country Villa with Panoramic Water Views from this Perfect Peninsula! Ideal for Entertaining! Stonewalled Gated Entry, Long Private Driveway to its Stately Appearance! Sprawling Stone & Slate 6+ Room Masterpiece! Light Abounds Throughout! Cathedral & Tray Ceilings with Skylights! Unique Country Kitchen! Formal Dining Room! Fireplace! Great Room! Lake Facing Spacious Master Suite with Everything You'd Expect! 3 Comfortable Bedrooms! 3 Full Bathrooms! Central Air! Garages - 2 Car Detached & 1 Car Detached! Reward Yourself!
\$999,000.00



WEBSTER LAKE - 8 Reid Smith Cove Road! Panoramic Lake Views! West Expo! Super Sunsets! 9,698' Lot! Gently Sloping! 2,254' Custom Contemp Cape, Built 09 as 2nd Home, Like New! Open Fr Plan! Spectacular Lake Facing Great Rm w/7' Ceiling, Recessed Lights, Sliders to Trex Deck, Stone Gas Frp! Surround Sound & Gleaming Hrds! Granite Kit w/Is! SS Appliances, Soft Close Cabinets, Hrds & Recessed Lights! 1st Flr Master w/Tile Bath, Whirlpool Tub/Shower, Dble Sink & Linen Closet! Upstairs Sitting Area Overlooking Great Rm w/Lake Views! Hrwd Hall to 2 Bdrms w/Recessed Lights, Ceiling Fans & Dble Closets! Full Bath & Linen Closet! Lower Level Walkout Fam Rm w/Tile Flr, 10' Ceilings, Recessed Lights, Ceiling Fans, Stone Gas Frp! Surround Sound, Wet Bar & Slider! Full Bath w/Tile Flr! Utility Rm w/Laundry & Storage! Nice Deck! Get Packing!
\$724,900.00



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35 Nancy Drive, Webster, MA
Great 3 bedroom Raised Ranch with 2 car under. Dead end street! Commuter friendly location! The house offers 2 FP, Central Air, wide open floor plan for the Kitchen, dining room and living room! 3 Season price! Finished Lower Level. Town water and passing title v. Nice opportunity! **\$274,900**

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DUDLEY: Overlooking Dudley's Center Gentleman's Estate. 6.7 acres with barn, low taxes, great schools, 3.5 baths, upscale cherry cabinet kitchen with granite counters, 8 rooms, 4 bedrooms, hardwood floors, formal dining room and 1st floor family room, office and library. Seasonal view of golf course. View Now!

7 Dudley Oxford Rd ~ \$499,900

DUDLEY: Custom Designed Waterfront Home! Undiscovered Dudley has low taxes, easy highway access and great values! 2900 Sq. Ft., 3.5 baths, Hydro air. Access to New Pond for boating, fishing. 32' kitchen with cherry cabinets, crown mouldings, 1st floor master bedroom suite

12 Sunset Dr ~ \$579,000

OXFORD: COMMERCIAL PROPERTY INVESTMENT. 2 buildings/homes on one lot, rear building has office with 2nd floor apt. Main home "The Taft House" has 14 rooms, modern kitchen, 2 car garage
275 Main St ~ \$675,000

Oxford: Business/Commercial, 3.6+ acres, 2900 sq. ft. building, Ideal For Storage Units, Auto Parts Store, Mini-Mart, Day Care
498 Main St ~ \$485,000

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DUDLEY: Cherry kitchen, central air, cathedral ceilings, 3 bedroom, hardwood floors.
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DUDLEY: Oversized ranch, 1.5 baths, inground pool
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OPEN HOUSE SUN 12-2PM
Southbridge • 46 Woodland St
Charming Craftsman-style home with 7 rooms, 3 bedrooms & 2 1/2 baths! Move right in. Lovely remodeled kitchen with granite, seating island, appliances & lots of cabinets! Second floor master bedroom with beautiful never bath. Two additional bedrooms w/ vaulted domed ceilings and another remodeled full bath! Mostly fenced yard-looks like a home from Better Homes & Gardens! Gas HEAT! **\$259,900.**

OPEN HOUSE SUN 12-2PM
Southbridge: Beautiful Ranch with 5 rooms 2 bedrooms & 2 baths. Spacious living room with hardwood floors, formal dining room. Large master bedroom with double closets & huge master bath w/ white floor, walk in shower and washer & dryer. 1 car garage. CAIR. Many updates done. **\$229,900.**

COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES FOR SALE

Southbridge: COMMERCIAL BUILDING FOR SALE in the heart of Downtown Southbridge! Over 7000sf with three floors. Two individual storefronts. Storage in basement of 2000sf. Upstairs has individual electric heat. Current long term storefront tenant who would be willing to stay. Parking lot in rear of building or parking right in front of the store. Endless possibilities for commercial use. **\$299,900.**

Southbridge: Fantastic opportunity to own this single level, multi tenant commercial property in the heart of downtown Southbridge. Building is just under 6000SF. Three individual storefronts. Updates include electrical, heating and roof. Great profit of over 25k per year! Great visibility being right on Main St. Start a business with help from two tenants. Call for details! **\$319,900.**

Southbridge: Great 2 family with many renovations! 5 rooms 2 bedroom units. Beautiful hardwood floors, natural woodwork, large kitchen w/ pantry. Dining room has closet, could be 3rd bedroom. Updated electrical service with landlord meter. Newer HW heaters. Roof in 2012. Windows & Doors 2008. Long term clean tenants. **\$189,900.**


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ADDRESS	STYLE	TIME	PRICE	REALTOR/SELLER/PHONE
SUNDAY, AUGUST 26				
DUDLEY				
7 Dudley-Oxford Rd	S	11-1	\$499,900	ReMax Advantage 1/Jo-Ann Szymczak 774-230-5044
SOUTHBRIDGE				
46 Woodland St	S	12-2	\$259,900	Aucoin Ryan Realty 508-765-9155
WEST BROOKFIELD				
118 E. Main St	S	12-2	\$239,000	C21, North East /Mary Hicks 508-612-4794
THOMPSON, CT				
653 Quinebaug Rd	S	11-1	\$279,900	Hope Real Estate Group / Matt Ross 774-535-4285

LEGALS

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Sugden Block
Town of Spencer, MA

In accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 30B, Section 16, the Board of Selectmen, acting on behalf of the Town of Spencer through the Building and Property Re-Use Committee, is seeking proposals from qualified development entities for the sale and redevelopment of the historic Sugden Block Building at 117 Main Street in downtown Spencer, Massachusetts.

Respondents are invited to submit one (1) original and five (5) copies in a sealed package or envelope labeled "Sugden Block Proposal" no later than **11:00AM on September 17, 2018** at which time all proposals will be opened and read publicly at Spencer Town Hall. The Request for Proposals (RFP) and associated appendices will be made available on the Town's website as of August 15, 2018. All communications regarding this RFP must be made in writing to Paul Dell'Aquila, Town Planner, 157 Main Street, Spencer MA 01562. Emailed questions may be addressed to pdellaquila@spencerma.gov.

The Town reserves the right to reject, in its sole discretion, any proposal not submitted in accordance with this RFP and any amendments hereto, or to reject any and all proposals, in its sole discretion, for any reason.

Thomas Gregory
Town Administrator
August 24, 2018
August 31, 2018

Notice of Public Hearing –
Spencer Zoning Board of Appeals

At the regularly scheduled Zoning Board of Appeals meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 11, 2018 in the McCourt Social Hall of Memorial Town Hall, 157 Main Street, Spencer, MA, a public hearing will be held on the fol-

lowing items starting at 7:15 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard:

Special Permit – Applicant/Owner: Glenn Maffei; Location 49 East Charlton Road, Spencer Assessor's Map R14/4-9. The applicant is requesting a special permit to park vehicles over one ton on his property under Spencer Zoning Bylaw Section 4.8.4 (Parking Vehicles over One Ton in Capacity). The property is located within the Rural Residential zoning district.

Interested Parties may review these applications at the Office of Development & Inspectional Services in Memorial Town Hall located at 157 Main Street Spencer, MA 01562, during regular business hours from 7:30am-4:30pm Monday-Wednesday and 7:30am-12:00pm on Thursdays. 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.

