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














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With help from several residents and business owners, a recent project added flower baskets to Spencer's downtown light poles.

Adding color to the landscape

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – Even though the downtown revitalization project is complete from a construction perspective, residents and businesses continue to find ways to improve the town center.

One of the most recent projects saw community leaders team up to install flower baskets on the newly erected light poles on Route 9. Half of the funds for the \$3,000 project were provided by Barnstorm Cycles and Jeeps, with the remaining funds supplied by residents' donations and a \$500 contribution from the town. The floral arrangements were created by Bemis Farms Nursery, whose owners came up with the idea to hang the baskets.

The initial funds enabled 13 baskets to be displayed in the immediate vicinity of town hall, but officials are hoping to see even more baskets added to the downtown corridor in future years.

"A lot of people have been involved in trying to make downtown more attractive, and it is so important to continue the momentum from the revitalization," said former selectman John Stevens, who helped get the project started when he was still on the

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Selectmen cautious about leashing the town to dog park

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – Officials continue to learn more about a proposed dog park, although recent developments are causing several concerns.

Back in the spring, members of the Parks and Recreation Commission unveiled a proposal to build a nearly two-acre grant-funded dog park at the recently reopened Luther Hill Park. The proposal would need to be approved by voters at the fall town meeting, but it first must pass through a series of municipal approvals.

One of the major concerns for officials is the length of time the town would be expected to maintain the park.

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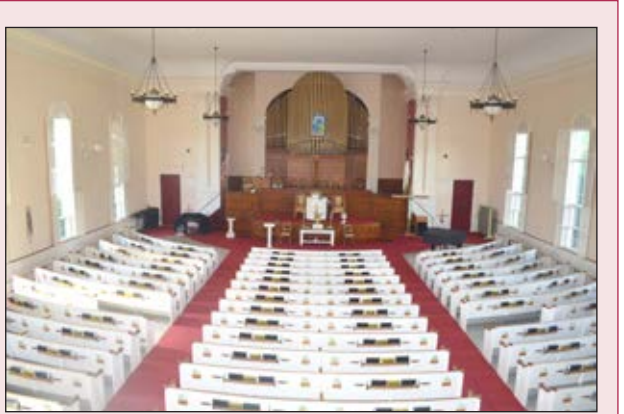
Sprucing up for a birthday celebration

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – In advance of its 275th birthday next year, the First Congregational Church of Spencer will be getting plenty of early gifts.

Several renovation projects are underway to spruce up the church for the big day, in addition to other projects planned for the coming months. From a refurbished kids' activity room, to remodeled bathrooms with new fixtures,

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Kevin Flanders photos

New pew cushions and carpeting will be added to the nave.

Annual fair will demolish the competition with new events

SPENCER — Though residents dread the end of summer and the imminent return of school and shorter days, the annual Spencer Fair tradition is always there to cheer families up.

Taking place from Aug.31 through Sept. 3, this year's fair will feature a unique mix of longtime favorites and new events. Returning in 2018 are the demolition derby, giant pumpkin contests, antique tractor display, animal exhibits, and oxen pulls. Competitors will also be burning some rubber and spraying smoke as part of the truck pull event.

Garden tractor pulls, concrete

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Concert introduces school to community

WEST BROOKFIELD – When guests attended a community fundraising concert last Sunday at George Whitefield United Methodist Church, they got an up-close look at how their money will be spent.

Held on Aug. 5, the "Music for Soul" concert was organized to raise funds for the church's newly forming violin school. The school will be run by accomplished musician and teacher Juhee Lee, who showcased her talents before a packed crowd at the church along with several other musicians.

A longtime violinist and also a member of the church, Lee is thrilled to give back not just to the church community but the entire area. Beginning next month, the violin school will offer free group lessons to kids from all surrounding towns.

The school will feature two programs, the first encompassing the fall season (Sept. 8 through Dec. 15). The spring session will last from Feb. 9 through May 25. Held on Saturdays, the programs will be split into two age groups for students:

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The legacy of Lucy Stone

SUBMITTED BY DAVID FITZGERALD

WEST BROOKFIELD — Last year the West Brookfield Congregational Church celebrated its 300th anniversary. The committee decided that a fitting part of the celebration should be, insofar as was possible, to "remedy the past error of expelling Lucy Stone from the church." Accordingly, at its annual meeting in January, the membership voted unanimously to rescind "the expulsion decree of 1851" Later in the year, a reconciliation ceremony took place; the past mistake was admitted, and the hope expressed that "there will be peace with Lucy Stone's spirit".

The 19th century in the United States was an amazing period, perhaps the greatest period of growth and development in human history. By the century's end in 1900, from a narrow strip along the Atlantic seaboard, the fledgling United States had spread rapidly westward to the Pacific coast, and in what many called "manifest destiny" acquired political control of the entire North American continent between Mexico and Canada. From an estimated 2.5 million at the time of the revolutionary war, the United States' population

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Family continues to seek answers

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

A quarter of a century after the murder of Holly Piirainen, investigators and family members continue to seek answers that might lead to her killer.

On August 5, 1993, 10-year-old Holly disappeared while on vacation with her family at her grandmother's cottage in Sturbridge. The Grafton girl was last seen by her father at approximately 11:45 a.m. that day, when she and her brother were walking in the area of Allen Road and South Shore Road. They were planning to walk a short distance through the neighborhood and play with puppies at a South Shore Road home.

Holly was reported missing by her father, Richard Piirainen, after she did not return by 12:50 p.m. Her father later found one of her sneakers on South Shore Road, but a massive police search of the area failed to locate the girl.

On October 23, 1993, Holly's remains were found by hunters in a wooded

area off Five Bridge Road in Brimfield – nearly nine miles from where she disappeared.

Twenty-five years later, Holly's family is holding out hope that a tip from the public will unlock the cold case. Residents who may have information on Holly's disappearance or subsequent murder are asked to contact police. Even a seemingly small or overlooked detail could provide vital information, officials said.

"The Piirainen family has been coping with this tragedy for twenty-five years," said Hampden County District Attorney Anthony Gulluni. "Members of my office and the Massachusetts State Police detectives assigned to the case have never stopped investigating to bring justice to Holly and her family. We continue to ask members of the public who may have any information to please contact us."

Several persons of interest have been investigated in connection with Holly's murder over the years, though no suspects were officially named. In 2012,

former Hampden County district attorney Mark Mastroianni announced that recently acquired forensic evidence connected David Pouliot to the investigation. Pouliot, who died in 2003, was never announced as a suspect, and officials would not elaborate on the evidence in question.

Additionally, several possible connections to the 2000 abduction and murder of 16-year-old Molly Bish in Warren

were also investigated by police, but no suspects were named.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Massachusetts State Police Detective Unit assigned to the Hampden County District Attorney's Office at 413-505-5993. You can also utilize the text-a-tip feature by texting the word CRIMES (2-7-4-6-3-7) and typing the word SOLVE into the body of the message, followed by your tip.

Harrington and police will work together on new initiative

State Representatives Peter Durant (R-Spencer) and Todd Smola (R-Warren) are pleased to announce that Harrington Hospital has been awarded \$486,000 from the Massachusetts Health Policy Commission for the Shift-Care Challenge.

The SHIFT-Care Challenge initiative is a statewide initiative aim to reduce avoidable Emergency Room use by investing in evidence-based, innovative care delivery models that are community-based, collaborative, and sustainable.

Through a partnership with the Southbridge Police Department, Harrington will embed a recovery specialist within the police force to support and coordinate treatment for those with opioid dependency, overdose or withdrawal.

"We're excited that this program can help reduce the instances of ER visits and readmissions, and provide the South County area with expanded behavioral health services," Durant said. "The collaboration between Harrington and the SPD will help people get the relevant care they need more effectively."

"This funding provides a valuable new resource as communities throughout Massachusetts confront the opioid epidemic," said Rep. Smola. "I want to congratulate Harrington Hospital and the HPC for their efforts to innovate and support people that are struggling."

Statewide the HPC grants total nearly \$10 Million in 15 innovative care delivery transformation proposals representing each region of the Commonwealth. The goal is also to contribute to the emerging evidence that addressing health-related social needs and providing timely access to behavioral health services can result in overall cost savings to the health care system.

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Constituents and town officials are invited to meet with him to express any concerns, ideas, or issues that they may need assistance with. Please feel free to contact Donna if you would like a private meeting. 774-402-4742

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Elite is another day for grandmaster



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Tae kwon do grandmaster Karen Brown and her children enjoy instructing people of all ages. Pictured with Brown are her four children: Jordan (front left); Jen (front right); Justin (back left); and Kevin (back right).

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER – For Karen Brown, tae kwon do isn't simply a passion that inspires her personally – it's a family business.

Recently joining an elite class of only 20 female grandmasters in the world, Brown has run the Hanmi Tae Kwon Do Center in Worcester for 28 years. The Leicester resident and her four children teach students from towns throughout the area, including Leicester, Spencer, Paxton, and several other communities. Brown started taking lessons in tae kwon do when she was 12, and just four years later she was already teaching.

When asked what the most rewarding part of running her business is, Brown answered, "Seeing people grow stron-

ger physically and emotionally – and just being a positive part of so many people's lives. I believe it's all about giving back."

Brown moved to Massachusetts in 1987, and it wasn't long before she started teaching at the YMCA in Worcester. She worked there for about seven years before deciding to open her own facility. As her children matured and developed their own skills – eventually earning black belts themselves – it was a thrill for Brown to welcome them to the Hanmi instruction team. All of her children went through Leicester public schools, and she is excited to see them giving back to local families.

From young children to seniors, the staff offers programs that get everyone active and involved. The center has



Leicester's Karen Brown recently became one of only about 20 female tae kwon do grandmasters in the world.

provided martial arts training to thousands of Worcester County children and adults over the years. With an emphasis on flexible class times, a positive learning environment, and several special events each year, the facility continues to attract families from throughout the area.

"My students range in age from three years old to 71 years old, and everyone in between," added Brown, who became a grandmaster in 2016. "We have a little dragons program for three- and four-year-olds, children's classes, an after-school program, adult classes, family class, demonstration team, and leadership team."

Brown and her staff also run a bullying prevention program in the Worcester public schools, and they are always searching for ways to stay active in the community.

To learn more about the facility and its programs, visit www.hanmitaekwondo.com.



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Gobi supports reuse of industrial properties

BOSTON- State Senator Anne Gobi (D-Spencer) offered an amendment to the Economic Development Bill that would create a Task Force to develop a strategy on the best way to encourage and incentivize the Redevelopment of Old Industrial Mill Buildings in the Commonwealth.

"The creation of the task force would finally begin the process of taking a comprehensive look at how best the Commonwealth might look to incentivize, and redevelop, the large number of old mill buildings that exist in the state," said Gobi. "Many of these buildings sprung up right next to the Commonwealth's many rivers and waterways at the turn of the century to take advantage of their ability to produce hydro-power, which powered the state's first industrial mills. Many still hold the potential of being small generators of renewable energy that could be added to the state's energy portfolio."

"Our old mill buildings are an iconic piece of our history, but they can also be part of our future. As we have seen with the Ludlow Mills, these buildings offer prime redevelopment opportunities, whether it's in new housing or new businesses like local breweries and distilleries. We could even reclaim their original purpose of using our rivers to produce clean, renewable energy for local communities. This task force will look at all of the above and make recommendations that we can use to spur local economic growth and create jobs," said Sen. Eric P. Lesser (D-Longmeadow), who authored the Economic Development Bill as Senate Chair of the Committee on Economic Development.

Western Massachusetts, like so many other parts of the Commonwealth, contains many old Mill Buildings that could benefit from such a comprehensive redevelopment plan.

Gobi's amendment directs the task force to formulate a plan on how best the Commonwealth of Massachusetts can assist these structures in being re-developed, rehabilitated, and revitalized to encourage economic activity.

"I strongly believe that the task force should prioritize redeveloping these old industrial mill buildings by encouraging these sites to become centers that utilize and produce renewable energy sources," Gobi added.

The primary goal of the Task Force is to create a comprehensive strategy to help incentivize the redevelopment of these old mill buildings. The task force will review existing state and federal tax incentive programs and renewable energy production, create an inventory of existing mill build-

ings, investigate potential uses, identify strategies to improve their energy efficiency, and prevent their further structural and environmental degradation. The task force will also explore innovative permitting processes, zoning regulations, and building codes to encourage redevelopment.

Gobi's amendment calls for the task force to meet and issue a report, including legislative recommendations to the: Joint Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies, and the clerk of the House and Senate, by August 1st, 2019. The membership of the Mill Building Task Force, to be appointed by the Secretary of Housing and Economic Development, would consist of:

- The Secretary of Housing & Economic Development (or his designee) (1), who will serve as Chairman.
- The Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs (or his designee) (1)
- The Chairmen of the Joint Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technology (2)
- The Director of MassDevelopment (or his designee)(1)
- 4 members of the state legislature, 2 from the House of Representatives and 2 from the State Senate, who represent communities with Mill buildings (4)
- The Director of the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (or his designee) (1)
- 2 owners of old mill buildings, one active and one inactive (2)
- 1 Representative of the Massachusetts Utilities (1)
- 1 Representative from an Economic Development Organization
- 3 Representatives of Massachusetts Planning Organizations; 1 from the western region, 1 from the central region and 1 from the eastern region.

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

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on Sept. 22 beginning at 10:00 am (with a 4:00 pm 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.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

SPRINGFIELD — Kayla Bolduc, of Leicester had the opportunity to spend time in Italy this summer as part of a three week study abroad experience in conjunction with the Sant'Anna Institute in Sorrento. Bolduc, along with 21 fellow Western New England University students from 15 different majors, took two classes, Italian Cultures and Covering Italy. Students were immersed in the local culture, studied and reported on the country's rich history and contemporary culture, toured the beautiful Amalfi Coast and the Pompeii Ruins while learning about the Italian food and wine industry. Bolduc is working toward a degree in the pre-physician assistant program.

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August Real Estate Market Update

According to Bankrate.com as of 06/10/2018 the rate on a 30 year fixed loan was 4.45% which is up slightly from last month. Homes priced appropriately and staged well are still selling very quickly but the inventory continues to grow. This shows that the local Real Estate market is showing signs of stabilization.

Today we have 1991 single family homes for sale in Worcester County compared to 6 months ago where we had 1187 single homes for sale and last month we had 1835 for sale. 12 months ago we had 1792 homes for sale so inventory each month is continuing to creep up. The average



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JAMES BLACK

sales price while it is taking 16.7% less time to sell the homes this year than last year in Worcester County. This shows that prices are still rising and homes are still selling quicker than a year ago. Looking at these

days on market is currently 95 days which is a 1.0% increase in days on market from last month. This shows inventory is slightly rising and homes are selling in a similar timeframe to last month. If we look at homes sold over past 12 months compared to the same time for the previous year there is a small increase in sales of 1.9% and a 5.8% increase in average

signs it still shows growth with increases in sales price and sales from 12 months ago, so the market is still strong and it is definitely still a great time to sell a home

I know I always say to ensure the hire a Realtor that understands your local market. When the market starts to change like it is now it is more crucial than ever to ensure you hire someone who understands the economics of Real Estate to ensure your pricing and marketing strategy get you the results that you desire. It makes sense more than ever to interview a few of the top agents in your area to ensure that you hire the best agent for the job.

Volunteers keep library on even keel

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – The power of community service has been on full display this year at Richard Sugden Public Library, which benefited from dozens of volunteers eager to give back.

The library staff and trustees thank the 45 volunteers who combined to work over 8,500 hours in the past year alone. Volunteers of all ages took part in an array of tasks at the library, including shelving books, dusting shelves, covering books, putting messages on the sidewalk signs, preparing crafts, cleaning toys, and creating fliers.

When patrons are able to walk through an organized library and easily access the materials they’re looking for, much of the credit belongs to volunteers.

“We are fortunate to have an army of dedicated volunteers ready and willing

to do a number of important tasks to keep our library running. We would be unable to do all we do for our patrons without their contributions and efforts,” said Library Director Cheryl Donahue.

Several volunteers are students from Knox Trail Middle School and David Prouty High School who rely heavily on the library for research each year. The Knox Trail Peer Leader program and National Honor Society members help maintain the children’s room, while the DPHS Life Skills Work Experience Group has served at the library for years. Even such minor items as sharpening pencils and cleaning toys go a long way toward maximizing patrons’ enjoyment of the library.

Additionally, student volunteers help the staff prepare for the Friends of the Library book sale each year. Meanwhile, students from Bay Path High School assist with computer proj-

ects and organizing books in the adult library collections.

“Our volunteers are wonderful. We appreciate the generosity of their time and efforts to make our library and town a better place,” said Denise Farmosa, an adult services librarian. “The volunteers allow the librarians to work on tasks that require training and experience to keep our library running efficiently. They allow us to provide more programming, keep our technology running smoothly, and get materials such as books, DVDs, and magazines onto the shelves faster.”

For many volunteers, helping out at the library is a great way to say thanks for the activities and programs offered each year. Several volunteers are parents, while others are seniors who have utilized the library for years.

“There are so many things to do at the library in addition to reading. It is a wonderful asset to our town,” said

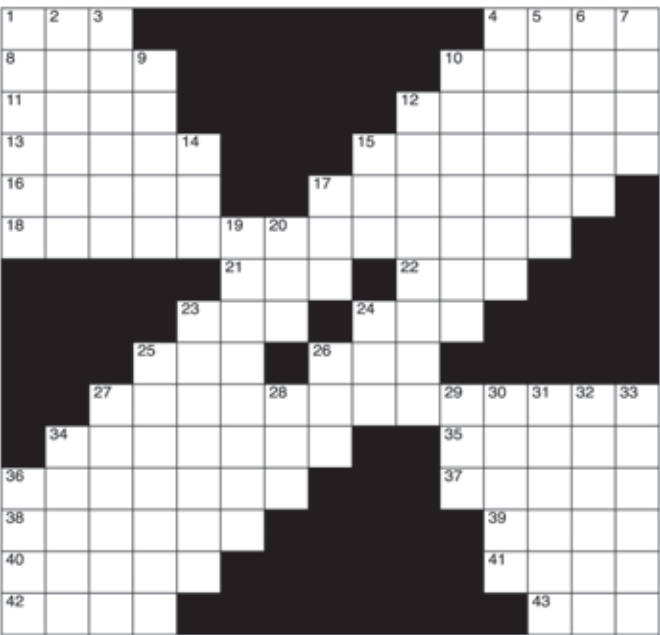
volunteer Christine Magnone.

Added volunteer Maggie Paul, who has helped out in the children’s department for the past three years, “My favorite part about volunteering here is the sense of community that I have developed over time. The people who work at and visit this library contribute to the communal sense present here each week that I volunteer.”

Trustee and volunteer Amy Paul has offered her time at the library since 2013, and she has found that giving back is a fun way to make new friends.

“This place is, in my opinion, the cultural and social center of our town,” Paul said. “The friends I have made, both within the staff and among patrons, helps the library feel like a home away from home.”

For more information about upcoming programs at the library, call 508-885-7513.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Political action committee

4. Where saucers cook

8. Type of horse

10. Heavy sword (Brit.)

11. __ Nui, Easter Island

12. A type of burner

13. Spanish island

15. Rapid alteration of a musical note

16. Where priests work

17. Most impoverished

18. Tom Petty’s band

21. Luke’s mentor __-Wan

22. No longer is

23. Mandela’s party
24. Legislator (abbr.)

25. A type of “zebra”

26. The common gibbon

27. American icon

34. Hunting expeditions

35. What a princess wears

36. Switched gears

37. Protege to Freya (Norse myth.)

38. Serves

39. Darken

40. Fencing swords

41. Middle English letter

42. Go slowly

43. A type of flute

CLUES DOWN

1. One who is rejected

2. Suitable for crops

3. Per __, each

4. Indulges

5. Preoccupy

6. NIN frontman Reznor

7. Posted

9. Infamous Ukraine village

10. Bizarre

12. One who loves to read

14. The products of human creativity

15. Extinct flightless bird of New Zealand

17. Famed Chinese American architect
19. These can be used to burn trash

20. Corpuscle count (abbr.)

23. Pokes holes in

24. Peter’s last name

25. Offered as a prize

26. French river

27. Young woman

28. A pot has one

29. Of the ears

30. Full of parasites

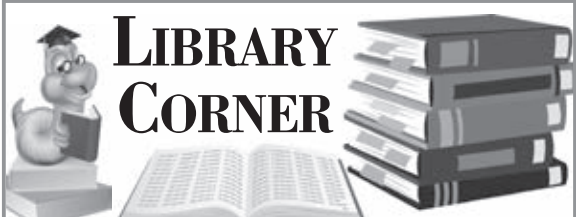
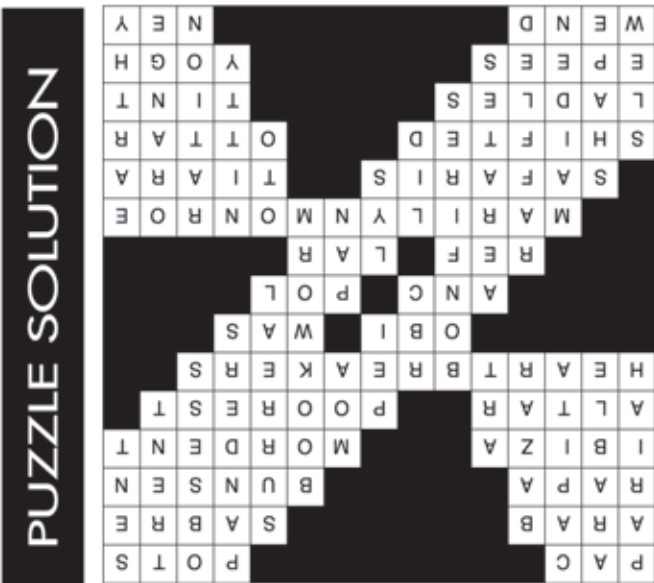
31. Dole out incrementally

32. Citrus fruit

33. Hearty

34. External form

36. Turn violently



Richard Sugden Library

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Open Monday and Thursday 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; closed Saturday and Sunday.