August 24, 2018
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO18P2625EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Stephen H. Brown
Date of Death: 05/27/2018

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Appointment of Personal Representative** has been

filed by
Rene M. Brown of Charlton City 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
Rene M. Brown of Charlton City 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 09/18/2018.** This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Kearny, First Justice of this Court.
Date: August 08, 2018

Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate

August 24, 2018

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
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Worcester Probate and Family Court
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(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO15P4017EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT
Estate of:
Paul X Gaucher
Date of Death: 10/11/2015

A Petition for **Order of Complete Settlement** has been filed by:
Jeanne H Gaucher of Spencer MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

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 09/11/2018. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Kearny, First Justice of this Court.
Date: August 09, 2018

Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate

August 24, 2018

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24
7-10 p.m.
TIM KAY
308 LAKESIDE
308 East Main St.
East Brookfield, MA
774-449-8333

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26
2-5 p.m.
CHRIS BARBER
308 LAKESIDE
308 East Main St.
East Brookfield, MA
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THURSDAY, AUGUST 30
5-9 pm
130th ANNUAL SPENCER FAIR
Ride for one price
Midway rides by Gillette Shows
Spencer Fairgrounds

FRI., AUG. 31 THRU MON., SEPT. 3
13th ANNUAL SPENCER FAIR
Spencer Fairgrounds
Gates open at 8 a.m.
Buildings open at 10 a.m.
Free parking - free entertainment
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FRIDAY, AUGUST 31
2-5 p.m.
D&B's ACOUSTIC DUO
308 LAKESIDE
308 East Main St.
East Brookfield, MA
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FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7, 8, 9
Klem's FallFEST & Tent Sale
Come early for the best selection!
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117 West Main St., Spencer, MA
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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 6 P.M. - 9 P.M.
FIRST FRIDAYS FESTIVAL
IN DOWNTOWN PUTNAM, CT
Theme: Native-American heritage
Live music! Food! Vendors!

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 8 AND 9
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
BROOKFIELD ORCHARDS HARVEST FAIR
12 Lincoln Rd., North Brookfield, MA
Local artisans, crafters and vendors displaying their homemade items, artwork and goodies.
Also apple picking, maze, wagon rides, cider doughnuts, snack bar and playground.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
THE OVERLOOK'S 3rd ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL
Full day of fun, food, music, games, goodies & exhibits, hayrides, lawn games, hard cider tasting, local wood crafts, pie eating contest & more.
88 Masonic Hill Rd., Charlton, MA

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
Doors open at 5 p.m.
GIANT MEAT RAFFLE
Sponsored by the Sons of the American Legion Post 138,
175 Main St., Spencer, MA
6 tables to be raffled totaling over \$2000 in high quality meats. 50/50, door prize
Kitchen open for dogs & burgers

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5
6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
FIRST FRIDAYS FESTIVAL
IN DOWNTOWN PUTNAM, CT
Theme: Scandinavian-American heritage
Live music! Food! Vendors!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20
KLEM'S 13th ANNUAL DOG COSTUME CONTEST
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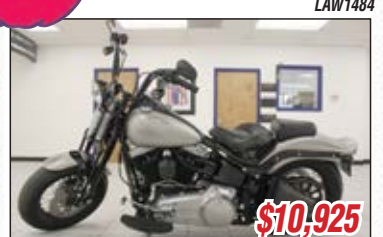


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Ceiling fans can reduce reliance on costly air conditioners when cooling homes in summertime.

Energy bills tend to be high in summertime, when many people crank up their air conditioners in an attempt to combat the heat. For some households, higher energy bills might be stretching their budgets, while others might be looking for ways to reduce their carbon footprints.

Conserving energy can help homeowners save money and help the planet at the same time. And reducing energy consumption in the summer does not require men and women to sacrifice comfort in the name of conservation. In fact, various strategies can help homeowners and apartment dwellers reduce their summertime energy consumption.

- Stop cooling an empty home. A cool home might be the ultimate necessity during summer heat waves, but there's no reason to cool a residence when no one is home. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, operating thermostats more efficiently can help homeowners trim their cooling costs by as much as 10 percent. One way to

be more efficient with thermostats is to keep the house warmer than normal when no one is home. Programmable thermostats can be set so air conditioning units turn on shortly before residents arrive home, ensuring the house is comfortable and no energy is wasted.