Kids, drop in anytime this week to make castanets.

Monday, Aug. 6
Sherlock Holmes Scavenger Hunt and Pizza Party! This program is open to grades 6-9 and meets from 3:30-5:00 pm.

Free Concert for Adults (grades 9+). The Promise Is Hope (Indie-folk duo) will perform from 7-8 p.m. Honest and true songs that help others see the truth and the beauty that exists in their own lives. In 2017, Worcester T & G named them “Best Entertainers in Central Massachusetts.” Sponsor: Friends of the Library

Tuesday, Aug. 7
Spencer Walks! Join us as we go on a Garden Tour with Lois Shorten. Walkers meet at 62 Woodside Road. The one-hour walk begins promptly at 8:30 a.m.

Dance party and ice cream! Toddlers (age 18 months to three) come from 10-10:45 and pre-k (ages 3 to 5) come from 11 a.m.-noon. Let us know if you are coming so we have enough ice cream!

Kindergarten Here I Come! This special program is open to anyone entering Kindergarten and their caregivers. Join musician Miss Renee from 11 a.m.-noon to get ready for Kindergarten! This program is made possible and run by CFCE.

Wednesday, Aug. 8

Dance Party and Ice Cream from 4-5 p.m. for all our school-aged summer reading participants entering 1st to 5th grade.

Thursday, Aug. 9
Come for a Pop-Up Playgroup from 10-11 am for all toddlers and pre-K children, and their caregivers. This program is run and made possible by CFCE.

Children’s Library Open House will be held from 2-6 pm. All are invited to drop- in to wish Debbie Kirk, Assistant Library Director/Children’s Librarian, well in her retirement.

Summer Reading: Library Rocks Finale Concert! Fat Boys and Little Men (Straight up Rock & Roll) will perform for Adults (grades 9+). Invite your friends for this free concert in our beautiful air-conditioned library from 7-8 pm. Vocals, guitars, bass, and drums make up this rock band from Mansfield. Thank you Lamoureux Ford for sponsoring this event.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

Libraries Rock is the 2018 Summer Reading Program Theme. The Richard Sugden Library, Spencer invites children to make a drop-in craft this week (Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from opening -1/2 hour prior to closing each day).

Checkout the library website: www.SpencerPublicLibrary.org for information on free programs for children, teen and adults. Come read and cool off in the air-conditioned library as well as enter raffles, and have fun with us this summer!

The Library also has discount passes to the Worcester Ecotarium, Worcester Art Museum, Old Sturbridge Village, Tower Hill Botanical Garden, and free parking passes to Massachusetts State Parks.

Sign up for our free summer programs. Help us read 1,000 books to raise money for the Wildlife Conservation Network. You choose the animal to sponsor! For every book you read, earn a bead for your necklace. Trade up for fancier beads!

FAIR

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tractor pulls, amateur log sawing, and a new emergency services heat in the demolition derby will add new twists to classic events. Always drawing a big crowd, demolition derbies will take place on Aug. 31 at 7 p.m. and Sept. 2 at 5 p.m.

The fair will also feature several musical attractions, with multi-platinum selling country music star Mark Wills visiting Spencer as the headline performer. In 1998, the Academy of Country Music Awards selected Wills as its top new male vocalist, and he has forged a decorated career in the industry over the past two decades.

Wills has seen every corner of the country throughout his career, and his passion for storytelling has never faltered.

“My focus is on the music delivery to make it my own for the people who listen – so that they can make it their own,” Wills said in a statement.

Additional musical acts slated for this year’s fair include Ross McGinnes, Tequila Bonfire, Leaf Jumpers, Bad Tickers, Sold Under Sin, Annie Brobst, Dan Candell, Dennis Polisky and Maestro’s Men, Ashley Jordan, and Coconuts.

Food, carnival rides, children’s events, and several contests will also be available to ensure a fun Labor Day weekend for the entire family. As always, the fair’s organizers thank all sponsors and vendors for their assistance in making unforgettable memories.

General admission to the fair is \$10, though seniors, military personnel, and children ages 7-12 will pay \$7. Children under the age of 7 get in free, and a weekend pass costs \$25.

For more information on all dates, times, and locations for this year’s events at the fairgrounds, visit www.spencerfair.org. Rules for competitions are also posted on the fair’s website.

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Age: 8 weeks old



Mitzi is one of six kittens that has been living in one of our foster homes. Their feline Mom took excellent care of them. Besides being incredibly cute; they are playful and friendly. The kittens are scheduled for their first veterinary visit and will be available for adoption the second week in August. If you are interested in adopting one of these kittens; please complete an adoption application online. We strongly recommend adopting two kittens if there are no other pets currently in the home. The kittens are happier and develop much nicer dispositions if they have a friend with whom to play.



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Community service takes students on the road



BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

BROOKFIELD – Continuing their tradition of summer community service, members of a local church group once again brought volunteerism on the road.

Organized by Quaboag Church, the group has provided service throughout New England for the last seven years. For the 2018 mission, the group traveled to Laconia, NH, last month to take part in a weeklong Workcamp NE initiative, with about 30 students getting involved. Most of the students attend the church, but kids from local towns joined the group as well.

For Associate Pastor Kyle Sargent, it's rewarding to offer kids a chance to give back each year. This year's group included students ranging from eighth grade to college.

"We go on these trips so people can experience the love and hope of Christ in a tangible way," said Sargent, who has worked at the church since 2010. "The work is important, but connecting with our residents is such a blessing. This becomes incredibly important as the week goes on, and it's what often leaves the biggest impression on the kids."

Workcamp NE is a non-denominational Christian relief

organization that operates across New England. At last month's program, 125 students from throughout the region worked at several Laconia homes, taking part in such projects as window installations, house painting, repair work, and deck building. Many of the residents assisted by the projects at no cost are seniors who wouldn't otherwise be able to maintain or improve their properties.

The trip also includes a "resident night" each year, which brings students and residents together for dinner, music and worship. The event is always one of the highlights of the trip for Sargent and the other adults who join the kids each summer.

"The residents get to share a nice dinner with the kids who served at their homes and then hear what other sites have been doing as well," Sargent added.

Students enjoy opportunities to help those in need each year, and it's also fun for them to meet other kids who have a passion for giving back. The smiles on residents' faces at the end of the program each summer is far more meaningful to students than any monetary reward.

"Workcamp NE has provided me with the opportunity



to share Jesus through helping people for the past three summers. It is an amazing and humbling experience that I will forever be thankful for," said Liza Flandreau, a junior at Tantasqua Regional High School in Sturbridge.

Added TRHS senior Jasper Roche, "Workcamp isn't just a place where you go and work on someone's house. Workcamp is a place where young people can grow in their faith and show God's will through their actions."

Younger members of the group are looking forward to continuing to give back throughout the community. Many of them will return next summer to participate in Workcamp NE.

"It's amazing to help people out," said Tantasqua eighth grader Austin Johnson.

The workcamp also includes a daily video, guest speakers, musical events, and several other activities. For more information about the summer program and how your child can get involved, visit www.workcampNE.com.



Courtesy photos

Students in a local church group were hard at work this summer as part of a workcamp mission in Laconia, NH.

SENIOR SCENE

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EVENTS
FUEL ASSISTANCE SEMINAR
Friday Aug. 10 and Aug. 24, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., seminar hosted by WCAC and also open to non-seniors.

DONALD BERTHIAUME OFFICE HOURS
Tuesday, Aug. 14 9-11 a.m. at the senior center.

OPTIONS COUNSELOR
Thursday, Aug. 16 9-11 a.m. Assistance with food stamp applications, equipment and supply information, meals on wheels, homemaking, personal care and so on. For an appointment, contact the Senior Center.

HANNAFORD AUGUST EVENTS
Saturday Aug. 18 a hot dog barbecue and a book sale at Hannaford with all the proceeds to benefit the NBCOA.

FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE
Tuesday, Aug. 21 and Saturday, Sept. 8 in front of North Brookfield Savings Bank. Stop by and say hello!

MEET & GREET CANDIDATE
Wednesday, Aug. 22 after lunch, Democratic candidate for the 5th Worcester district Jean Strauss will visit the Senior Center. Also open to non-seniors.

END OF SUMMER BASH
Tuesday, 28 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., a cook out with hot dogs, burgers and all the fixings! Bingo, and music by Two Bits. At the Time Out Bar & Grille, 31 East Brookfield Road.

ANNE GOBI OFFICE HOURS
Tuesday Aug. 28 11 a.m.-noon at the Senior Center.

LITERARY AFTERNOON TEA
Wednesday, Aug. 29 1-3 p.m. Enjoy a traditional English afternoon tea and celebrate the life and work of Virginia Lee Burton, children's author (remember Mike Mulligan's Steam Shovel?) Registration required

ONGOING
Hot coffee & tea available all day; pitch and cribbage all day until closing; billiards, cable TV and music; open jigsaw table & puzzle and puzzles available to take home.

MONDAY
Walking Club at 9:15 a.m.; line dancing with JP at 9:30 a.m.; Bingo 12:30-2:30 p.m.

TUESDAY
Hannaford bread distribution 9:30 a.m.; blood pressure clinic 10:30-11:30 a.m.; Tai Chi 2:15 p.m.; Center Café open for home cooked lunch

WEDNESDAY
Corner Café 9:15 a.m. (free specialty coffee and baked goods); Queen's knitting group 9:45 a.m.; Center Café for home cooked lunch;

THURSDAY
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Construction has begun at Harrington ED



Harrington has begun construction on its new Southbridge Emergency Department. This project has four distinct phases; the first is expected to take six months to complete. We acknowledge this is a very challenging project, and we are working diligently to do everything we can to accommodate our patients and visitors to minimize disruption. Our emergency department will remain open during the entire construction process, but modifications will be made for patient entrance, security and parking.

Beginning Friday, Aug. 3, the current entrance to the ER was closed off for construction. Patients and visitors are now routed to a new temporary entrance adjacent to the construction area (see photo). We will continue to employ the

same security protocols as the safety of our patients, visitors and employees remains a top priority.

We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding. Should you have any concerns when you arrive, please reach out to our Public Safety or ED staff; everyone is doing their best to make this process as smooth as possible. We will keep you updated as the phases progress on this project. We are all looking forward to the new Southbridge ED at the completion of this construction!

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This map outlines the new parking and entrance.

Lake Wickaboag plans annual meeting

WEST BROOKFIELD — The Lake Wickaboag Preservation Association will hold its annual membership meeting downstairs in the Barn at the Salem Cross Inn in West Brookfield on Thursday, Aug. 16.

You can get to the downstairs location by parking in the rear parking lot. A social gathering beginning at 7:00 pm will precede the meeting starting at 7:30 pm. During the social time, LWPA fundraising items will be available for sale along with Poker Run scorecards.

The program will consist of:

- “West Brookfield Stormwater Authority Mission & Current Activities” presented by Mary Beth Czaja.
- “110 Summers: Five Generations on Lake Wickaboag” a personal picture presentation by Bob Peterson.
- “West Brookfield- As Time Goes By” with Amy Dugas and Ed Londergan from the Quaboag Historical Society. They will challenge the attendees with the history of West Brookfield and there will be prizes for the winners.

The evening will end with a drawing for a Salem Cross gift certificate. The public is invited to attend. For more information contact Al Collings, president at (508) 867-7165 or at afc@charter.net.

Providence College grad from Leicester earns ‘White Coat’

Benjamin Gallant told his parents of his plan to become a doctor when he was an eighth-grader at Leicester Middle School. He said he wanted to attend St. John's High School in order to get into a better college, thus enhancing his chances of getting into medical school.

Ben's parents, Dave and Christine Gallant, recalled this earnest conversation with gathered friends and family on Tuesday, July 31, as they watched their son take the final step towards achieving his dream. Benjamin Gallant received his white coat in a time-honored ceremony that was streamed live from Albany Medical School. He then joined his 146 classmates from around the world in taking the Hippocratic Oath before embarking on his four-year medical school career.

Gallant graduated Magna Cum Laude from Providence College this spring and was the recipient of the prestigious Albertus Magnus award. He distinguished himself early in the competitive pre-med curriculum at PC, presenting at medical conferences in New Orleans, San Diego and Chicago while an undergrad. He interned his sophomore year at a hospital in Madrid, Spain, and was a Kopelman Fellow last summer at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital in Boston. He is the co-author of published clinical research and hopes to continue his research in medical school.



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Benjamin Gallant received his “white coat” at Albany Medical School in a ceremony streamed live to his cheering friends and family in Leicester.

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DOG PARK

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“The grant-awarding authority requires that the municipality sign a memorandum of understanding, which states that the city/town's intent is to maintain the dog park for a period of no less than 99 years,” said Town Administrator Thomas Gregory.

The Stanton Foundation is the organization which would supply the majority of grant funds for the \$250,000 project, if it is approved by selectmen and voters. But many officials believe a century is far too long an expectation for a town to maintain a dog park.

Before advancing to selectmen for consideration, the proposal must receive approval from the Parks and Recreation Commission, which was expected to take a vote at its August 7 meeting. Selectmen would then need to give the green light in order for the proposal to appear on the Fall Town Meeting warrant.

“Before we start talking about grant funding and long-term agreements, there are a lot of moving parts to address and research to be done,” said Board of Selectmen Chairman Gary Woodbury. “I think we're too early in the process for some of these discussions to happen right now.”

To assist with the establishment and upkeep of the park if it is approved, residents formed Friends of Spencer Dog Park, Inc., a nonprofit organization. Several events already raised funds for the organization, but officials are worried about the town funds that would be required to sustain the park. Many concerns have been expressed by select-

men, including pet waste removal processes and costs, sanitation at the park, possible liabilities to the town related to accidents and injuries, maintenance of the park, and police coverage of potential incidents.

Additionally, several officials are uncomfortable with the idea of the town being required to commit 99 years to maintenance of the park. Selectmen believe it is unfair to make an agreement that will impact town leaders for multiple decades, potentially hamstringing municipal resources during difficult economic periods.

“We don't know what could happen in five years, never mind 100 years. It's unacceptable to saddle the townspeople with a commitment for that long,” said Selectman Warren Monette. “I was in favor of the park until I heard about this. It's just not fair to the town.”

The proposed park would include two separate fenced-in areas, with 1.2 acres dedicated to large dogs and 0.5 acres for small dogs. Fences would be five feet high in certain locations, and designated sections would be reserved for off-leash use.

Moving ahead, selectmen said more research needs to be done on whether the length of time for the memorandum could be reduced from 99 years. Officials also want to ensure that the agreement established when the park was initially gifted to the town is not violated by the proposal.

“There is still a lot that needs to be done. This is a long process,” Woodbury added.

Requests for comment from the Parks and Recreation Commission were not answered by press time.

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And of course I handed off the camera so here are Kim Maschi as successful doctor Sarah Dippity and the birthday husband Keith as butler Jarvid Deedit.

On a dark and stormy night, a group of friends and family got together for merriment, murder, and mayhem. It was my husband Keith's 30th birthday party, and I wanted him to have the most amazing night. I decided on a 1930s Hollywood theme, rated R (because we are all adults and ready to let loose a bit.)

I hired an acting troupe from The Murder Mystery Co. grimprov.com. The actress came with outfits, props, binders, and suspect personalities to make the party a magnificent event. The actress' pseudonym was Mr. Warren Peace, a Hollywood producer, and he was to be murdered! (insert grave music here!)

Mr. Warren Peace invited up all to his mansion for a party and to figure out who wanted him dead. But one guest never made it. Mrs. Peacock who was writing a new script has been shot and killed. It is time for us to get into costume and begin the murder mystery.

Keith, from Oxford, became the Butler Jarvis Deedit, Kelly Craft from Maine became Mary Katzen Ashley, assistant to the producer. Mark Cady, from Oxford, became Sleazy McQueen, producer. Lisa Henry, from Worcester, transformed into Cherry Bomb, aspiring actress. Thomas Turcotte from Webster was the amazing detective Peter Ness, but his friends called him P. Ness. Elaine Henry from Webster was Donna Badthing a very prominent actress. Katrina Grandelski from New Hampshire became OohLa La, the maid. Chris Gilbert from New Hampshire was the rich Mr. Greenspan, banker. Mike Henry from Webster was Professor Purple who continually tried to explain to people just how much of a genius he really was. And I was the very successful Dr. Sarah Dippity. The other guests, Silvia Gilbert, Dawn Moore, Megan Turcotte, Robert Henry, and Cheryl LeBlanc, were all detectives trying to solve the case. We all had a part to play and had to figure out who was the killer by the end of the night.

We all walked around the room on the top floor of the KBC Brewery in Webster. We were pleased to find out that the building we were in used to be a speakeasy! How perfect! We listened to 1930s music and strolled along the twinkling lights with drinks in hand. We



Cheryl LeBlanc (a detective), Tom Turcotte (Peter Ness) and Kelly Craft (Mary Katzen Ashley) took their parts sort of seriously.

each had props and outfits to go with our characters, the moment I put on the doctor's robe I was transformed into a know it all nuisance... not much of a transformation for me.

Keith played his butler part extremely well, I contribute his butler likeness to my constant nagging for him to help clean the house.

Sleazy McQueen sported a baseball cap with long strands of hair in the back, he was an excellent sleaze who had sordid affairs with all the ladies around him. Could he be the killer?

Cherry Bomb was sweet and kind and had nothing but nice things to say about everyone. Detective Peter Ness had many questions and with badge in hand he hounded every character. Donna Badthing was above everyone else and knew it. She threw her boa around and pranced about flaunting her many accomplishments and assets.

Mr. Greenspan sipped his drink at the table and gasp! He fell forward and died! Someone has gone ahead and killed someone else now! The rich banker is now dead and we are all still suspects.

As the doctor of the group I was the one in charge of pronouncing people dead. My binder stated that to do this I gently touched the tip of the corpses nose and say "they are dead".

If you are reading this and have read any of my past columns you know I tend to be dramatic and overly involved. So, when Mr. Greenspan took a sip of his beer and died. First, I tried to pry the beer from his hands, poison or not a free drink is a free drink. But alas he would not give, "rigor mortis has already begun I announced."

Next, I had to gently touch the tip of his nose and declare him dead. Instead, I fondled his nose, flicked it a bit, pushed it to one side and then the other, Chris aka, Mr. Greenspan tried to remain quiet and corpse-like while I drew little circles on his schnoz. Good job Chris. I finally announced he was dead and we all got on with the show.

Kelly, aka Mary Katzen Ashley, was the best actress of the group. She was told to be clumsy and cute and she pulled it off with flying colors. She spoke in a mousy voice and tripped over every chair and table. She fumbled her books and stole the show, everyone agrees Kelly, you need to go into improv my dear, you are a shining star!

The maid Oohla La had a big part to play as she was initially framed for poisoning Mr. Greenspan. But Oohla La was not who we thought she was. She



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KIMBERLY MASCHI

was actually an undercover FBI agent! Keith, aka Jarvis Deedit, admitted to having a plan to kill Mr. Warren Peace with Mr. Greenspan but it didn't work! I, the doctor, was apparently in love with Sleazy McQueen and asked him to marry me and of course he said yes. But I was also a marksman and who else would know how to kill someone other than a doctor? Professor Purple had his own reasons for wanting Mrs. Peacock dead, he wanted everyone to think he wrote the script she was working on.

Do you know who the murdered was? Have you guessed correctly? Was it the debonair actress Donna Badthing, was she jealous of Mrs. Peacock's success and angry with Mr. Greenspan? Was it the doctor who was a marksman and having an affair with Sleazy? Was it Sleazy who was sleazing it up with everyone? What about the genius Professor Purple? Could he have murdered so blatantly? Everyone always says the butler did it, but did he? Did Cherry Bomb, aspiring actress, have something to do with this? What about the clumsy Mary Katzen Ashley, was her klutziness just as act? Oohla La and detective Peter Ness are law enforcement, but does that mean they are not guilty? Only those at the party know.



Megan and Tom Turcotte sporting their 1930s garb.



Our refreshments were very well themed

We had a champagne toast at the end of the mystery, I toasted to my husband on this very special birthday of his. We ate blood splattered cookies and cake from Jess' Sweets & Treats in Oxford. We danced to the music and drank heavenly beer from the brewery. We were swept away to a different place and time for a few hours and it was amazing. From pearls and boas to blood and poison, the night was a scream!

Friday's Child



Hi! My name is McKenzie.
"I love to swim!"

McKenzi is an affectionate, outgoing eleven-year-old girl of Caucasian descent. McKenzie loves to cook, swim, paint, watch television, play with her dolls, collect Shopkins and spend quality time with her friends. McKenzie's favorite food is macaroni and cheese. Her favorite athlete is Michael Phelps and her favorite singer is Ke\$ha! When she grows up, McKenzie's dream is to become a professional chef.

People who are close to McKenzie would say she is hard working, caring, and a good role model to others. McKenzie is a sixth grade student who does well in school and works at grade level. Her favorite subjects are art and math. McKenzie likes going to school because she enjoys learning and getting to socialize with her friends.

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EDITORIAL

Definitions of a political entity

In an age of political correctness, we cringe at certain words. We do not wish to offend, or at least some of us don't.

Others just let that freak fly. But that is for a different essay. Which is why we read the letters to the editor with a very jaundiced eye. Sure we believe in free speech, but come on. Why should we allow the name calling that sometimes deteriorates to the level of the sandbox? Really? These pages are for thoughtful, approximately intelligent exchange of ideas. We are great with opposing viewpoints. We are not happy with gutter sniping.

When you bring up a letter, talk about the politics, not the letter writer. Make your point, move on. 'Nough said.

But back to the original purpose of the whole thing.

There are debates, real, genuine intent debates, about whether the words 'illegal' or 'undocumented' should be part of the lexicon for the people now in the country improperly. Yes, they absolutely are here illegally, because they overstayed a visa, crossed a border without the right paperwork, were brought here by parents without the right paperwork, had paperwork lost or stolen, or for whatever reason; they do not have what they need to stay here correctly. And because of that, yes, they are here illegally and obviously without the right paperwork, they are undocumented.

So both terms work.

The argument is over whether one term or the other is more derogatory, and whether one is less dehumanizing.

People, say the advocates of undocumented, cannot be 'illegal'. Their actions might be, but people can't. It is in their eyes, an incorrect term.

But, those who don't like undocumented say it is too 'soft' for those who have come here and are intentionally by definition committing a crime.

Derogatory terms for immigrants isn't new.

FOB: fresh off the boat. Didn't matter from which country, and isn't interesting that someone not wanted could easily be FOBbed off.

WOP: with out papers. That's right, while it was usually associated with people of Italian descent, the derogatory term was originally applied to many groups who arrived without proper documentation, illegal immigrants. But in the earlier days of such migration, paperwork was less important, and in fact, harder to have.

What the country might very well need are a series of Ellis Islands once more. Centralized places where everyone comes through the same place.

We've seen scenes from such historic films as the Godfather, where a small Italian child w-o-p, and in fact ill, is placed in quarantine but eventually is reunited with family. This is in the early 1900s, and we are complaining about it happening now?

History is circular. We don't learn very well from our mistakes. Crossing invisible lines and protecting ourselves from ourselves has been happening since the first cave family decided not to share their campfire.

The words we use to say we don't like how we feel about one another or how someone else feels or thinks hasn't changed much either. Different time, different language, same nonsense.

We become enraged over those who think differently than ourselves, how dare they not understand our way is best? How can't they see what we see? Don't they see it our way?

Apparently, they don't. And we can't see it their way either.

We actually think that is a good thing, we're back to the beginning here: opposing viewpoints is a good thing.

How stale a world it would be without variety.

VIEWPOINT

OPINION AND COMMENTARY FROM SPENCER, LEICESTER AND THE BROOKFIELDS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gaucher: proud deplorable

To the Editor:

"President Trump says volumes about the character of the American people, at least the 46% of the Americans who voted for him and a decisive majority in the towns in which this paper circulates," according to David Rosenberg in the Spencer New Leader, Friday, July 27, 2018. Mr. Rosenberg then proceeds to question "the culture of the Americans who elected Trump."

This is RIPE conjecture from a man who presumes to know quite a lot about me and my fellow Trumpians!

I am a proud "Deplorable", a proud American, a member of the 46% and I reside in a red town, 2016.

Trump loves this country and knows that America is the greatest country in the world because of our freedoms and the opportunities it affords everyone. No country is perfect but the United States always strives to be better and at least 46% know this. "America is an unfinished masterpiece. America, like no other nation allows you to participate in its progress, carve a place in its promise and play a role in its possibilities. This is both a privilege for Americans and a necessity for the nation." Eboo Patel, founder of an interfaith youth organization.

Our "character" is such that we like the idea of a businessman running our country, one who has signed the fronts of paychecks not just the backs. We want someone in office who comprehends the abuses of over taxing, over spending and over regulating. We want someone in office who wants to protect our borders and protect our freedoms.

Our "culture" is one of strong work ethic, mass communication and family first. We work to contribute to our family and our country and we believe that the strength of our country depends upon all able bodied persons

contributing and communicating. We are a nation of legal immigrants from many different cultures but language is the one thread that binds us and makes us strong.

Dear Mr. Rosenberg,

We are not "terrified of illegals." We believe laws are made for following and breaking the law has consequences. We are not "racists." We believe in personal responsibility and that everyone who is able bodied should contribute to their family and their country. We are not "homophobic". We believe in individual rights and that less government means more choices for everyone. We are not "embarrassed and ashamed" of our country. We love our land of liberty because we cherish our freedoms. We are makers not takers. We believe that being an American means acclimating to a strong work ethic and learning the language.

We elected Donald Trump because we deserve to have a leader who wants what we want! We want a President who believes as we do, in opportunity, growth, prosperity and success for all! We "deserve" Donald Trump because we elected him. We wanted someone different, someone who would do things different and do things better. We wanted someone with a record of accomplishments who could get things done. We gambled and we won!

We 46% are "the character and the culture of the American people" and we wear our MAGA hats with pride, honor and distinction!

This country is a rising tide of red that is lifting all kayaks, canoes, dinghies and Yachts. So get on board or risk sinking in the deep blue sea! Trump 2020 > 46%!

JENNIFER GAUCHER
SPENCER, RED TOWN, USA

Consider these financial tips for single women



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If you're a single woman, most of your financial challenges and aspirations may resemble those of single men. Men and women face the same economic stress factors of modern life, and both groups have similar financial goals, such as the ability to retire comfortably. But women still face specific obstacles. You need to be aware of these challenges – and do everything you can to overcome them.

For example, women still face a wage gap. In 2017, women earned 82% of what men earned, according to the Pew Research Center. However, the wage gap narrows among younger workers, and may even disappear for highly educated women, especially those in the STEM fields – science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Another financial concern for women is connected to their role as caregivers. Women spend an average of 12 years out of the workforce to care for children, elderly relatives and even friends, according to an estimate by the Social Security Administration. Other studies report different figures, but all the evidence points to women being the ones who take time off from work to care for loved ones. This means fewer contributions to Social Security, 401(k)s and other retirement plans.

Faced with these and other issues, what can you do to help yourself move toward your important goals? Consider these steps:

Develop good financial habits. Establishing good financial habits can pay off for you throughout your lifetime. These habits can include maintaining a budget, keeping your debts under control, and putting aside some money for a "rainy day."

Take advantage of available opportunities. If you work for an organization that offers a 401(k) or similar plan, contribute as much as you think you can afford. At the very least, put in enough to earn your employer's matching contribution, if one is offered. And every time your salary goes up, increase the amount you invest in your plan. Also, think about opening an IRA, which, like a 401(k), can offer tax-advantaged investment opportunities. If you have children, you'll also want to explore college savings vehicles, such as a 529 plan.

Educate yourself about investing – and get professional advice. Some people think investing is just too complex and mysterious to be understandable. Yet, with patience and a willingness to learn, you can become quite knowledgeable about how to invest, what you're investing in and what forces affect the investment world. And to help you create an investment strategy that's appropriate for your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon, you may also want to work with a financial professional.

Discuss financial issues with your future spouse. If you get married or re-married, you'll want to discuss financial issues with your new spouse. Specifically, you'll want to answer questions such as these: What assets and debts do each of you bring to the marriage? Do you plan to merge your finances or keep them separate? Are your investment styles compatible? Do you have similar long-term goals? You and your new spouse don't need identical views on every financial topic, but you both need to be willing to work together to advance your common interests. Ultimately, you have a lot of control over your own financial future. And making informed choices can help make that future a bright one.

Graham: time to pardon

To the Editor:

This is a golden age in America. GDP growth is at record highs, unemployment at record lows, even black and Hispanic unemployment is at record lows. The tariffs on foreign goods are working bigly and they are going to help pay down the deficit. Trump'merica continues to roar!

The Mueller team needs to be fired, Robert Mueller included. They are creating a side-show that is preventing America from becoming even greater. Mueller is now going after Trump's family. It is now looking more and more likely that they are going to charge Don Jr. with who knows how many crimes in an attempt to get to Donald. The meeting at Trump tower was a meeting to get information on an opponent, totally legal and done all the time in politics. Mueller knows he can't charge the President with anything so he is going to fabricate charges on his family?

Mueller is going after the President's family because he knows that the only way to get to Trump is convince the House to file for impeachment and the Senate to convict with 67 Senators. Mueller knows this isn't going to happen. Republicans are in control of the House and Democrats will NEVER

get 67 Senators. Our President is untouchable as long as WE THE PEOPLE continue to vote Republican and 'primary' any incumbent who speaks out against our President. I hate it so much that even though we live in a conservative oasis within Massachusetts, Massachusetts is gerrymandered such that we don't have a voice.

Why aren't Mueller and the 17 Angry Democrats looking at the meetings concerning the Fake Dossier and all of the lying that went on in the FBI and DOJ? This is the most one sided Witch Hunt in the history of our country. Fortunately, the facts are all coming out, and fast!

It is time to end this once and for all. President Trump needs to issue a full and unconditional pardon for any crimes that MAY have been committed for his family and all close associates similar to the pardon Gerald Ford issued Richard Nixon. Then he needs to fire Mueller. We need to end this witch hunt, and get on with the business of running America and dominating the world! God bless America, and no place else!

GEORGE GRAHAM
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Opacum Trust: success

To the Editor:

The Southbridge Credit Union Tour Opacum on July 8th was a huge success! We had 190 riders, doubling last year's attendance. With the support of our partners and sponsors, along with all of the riders, we raised \$14,000 for land conservation.

Tour Opacum took riders on routes that explored the picturesque countryside and small towns of the Quaboag Hills & Quinebaug Valley, including: Sturbridge, Brimfield, Brookfield, West Brookfield, Southbridge, Holland, Wales, Monson and Palmer. Experiencing the very land and communities that Opacum Land Trust is working to preserve provided riders

with a sense of purpose to accompany their fun ride, and the free beer and food provided by Rapsallion Brewery at Hyland Orchard.

Thank you to all of those who participated, volunteered or supported Tour Opacum! Special thanks to Hyland Orchard, Rapsallion Brewery, Southbridge Bicycles, The Sturbridge Tourism Association and our lead sponsor, Southbridge Credit Union!

Mark your calendar for July 7, 2019, for next year's Southbridge Credit Union Tour Opacum!

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Local officials push for judicial accountability

BY SENATOR ANNE GOBI, SENATOR RYAN FATTMAN, CHIEF STEVEN WOJNAR, AND JENNIE CAISSIE

Our Constitutional Republic is founded upon the idea that government is of the people, by the people and for the people, not above the people. No one serving in elected or appointed office should be above this standard, including those in our judicial branch.

In the wake of recent tragedies and loss of innocent lives, we believe it is time for meaningful, bipartisan reform in judicial accountability in Massachusetts.

Judges are appointed for life in Massachusetts, and command a position of power and respect. The prestige of their position is reflected in their compensation, benefits, and retirement because the decisions they make carry great consequence, altering the lives of our citizens and society. But to whom much is given, much is required. And what is required today is far different than the process our Founding Fathers established in the Massachusetts Constitution in the 1780s for judicial accountability.

Judicial accountability only exists in two forms, the first of which is extremely rare, and the second of which is surreptitious: (1) impeachment as outlined by

the Constitution (2) confidential judicial evaluations that are performed by the Supreme Judicial Court of each judge, shared with them, and then destroyed.

Under the first method of accountability, only three judges have ever been removed from office since the Massachusetts Constitution was enacted in 1780. The last judge removed by the Governor's Council was before the Civil War in 1821. Under the second method of accountability, we simply do not know the consequences for each judge as the process is not salient to the public.

In the near-term, more scrutiny and transparency is required in the judiciary. First, Massachusetts General Law Section 211 must be changed to allow this to happen. Judicial performances evaluations should not be confidential, and only reviewed by a small group of unelected judges. These performance evaluations must be public and available to the Governor's Council, the elected body responsible for vetting and appointing judges, and to elected members of the legislature serving on the Senate and House judiciary committees. This increased transparency on the conduct of life-time appointed judges will provide greater insight into our judicial system.

Second, the Governor's Council should

be able to conduct open, transparent, and public hearings reviewing judicial performances.

Finally, there must be a constitutional amendment brought before the legislature to enhance judicial accountability that empowers the Governor's Council to review a trial court judge every five years, and by super majority, be able to unappoint said judge. This process will be lengthy, requiring citizens to collect thousands of signatures, two Constitutional Conventions of the Legislature over a four-year period where 50 members elect to vote affirmatively, and a vote on the ballot by the voters of the Commonwealth. Although arduous, it is a worthy and important endeavor we hope to lead.

Let us be very clear; we do not want to elect judges, nor do we want to encroach upon the founding father's vision of an independent judiciary. We understand the need to have a separate but equal judicial branch. But there must be a healthy balance between independence and accountability.

Are we to believe in a state that boasts of the world's oldest Constitution, that in over 200 years of existence, only three judges have been worthy of criticism so great they were due for removal?

Recent tragedies where clear patterns of direct and indirect judicial decision making irrevocably impacted the lives of law enforcement officials and families answer the question: no. Poor judgment as evidenced by poor outcomes, or poor behavior by a life-time appointed official, should not only call into question the opinion of said judge, but also question their very appointment.

Moreover, these efforts are not designed to impede upon the symbiosis of three independent branches of government, but to simply align democratic intentions and parity between officials dully appointed or elected in the Commonwealth. No one should be above the law, and while executive and legislative branches have continued to operate in the same continuum of rules and accountability set out in the original constitution, the judicial branch has not. It's time for that to change.

Thank you.

Jennie Caissie, Governor's Council, 7th District, Middlesex

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Anne M. Gobi, State Senator, Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex

Steven J. Wojnar, Chief of Police, Dudley Police Dept.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR Miller: Democracy or Republic?

To the Editor:

I am thoroughly enjoying all the diverse views we have seen in the VIEWPOINT section. It makes me so happy to see a lively debate in print, the original media. I have always been an American history buff and just wanted to point out a few things.

The United States is a democracy and it is a republic so there is no need for debate. We are not a direct democracy but instead democratically elect representatives. A Republic is simply the opposite of a monarchy where the power lies in the citizens. Our country is governed by the constitution. So we are a democracy, we are a republic, we are a constitutional republic. We are not a 'direct democracy' and I don't believe any of our letters writers said as

much although Mr. Spaulding's letter of 7/13 suggested direct democracy as a solution.

The Pledge of Allegiance which was alluded to in Mr. Reed's letter of 8/3 was not from the time of our nation's founders but first devised in 1892 and not adopted by congress until 1942. The "under god" phrase was not originally part of the pledge but was added in 1954 to push back against the atheism of Communism and suggest that capitalism was heavenly blessed.

On a related note, "E Pluribus Unum" or "Out of many, one" was replaced with "In God We Trust" in 1956 and first used on paper money in 1957.

EDITH MILLER
LEICESTER

Dubois: support religious freedom

To the Editor:

I have enjoyed the recent letters from local writers of the New Leader thoroughly and there is an issue I would like to bring up. This week Jeff Sessions has FINALLY launched a religious liberty task force and I think everybody should be aware that the Republicans are finally listening to the people and addressing our needs.

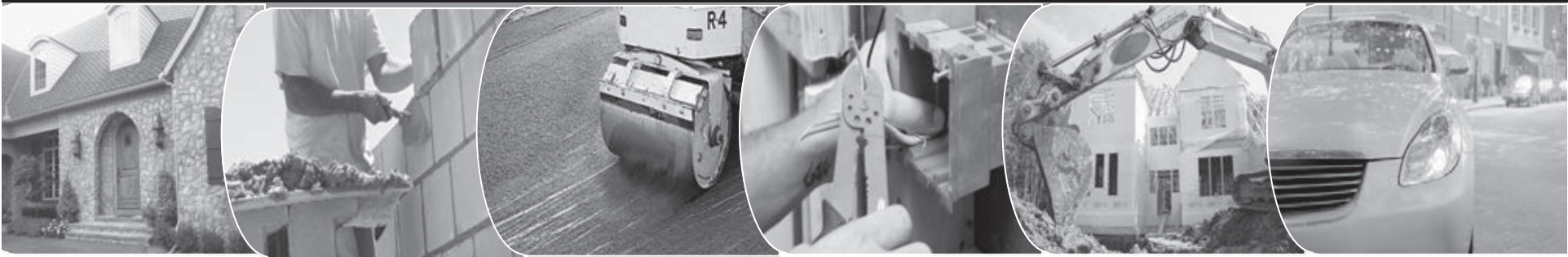
The freedom to practice religion in America has come under attack from our cultural climate. Christians have become the most marginalized group in America and have been told that we cannot practice our religion in our schools, on our town squares, or while running our businesses. Part of being a Christian is spreading the good word and making sure we and all those under our control live biblically. A dangerous movement, undetected by

many, but real, is now challenging and eroding our great tradition of religious freedom. It must be confronted and it must be defeated.

Bakers, inn-keepers, pizza shops, and gas station owners should all have the right to refuse to do business with anybody for any reason, especially if their religious beliefs prohibit doing business with them. Some charge that godly people are asking for discrimination. Well, God instructs to uphold biblical values and fight against sin and blasphemy. Liberals can call it discrimination, but it is our religious freedom. We need to actively accommodate people of faith and through the grace of God, Jeff Sessions is organizing a task for to return America to biblical greatness.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Har-Yarok: American Taliban

To the Editor:

Christianity and Islam have more in common than most of their adherents would like to admit. Both are universal religions meaning they consider themselves to be applicable to all people. Both teach that correct belief, good deeds, and ritualistic outward demonstration of faith will lead to paradise after death with eternal suffering to be the punishment for not acting or believing correctly. Both religions are recruiting, considering it their goal to recruit new members and spread. Missionary work preaching the Christian gospel and Jesus is fundamentally the same as Da'wah work inviting people to understand the Qur'an and Mohammad. Both Christianity and Islam have spread through conquest, both have merged with empires and nation-states, both have been mandatory for populations in controlled territory under threat of death. For the record, I am not an adherent of either Christianity or Islam and I believe this allows me to step back and realize how similar they really are.

The U.S. Constitution prohibits the establishment of religion in the United States and was intended to erect a wall between religion and the government. The United States was founded as a secular constitutional republic that was to function for all of its citizens equally without regard to their religion. The United States has always been a nation of many Christians but it was never a Christian nation. Our founding fathers had many writings indicating this such as George Washington's 1790 letter to the Hebrew Congregation of Newport which stated in part, "the Government of the United States, which gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance, requires only that they who live under its protection should demean themselves as good citizens in giving it on all occasions their effectual support."

The 1796 Treaty of Tripoli, signed by John Adams, stated in part, "the government of the United States of America is not, in any sense, founded on the Christian religion."

We have a big problem in America these days that I will refer to as the "Christian Taliban". We have radical religious extremists which want to take political power, turning a democracy into a functional theocracy. They concern themselves with the perceived morality of others and want to use the great arm of the government to impose their will on others and regulate the personal lives of others so they can live in some Christian utopia. They care little about actual religious freedom and are re-defining religious freedom to mean their "freedom" to impose their religion on others.

The Christian Taliban warns that our culture (the behavior of others around them) is getting too progressive

and warn that morality itself is under attack. Who gave them the right to define morality for me, you, and everybody else? They wrap themselves in the flag and reframe all of their backward ideas into 'freedom'. In terms of gay rights, they want to ignore the concept of equal protection under the law and instead put others' individual rights up for a vote akin to mob rule and demand their 'religious freedom' to discriminate in public accommodations. The Christian Taliban's thirst for power is unending and they have a desire to shut down or punish those who have morals different from their own.

It's not enough for them to live in a country where they are completely free to practice their own religious beliefs - they need power, and they need others to live under their religious code, too. It's not enough for them to say, "I don't believe in X, and therefore I will not engage in X". The Christian Taliban are the ones who say, "I don't believe in X, and therefore I'm going to fight to make sure no one has it".