- Narrow the gap between indoor and outdoor temperatures. The DOE notes that the smaller the difference between the temperature indoors and outside the lower cooling costs will be. While it may be tempting to set thermostats to room temperature (68 F) on days when temperatures reach 90 F or above, that's an enormous temperature gap that will result in a high energy bill. Instead, the DOE recommends setting thermostats to 78 F whenever possible.
- Open the windows at night. Daytime temperatures, particularly during the dog days of summer, may necessitate the use of air conditioners. But men and women who live in climates where temperatures drop considerably at night can sleep with their windows open. This reduces energy consumption and saves money, and can be a great way to introduce fresh air into a home during a time of year when air can become stagnant.
- Do not set air conditioner thermostats at lower than normal temperatures when turning them on. The DOE notes that setting thermostats at lower than normal temperatures when turning air conditioners on will not cool homes any faster than setting them at typical temperatures. Such a strategy will only lead to excessive energy consumption and higher energy bills.
- Install ceiling fans. Ceiling fans can improve cooling efficiency in a home. According to the DOE, ceiling fans allow men and women who use air conditioners to raise the thermostats on their AC units about 4 F without adversely affecting comfort levels. Men and women who live in temperate climates may find that ceiling fans are enough to keep rooms cool without the need for air conditioners.

Homeowners can combat high utility bills and excessive energy consumption during the summer with various eco- and budget-friendly strategies.

Clean indoor air can help reduce asthma attacks



Did you know that, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than 25 million Americans, including roughly seven million children, have asthma? It's true, and those numbers have steadily risen in recent years.

Asthma is more than occasional wheezing or feeling out of breath during physical activity. Asthma is chronic and can lead to coughing, wheezing, shortness of breath, fast breathing, and chest tightness, states the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America. In the 21st century, people spend significant time indoors at home, school or work, and indoor air environments could be triggers for asthma. Improving indoor air quality can help people breathe clearly. The AAFA notes that the following agents can adversely affect indoor air quality, potentially triggering asthma attacks.

ALLERGENS

Allergens such as mold, dust mites, pet dander and fur, and waste from insects or rodents thrive in many homes. Ensuring indoor air quality is high can cut back on the amount of allergens in the air. People with asth-

ma can invest in an air purifier and vacuum regularly, being sure to use a HEPA-equipped appliance. Routinely replacing HVAC system filters can help prevent allergens from blowing around the house. Also, frequent maintenance of HVAC systems will ensure they are operating safely and not contributing to poor indoor air quality.

Mold can be mitigated by reducing moisture in a home. Moist environments in the kitchen and bathroom may promote mold growth. Ventilation is key to keep mold at bay.

TOBACCO SMOKE

Thirdhand smoke, or THS, may be unfamiliar to many people. A 2011 report published in Environmental Health Perspectives says THS is an invisible combination of gases and particles that can cling to clothing, cushions, carpeting, and other materials long after secondhand smoke has cleared from a room. Studies have indicated that residual nicotine levels can be found in house dust where people smoke or once smoked. Studies have indicated that smoke compounds can adsorb onto surfaces and then desorb back into air over time.

Keeping tobacco smoke out of a home can improve indoor air quality and personal health.

VOCS

Volatile organic compounds, or VOCs, are gases released from commonly used products. These can include paints and varnishes, cleaning supplies, air fresheners, new furniture, and new carpet. People with asthma may find that VOCs can trigger attacks. Airing out items, reducing usage of products that are heavily scented and choosing low- or no-VOC products can help. Making cleaning products from baking soda, vinegar and liquid oil soap also can keep indoor air quality high.

Homeowners who plan to renovate their homes can consider using the appropriate specifications for HVAC systems to promote good indoor air, as well as address any other potential problems that may be compromising indoor air quality.

Run air conditioners without wasting energy



Having central air conditioning units serviced before the start of summer can ensure they run as efficiently as possible when temperatures begin to rise.

Few people can make it through the dog days of summer without turning on their air conditioners. Men and women concerned about the environment and conserving energy may try to avoid using their air conditioners, but doing so on especially hot days can be challenging and potentially even deadly.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that roughly 600 people die from complications related to extreme heat each year. Heat stroke can result when a body overheats after prolonged exposure to or physical exertion in high temperatures. The Mayo Clinic notes that the condition is most common in summer and that a lack of air conditioning during periods of sustained hot weather is a risk for heat stroke.

Conserving energy during

summer is a noble pursuit, but people should not jeopardize their health in an effort to conserve energy. Air conditioners might not be the most eco-friendly appliances, but there are ways to run them without wasting energy.