Yes, there's an American Christian Taliban, and we ought to be concerned. While they are busy working to achieve their vision through democratic means, the net-goal is not all that different than other religious extremist groups: taking control of culture and government to transform a nation into following the tenets and principles of their own religion. Not via influence and by winning in the arena of ideas, but through power, control, and dominance, and they are actively working to take over the government at local, state, and national levels.

From where I sit, the Christian Taliban is not a lot different from the actual Afghan Taliban - a political movement to merge religious dogma with state power to achieve a religious goal of imposing on others. Christianity went through an enlightenment 300 years ago which ended the inquisition despite kicking and screaming from the Church, and in much of the Muslim world an enlightenment has not happened, this is not lost on me. I fully admit the Afghan Taliban is worse than the American Christian Taliban, but "they're worse" is no excuse for unacceptable behavior.

We must stand for equal rights that place liberals and conservatives, religious and non-religious, all on equal ground before the law. We must ensure all Americans, no matter what stripe, have equal access to the various areas of society, and that their dignity is maintained in the process. We must stand for religious freedom, but must stand against religious rule. We must stand against the American Christian Taliban.

OMAR HAR-YAROK
EAST BROOKFIELD

Reed: impressions Left aren't Right!

To the Editor:

Living 50 years or more has both its advantages and disadvantages. Seeing what passes today for education, enlightenment and "anti-fascism", I admittedly feel a lot like character Walt Kowalski in Gran Torino. After being insidiously attacked in these pages, Aug. 3, by one Esther Cohen of West Brookfield, her wild references about extremists and Nazis caused me to recall those powerful and disturbing films shown in my fourth- and fifth-grade years at Tatnuck School (1972-73). They chronicled the Nazi atrocities during and at the end of WWII. Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces, General Dwight D. Eisenhower, discovering the horrors inside the Concentration Camps, ordered their filming for posterity that humankind would never forget, nor deny, what happened in those places. For those of us who saw this terrifying footage and photographs, they are images we will never forget, nor the important reason they were shown to us—as young as we were—by the Worcester Public School system.

Ms. Cohen, who does not know me (or I her), did an apparent drive-by of my Facebook page and Googled me, and claims she is "terrified" of content viewed without further explanation. Are you serious, lady? The Left today makes the late U.S. Senator Joe McCarthy look like an absolute amateur at the art of the smear and innuendo! I'm a Conservative Christian, a 12th-generation American descended from the oldest Puritan emigrant on HMS Defence that arrived in Massachusetts in October of 1635 from Cornwall, England. Apparently, my numerous Facebook posts sharing Fox News videos and other Conservative commentary have triggered Ms. Cohen to lash out and imply I'm some sort of dangerous type. She's "more disturbed" I've actually been allowed to serve my town, going back nearly to my arrival here almost 30 years ago. Ms. Cohen, your intolerance as to who shouldn't be permitted to serve their communities tells us all we need to know about the fallacious "tolerant" Left in general and you in particular.

lar. Let not your heart be troubled about me, or other vocal Trump supporters. We're very proud of President Trump who strongly supports Israel, loves the Jewish people, recognizes Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and moved our embassy there in keeping promises that past U.S. Presidents only paid lip service to. His own daughter, Ivanka, and son-in-law, Jared Kushner, are Jewish. Unlike during the Obama Administration, now both Israel and America are in good hands here!

This is a teachable moment for readers to assess the current hateful political climate that the Leftist minority is fanning. The lawn signs read "Hate has no place here". Au contraire! Indeed, the fascism is clearly coming from the Left as evidenced in part by the thug-dominated so-called "anti-fascist" group Antifa. They regularly shout down patriotic rallies and physically assault political opponents. They are the new brown shirts, often in hoods to cover their faces! Conservative speakers on college campuses often cannot even get to speak due to these fascist terrorists of the Left. Robert Emerson's hollow letter on "fear" in that same issue is a good example of the info warfare the Left recklessly deploys without conscience whereby everything they accuse their opponents of, they themselves are guilty.

Lastly, to David Rosenberg, you have my sincere empathy for being upset over your written work that was rejected. I too have had that experience in the past. That can be very frustrating when you have something to say. Also, please know that I wasn't implying two different authors with your letters; indeed, you confirmed my presumption was correct. I also intended no other implication, nor slight such as multiple personalities. It was simply a unique experience for me with a fellow contributor to these pages. Peace and shalom to one and all. We live in the greatest nation on earth. Let's remember what unites us all as one common people, as One Nation under God, indivisible...

DANA GEORGE REED
SPENCER

Rosenberg: Whataboutism

To the Editor:

WHAT ABOUT THE EMAILS? Whataboutism is an old Soviet propaganda technique which is a cancer infecting American political discourse being used by none other than Donald Trump and his (close to being proven beyond a reasonable doubt) Russian handlers. Whataboutism is a logical fallacy that attempts to discredit an opponent's position by charging them with hypocrisy instead of refuting or disproving their argument. It is the practice of changing the subject to someone else's perceived wrongdoing.

President Trump does this all the time, most famously when he was asked why he hadn't forcefully condemned the Neo-Nazis in Charlottesville in 2017 and his response was, "What about the alt-left that came charging at the alt-right, do they have any semblance of guilt?" It takes a lot of nerve to say that there is blame on both sides of a white nationalist protest where one of the white nationalists killed a counter protester.

This technique of saying "what about" is an old Soviet propaganda tool that is dangerous because it implies that all actions, regardless of context, share a moral equivalency and since nobody is perfect, all criticism is hypocritical. It is a depressingly effective tool. The problem with whataboutism is that it doesn't actually solve a problem or win an argument; It just muddies the waters to make the other side angry. What about Hillary? What about the Clintons? It is 21 months past time for the Republicans to stop being sore winners. Regardless of what you think about the Clintons they are gone and out of the picture, irrelevant. Every time Trump or any other conservative brings them up from a TV talking head to a politician it is a transparent attempt to deflect and change the subject. Trump won the election per the text of the U.S. Constitution, continu-

ing to bring up his opponent from 2 years ago is nothing more than avoiding an honest discussion about what he is doing and what is going on right now.

Whataboutism is used to perpetuate the concept that everybody is corrupt, nobody is moral, therefore you can ignore the misdeeds of the speaker. Whataboutism implies a moral equivalency where there often is none, and forces the entire debate to roll around in the mud. Donald Trump and the Republican party of 2018 (it has changed a lot over time) is most comfortable fighting in the gutter and can play to their strengths in the gutter, so they do what they can to bring their opponents down into the gutter.

Another closely related issue is the false equivalency between our 2 major political parties. We've all heard it, "they are both terrible", "both parties do it", etc. While it is true that nobody and no organization is perfect, it is a dangerous fallacy to assume that all things less than perfection are equivalent. In modern times, saying that Democrats and Republicans are the same is ridiculous and dangerous. The Republicans fight much dirtier than the Democrats when it comes to gerrymandering, voter suppression, and irrelevant unimportant but emotionally charged issues. By accepting the notion that both sides are equally dirty, it gives an inherent advantage to whichever side chooses or has the political ability to fight dirtier. In today's political climate the Republican Party is very cohesive and homogeneous whereas the Democratic Party is much more diverse in terms of a variety of factors which allows the Republicans to fight dirtier. Pushing the false equivalence of the Democrats and relegating political campaigns to the gutter only helps whoever is most corrupt.

DAVID ROSENBERG
SPENCER

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The George Whitefield Violin School Foundation has been created to raise additional funds for the school. All money raised at events like the August 5 concert will help the school purchase music stands and other equipment, in addition to providing assistance with violin rentals for those who need them.

After hosting a successful benefit concert last October that raised money for hurricane relief, church members once again relied on the generosity of the public. The August 5 concert featured Cheongmoo Kang on clarinet; Kate Kim and Juhee Lee on violin; Alice Ryu on piano; and Diane Kang on cello. The group performed several selections, including classical, Christian, and popular music.



Kevin Flanders photo.

Juhee Lee, who will run a violin school this fall at George Whitefield United Methodist Church, performed during a concert last week to raise funds for the school.

To learn more about the violin school and how to apply, send an email to juhee3@gmail.com. You can also call 413-477-1233.

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Board. “We are very happy to get such outstanding community involvement, and we want to keep it going.”

Ed and Tina Bemis, the owners of Bemis Farms Nursery, worked with the town’s Tourism Committee about a decade ago to hang flower baskets on telephone poles. Subsequent challenges involving permissions from utility companies made it too difficult to continue that tradition, but when the new municipal light poles were first discussed a few years ago, the Bemis family saw an opportunity to bring flowers back to downtown Spencer.

“As Tina and I travel around the country, we see most other small towns – as well as large cities – use flowers much more prolifically in public spaces,” Ed Bemis said. “In addition to making the town prettier, this always seems to help create a sense of community pride.”

Bemis thanked everyone

who made the project possible, especially Doug Cutler, of Barnstorm Cycles and Jeeps, who regularly donates to community projects and organizations.

“Doug is a progressive thinker who understands that a visually appealing town is great for business. His donation was contingent on receiving a matching amount from other area individuals and businesses,” Bemis added. “As of right now, we have received \$905 in matching contributions.”

Donations can still be made at www.Bemis.biz (search for “Spencer” in the search box). The majority of the funds are used to purchase the basket hardware that mounts securely to the light poles. Featuring maximum durability and a unique reservoir system that holds five gallons of water, each basket was designed by a greenhouse in Michigan and costs \$200. Bemis even visited other towns using the baskets prior to choosing them for Spencer, and the results have

been impressive to residents and officials alike.

“This has been a great community project, and a lot of people deserve credit for everything they’ve done,” Stevens added.

Though the built-in reservoirs assist greatly in hydrating plants, each basket will need to be watered every other day. Bemis Farms Nursery has agreed to do this work, and Ed Bemis thanks his entire staff for their help in growing and installing the plants.

As more funding is received for the project, additional baskets can be purchased in future years. Meanwhile, town officials will continue to work with Appleblossoms owner Wendy Beauvais to expand Spencer’s recent downtown banner project. Whether small or large, every improvement in the downtown sector makes a difference, Stevens said.



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SPORTS

Duval helps Oxford rally, but Quabbin wins Auburn Summer League



Nick Ethier photos

The Oxford High summer basketball team fought hard, but came up short in the final of the Auburn Summer League to Quabbin Regional, 52-42.

BY DEAN P. ST. LAURENT
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

AUBURN — A second half surge by Oxford High, led by their dynamic point guard Alex Duval, came up short in the end as they lost the Auburn Boys’ Summer Basketball League championship game, 52-42, to Quabbin Regional on Wednesday, Aug. 1 at Auburn High.

Oxford trailed big, 33-14, going into the second half of play, but toughness and grit showed in the final 20 minutes as the Pirates cut the lead down to as little as four points. “They are some of the toughest kids I know,” explained Oxford summer league head coach Matt Davis. “When kids play for me it is not always easy, I am very demanding and these kids accepted that challenge and then some. That is why we

made it to the Championship game. To make it this far it has to do with talent, but also that little extra and these kids have it. Oxford guys have that edge to them and these guys are proof of that.

“We were down 20 and we made it a six-point game with a few minutes to go,” Davis added with a smile. “These kids don’t give up, when you’re missing three-fifths of your starting lineup in the Championship game and your team doesn’t care — that’s toughness.”

A large part of the comeback was Duval’s ability to finish at the rim and hit crucial shots when they needed him to do so. Duval scored a game-high 25 points in the contest, but scored 16 of those 25 in the second half. At one point the lefty scored seven straight points to make it a four point game (36-32) with 8:29 to go in the game.

“I can’t say enough about that kid,” expressed Davis. “Clearly by watching him he is a very talented kid, but that is a kid who I had on my AAU team in sixth grade. Not only did he play on my AAU team, but he was the guy, their main player. He also played up a couple age groups. He played on the 11th grade team when he was in ninth grade, so that is a kid who played against seasoned varsity guys coming into



ninth grade. I think that it’s clear that he has the ability to dominate.”

Oxford not only has a rising star in Duval running the point, but also has the talent and coaching staff to be as successful this coming winter, if not more successful than they were last season.

“I think they can do very well. They are defending SWCL C Champions and I they can go out and do it again,” Davis said confidently. “They play a lot of basketball and I think that is

important. With basketball you need that court time, and you can’t just be a good athlete. You have to have skills and these boys play a lot of basketball.

“They have a great head coach in Coach [Anthony] McDonald, and a great coaching staff,” Davis added. “They have Keith Duval and Dave Aldridge. That’s a staff right there and I think with the kids’ willingness to fight they will have a successful season.”

Oxford finished the summer season with a record of 9-4.

With Auburn Summer League in limbo, Pappas, DelloStritto step up to keep it alive

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

AUBURN — The Auburn Boys’ Summer Basketball League has been around town for over 35 years but, this summer, it appeared as if it could be coming to an end. Some teams switched to various leagues in Milford and Worcester, while Auburn High winter head coach Andy Niedzwiecki — who had been running the summer program for the past couple years — had taken the job at his alma mater at Sutton High.

The town of Webster showed interest in taking over the summer league, but not enough teams committed in time. With teams still looking for a place to play, but with time dwindling down, a couple Auburn residents took initiative.

After receiving a phone call from Auburn Superintendent Maryellen Brunelle, Kristen Pappas, Director of Recreation and Culture for the town of Auburn, was asked to run the league and keep it inside at Auburn High.

Pappas has run the

girls’ summer league in Auburn for the past 10 years, and it has blossomed into 15 teams competing, so she took the challenge of taking over the boys’ league hoping to make it just as successful.

“I worked together with [Auburn High Athletic Director] Brian Davis and got a whole bunch of phone numbers,” Pappas explained following the girls’ league championship game on July 26. “Pete DelloStritto was instrumental in helping get the teams. We worked together, I couldn’t have done it without him.”

DelloStritto, a 24-year resident of Auburn, was appointed as the head official after gaining enough interest from local teams.

“Those that didn’t have a place to play said that they were all in,” explained DelloStritto before officiating playoff games on July 25. “It was a huge endeavor to pull together in such a short period of time, so we’re happy to keep it going. The tradition of Auburn basketball has been going long before myself.”

Bob Muir ran the Auburn Summer League for 35 years before giving way to Niedzwiecki, so DelloStritto and others didn’t see the league vanishing as a viable option.

“We didn’t want this to go away,” he said. “We put our heads together and we dug deep.”

In all, 10 teams took part at any given time this summer. They included Auburn, David Prouty, Leicester, North Brookfield, Oxford, Quaboag, Millbury, Great Brook Valley, St. Mary’s and Wesley. When Quaboag was unable to produce enough players halfway through the season, Quabbin stepped in and took their place.

The finals were then set on July 30 when a pair of quarterfinal games preceded two semifinal contests. First, St. Mary’s and Quabbin moved to the semifinals following victories. They then met Oxford and Great Brook Valley, respectively, who reached the semifinals the week prior during their quarterfinal round games.

In the semifinals,

Oxford and Quabbin both won to advance to the league championship.

Now that the Auburn Summer League has made it through the year, DelloStritto wants it to stay for good.

“Our hope is to sustain this league and keep it growing as it is an institution in the area,” he said.

DelloStritto added that the Auburn Webster Lodge of Elks, Fuller Automotive, Holiday Pizza and Weepin’ Willies were four key Auburn sponsors that “banded together to help defray the cost of this league.”

DelloStritto also had high praise for Pappas for jumpstarting the league with little time to spare.

“Kristen Pappas stepped up big to run the league,” he said. “I was asked to assign officials with Jimmy Riley. Most proud of rallying 10 teams in a short span of time and pulling this together in basically two weeks.”

He also thanked Niedzwiecki for “helping pave the way.”

Pappas noted that she



Mathew S. Plamondon photos

Auburn Boys’ Summer Basketball League quarterfinal and semifinal round games were played on Monday, July 30 at Auburn High to set up an Oxford-Quabbin championship.

will run the league again if asked to do so. And if she does, she would like for the league to continue to grow.

“I would like to get 16 teams next year,” she said.

SPORTS BRIEFS

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! Register by Aug. 17 and receive your choice of the Classic Long Sleeve T-Shirt, or a Long Sleeve Tech Shirt. 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.

Running Out of Summer 5k Sturbridge road race to benefit Second Chance Animal Services

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.

Central MA Crusaders Softball holding tryouts in Webster

The Central MA Crusaders Softball program — an organization dedicated to the growth and development of young players looking to take their game to the next level — is holding player tryouts for the U14 team. Tryouts are set for Aug. 12 at 10 a.m. The tryouts will be held at the Bartlett High softball field in Webster. Any questions, contact centralmacrusaders@gmail.com. If interested in U10, please send email to the prior address.



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Laid Back Competitive Baseball League concludes regular season, gears toward playoffs

STURBRIDGE — Now in its seventh season, the Laid Back Competitive Baseball League (LBCBL) has grown to a 10-team league with a full regular season slate of up to 14 games played. And on Sunday, Aug. 5, that regular season came to a close.

Below is the league's history and mission statement, found on the LBCBL website.

"Our History

The Laid Back Competitive Baseball League (LBCBL) was founded in the summer of 2012, by the current Director of Baseball Operations, Cody Mundell. Nearly 6 seasons ago Cody rounded up 5 teams to take part in our very first season. What was his vision you ask? To start his own league, where guys who are still looking to play some baseball can do so in a fun and competitive atmosphere. But most importantly everyone is welcomed!

Over the past few seasons Cody has work diligently growing this league from the ground up. He has invested countless hours, and money into the league, to give players of all skill levels a place to play a good brand of baseball. We have since reached 10 teams spread across a number of locations in Central Massachusetts including: Sturbridge, Southbridge, Oxford, Shrewsbury, North Brookfield, Dudley & Charlton. Our players are of all skill levels: former professionals, former collegiate players (all different divisions), high school stand-outs, those who did not stand out in high school, and guys



Mathew S. Plamondon photos

On the final day of the Laid Back Competitive Baseball League regular season (Sunday, Aug. 5), the Turner's Club Nuts defeated the D.C. Whitecaps, 17-9, as both teams ready themselves for playoff competition.

who have never played. Even dad can play! What's most important, is that we all just want to play.

For years we have tried our very best to provide a fun/laid back, but competitive atmosphere. It sounds like it doesn't make sense, but once you play you will understand. We strive to be as affordable and convenient as possible. We typically play all of our games on Saturdays and Sundays in the mornings, and our average player pays roughly \$100 to play (can be more depending on team size and uniform purchases). These fees can be reduced by team and league sponsors given by local businesses for marketing opportunities on social media, our

league website. Some team sponsors may also have their name put on uniforms. The league encourages all players to try to get sponsors for their team if at all possible.

If you don't want to hang up the spikes, or you don't want to play softball, or you just want to play. Join us! We are always looking for more players/teams!

Our Mission

Moving forward, we hope to continue expanding across the immediate area in locations such as: Spencer, Leicester, Auburn, Millbury, Sutton, Webster, Douglas, Grafton, Northbridge, Uxbridge & Worcester. The deadline for putting a team in for the 2018 season has passed, however we are

always taking deposits for our next season. If you are interested in joining the league, please do not hesitate to reach out. Don't forget to ask about getting on our sub list!

Fairly soon, we will be filing to become a 501-c3 non-profit. It will be our mission to work with local communities to help fix up the fields that we are using. A portion of our proceeds will be used to help make the baseball experience the absolute best for our players, while the other portion will be used to help maintain, fix, & restore the baseball fields in the communities we play in. In doing so we hope to build lasting relationships with local little leagues and municipalities for years to come!"

Eight teams have reached the playoffs, and those games start on Saturday, Aug. 11. To check out a game, please see the locations below.

Shrewsbury at Oxford Bomb Squad, 11 a.m. (Horgan Field at Greenbriar Park)

D.C. Whitecaps at The Alliance, 11 a.m. (North Brookfield High School)

Sturbridge Kangaroos at Turner's Club Nuts, 11 a.m. (Turner's Club Field)

Southbridge Spectacles at Lomuscio Trucking, 2 p.m. (Shepherd Hill Regional High School)

For more information, please visit the league's website at <https://www.leaguelineup.com/welcome.asp?url=laidbackcompetitivebaseballleague>

SPORTS BRIEFS

Quail Hollow Golf Results

Pit's Crew

First place: Bill Herrick, Buzz Madsen, Al Petkus and Dennis King, -10

Second place: Dave Truedson, Ron Thompson, Ron Jette and Dick Morse, -9

Third place: Andy Newton, Dick Ullman, Ed Peloquin and Ted Lechowicz, -7

Still Hart's League

First place: Tom Lowkes and Dennis Rice, +6

Second place: Dean Malin and Rick Lindsten, +3

Third place: Tina Allen and Tom Cournoyer, +3

Most over quota: Bob Becker, +5

Rutland Police Department Golf Outing

First place: Team Ryan Desrosiers, 57

Second place: Team Justin Eisnor, 57

Third place: Team Lisa Staiti, 59

Larry Hanch to conduct Complimentary Swing Clinic

On Sunday, Aug. 12, Larry Hanch will conduct a Complimentary Swing Clinic at 1 p.m. at the practice field tee. All are welcome, and the focus will be on club path and club speed, distance and direction.

Annual Saint-Jean-Baptiste Educational Foundation golf Tournament comes to Pleasant Valley

The 22nd annual Saint-Jean-Baptiste Educational Foundation golf tournament is now set for Monday, Aug. 20 at Sutton's Pleasant Valley Country Club. This is a change from the original date of Monday, July 23 due to the weather conditions. The cost is \$150 per person — twosomes and singles are welcome — and there will be a hole-in-one contest as well as a putting contest, door prizes and a special golfer's raffle. There will be 18 holes of golf on a PGA and LPGA course with valet parking, bag handling services, unlimited use of the driving range, and chipping and putting areas prior to the 10 a.m. shotgun start, Florida-style scramble. Early registration begins at 8 a.m. with carts with bag rain covers, a gift bag, coffee, continental breakfast and snacks. An executive buffet dinner follows the tournament. For additional information and registration please call Ken (Golf Committee) at (508) 277- 5314 or Ted (Foundation Trustee) at (508) 764-7909.

Kettle Brook Golf Club — Kettle One League Week 14 Results

First Place: Kris Houston and Dan Henderson, +9

Second Place: Butch Thibault and Jack Lacroix, +5

High Quota: Dan Henderson, +6

Closest to the Pin on Eighth Hole: Vinny Cloutier

Baseball legends enshrined at Hall of Fame

COOPERSTOWN, N.Y. — Over the July 28-29 weekend, some of baseball's all-time best were enshrined in the Hall of Fame. Local photographer Dick McGrath captured the moments that saw Vladimir Guerrero, Trevor Hoffman, Chipper Jones, Jack Morris, Jim Thome and Alan Trammell get inducted into the Hall of Fame, as well as Bob Costas for announcing and Sheldon Ocker for writing.



Chipper Jones gives his Hall of Fame speech.



Jack Morris, right, holds his plaque with Jeff Idelson, President of the Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum.



Photos courtesy Dick McGrath

Vladimir Guerrero gives his Hall of Fame speech.



Trevor Hoffman, second from left, holds his plaque while posing with Jeff Idelson; President of the Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, Jane Clark; Chairman of the Board of Directors, and Rob Manfred; Commissioner of Major League Baseball.

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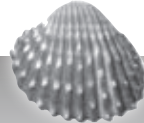
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ATHLETE of the WEEK

The Alliance

One of 10 teams playing out of the Laid Back Competitive Baseball League, The Alliance — which plays its home games at North Brookfield High — compiled a regular season record of 9-5 and earned the No. 3 seed in the upcoming playoffs. The Alliance is set to host the D.C. Whitecaps on Saturday, Aug. 11 at 11 a.m.

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Crossbow hunting fails to make it out of committee again



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By now most sportsmen are aware of the failed attempt to pass a crossbow bill in Massachusetts, allowing any licensed person to use them for hunting. Although disabled hunters are allowed to use one, it was disappointing that the bill failed to even get it out of committee. There was little hope that it would become law among most hunters in the state, as it required the legislature to back the bill. Many politicians are not hunters and care very little about hunting and fishing regulations, and have very little knowledge about wildlife conservation. Hunting with a crossbow would allow hunters to harvest deer in populated areas. Hunting deer or turkey with a bow needs to be changed from 500 ft. to 300 ft. from an occupied dwelling, and even closer with landowner's permission. Wildlife has learned to adjust to encroachment by humans, and feels safe living within 50 or 100 ft. of homes.

This past week I was involved in a conversation about Mass. Fish & Wildlife and the new appointments that are being made within the agency. Why are so many employees leaving the agency? Many are at that age for

retirement and want to enjoy time with their families. That is a good thing. I was also told that many new employees are college graduates that do not fish and hunt? This is not good for the future hunting and fishing public. One of the qualifications should be that the new hires hunt or fish.

New wannabee legislators are circulating their papers for numerous positions throughout the state. It is very important that sportsmen get out to vote for the candidate that will work for you!!! Every year we lose more of our rights to own fire arms and to enjoy the great outdoors. There are less hunting and fishing activities by the younger generation today because of parents' failure to expose their children to the sports.

Are you ready for another hike in your hunting and fishing license? Do not be surprised to see it at next year's renewal of your hunting and fishing license. The average hunter or fisherman has little time to hunt or fish in today's world, and the increase will only deter new hunting or fishing residents of our state from participating.

We cannot afford to lose any more of the hunting and fishing public.

Massachusetts wildlife populations are exploding on all fronts. Turkey populations are out of control in some areas, as well as deer populations. An increase in the daily bag limit is warranted over and above the recent extra hunting days recently approved. Antlerless

deer permits are being cut in some zones in Massachusetts and deer hunters are questioning the reason for the cuts. Recent winters have been kind to wildlife with deer and wild turkey thriving. Goose populations are also a continued nuisance, polluting our lakes and ponds annually. The big problem there is the private property providing sanctuaries for the geese during hunting season. No hunting in these areas has allowed the goose populations to get out of control in many areas. The recent increased daily bag limits will not help if they cannot be hunted.

Feeding any waterfowl is against the law, but it is rarely, if at all, enforced. The bottom line is that hunting is the only means of controlling our wildlife populations & keeping them healthy. Just imagine if deer hunters did not harvest more than 10,000 deer annually. Disease and starvation of the animals would be overwhelming, and car & deer collisions would rise dramatically causing death and injury to family members.

Saltwater fishing has slowed on many fronts with Block Island area giving up very few stripers last week according to a Snug Harbor report this past Saturday. Bluefish have started to provide some action for party boats and other small charters. Bluefish are also showing along the beaches and at the Point Judith lighthouse. A few mako sharks are being caught at the Mud Hole with some false albacore showing around the Point Judith lighthouse.



Courtesy photo

A king salmon caught in the Salmon River last year.

Red Top Bait shop reported inconsistent action on stripers with no real blitz. Being there at the right time is the key to all fishing.

Lake Ontario fishing is starting to heat up!! August is the start of the king salmon run and provides some great

fishing. More on this subject in the coming weeks. This week's picture shows a very happy angler with a king salmon she caught last year on the Salmon River in upstate New York.

Take A Kid fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!!

Tips to beat the heat!

Recent nearly triple digit temperatures found young and old alike literally losing their cool! If the rising mercury puts a damper on your "hot fun in the summertime," read on for a medley of both old (previously shared) and new (recently discovered) tips to help you beat the heat!

Cool down tips for the home:

*If you have mini blinds and find that closing them to keep the house cool keeps out too much light, try angling them upwards. This way, the light is reflected up and into the room, but the heat of direct rays are kept away.

*Pulling the shades down in east and west windows during a heat wave can lower an inside temperature as much as 20 degrees, as compared to unshaded windows!

*Using a window air conditioner? To boost its efficiency, use a fan with your a/c to circulate the cool air throughout the home. Fans are best placed on north facing, shaded windows, if possible.

*Never place lamps or TVs near your air conditioning thermostat. The heat from these appliances will cause the air

conditioner to run longer.

*Electronics, such as TVs and computers not only emit phantom energy but they produce heat even when shut off. Unplug these devices whenever possible.

*Compact fluorescent lights not only use less energy than incandescent bulbs, but they burn much cooler, preventing an unnecessary source of heat.

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Hints to keep cool:

*Natural fabrics such as cotton keep you cooler than synthetics. Breathable fabrics such as organic cotton helps to wick moisture away from your body, helping you stay cool and dry. And be sure to wear loose fitting clothes on hot days to allow air to circulate and keep you cool naturally.

*Want sweat free slumber? Sleep on 100% cotton sheets. And swap out synthetic pillows for cooler feather ones. Better yet, switch to a buckwheat pillow, which is the coolest of them all!

*Cool down quick by taking mini baths



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or showers throughout the day when possible. Tepid water works best to refresh.

*Cool off instantly by placing a cold compress on your forehead or an ice bag on your head or on the back of your neck.

*Drink plenty of chilled, non-alcoholic fluids during a heat wave. Experts advise avoiding caffeinated, sweet, or alcoholic beverages as they act as diuretics and can play havoc with your body temperature.

*On hot summer days, you'll sweat less if you eat foods high in water content, such as fruit and vegetables. Also avoid heavy meals that are harder to digest.

*If you are exercising or are performing physical work during a heat wave, be sure to drink two to four eight ounce glasses of water an hour. When possible choose sports drinks instead.

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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!

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

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Harvest herbs whenever you need them for cooking or garnishing a favorite dish. Adjust the quantity of herbs used to allow for variations in flavor intensity and your family's preference.

In general, you will need two to three times more fresh than dried herbs. So, if the recipe calls for one teaspoon of dried parsley use one tablespoon (three teaspoons) of fresh parsley leaves.

Use a pair of garden scissors or pruners for harvesting. Make your cuts above a set of healthy leaves. The wound will

close faster, and the remaining plant will look better. Rinse off the clippings and remove tough stems and any discolored or damaged leaves and start cooking.

Store the extra, unwashed leafy herbs in a vase of water and loosely cover with a plastic bag. Keep basil on the kitchen counter and cold-tolerant herbs like parsley and cilantro in the refrigerator.

Wrap thicker-leaved herbs like sage and thyme in a paper towel, set inside a plastic bag and place in a warmer section of the fridge.

Don't be afraid to keep harvesting. Regular picking encourages new growth for future harvests. Just be sure to leave enough foliage to maintain plant growth. You can harvest as much as 50 to 75% from established annual herbs and one third of perennial herbs at one time.

Clip off leaves and stems before the plant begins flowering to encourage more tender growth. You'll get the greatest concentration of flavor when the plant has formed buds, but

before they open. However, don't discard the flowers if you've waited too long. Enjoy the beauty and added flavor of basil, lavender, lovage, monarda, oregano, rosemary, sage, sweet marjoram and thyme blossoms in salads, soups and other beverages.

As the season winds down, consider preserving some of your favorite herbs to use all winter long and to give as gifts.

Drying is one of the easiest ways to preserve your herbal harvest. Collect large amounts of basil, rosemary, marjoram and sage just prior to flowering. Cut the plants back about halfway in the morning after the dew has just dried off the leaves. Rinse – do not soak – the clippings and then remove any damaged or dried leaves.

Gather the herbs into small bundles and secure with a rubber band. As the stems shrink, so does the rubber band. Use a spring-type clothespin to hang the bundles from a clothesline or hanger.

Store the bundled herbs in a warm, dry, airy place out of direct sunlight for drying.

Some gardeners cover the drying herbs with a paper bag to keep them clean.

You can also dry herbs in the microwave. Remove the leaves from freshly harvested herbs. Evenly spread two cups of washed herb leaves on a double thickness of paper towel. Microwave on high for four to six minutes, depending on your microwave.

Fully dried herbs will be brittle and rattle when stirred. Store dried herbs in an airtight container for later use. Label the container with the name of the herb and date preserved.

Then add these flavorful additions to your meals throughout the winter. You're sure to savor the flavor and memories these homegrown preserved herbs add to every meal.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses How to Grow Anything DVD series and the nationally-syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio segments.



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Drying is one of the easiest ways to preserve garden-fresh herbs.

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School district shortfalls concern legislators

BOSTON — Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) and Representative Kimberly Ferguson (R-Holden), co-chairs of the Regional Schools Caucus, were pleased to announce a pair of initiatives included in the FY19 state budget aimed at addressing cost issues plaguing regional and rural schools.

The first budget initiative targeted the reimbursement rate for regional school transportation. There are currently 58 regional school districts in Massachusetts with 171 member schools. Massachusetts law entitles Regional School Districts to 100% reimbursement for school transportation expenses, but the actual amount is subject to annual appropriation by the legislature. The last time regional school districts received 100% reimbursement was over 15 years ago and in fiscal year 2016, the reimbursement rate was 73%. The transportation money that is not reimbursed by the state comes directly out of their school budgets - in FY16 these districts experienced a collective shortfall of \$14.4 million in this category. Senator Gobi has advocated each year for an increase in funding with a goal of 100% reimbursement.

“When I met with school superintendents on how best to assist them, transportation reimbursement was at the top of the list,” remarked Senator Gobi. “The 80% reimbursement is a significant increase and a great step towards the 100% goal. I appreciate the support of Representative Ferguson and the entire Regional Schools Caucus for my amendment and I expect the Governor will recognize the importance and not veto the funding.”

“I am honored to chair the Regional Schools Caucus with Senator Gobi and appreciate the collective effort of caucus members, as well as our constituents throughout the state who advocated for this increase in funding,” commented Representative Ferguson. “Although I am pleased to have reached an 80% reimbursement rate for transportation, there is still work to be done to address the unique challenges faced by regional schools and we will continue to advocate for our school districts.”

Costs associated with transportation in a regional school district represent a significant portion of a district’s budget because of the geographical footprint associated with bus routes across numerous communities, often with low

population densities. The mandate that regional school districts are required to transport all students to and from their homes places a significant financial burden on school districts, made especially difficult with reimbursement rates fluctuating from year to year. The amendment, filed by Senator Gobi, raises the reimbursement rate to 80 percent of full funding, at a total of \$68,878,679 - a \$7,357,679 increase over FY18 funding.

The second initiative sought to address the many pitfalls facing rural school districts.

In January 2018, The Department of Early and Secondary Education (DESE) released a report on the “Fiscal Conditions in Rural School Districts,” studying current fiscal conditions in rural school districts across the state with regards to enrollment, staffing, spending trends, local aid, school choice and charter school tuitions. As provided in DESE’s report, rural school districts are defined as “municipal and academic regional school districts with student densities of less than 21 students per square mile, based on foundation enrollment.” In the Department’s findings, it was of no surprise to hear that rural school districts struggle

to provide their students sufficient resources, while experiencing steady enrollment declines over the last ten years and spending substantially more per pupil on transportation costs and staffing needs.

In response to these issues, Senator Gobi and the other members of the Caucus advocated successfully for a new line of funding that establishes rural school aid. Sometimes referred to as “sparsity aid”, this funding is separate from Chapter 70 aid and any other school aid that school districts already receive. The proposed formula takes into account two primary metrics to determine a school’s eligibility: (1) student density; and (2) ability to pay. It establishes school aid for eligible rural school districts with the greatest fiscal needs, exclusively for municipal and regional school districts, at \$100 per pupil. The line item was included at a rate of \$1.5 million for the FY19 state budget.

The final version of the FY19 State Budget now heads to Governor Charlie Baker for signing. For more information please contact Senator Gobi’s office at 617-722-1540.

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to improvements to the nave and main hall, the historic church will be far more efficient and accessible by the time the anniversary arrives next May.

“It’s humbling to think about how long this church has been here. It is a great building, and we want to do everything we can to bring more people into our church,” said Phil Olivo, the chairman of the church’s administrative committee.

The church was established in 1744, but the original building was destroyed in a fire. The current church at 207 Main St. was built in 1863, and it has provided countless memories while spanning generations. For Olivo and other members of the committee, it’s important to renovate the church and attract even more families to the congregation.

One of the major focus-

es for the committee is increased accessibility. A recent project removed small sections of pews in the middle of the nave to enable wheelchair-bound guests to sit comfortably beside their families. Additionally, old pew cushions are being replaced and carpeting will also be improved.

“We want our church to be accessible to everyone. This will provide a much better experience for families,” added Olivo.

The church will also see the creation of a computer room, which will greatly benefit members who don’t have internet access at their residences. Moreover, a major kitchen renovation will feature the installation of a new commercial stove unit. All of these projects are meant to bring more guests into the church and help expand the congregation. After a year that saw no weddings hosted by the church in 2017, congregants are eager to see the building become a central part

of community activities again.

“We hope to have many more functions and programs here once all of these projects are finished. We want this to be a church for the entire community,” Olivo said.

Church leaders thank members of the Worcester County Sheriff’s inmate community service program, who provided several hours of painting and maintenance work this summer. Additional church projects planned for the coming months include the installation of window inserts to increase efficiency; improvements to fencing around the church basketball court; upgrades to the church’s social media pages; and continued landscaping work.

Meanwhile, congregants are excited for several events next year that will celebrate the church’s 275th anniversary. Events will include a dinner dance, a picnic, a special worship service on May 19, 2019, and an



Recesses in the nave seating section were added to accommodate guests in wheelchairs.

array of other community programs.

A special celebration committee is overseeing the planning of all anniversary events. And as if church members don’t have enough to eagerly anticipate, the leadership

team will soon begin the hiring process for a new full-time pastor.

“All of these things coming together at once gives us a phenomenal opportunity to reenergize our church, gain new people, and reengage

our current membership in exciting new ways,” Olivo wrote in a recent report to church members.

For more information about church programs, call 508-885-2149.



Photo courtesy of Bill Jenkins

The West Brookfield Congregational Church in 1838

had grown to 76.1 million. An industrial revolution had occurred, utilizing machinery to make material goods faster, cheaper and in greater quantity than ever before in human history. That revolution had spawned an agricultural revolution also, whereby large scale farms produced crops in the region’s best suited for raising them, then transported to the places where they were needed. The industrial revolution had spawned a transportation revolution, most especially the development of the railroad, whereby goods and people were transported farther, faster and in greater quantities than ever before. By 1900, rail-

road lines linked nearly every city and town in this country. A huge increase in the number of colleges and universities had developed expanding curriculums to include many new fields of study. A revolution in communications enabled the transmittal of information almost instantaneously to almost any part of the country.

Is it any wonder that such a century produced many remarkable people, pioneers in responding to its challenges and opportunities? Lucy Stone was one of those pioneers.

Stone was born in 1818 on Coy’s Hill in West Brookfield, and grew up on the family farm there. Farms in New England

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were at that time still largely self-sufficient, and all members of the family were expected to contribute their share in running them. If any family member worked outside the home, that member was expected to turn over his or her earnings to support the farm. At age 16, Lucy went to work as a school teacher in nearby New Braintree, an occupation she continued for the next several years.

Her teaching success undoubtedly contributed to the self-assurance which marked her later career. With that self-assurance came an increasingly independent attitude; she resented being compelled to turn over all her earnings. In fact, she had observed since childhood that her mother, being allowed no money of her own, had secretly begun to save pennies, six and one-half cents per week; occasionally bolstering that sum by selling some of her cheeses to neighbors.

In 1838, an incident occurred which affected the twenty-year-old’s later career. She had become a member of the West Brookfield Congregational Church; shortly afterward, she attended a lecture there by abolitionist speaker Abby Kelley. But Kelley had been invited to speak without first having received permission by the Church authorities. When Lucy attended the trial of the deacon who had given the unauthorized invitation, she was chagrined to learn that her vote did not count because she was a woman.

Lucy determined, despite her father’s disapproval, thus no financial support, to go to college; she worked for eight years to save the required funds. Her father, finally, agreed to loan her \$10, for which she signed a note. In 1843, she was admitted to Oberlin College in Ohio (at that time the only college in the United States open to women). It was there that she met Antoinette Brown (later to become the first female Protestant minister), and

became active in the women’s rights movement. The group held their meetings in a clearing in the forest.

Upon graduation in 1847, she gave her first speech on women’s rights at the Gardner Congregational Church where her brother Bowman was minister. Shortly afterward, she was hired as a paid lecturer by the New England Anti-Slavery Society.

In 1851 Lucy Stone was expelled from membership in the West Brookfield Congregational Church for having “engaged in a course of life evidently inconsistent with her covenant engagement to this Church”. This need not surprise us. The Congregational Church was at that time still a decidedly patriarchal institution, tracing its spiritual roots to biblically-based Puritanism. The Bible (King James version) was the product of a highly patriarchal Hebrew society, stretching 2,000 years from Abraham to Jesus, and was still the foundation of Congregational faith. By 1851 the Congregational Church, after a bitter division, had made peace with the abolition issue, formally condemning slavery. But it was not yet prepared to accept the challenge to the patriarchal system that Lucy Stone’s public speaking presented.

In 1855 Lucy Stone married Henry Brown Blackwell at the Coy’s Hill farm, by mutual agreement keeping her own last name. Henry was the brother of Samuel C. Blackwell, who in 1856 married Lucy’s friend Rev. Antoinette Brown, and was, like them, an ardent supporter of both the abolition and women’s rights causes. A sister, Elizabeth Blackwell, became the first woman in the country to obtain a medical degree. Marriage, they believed, should be an equal partnership of man and woman, based on mutual respect and affection.

With the passage of the 13th Amendment (abolition of slavery), 14th Amendment (equal rights to emancipated slaves) and 15th Amendment (voting rights to emancipated slaves), Lucy Stone turned her attention increasingly to

the issue of women’s rights. She and an increasing number of like-minded people saw a similarity between the slavery system (now abolished) and the patriarchal system, which they felt continued to oppress women. In each system, a whole class of human beings was treated with a condescending and patronizing attitude, deprived of freedom and the right to make important decisions, denied the right to vote, deprived of the fruits of their own labor, and in general kept in a state of dependency. How could this be consistent with the national ideal that “all men (presumably including women) are created equal” and “endowed by their creator with the inalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness”?