- Use a window unit or zoned system overnight. The U.S. Department of Energy notes that central air conditioners are more efficient than room air conditioners, which are typically installed in windows. But central air conditioning systems that are not zoned may be cooling empty rooms overnight. Apartment dwellers may find window units less wasteful, while homeowners who can afford to install zoned air conditioning systems may rest easier knowing they are only paying to cool certain parts of their homes overnight. Zoned systems come equipped with

programmable thermostats that homeowners can adjust when they go to bed, ensuring they won't be cooling empty living rooms and basements overnight.

- Have units serviced before summer begins. Well-maintained central air conditioners will work more efficiently. Routine maintenance of air conditioning systems will ensure that systems aren't working harder, and therefore consuming more energy, than necessary to cool a home.
- Let fans and air conditioners work together. The DOE notes that using fans and air conditioners simultaneously is an effective way to circulate cool air throughout a home. By running both fans and air conditioners at the same, the air conditioners won't have to be run as long or as hard as they would if no fans were turned on.
- Conserve energy in other ways. Because the dangers of heat stroke and heat exhaustion are so considerable, men and women should never keep their air conditioners off on hot days simply to conserve energy. Finding safer alternatives to conserving energy on hot days can be just as effective and won't put consumers' health at risk. Unplug appliances that are not being used and prepare cold dinners so ovens that can make home interiors feel hotter won't need to be turned on. In addition, take advantage of the longer daylight hours in summer and keep lights off until the sun goes down. These are safe ways to conserve energy on hot days.

Air conditioners can keep people safe during summer, and there are ways to use them and still conserve energy.

How to conserve water as the mercury rises



Conserving natural resources is often so simple that people make some adjustments without affecting their daily lives at all. But sometimes it's not so easy to conserve.

Summer is one time of year when conservation efforts tend to require more sacrifice than normal. Even the most devoted conservationist may find it difficult to conserve water during the dog days of summer, when drought and soaring temperatures make it difficult to maintain lawns and gardens. Thankfully, there are ways to help lawns and gardens withstand summer's dog days without wasting water.

- Water wisely. Watering lawns and gardens in the early morning hours is a savvy move for various reasons. Heat-related illnesses such as heat stroke and heat exhaustion pose a serious threat to people of all ages, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends cooling off in air conditioned places as temperatures climb. By watering their lawns and gardens early in the morning, homeowners are ensuring they won't be outside watering during those times of day when their risk for heat stroke and heat exhaustion is at its peak. In addition, watering in the early morning when the sun has not yet reached its peak decreases the amount of water that will be lost to evaporation, thereby increasing the amount of water that will make it into water-needy lawns and gardens.
- Shower at the beach. Beach enthusiasts can conserve water and save money on their water bills by taking quick showers at the beach to wash the sand off. A cold shower can be the perfect remedy after a long day of soaking up some sun at the beach. And because beach showers use cold water, beachgoers are less likely to take luxurious, potentially wasteful showers than they might at home.
- Take nights off from doing dishes. Hand-washing dishes may seem like a more effective way to conserve water than using a dishwasher, but that's not the case. The National Resources Defense Council notes that hand-washing dishes can consume as many as 27 gallons of water, while Energy Star®-rated dishwashers consume just three gallons of water. Before running the dishwasher, make sure it's full.
- Cover your pool. Keeping pools covered during the dog days of summer reduces the likelihood that pool water will be lost to evaporation. In fact, the GRACE Communications Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to creating sustainable food systems, notes that uncovered pools can lose as much as 1,000 gallons of water to evaporation each month.

Conserving water during the dog days of summer may require some sacrifice. But such sacrifices are easier than many people may expect.

ENVIRONMENT

Green options in home siding

If new siding is on the list of must-do home projects this year, there are many factors to consider. Though it's a transformative renovation, replacement siding is a significant and potentially expensive undertaking. Therefore, careful consideration must be given to the materials used and their maintenance, longevity, insulation factor, and cost. Many homeowners also want siding that is eco-friendly.

Sustainability is an important consideration for many homeowners. Data from the National Association of Home Builders' "Green Multifamily and Single Family Homes 2017 SmartMarket Brief" indicates that at least one-third of single-family and multifamily home builders who were surveyed said that green building is a significant portion of their overall activity (more than 60 percent of their portfolio). By 2022, this number should increase to nearly one-half in both the single-family and multifamily sectors. Green building has become an important and established part of the residential construction sector.

Where siding is sourced, the materials that go into its fabrication and how well that siding insulates a home are key aspects of its "green factor." The following are some of the more sustainable options in home siding.