After marriage, Lucy Stone moved with her husband to Dorchester, where she lived for the rest of her life. The 15th Amendment had granted suffrage to emancipated slaves; clearly, women would never have equal rights unless they had the right to vote. She devoted the rest of her life to women’s suffrage, becoming one of the most important voices in that cause. She founded the American Woman Suffrage Association, and with her husband’s assistance and support, published the “Woman’s Journal”, which became a respected platform for the woman’s cause, known for its fairness and willingness to print divergent views.

By the late 19th century, enormous changes had taken place in the United States. Many of the young people of Lucy Stone’s generation had left the farm to pursue better opportunities in the city or in the west. The financial system had developed enormously, and huge business conglomerates now controlled much of the economy. Lucy Stone died in 1893; but the suffragists’ mantle was taken up by others, including Henry and their daughter, Alice Stone Blackwell. With the passage of the 19th Amendment in 1920, woman’s suffrage was finally accomplished.

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, JULY 25
12:05-2:08 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:54 a.m.: fire alarm (Meadow Road), services rendered; 7:22 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; 9:35 a.m.: parking complaint (Church Street), mv blocking d/way; 9:50 a.m.: officer wanted (Grove Street), spoken to; 10:09 a.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), wallet found; 10:27 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 10:43 a.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), wallet returned; 11:23 a.m.: officer wanted (Ash Street), welfare check; 12:06 p.m.: medical/general (May Street); 12:46 p.m.: officer wanted (Howe Village Road), spoken to; 12:51 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 1:30 p.m.: officer wanted (Donnelly Cross Road), rental scam; 2:15 p.m.: 209A service (West Main Street); 2:18 p.m.: medical/general (Mechanic Street); 3:26 p.m.: FID card issued (West Main Street), assisted; 3:45 p.m.: mv stop (Greenville Street); 3:49 p.m.: mv complaint (Route 49), erratic operation; 4:10 p.m.: accident (West Main Street), report taken; 4:43 p.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 5:27 p.m.: 911 call (Pleasant Street), accidental; 6:13 p.m.: building checked, secure; 7:31 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), 209A requested; 7:56 p.m.: disturbance (Mechanic Street), neighbor dispute; 8:09 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operation; 10:21-10:40 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:42 p.m.: parking violation (Prospect Street), citation issued; 8:42-11:52 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.

THURSDAY, JULY 26
12:22-1:44 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:31 a.m.: fire alarm (Wall Street), services rendered; 5:30 a.m.: fire/woods/grass (Donnelly Road), services rendered; 6:34 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), Southbridge PD bolo; 6:42 a.m.: medical/general (Pleasant Street); 9:11 a.m.: medical/general (Chestnut Street); 9:21 a.m.: animal complaint (West Main Street), loose cow; 9:59 a.m.: 209A service (Chestnut Street); 10:07 a.m.: DPW call (Marble Street), branch down on cable line; 10:37 a.m.: animal complaint (Pleasant Street); injured hawk; 10:51 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), misdial; 11:21 a.m.: animal complaint (Maple Street), injured goose; 12:36 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 1:14 p.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 1:39 p.m.: officer wanted (Grove Street), poss. vandalism; 2:13 p.m.: officer wanted (Valley Street), welfare check; 2:54 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), utility scam; 4:10 p.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 4:13 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), poss. sex crime; 4:52 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 5:02 p.m.: animal complaint (West Main Street), follow up; 5:16 p.m.: parking violation (Mechanic Street), citation issued; 5:57 p.m.: residential fire (Greenville Street), services rendered; 6:39 p.m.: parking violation (Temple Street), citation issued; 7:13 p.m.: 911 call (Crestview Drive), child w/phone; 7:33 p.m.: suspicious mv (Lake Street), spoken to; 7:45 p.m.: building checked, secure; 7:58 p.m.: suspicious mv (West Main Street), services rendered; 8:11-8:30 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:42 p.m.: disabled mv (West Main Street), assisted; 8:48 p.m.: building checked, secure; 8:52 p.m.: disturbance (Grove Street), neighbor dispute; 10:09 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operation; 10:12 p.m.: mv complaint (Donnelly Cross Road), erratic operation; 10:18 p.m.: animal complaint (Elm Street), missing dog; 10:18 p.m.: suspicious activity (Chestnut Street), spoken to; 10:30 p.m.: building checked, secure; 10:37 p.m.: officer wanted (Pleasant Street), poss. assault; 11:24 p.m.: suspicious mv (Greenville Street), spoken to.

FRIDAY, JULY 27
12:19-4:14 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 7:43 a.m.: animal complaint (Maple Street), racoon stuck in trash bucket; 8:29 a.m.: animal complaint (Valley Street), aggressive fox; 9:22 a.m.: parking complaint (Church Street), services rendered; 10:37 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), accidental; 10:48 a.m.: animal complaint (Adams Street), injured goose; 11:06 a.m.: animal complaint (Lincoln Street), sick cat; 11:26 a.m.: fire alarm (Mechanic Street), services rendered; 11:26 a.m.: officer wanted (Lake Avenue), spoken to; 11:36 a.m.: school alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 11:56 a.m.: suspicious activity (Main Street), spoken to; 1:01 p.m.: animal complaint (Ledge Avenue), re: neighbor's dog; 1:15 p.m.: suspicious activity (Meadow Road), spoken to; 1:59 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), poss. 209A violation; 3:14 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), neighbor dispute; 3:34 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 4:22 p.m.: DPW call (Old Farm Road), referred; 4:25 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village

Road); 4:49 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 5:00 p.m.: officer wanted (Borkum Road), poss. break-in; 7:00 p.m.: building checked, secure; 7:46 p.m.: animal complaint (Donnelly Cross Road), barking dog; 8:18 p.m.: medical/general (McDonald Street); 8:44-8:56 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:11 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 9:20 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 9:42 p.m.: fire alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 10:26 p.m.: officer wanted (Thompson Pond Road), spoken to; 10:44 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), Oxford PD bolo; 11:32-11:52 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.

SATURDAY, JULY 28
12:02 a.m.: building checked, secure; 12:04 a.m.: officer wanted (Thompson Pond Road), services rendered; 12:19-12:33 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:45 a.m.: disabled mv (South Spencer Road), assisted; 12:57 a.m.: medical/general (Crestview Drive); 1:00 a.m.: building checked, secure; 1:00 a.m.: medical/general (R. Jones Road); 1:41-2:10 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:53 a.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 7:01 a.m.: officer wanted (Wire Village Road), services rendered; 7:21 a.m.: officer wanted (Thompson Pond Road), construction signs moved; 7:31 a.m.: fire alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 7:52 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street), lift assist; 8:18 a.m.: animal complaint (Chestnut Street), bear in area; 9:07 a.m.: medical/general (Clark Street); 9:56 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 10:04 a.m.: residential alarm (McCormick Road), services rendered; 10:30 a.m.: officer wanted (High Street), spoken to; 11:46 a.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), spoken to; 12:41 p.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 1:20 p.m.: parking complaint (Paxton Road), citation issued; 1:59 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 2:11 p.m.: lost/found (Main Street), found wallet; 2:46 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 3:56 p.m.: medical/general (Richland Avenue); 4:13 p.m.: medical/general (North Spencer Road); 5:06 p.m.: suspicious mv (Mechanic Street), spoken to; 5:13 p.m.: 911 call (Smithville Road), spoken to; 5:33 p.m.: officer wanted (Smithville Road), gunshots heard; 5:53 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 6:43 p.m.: fire alarm (Howe Village Road), services rendered; 8:02 p.m.: suspicious mv (West Main Street), spoken to; 8:40-8:45 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:59 p.m.: suspicious mv (Mechanic Street), spoken to; 9:29 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), 9:36 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 10:23 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street), lift assist; 11:00 p.m.: medical/general (Pleasant Street), 11:30 p.m.: stop (Main Street); 11:39 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), 11:53 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 11:56 p.m.: suspicious activity (Wilson Street), spoken to.

SUNDAY, JULY 29
12:10-12:49 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:54 a.m.: mv stop (Charlton Road); 12:57-1:43 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:50 a.m.: fire/woods/grass (Temple Street), services rendered; 2:22 a.m.: building checked, secure; 3:37 a.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street), lift assist; 3:38 a.m.: suspicious mv (Bixby Road), spoken to; 9:33 a.m.: officer wanted (Maple Street), apt. lockout; 11:09 a.m.: medical/general (Northwest Road); 11:21 a.m.: RV complaint (Northwest Road), spoken to; 11:51 a.m.: animal complaint (West Main Street), dogs locked in truck; 11:53 a.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), wallet found; 12:34 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), spoken to; 12:47 p.m.: fire alarm (Chestnut Street), services rendered; 12:56 p.m.: animal complaint (Greenville Street), barking dog; 3:10 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 3:57 p.m.: officer wanted (Maple Street), services rendered; 4:08 p.m.: animal complaint (Cooney Road), loose dog; 4:24 p.m.: officer wanted (Howe Village Road), welfare check; 4:28 p.m.: parking violation (Main Street), citation issued; 4:54 p.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), wallet found; 5:39-8:11 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:27 p.m.: disturbance (Maple Street), domestic dispute; 10:20 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to.

MONDAY, JULY 30
12:12 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), spoken to; 12:16 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 12:35-12:38 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:42 a.m.: mv stop (West Main Street); 12:48-1:37 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:42 p.m.: officer wanted (Howe Village Road), apt. lockout; 1:44-2:06 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:13 a.m.: suspicious activity (Charlton Road), spoken to; 2:16-2:33 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 3:47 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village Road); 5:37 a.m.: animal complaint (Browning Pond Road), loose horse; 6:05 a.m.: mv stop (North Spencer Road); 6:24 a.m.: mv stop (North Spencer Road); 6:33 a.m.: officer wanted (Park Street), spoken to; 9:37 a.m.: animal complaint (West Main Street), missing dog; 9:47 a.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 10:45 a.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 11:05 a.m.: accident (Borkum Road), report taken; 11:35 a.m.: harassment prevention order service (West Main Street); 11:54 a.m.: c/c fraud (Ash Street), unauthorized use; 12:17 p.m.: medical/general (McCormick Road); 1:11 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), services rendered; 3:02 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 3:30 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village Road);

4:14 p.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), testing system; 5:54 p.m.: fire alarm (Meadow Road), services rendered; 6:03 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 6:24-9:05 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:14 p.m.: disturbance (Pleasant Street), neighbor dispute; 10:44 p.m.: medical/general (Bacon Hill Road); 11:09 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; 11:19 p.m.: office wanted (West Main Street), Auburn PD bolo; 11:30 p.m.: officer wanted (Maple Street), domestic dispute.

TUESDAY, JULY 31
12:05-3:37 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 5:45 a.m.: medical/general (Valley Street); 6:06 a.m.: medical/general (Church Street); 6:27 a.m.: animal complaint (Temple Street), opossum in apt.; 8:31 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 9:11 a.m.: officer wanted (Valley Street), assisted; 9:22 a.m.: animal complaint (Candlewood Drive), re: porcupine; 10:49 a.m.: fraud (West Main Street), spoken to; 11:00 a.m.: 209A service (Town House Court); 11:44 a.m.: fire alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 12:00 p.m.: RV complaint (Paxton Road), spoken to; 1:42 p.m.: lost/found (Jameson Lane), kayak found; 1:46 p.m.: parking complaint (Main Street), spoken to; 2:07 p.m.: juvenile matter (North Spencer Road), spoken to; 2:58 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 3:00 p.m.: mv lockout (Main Street), assisted; 3:26 p.m.: officer wanted (Route 49), debris in road; 4:08 p.m.: building checked, secure; 4:22 p.m.: parking violation (Mechanic Street), citation issued; 4:31 p.m.: building checked, secure; 4:41 p.m.: disturbance (School Street), fight; 5:17 p.m.: building checked, secure; 5:36 p.m.: mv stop (Charlton Street); 5:45 p.m.: building checked, secure; 5:48 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Main Street), spoken to; 6:06 p.m.: DPW call (Temple Street), debris in road; 6:55 p.m.: disturbance (Howe Road), fight; 7:27 p.m.: mv complaint (Maple Street), spoken to; 7:34 p.m.: mv stop (Charlton Road); 7:38 p.m.: building checked, secure; 8:15 p.m.: animal complaint (G.H. Wilson Road), dog fight; 8:29-8:30 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:34 p.m.: 911 call (Lake Avenue), accidental; 9:12 p.m.: building checked, secure; 11:29 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 11:38-11:41 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.

LEICESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

(Editor's Note: this week was missed earlier in the month and is included now)

THURSDAY, JULY 12
8:41 a.m.: welfare check (Town Beach Road), services rendered; 10:41 a.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 11:01 a.m.: lockout (Franklin Street), assisted; 11:07 a.m.: ambulance (Sacks Drive), transported; 11:30 a.m.: welfare check (Town Beach Road), transported to hospital; 1:15 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 2:33 p.m.: ambulance (Sunset Drive), transported; 2:40 p.m.: assist citizen (Soojians Drive); 2:43 p.m.: ambulance (Water Street), transported; 3:37 p.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street), transported; 4:00 p.m.: welfare check (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 4:33 p.m.: animal complaint (Marshall Street), services rendered; 4:44 p.m.: animal complaint (Mt. Pleasant Avenue), services rendered; 5:39 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), gone on arrival; 5:50 p.m.: threats (Soojians Drive), services rendered; 6:26 p.m.: lockout (Main Street), services rendered; 7:56 p.m.: investigation (South Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, false report of a crime (rape), summons made; 8:01 p.m.: ambulance (Pine Street), transported; 8:54 p.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), written warning; 9:38 p.m.: disabled mv (Water Street), assisted; 11:21 p.m.: welfare check (Lake Avenue), services rendered.

FRIDAY, JULY 13
12:58 a.m.: ambulance (Park Lane), transported; 1:21 a.m.: suspicious mv (Mill Street), services rendered; 8:46 a.m.: ambulance (McCarthy Avenue), transported; 9:15 a.m.: animal complaint (Wesley Drive), services rendered; 9:33 a.m.: animal complaint (Marshall Street), services rendered; 11:28 a.m.: ambulance (Whittemore Street), transported; 12:35 p.m.: unwanted party (Soojians Avenue), services rendered; 2:33 p.m.: fire/brush/grass (Hemlock Lane), services rendered; 2:45 p.m.: search warrant service (Lake Avenue, Worcester), services rendered; 3:22 p.m.: hazardous condition (Stafford Street), services rendered; 4:17 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 6:41 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 6:45 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 6:57 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 7:34 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 11:22 p.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street), transported.

SATURDAY, JULY 14
6:26 a.m.: officer wanted (Lake Drive), services rendered; 9:41 a.m.: mutual aid (Lincoln Street, Spencer), transported to hospital; 9:50 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 11:12 a.m.: fire/brush/grass (Rawson Street), services rendered; 3:45 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 4:02 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 4:17 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 4:44 p.m.: mv stop (South

Main Street), citation issued; 4:57 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 5:39 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 5:38 p.m.: animal complaint (Watch Street), report taken; 5:58 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 7:30 p.m.: welfare check (Main Street), services rendered; 8:32 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 10:12 p.m.: debris in road (Paxton Street), area search negative.

SUNDAY, JULY 15
1:11 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, uninsured mv, op w/revoked registration, complaint application issued; 1:34 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 8:11 a.m.: assist other PD (South Main Street), services rendered; 8:35 a.m.: hanging wires (Hammond Street), referred; 9:07 a.m.: summons service (Main Street), unable to serve; 9:18 a.m.: summons service (Marshall Street), served; 10:01 a.m.: summons service (Hankey Street), unable to serve; 10:49 a.m.: summons service (Main Street), served; 1:20 p.m.: suspicious mv (Mayflower Road), services rendered; 1:20 a.m.: ambulance (Brookside Drive), transported; 2:13 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 2:22 p.m.: ambulance (Rawson Street), transported; 3:37 p.m.: assist other PD (Main Street, Spencer), no service required; 4:00 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 4:11 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name, address & charges redacted from police log, arrest; 4:58 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 5:15 p.m.: disturbance (Redfield Road), transported to hospital; 5:57 p.m.: keep the peace (South Main Street), assisted; 6:28 p.m.: ambulance (Virginia Drive), transported; 6:50 p.m.: disturbance (Stafford Street), services rendered; 6:55 p.m.: assist other PD (Huntoon Memorial Highway), services rendered; 6:57 p.m.: assist other PD (Main Street, Spencer), services rendered; 7:05 p.m.: assist other PD (Rawson Street), services rendered; 8:15 p.m.: summons service (South Main Street), served; 8:22 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, op w/suspended registration, unregistered mv, citation issued; 9:35 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), name and address redacted from police log, uninsured mv, op w/suspended registration, citation issued; 9:40 p.m.: ambulance (Pine Street), transported; 9:47 p.m.: mutual aid (Cherry Street, Spencer), transported to hospital; 11:36 p.m.: ambulance (Broad Street), transported.

MONDAY, JULY 16
12:23 a.m.: ambulance (Massasoit Drive), assisted; 6:12 a.m.: debris in road (Stafford Street), services rendered; 8:19 a.m.: fire/brush/grass (Rawson Street), services rendered; 8:23 a.m.: assist motorist (Mulberry Street), spoken to; 10:37 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), Shaun D. Ricard, 37, 19 Bixby Road, #22, Spencer, unregistered mv, unlicensed operation, arrest; 11:32 a.m.: ambulance (River Street), transported; 12:24 p.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), report taken; 1:01 p.m.: fraud (South Main Street), report taken; 1:03 p.m.: entire incident redacted from police log; 1:53 p.m.: suspicious mv (Pine Street), no service required; 3:00 p.m.: accident (South Main Street), report taken; 5:12 p.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive), Amilda Burgos, 46, shoplifting by asportation, larceny under \$1,200, failure to appear upon recognizance/2 counts, arrest; 5:38 p.m.: animal complaint (Reservoir Street), unable to locate; 6:38 p.m.: entire incident redacted from police log; 9:02 p.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), services rendered.

TUESDAY, JULY 17
12:34 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 5:08 a.m.: mv stop (Marshall Street), written warning; 6:36 a.m.: debris in road (Stafford Street), services rendered; 7:47 a.m.: animal complaint (South Main Street), services rendered; 8:28 a.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street), services rendered; 11:17 a.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street), services rendered; 11:40 a.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street), services rendered; 12:39 p.m.: ambulance (Soojians Drive), transported; 12:45 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street), name, address & charges redacted from police log, arrest; 2:48 p.m.: ambulance (King Court), transported; 3:27 p.m.: debris in road (Main Street), services rendered; 5:33 p.m.: ambulance (Henshaw Street), transported; 6:12 p.m.: mv off the road (Pine Street), services rendered; 6:16 p.m.: entire incident redacted from police log; 10:51 p.m.: erratic operation (Main Street), unable to locate.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18
8:43 p.m.: erratic operation (Main Street), unable to locate; 8:51 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), services rendered; 9:56 a.m.: mv stop (Chapel Street), spoken to; 10:19 a.m.: ambulance (Soojians Drive), transported; 11:05 a.m.: assist citizen (Soojians Drive), report taken; 11:15 a.m.: entire incident redacted from police log; 11:44 a.m.: ambulance (Hastings Road, Spencer), transported; 1:19 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Washburn Square), services rendered; 3:00 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street), services rendered; 4:32 p.m.: lost/found (South Main Street), services rendered; 7:08 p.m.: entire incident redacted from police log; 7:52 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 8:17 p.m.: investigation (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 8:38 p.m.: welfare check (Main Street), services rendered; 9:17 p.m.: disturbance (Stafford Street), services rendered.

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It's **TAX FREE WEEKEND!** Look through this whole issue to find some great ideas on what you can buy locally and save on the sales tax if you buy it this weekend. I'm still on the fence on what I'm going to purchase, but whatever it is, I will buy it local.

Something else happening this weekend is a dinner series at **YE OLDE TAVERN** in celebration of Lucy Stone's 200th birthday! This special dinner will include a history of her birthplace and a glimpse into the style of meals she may have shared with her family. Call 508-867-9709 for more information or reservations for Saturday, August 11 or Sunday, August 12. After a day of shopping, wind down with a great dinner at YE OLDE TAVERN!

Even though cars aren't included in the Tax Free Weekend, **GUZIK MOTORS** has a coupon this week for \$500 off any pre-owned vehicle in stock. This should help off-set some of the sales tax when you buy a car during the month of August at **GUZIK MOTORS**, Rt. 9 in Ware.

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The **SPENCER HOUSING AUTHORITY** has a job posting in this issue for a full-time maintenance laborer. If you're a handyman(woman) looking for work, check out the job description in this issue.