RECLAIMED TIMBER

A house sided with clapboard, or a log cabin-inspired look, is iconic. These types of siding are typically made from insect-repellant pine, cedar, cypress, or redwood. While lumber certified by the Forest Stewardship Council is envi-



Stucco, reclaimed wood and brick can be more eco-friendly than vinyl siding and other materials.

ronmentally friendly, homeowners may want to seek out reclaimed lumber. This wood has history and causes very little environmental impact. Plus, timber salvaged from old buildings or fallen trees may be superior to new wood because it likely came from slow-growing, old trees with dense grain.

BRICK

Avoid any negative environmental impact by choosing locally produced or reclaimed bricks — or those made from post-consumer content. The

longevity of bricks can often offset the energy expenditure in their manufacture. Plus, many bricks are made from natural clay, which can be an excellent insulator.

STUCCO

HouseLogic says traditional stucco is made from sand and Portland cement mixed with water to make a usable plaster. It's tough and durable — often lasting the life of the house. Eco-friendly variants include stucco made with an earth-and-lime mixture, offsetting the

CO2 emissions associated with cement production. Stucco can reduce air infiltration that causes drafts in a home.

FIBER-CEMENT

Fiber-cement is similar to stucco in that it is made from sand, Portland cement, clay, and wood pulp fibers. It can be fire-resistant and insect-proof and will not rot. It's a stable material that can recover almost 80 percent of the initial cost, according to the National Association of Realtors®.

STONE

This nonrenewable resource can be beautiful on a home and durable, but mining it can impact the environment. If homeowners can use reclaimed or displaced stone, those are more sustainable options. Manufactured stone, which is cement and other materials molded to look like stone, is also aesthetically appealing and more eco-friendly.

Replacing siding is a significant undertaking. Homeowners can consider sustainability when selecting replacement siding materials.

Maintain indoor air quality all year long



Ducts may need to be serviced by professionals in homes where indoor air quality is poor.

Millions of people anxiously anticipate the arrival of spring. Months spent cooped up indoors as temperatures outside dip below freezing can take their toll, and those first warm, sunny days of spring can be just what people need to kick the winter blues.

Winter can be dreary for people confined to indoors as temperatures drop, and poor air quality

in a home can add to that dreariness while adversely affecting individuals' health. Air quality tends to suffer most in winter, but there are ways to ensure the air inside a home stays healthy all year long.

- Inspect and address any sources of carbon monoxide. Carbon monoxide, or CO, is an invisible, odorless gas that can contribute to poor

indoor air quality and a host of health problems if it goes undetected in a home. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, potential sources of CO in a home include improperly vented natural gas appliances, such as stoves and water heaters, gas-powered tools that are used indoors, clogged chimneys, or blocked heating exhaust vents.

Men and women can periodically inspect potential sources of CO and address any issues they find while also making sure all CO detectors are properly installed and functioning optimally.

- Inspect HVAC ducts. Ductwork is used to deliver warm or cool air in homes with heating and air conditioning systems. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency notes

that much of the dirt in air ducts adheres to the duct surfaces without ever entering living spaces. However, the EPA notes that homeowners should consider having their ducts cleaned if an inspection uncovers substantial visible mold growth. In addition, the EPA recommends homeowners consider cleaning if ducts are infested with vermin or clogged

with excessive amounts of dust or debris.

- Avoid chemical cleaning products. Chemical cleaning products may be great at disinfecting dishes, countertops and other areas in the home, but such items may be toxic and adversely affect indoor air quality. For example, chemicals such as bleach and ammonia, which are used in many commercial cleaning products, can linger in the air, irritating the eyes, nose, throat, and lungs. Homeowners concerned about the quality of air in their homes also can avoid scented products, such as air fresheners and scented detergents, which the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health notes may release volatile organic compounds into the air.

- Inspect bathrooms for mold growth. Mold can grow on surfaces that are routinely wet, and that makes poorly ventilated bathrooms common sources for home mold infestations. Mold can adversely affect indoor air quality when mold spores are released, potentially triggering allergic reactions, asthma attacks and respiratory conditions. After bathing in bathrooms without vents, men and women can open windows so the room dries before mold can grow. In bathrooms with vents, make sure vents are running during baths and showers and afterward until ceilings, walls and floors appear dry.

Poor indoor air quality can be easily addressed to ensure individuals stay healthy throughout the year.



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