The renewals have gone out to those who have advertised previously for the **2019 BUSINESS, COMMUNITY & RESTAURANT GUIDE**. I will be sending out more packets of information shortly. If you do not receive and would like info on getting into this local "staple" please give me a call or send me an email and I'll be happy to give you information. I'm still dropping this year's guide at Price Chopper, Klems, and a few other high traffic locations. You can also view online at 508local.com. It's out and about and online for a full year!

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Municipal police training included in legislation

BOSTON — Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) and The Massachusetts State Senate passed House Bill 4516 to create a dedicated revenue source for the Commonwealth's municipal police training committee. With this vote, the legislation will now head to Governor Baker for his signature. The legislation passed (unanimously) and will fund critical needs for police training. Throughout the current legislative session, the Senate has led the effort to create dedicated funding for this critical public safety need by including this legislation as amendments in the Senate's version of the FY18 supplemental budget and the Senate's version of the FY19 budget. The Senate passed the amendments, both introduced by Senator Julian Cyr (D-Truro), unanimously each time they were offered.

"Our police officers are often placed in very difficult situations and must react quickly, and decisively," Senator Gobi commented. "Proper training and keeping up with evolving practices helps to protect them, and in turn, us."

"Municipal law enforcement officers keep our communities safe, and their ability to receive training is essential to ensure that officers are utilizing the most effective methods of community policing. I am happy that the Senate has passed this essential legislation," said Senate President Harriette L. Chandler (D-Worcester).

"Municipal police are integral to the success of our communities, and it is vital that they are given every tool available to excel in their work," stated Senator Karen E. Spilka (D-Ashland), chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means. "Passage of this bill has long been a priority of the Senate, and I am thrilled that we are getting it done today."

"Effective and sufficient training for the men and women of local police departments that protect us every day is an absolute necessity and a moral imperative," said Senate Minority Leader Bruce Tarr (R-Gloucester).

"I am grateful to my colleagues who unanimously supported dedicated revenue for the municipal police training committee from the moment I introduced it earlier this session. It's excellent news for the Commonwealth that the House and Senate have done their part to recognize the sacrifice and service of police across Massachusetts," said State Senator Julian Cyr (D-Truro). "It's important that our police departments, and the men and women who serve in blue, have the best available tools to keep our communities safe and prosperous. I am proud that the legislature worked collectively and swiftly to secure stable funding for their training."

"I am pleased to be supporting our police officers with better training through this measure," said Senator William N. Brownsberger, Senate Chair of the Judiciary Committee (D-Belmont). "It's long overdue."

"As the Senate chair of the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security I am particularly pleased that the Senate took action today to support a dedicated revenue source for the municipal police training fund," said Senator Michael Moore (D-Millbury). "Ensuring that local law enforcement is adequately trained is paramount to safe communities. Given the fiscal constraints faced by municipali-

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OBITUARIES

Alan Kenwood Jones, 71



EAST BROOKFIELD-Alan Kenwood Jones, 71, who lived most of his life at his family's home in East Brookfield, Massachusetts, died on July 26, 2018 at UMASS Medical Center, Worcester after an acute illness. Alan devoured and almost memorized each issue of Popular Mechanics and Consumer Reports and prized his Gravely tractor. He knew everything about classic movies, his favorite being "Citizen Kane," and watched television shows from the 1950s through the 1970s exclusively, favoring comedies. Due, no doubt, to his deep roots in New England, he drank milk with every meal and always had cheddar cheese with his apple pie. Alan loved animals, and left spiders undisturbed in their webs. At one time, he was active in the East Brookfield Baptist

Church, where he was sexton, sang in the choir, and helped lead youth groups. Alan graduated from David Prouty High School in 1965. Diagnosed with schizophrenia in 1983, he endured psychotic episodes amid periods of wellness before falling into a catatonic state six years ago. Alan was devotedly cared for at home by his parents, F. Kenwood and Beverly Jones until their deaths. He died a day after what would have been his Aunt Betty's one hundred and second birthday, appropriately enough as she had advocated for Alan since his birth. Alan leaves two brothers, Robert of Worcester, and Richard of Bolton, as well as an aunt, Lois Austin of Worcester, and many cousins. A private service for family and close friends will be held in September. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to the care of Philbin-Comeau Funeral Home, 176 Water St., Clinton. www.philbincomeaufh.com

Colby J. Taylor, 88



WEST BROOKFIELD-Colby J. Taylor, 88, died on Sunday, July 29, 2018 at his home after a long illness. He leaves his wife, Therese M. Taylor of West Brookfield; three sons, Michael Taylor, James Taylor, and Ken Taylor; his daughter, Barbara LaGoy; two sisters, Colleen Taylor, and Kathy Taylor; 10 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. He was born in Belfast, Maine, son of the late Collins and Verna (Hasty) Taylor. Colby and his wife Therese purchased the iconic "O'Briens 5-10" in Northborough in 1974. They owned and operated the business for 22 years, with strong ties to the community, before retiring in 1996. Colby had a brilliant

business mind, and had worked for and managed McCrory's Department Store for 25 years prior to purchasing O'Briens 5-10. Mr. Taylor was a United States Army Veteran of the Korean War and a member of Disabled American Veterans Chapter - Worcester #4. At Colby's request, services will be held privately. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Colby's name to the Disabled American Veterans Chapter - Worcester #4, P.O. Box 60, Worcester, MA 01613. Varnum Funeral Home, Inc., 43 East Main St., West Brookfield is assisting his family with arrangements. An online guest book is available at varnumfuneralhome.com

George J. Carpenter

BROOKFIELD-George J. Carpenter passed away peacefully at home on July 26, 2018. He was the beloved husband of the late Michaelle (Hubbard) Carpenter, and the devoted father of his youngest daughter and caretaker, Janis and her husband Clifford Fontaine, of Brookfield, MA, his daughter, Leslie, and her husband Jeffery Blodgett, of Putnam, CT, his son Daniel Carpenter and his wife, Brenda, of Ware, MA, and his eldest son Mark Carpenter and his wife, Lydia, of Englewood, FL. He was the loving grandfather to Jacqueline Fontaine and Ryan Carpenter, and great-grandfather to Jillian Hubbard, Jason Parzych, and Mason, Abigail and Dillon Carpenter. He was predeceased by four brothers, and is survived by many nieces and nephews. George grew up in Hartford, CT, and shortly after his graduation, he served in the US Air Force as an Aerial Engineer. Following his honorable discharge, he attended Northeastern University, graduating as a Mechanical Engineer, specializing in Bio-Medical Endoscopes. His career in fiber optics began in the fiber optics division of the American Optical Company. He also worked for Mosaic Fabrication in the Bendix Corp. Division, and he retired from Schott Fiberoptics, Inc. After his retirement, he continued working for Scope Technologies in Pomfret,

CT, finally retiring at the age of 85. He was a brilliant engineer, authoring eight patents in the field of fiber optics. George loved his work, mentoring others and made many friends along the way. In his spare time, George was a former volunteer for several organizations including the Southbridge Youth Center, the Suicide Prevention Hot Line, and the Gateway Players. He was very artistic in stained glass and string art. He also loved spending time with his family, including his many visits to Wright's Chicken Farm. In his later years, George was well known for his hat-wearing, cane-twirling daily walks through Brookfield Meadows. He will be well remembered for his sense of humor, and for always being the friendliest, kindest and most intelligent man we've known. A prayer service will be Friday, August 10, 2018 at 5PM at Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge, MA, followed by calling hours from 5:30-7PM. In lieu of flowers, please consider making memorial donations in George's name to Second Chance Animal Shelter, PO Box 136, East Brookfield, MA 01515. www.sansoucyfuneral.com

James L. Griffin, 69



LEICESTER-James L. Griffin, 69, passed away in his home on Monday, July 30, surrounded by his favorite people, after an unexpected battle with Melanoma Cancer. He adored his wife of 46 years, Ellen M. (Walsh) Griffin, his daughter Heather J. Whitcomb and her husband Scott Whitcomb and their 3 children, Madison, Cameryn and Gavin. Jim leaves behind his beloved sisters Mary MacDonald and her husband Phil of Canton, CT., and Barbara Worsman and her husband Roger of Dennis, MA., his brother John Griffin and his wife Elizabeth of New Mexico, along with numerous nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by a brother Thomas Griffin and sister Julie Horne. Jim was born in Detroit, Michigan, the son of Dr. Julian and Barbara (Handy) Griffin. Jim spent his childhood years playing a variety of sports and fishing in Avon, CT and later served his country with the U.S. Army in Vietnam. He was a graduate of Nichols College in Dudley, MA. Jim worked at Norton Co. in Worcester for 36 years, retiring in 2007. Retirement gave him more time

to enjoy riding his bike, traveling with his family making every moment an adventure and spending every available minute outdoors. Jim enjoyed creating things by painting and woodworking to make personalized gifts for the people in his life. Jim enjoyed life to the fullest. He made every one he encountered feel like the most important person he'd met. You could write a book about Jim and not an unkind word could be said. A Memorial Mass was held at St. Aloysius-St. Jude Church, 489 Pleasant St., Leicester on Monday, Aug. 6 at 10 a.m. Calling hours for Jim, were held on Sunday, August 5 from 4 to 6 p.m. in the MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main St., Leicester. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Leicester Food Pantry, 761 Main St. Leicester, MA 01524 www.morinfuneralhomes.com

Robert T. Salem, 90



JUNO BEACH, FL - Robert T. Salem, 90, passed away comfortably in his home in Juno Beach, Florida on July 5, 2018. He leaves his life-long friend and companion of over 60 years, Ruby Melesky, and his devoted caregivers Yvette and Jeanette. He was predeceased by his brothers, Richard, Ernest, and Henry Salem, and his sister, Helen Linehan. He was born in Worcester, son of the late Arthur and Sarah (Schuhan) Salem, then was a resident of North Brookfield, and enjoyed his retirement to Juno Beach, FL. Bob was a graduate of North Brookfield High School. At the age of 18, he enlisted in the United States Navy, serving during World War II. After the service, he attended Boston University and then served in the Korean War. Along with his brothers, Bob owned and operated H.R. Salem Transport Company in North Brookfield, and the Salem Cross Inn in West Brookfield. Often seen at both businesses, he liked to keep active, and didn't fully retire

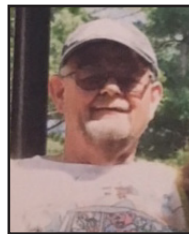
until the age of 84! Bob enjoyed community service. He was a member of the North Brookfield Congregational Church, the Meridian Sun Lodge of Masons in North Brookfield, as well as Shriners International. He served on the Board of Directors and Trustees of the Spencer Savings Bank, was a member of the Ludlow Country Club, the Petersham Country Club, and the Warbrook Investment Club. He was also an avid golfer, enjoyed scrutinizing the stock market, and hunting with his friends. Calling hours for Bob will be held on Tuesday, August 14, 2018 from 5 to 7PM in the Varnum Funeral Home, Inc., 43 East Main St., West Brookfield. Burial will be held privately at a later date, lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the North Brookfield Emergency Squad, P.O. Box 73, North Brookfield, MA 01535, or the Second Chance Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 136, East Brookfield, MA 01515. An online guest book is available at varnumfuneralhome.com

David Edward Watterson, 49

DUDLEY-David Edward Watterson, 49, went on from this life to the next on Friday July 27, 2018, surrounded by his loving wife, family, and friends; He is survived by: His devoted wife and soul-mate Lee Ann (Charriez) Watterson; two sons: Steven Watterson of Webster, and Jared Murphy of Dudley; three daughters: Rachel Watterson of Webster, Sarah Watterson of Webster, and Brianna Murphy of Dudley; his father: John T. Watterson, and his wife Carol of Brookfield; his father and mother-in-law: Harold and Pamela Young of Webster; two brothers: Daniel Watterson and his companion Jenny Suazo of Worcester, and John T. Watterson III of CT; four sisters: Norma Jean Fox and her husband Dan of Worcester, Brenda Chase and her husband Mark of Middleboro, Pamela Lavenskie and her husband Michael of Boston, and Stephanie Vajcovec of CT; two nephews: Anthony Vajcovec and Daniel Watterson; two nieces: Isabella Vajcovec and Mira Watterson; his best friend Paul Beauregard; He also leaves many relatives, and countless friends; He was predeceased by his mother: Donna (Gonyea) Lavenskie and by his dad: Norman Lavenskie. Dave was born in Worcester, MA on June 13, 1969; He was raised in Oxford and moved to Dudley with his wife several years ago; He worked for the Dell/EMC Company as a computer technician for many years, prior to that he worked for the Whalley Computer Associates as a contractor for 19 years. Dave loved to cook and go hiking,

especially with his dearest, and closest friend, his soul-mate, the love of his life Lee Ann; He was a friend and mentor to many young people. Dave was always there to guide and help, quietly and joyfully, never expecting or wanting anything in return; seeing others succeed and accomplish something was more than good enough for him. Dave will truly be missed by the multitude of lives that he touched. Calling Hours were held on Wednesday August 1, 2018 from 5:00 -8:00 pm at the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street Webster, MA, under the direction of the Graham, Putnam & Mahoney Funeral Parlors of Worcester. A Funeral Mass was celebrated on Thursday August 2, 2018 at 11:00 am at St. Anthony of Padua Church, 24 Dudley Hill Rd. Dudley, MA; Committal followed in Calvary Cemetery in Dudley. Dave's Family wishes to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the staff at the SICU of Memorial Hospital for their compassionate and excellent care of Dave. In lieu of flowers, Dave's family kindly requests that you continue to help others as he strived to do by sending memorial contributions to Brice's Courageous Battle C/O the Boston Children's Hospital Trust, as Dave worked to raise funds for this worthy cause, he would appreciate you doing so in his memory. To share a memory or to offer condolences, a guestbook is available at www.gpmfunerals.com

Lawrence A. "Larry" Grenier, 63



NORTH UXBIDGE-Lawrence A. "Larry" Grenier, 63, of Centennial Court, longtime N. Uxbridge businessman died Wed. Aug. 1, 2018 at Memorial Hospital in Worcester after a long illness. He is survived by his brother Donald Grenier of Dayville, CT; his longtime close companion Darlene Golightly of Brookfield; many nieces, nephews and close friends. He was brother of the late Raymond Grenier Jr., Martha Bouvette, Deborah Majeau, Jacqueline Pare, and Dorothy Beauregard. Born in Worcester, MA on June 15, 1955 he was the son of Raymond E. Sr. and Emma M. (Orange) Grenier and lived in N. Uxbridge all his life. Larry owned and operated Emma's Items in N. Uxbridge for 33 years. There he sold hanging baskets, Christmas trees, painted pumpkins, plants, and vegetables. He loved to cook and did catering work in the past. He was educated in the Good Shepherd School and Uxbridge High School, Class of 1973. Affectionately nicknamed "Toast", he enjoyed music, attending concerts, fishing, fam-

ily and friends, especially his nephews and nieces. He loved entertaining, and held an annual Christmas party for his employees and friends. He also enjoyed his St. Bernard rescue dogs, whom he spoiled regularly. His family would like to thank the VNA and Nursing Staff at Memorial Hospital as well as Nurse Susan Burgess for their outstanding care and support. Larry will be missed for his big heart, his big personality, his love of family, friends, and community. His Memorial Funeral Service will be held Sat. Aug. 11 at 11:30 am in Tancrell-Jackman Funeral Home, 35 Snowling Rd. Uxbridge. Cremation burial will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery. Calling hours at the funeral home are Sat. Aug. 11 from 8 to 11:30 am. Memorial donations may be made to St. Bernard Rescue Foundation, 64 Tanbark Rd. Sudbury, MA 01776. To leave a condolence message for the family please visit www.JackmanFuneralHomes.com



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Irene Mary Goyette, 72



LEICESTER - Irene Mary (Budrejko) Goyette, 72, of Rochdale passed away on Sunday, July 29 surrounded by her loving family at St. Vincent's Hospital after a long battle with lung disease.

She leaves her husband of 48 years, David Goyette; a daughter, Renee Goyette of Newmarket, NH; son, Edward Goyette and his wife Tricia of Biloxi, MS; three grandsons Caleb, Nickolas, and Nathan; and her step-mother, Rose (Salvidio) Budrejko.

She was born in Worcester, the only child of the late Edward and Jane (Kasabula) Budrejko.

Irene graduated from St. Stephens High School and attended Clark University. She worked hard, from the

time she was young, to her retirement from the US Postal Service in 2002 due to illness.

In 1969, she married her husband David, in Las Vegas, where she worked as a librarian and he as a blackjack dealer, proof that opposites do attract. David cared for her in the last years of her illness, although she was stubborn and mostly tried to do everything herself, no matter how bad she felt.

At Irene's request there will be no funeral services. Memorial contributions in memory of her may be made to the Leicester Public Library Renovation Fund 1136 Main Street Leicester, MA 01524.

Alfred Roy & Sons Funeral Home 12 Hammond St. Worcester is assisting the family with arrangements. To share a memory of Irene or to sign her online guestbook, please visit www.Royfuneral.com

Marlene R. Bleau, 38



OXFORD - Marlene R. Bleau, 38, died Saturday, July 28, 2018. She is survived by her mother, Deborah L. Christensen of Rochdale; two step brothers, Thomas P. Bleau of California and Scott Bleau of Whitinsville; many cousins, nephews, nieces, and friends.

She was born in Worcester, daughter of the late Clifford R. Bleau, and lived in Oxford and Somerville before moving to Worcester seven years ago. She received a graphic design certificate from Clark University in Worcester, and she graduated Cum Laude from Becker College with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration.

Marlene was a born leader and was very successful in supervisory roles during her employment. Previously, she was a veterinary technician. She loved dancing, music, painting, and animals, especially her loyal dog Taj. She enjoyed traveling, fairies, beautiful things, and spending time with the many friends she had. She will be remembered as someone with an adventurous personality with a great love for animals, friends, and family.

Services will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Broken Tail Animal Rescue, P.O. Box 60296, Worcester, MA 01606. Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements.

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Rory C. Belvery, 51



OXFORD - Rory C. Belvery, 51, of Winter Street, died Friday, July 27, 2018, at UMass Memorial Medical Center - University Campus in Worcester, after a battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife, Stephanie L. (Hessel) Belvery of Oxford; his son, Cody A. Belvery of Oxford; twelve siblings, Marsha Carter of Spencer, Gary Belvery of Oxford, Sheila VanPatten of Oxford, Bryan Belvery of Dudley, Bruce Belvery of Southbridge, Cheryl Hawkes of Webster, Kevin Belvery of Uxbridge, Ava Materas of Oxford, Kim Grabowski of Uxbridge, Mala Abdella

of Oxford, Joyce Belvery of Oxford, and Joseph Belvery Jr. of Worcester; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews. He was born in Webster, son of the late Joseph L. and Theo (Bacon) Belvery, and was a lifelong resident of Oxford. He graduated from Oxford High School in 1985.

Rory worked at Anchor Concrete Corporation in Oxford for 31 years. He was a member of the Auburn/Webster Elks, played in the Worcester County Dart League, and loved fishing.

Services will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Auburn/Oxford Elks, 754 Southbridge St., Auburn, MA 01501. Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements.

paradisfuneralhome.com

Shirley A (Sisco) Miller, 79



N O R T H B R O O K F I E L D - Shirley A (Sisco) Miller, 79, peacefully transitioned to the arms of our Lord on August 2, 2018 following a prolonged illness. She was the daughter of Earline (Pike) and Leonard Sisco.

She is survived by her sons Kurt Sisco of Rocky Mount, VA and Richard (Amy) Miller of Webster MA; daughters Arleen Brown of Webster MA, Merie Miller of Dudley MA, and Peggy (Michael) Overmyer of Bloomington, IN, sisters Josephine Calkins, Brimfield MA and Wilma Brunelle, Grandville Summit PA; Eleven grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren. She is pre-deceased by her spouse Lawrence H. Miller, and daughters Nanette E. Miller and Debra J. Brown, four brothers and one sister.

Shirley was a long-time resident

of North Brookfield, MA where she had served as president of the VFW Women's Auxiliary and remained a life-long member. Moving to East Troy, PA in 1980, Shirley served the community and the East Troy United Methodist Church in multiple capacities through UMW and the church board of trustees. Shirley spent her professional life working in a protected workshop for people with developmental disabilities. She used her incredible sewing talents to teach her clients positive work ethic, integrity, and self-confidence through upholstering furniture. She will be deeply missed; her legacy will live on in the lives of many.

A calling hour was held on Tuesday, August 7, 2018 from 12:30-1:30PM in Pillsbury Funeral Home 44 Gilbert St. North Brookfield. The funeral for Shirley followed at 1:30PM in the funeral home. Burial was in Worcester County Memorial in Paxton. For an online tribute please visit: Pillsburyfuneralhome.com

Theodore J. Bellerive, 74



SOUTHBRIDGE - Theodore J. Bellerive, 74, of Dresser Hill Rd., passed away on Saturday, Aug. 4th, in his home surrounded by his loving family after a battle with cancer.

He leaves his wife of 54 years, Laurie A. (Talbot) Bellerive; his son, Paul J. Bellerive of Southbridge; his daughter, Tina M. Bellerive and his son-in-law, Charles P. Broskey of Southbridge; his two grandsons, Nathan J. Thibeault and Brendan J. Thibeault, both of Southbridge; his great grandson, Chase James Thibeault of Southbridge; his two brothers, Arthur "Skip" Bellerive of Charlton and William Bellerive of Warren; his three sisters, Dorothy Speroni of Douglas, Pauline Casey of Battle Creek, MI and Kathy Drake of Leicester; and many nieces and nephews. He also leaves his beloved cat, Angelica and his grand-dog, Sadie My Lady. He was born in Southbridge the son of Arthur W. and Myrtle Grace (Neely) Bellerive. He was a US Army Veteran.

Ted was a truck driver and hazmat hauler for Service Station Maintenance in Worcester for over 20 years. He also worked for several local construction companies. After retiring he worked for Larry's Landscaping in Charlton for several years until his illness. He always enjoyed working and staying active. He also enjoyed fishing, hunting and going to the ocean. He was an avid NASCAR fan. Above all Ted's greatest joy in life was his wife, children, grandchildren and his great grandson.

His funeral will be held on Friday, Aug. 10th, at 10:00am in the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge. Burial will be in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Southbridge. Calling hours in the funeral home will be held on Thursday, Aug. 9th, from 5:00 to 8:00pm.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701. www.morrillfuneralhome.com



Windy Helen Lajoie, 71



SPENCER - Windy Helen (Noonan) Lajoie, 71, of Spencer passed away peacefully on Wednesday August 1, 2018 at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester after a brief illness. She is survived by her husband of 45 years, Jonathan Lajoie of Spencer; their three sons Dalton Lajoie and wife Robin of Spencer; Christopher Lajoie and wife Virginia Bailey of Warren; Jeremy Lajoie and wife Melissa of Sutton; a sister Dale Mattice of Webster; a granddaughter Ashley Lajoie and fiancé Andrew Bednarz of Vernon, CT; sister in-law Susan Eagan and her husband Patrick; niece Norma Mills and her daughter Anastasia of Webster; niece Nora Eagan of Cleveland Heights, OH, and a number of other relatives and close friends.

Windy was born July 16, 1947 in Boston to Joseph W. and Ethel Noonan. In addition to raising her family, Windy worked as a Radiology Clerk at both UMass Hospital and Fallon Clinic. In her spare time, she thoroughly enjoyed using her computer, watching true-crime shows, and spending time with her two cats. In retirement, Windy served as a Dean of Mentors and Dean of Students in addition to other positions for the Correllian Tradition, for whom she was a Right Reverend and achieved the status of First Elder Arch Priestess. She touched the lives of thousands of people throughout the world as a teacher and Spiritual Leader. Windy was greatly loved and will be dearly missed by her family and friends.

A private funeral service will be held with a memorial service announced at a later date. Rice Funeral Home, 300 Park Ave, Worcester, is in care of arrangements.

Thomas L. Stuczynski, 80



LEICESTER - Thomas L. Stuczynski, 80, passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, August 2, 2018 surrounded by his family.

Tom is survived by his wife of 57 years, Elaine M. (Soucy) Stuczynski; his two sons, Thomas J. Stuczynski and wife Lisa of Chelmsford, MA and Todd L. Stuczynski of Rutland, MA; his two daughters, Kimberly A. Greenwich of Oxford, MA and Tracy L. Tyndall and husband Bill of Worcester, MA. He leaves 7 grandchildren including Brandon, David, Kyle, Kevin, Brianna, Jennifer and Melissa and 2 great grandchildren, Raelynn and Mason. along with several nieces and nephews.

Tom was born in Worcester to Leo and Josephine (Kalinowski) Stuczynski. He attended Auburn High School and immediately enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and served

4 years. He worked at Thompson Wire and then became a truck driver for St Johnsbury for over 20 years until he retired on disability in 1989. Tom was an avid sportsman who enjoyed fishing and hunting. He was a member of the Worcester Surfcasting Club for over 60 years and was also a member of the Holland Gun Club. Tom enjoyed quiet times and reading novels by Wilbur Smith. While in retirement, he split his time between his home in Leicester, MA, his site at the Worcester Surfcasting Club in Bourne and winters in Dunedin, FL.

There will be no calling hours and services will be private at a future date per his wishes. Memorial donations can be made in Tom's name to Salmon VNA & Hospice, 37 Birch St, Milford, MA 01757.



Bertha I. Giard, 91



W E S T B R O O K F I E L D - Bertha I. Giard, 91, of West Brookfield formally of Ware died on Friday, August 3, 2018 at Quaboag Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center.

She leaves her Daughter, Donna J. Rossi and her husband John of East Brookfield; a son, Ronald E. Giard and his wife Chris of West Dennis; four grandchildren, John J. Rossi, Jr., Nancy A. LaMonda, Jeremy Giard, and Megan E. Rossi; five great-grandchildren, Cody La Monda, Faith LaMonda, Jocelyn LaMonda, Jamason D'Ambra, and Jasmyn D'Ambria. She was predeceased by her husband Richard Giard, the love of her life, in 2008.

Bertha worked as a Licensed Practical Nurse at Mary Lane Hospital in Ware for many years before retiring.

She was a member of the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, the Ware Senior Center and enjoyed art and cooking classes.

Funeral Services for Bertha will be held privately and there are no calling hours. Burial will be in Aspen Grove Cemetery in Ware at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Berthas name to Compassus Hospice & Palliative Care, 15 Midstate Drive, Suite 215, Auburn, MA 01501.

Charbonneau Funeral Home, 30 Pleasant St. in Ware is assisting her family with arrangements.

An online guest book is available at charbonneaufh.com.

CALENDAR

Saturday August 11

YE OLDE SINGERS: Old Sturbridge Village Singers will perform Saturday, Aug. 11, at the West Brookfield Congregational church 7:30-9:00 p.m.

Sunday August 12

CONCERT AT POWDERMILL PAVILION: The Spencer Parks & Rec Commission announces it summer concert series at the Powdermill Park Pavilion. The park has a playground and is a great family destination. Concerts are sponsored in part by a grant from the Spencer Arts Council (a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council) and the Spencer Parks and Recreation Commission. Rain location for concerts is Great Hall at Spencer Memorial Town Hall. Bringing of lawn chairs is advised. This concert is 5 pm- The Bad Tickers: Close out the summer concert series with the group known as Central New England's Go to Party Band. Whether you like country, blues, jazz, funk, or rock, the Bad Tickers will play it from the heart. If you have been to the East Brookfield fireworks, you know what a treat you are in for!

Wednesday August 15

CACTUS: Leicester Concerts on the Common, 6:30-8:30 p.m. presents country rock the way it should be. Super five piece local country boys playing music of Dwight Yoakum, Hank Williams and the Mavericks. Rain Date Aug. 16. Concert series supported in part by a grant from the Leicester Arts Council, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council; the Leicester Savings Bank Fund and the Fontaine Fund at Greater Worcester Community Foundation as well as private donations.

Saturday August 18

\$5 LUNCH: There will be a \$5 lunch selling in Hannaford, North Brookfield parking lot on Saturday Aug.18. Customers can purchase hot dogs, hamburgers, or cheeseburger, with a bag of chips and a soda. Hannaford will donate all the profits to the friends of the North Brookfield Council on Aging, which will be used for the various services they provide for the seniors. Enjoy a nice lunch for a great cause!

Wednesday August 22

THE BOOMBOX BAND: Leicester

Concerts on the Common, 6:30-8:30 p.m. presents a tribute act in costume doning a '70s set and an '80s set. All local musicians. Don't miss this fun night. Rain date Aug. 23. Concert series supported in part by a grant from the Leicester Arts Council, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council; the Leicester Savings Bank Fund and the Fontaine Fund at Greater Worcester Community Foundation as well as private donations.

FIRST RIDE FOR SAFETY: AA Transportation Co. invites the Kindergarten class of 2018-19 and their parents to an open house and a first chance to ride a school bus on Wednesday, Aug. 22 10 a.m.-noon at the transportation company located on Rte. 9, 174 West Main St., East Brookfield. Learn bus safety, learn the meaning of the school bus lights and learn how to cross safely as well as other important safety rules. Bus ride begin every 15 minutes or so and you can ride as often as you like. Many of our drivers and school personnel from North Brookfield, Leicester, Spencer, and East Brookfield will be here to answer your questions.

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.

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.emmanuelorthodox.org).

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

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

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.

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

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

LEGALS

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Lisa S. Worthington and Mark J. Worthington to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Taylor, Bean & Whitaker Mortgage Corporation, dated May 24, 2006 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 39148, Page 138, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Taylor, Bean & Whitaker Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns to Wells Fargo Bank, NA dated May 25, 2012 and recorded with said registry on May 31, 2012 at Book 49060 Page 361 and by assignment from Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. to Specialized Loan Servicing LLC dated September 16, 2016 and recorded with said registry on September 21, 2016 at Book 56001 Page 160, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 4:00 p.m. on August 17, 2018, on the mortgaged premises located at 24 Oakland Drive, Spencer, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, TO WIT: The land in Spencer, Massachusetts consisting two parcels of land bounded and described as follows: PARCEL I

A certain tract of land situated in Spencer near Sugden Lake and being Lot 35 as shown on plan of Oakland Shores which plan is recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deed in Plan Book 192, Plan 63, Together with the right to use in common with others thereto entitled the community beach, park and ways as shown on said plan and on other recorded plans of Oakland Shores. PARCEL II

The land in Spencer situated on or near Sugden Lake and being Lot 37 as shown on the above mentioned plan. TOGETHER with the right to use the common ways and community beach

and park as shown on said plan and the right to use in common with others entitled thereto an right of way from the public highway to the granted premises.

For title see Deed recorded with the Worcester County Registry of Deeds at Book 30315 Page 309.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 30315, Page 309.

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

A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale.

Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING LLC
Present holder of said mortgage
By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.
150 California Street
Newton, MA 02458
(617) 558-0500
201206-0945 - PRP

July 27, 2018
August 3, 2018
August 10, 2018

Town of Spencer Conservation Commission PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

In accordance with the requirements of the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act, MGL c. 131, s. 40 and the Spencer Wetlands By-Law:

Michelle Woodward has filed an RDA with the Spencer Conservation Commission to install a Tight Tank located at 31 Lakeview Drive, Spencer, MA.

The Town of Spencer Highway Department has filed a Notice of Intent with the Spencer Conservation Commission to construct stormwater BMP's located at Smithville Road, 3 Old Meadow Road and 7 Meadow

Road, Spencer, MA.

Applications can be reviewed at the Office of Development and Inspectional Services, Town Hall. A public hearing regarding these filings will be held by the Spencer Conservation Commission in McCourt Social Hall at Town Hall, 157 Main Street, on Wednesday, August 22, 2018, at which time all persons having an interest may be present and participate. Conservation Commission meetings open at 7:00 p.m., public hearings begin at 7:15 p.m.

Mary McLaughlin
Mary McLaughlin, Chairwoman
August 10, 2018

Town of West Brookfield Zoning Board of Appeals

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the West Brookfield Town Hall, to act on an application for a Special Permit for Gurcan and Rachel Gulen for the property located at 2 New Braintree Road, West Brookfield. The applicant wishes to build a garage at the above pre-existing nonconforming property in General District requires a Special Permit as per sections, -1.5 Nonconformity, - \$1.52 Nonconforming Structures, (a) (et al).

The public is invited to attend.
Renee Adams White
Clerk

August 10, 2018
August 17, 2018

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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/Gas Frp!c! Pabos! Fire Pit! Roof 2017! Attached 2 Car Garage! Town Services!
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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



WEBSTER - 21 Marden Dr! 7 Rm Split Entry Cape! SS Applianced Granite Kit w/Breakfast Bar! Din Area w/Slider to Dble Tier Deck! Din Rm & Frp!c Liv Rm w/Hrds! Fam Rm! 1st Floor 1/2 Bath! Laundry! 3 Bdrms! Master Bath! 2.5 Baths! Total Skylights! C/Air! Gas Heat! 2 Car Garage! 32 Acre Lot!
\$309,900.00



WEBSTER - 7 Vine St! 5+ Rm L-Shaped Ranch! Looking for Larger, this May Be It! 10'6" X 19' Eat-in Kit! 27' Liv Rm! Entry Foyer! 3 Comfortable Bdrms w/Dble Closets! Din Rm & Frp!c Cathedral Ceiling Liv Rm w/Hrds! Den/Office! 3 Bdrms! Master Bath! 2.5 Baths! Finished Lower Level! C/Air! Garage!
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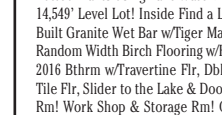
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THOMPSON - QUADICK LAKE! 28 Beautiful's Landing! Western Expo - 100' Waterfront! 8 Rm Colonial for Your Yr Round or Summer Enjoyment! Open Fr!c Plan! Applianced Center Isl Kit! Lake Facing Din, Liv & Fam Rms! 3 Bdrms! Lake Facing Master! 2 Full Baths! C/Air! Generator!
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WEBSTER LAKE - 130 Killdeer Island - North Pond! West Expo - Beautiful Sunsets! 6 Rm 3 Season Home! Add Heat & Use Yr Round! Great Front! 4 Bdrms w/Hrds, 2 Lake Facing Frp!c 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 Exp! Super Sunrises! 9,000' Level Lot! 2300' Custom Contemp Colonial! Built 2015! Like New! Open Fr!c Plan! Custom Granite Kit w/Island, Stainless Appliances, Gas Range, Soft Close Cabinets & Recessed Lights! Spectacular Lake Facing Great Rm, Stone Gas Frp!c Surrounded by Custom Cabinetry, Recessed Lights & Center Pan! Dining Area w/Custom Ceiling! Full Bath w/Granite Vanity & Custom Tile! Showers! 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!
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WEBSTER LAKE - 405 Treasure Island! Townhouse! 6 Rm! 1,874! Hardwood Floors! Applianced! Remodeled! Kit! Open Floor Plan! 2 Bdrms! Master Bath! 2.5 Baths! Frp!c Fam Rm! C/Air! Gas Heat! Recent Trex Deck! Garage! 2 BOAT SLIPS! Heated Pool, Sandy Beach!
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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!
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WEBSTER LAKE - 812 Beacon Park! Waterfront! 1,280' 5 Rm Townhouse! Lake Facing! Recently Applianced! Galley Kit! Frp!c Liv Rm w/48" Smart Tv! & Hrds! Master Bath w/Recent Skylight! 2.5 Tile Baths w/Recent Vanities & New Toilets! 2013 A/C & Heat! Garage! Great Lakeside Pool! Sandy Beach!
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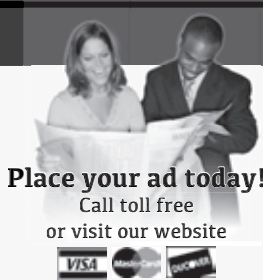
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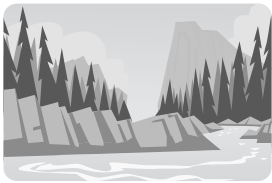
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Answers: A. base B. score C. umpire D. fly

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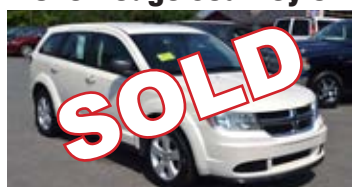
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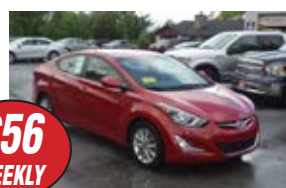
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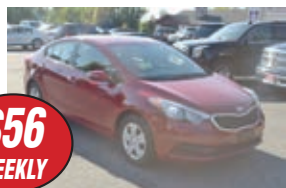


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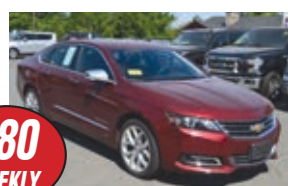


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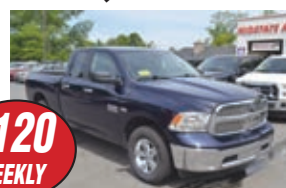


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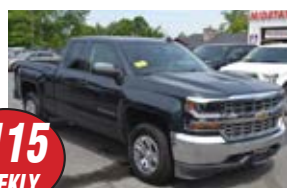


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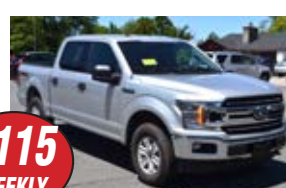


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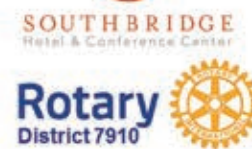
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CRAFTS/HOBBIES

Emerging trends in crafting

“Why buy it when you can make it yourself?” is a mantra many crafters or do-it-yourselfers live by. Crafting can be an excellent outlet for self-expression and an entertaining way to pass the time. Many crafters even turn their hobbies into successful business ventures.

This year certain trends are poised to take crafting by storm, while fads of 2014 should continue. Those making the rounds on Pinterest® and crafting blogs may discover the following crafts are trending in 2015.

NATURAL ELEMENTS

Crafters are taking their cues from nature, and you’re certain to find natural elements, such as wood, bark and burlap, in craft projects. Distressed finishes on furniture and photo frames will still demand attention. Do-it-yourself projects, such as turning a slab of a tree trunk into a table or upcycling wooden shipping palettes into shelving, also will grow in popularity. Whenever working on designs that feature natural materials, try to repurpose elements whenever possible for the most rustic, authentic feel.

CHEVRON AND DIAMONDS

Those sprucing up home decorating elements with stencils or chalk paint can find inspiration in many places. Patterns that continue to show up in abundance include chevron and various incarnations of the diamond. It’s easy to dress up just about any element with some well-placed stenciling, which does not necessarily require a wealth of skill or experience. Stencils also can be used on flooring to create a faux area rug effect.

COLOR OF THE YEAR

If you get giddy over the warmth of browns and reds, you will be enamored with Pantone®’s 2015 Color of the Year. The authority on color and a provider



of color systems, Pantone® has chosen Marsala to be the “it” shade for 2015. Blending burgundy and brown tones to create a hue perfect for filling a wine glass or painting dining room walls, you will see plenty of this robust shade in decorative elements and clothing in the year ahead.

BRINGING THE OUTSIDE IN

An ecologically sound and creative trend for spring involves crafting your own garden terrarium. Terrariums can be made out of just about any shaped glass or plastic container. Use hardy plants and a moisture-holding sub-

strate to help your terrarium flourish. Terrariums can be interesting focal points for any room, and they’re a creative use for empty vases, aquariums and other containers collecting dust.

PAINTING ON CANVAS

Each year brings with it a new crafting obsession. This year it’s poised to be watercolor painting. Classes are bound to pop up in craft stores and other hobby centers near you. Or you can experiment at home with just a few basic tools.

Another growing paint trend is to enjoy a ladies’ night out that pairs painting with wine and socialization.

Participants work on a painting over a predetermined number of sessions and then take their masterpieces home.

SPRING INTO GREEN

Green hues and floral and foliage patterns for decorating will be popular this year. Anyone can liven up interior spaces with elements that borrow from nature, including leaf patterns and flowers.

Crafting continues to be a popular form of expression and a beloved pastime. Certain trends emerge each year that set the course for do-it-yourself projects.

Scrapbooks can help document your year



Showcase the special memories of the year ahead by starting a scrapbook.

Many interesting and special events take place during the course of a typical year. While the trend is to share photos and anecdotes via social media, these memories tend to be forgotten soon after they are posted. Rather than

relegate birthdays, holidays, school milestones, and other such yearly events to the black hole of cyberspace, crafty men, women and children may want to display them in more prominent ways.

Scrapbooking is a popular

hobby that can help people document various events over the course of the year. But scrapbooking can be much more than that as well. Scrapbooks can serve as valuable resources that speak to the way life once was.

Such traditions are not new. Books highlighting family memorabilia, such as recipes, poems, letters, and illustrations, were popular in England as early as the 15th century. Even school yearbooks are a type of scrapbook, highlighting students and events in a single convenient book.

The reasons for scrapbooking are the same today as they once were. Scrapbooks preserve memories, record family stories and pass down information through generations. Scrapbooks can even be customized in any manner their creators desire.

For those who have resolved to devote more time to documenting happy times and special events in the year ahead, scrapbooking is a great way to do just that. Here’s how to make the process creative and successful.

- Devote a box to “scraps.” At the beginning of the year, set aside a medium-sized box, such as a shoebox, that can store various items you want to include in your scrapbook. These may include ticket stubs, receipts, brochures from trips, or any other items you deem worth saving.
- Make time to scrapbook. Set aside a few days each month to go through collected items

and organize them so you have an idea of what will be included on your pages. Every event may not make the final cut, but that’s up to you.

- Indulge in some craft-store shopping. Not everyone has the time to design each scrapbook page from scratch. Fortunately, there are numerous pre-designed templates or slip-in pages that require little work on the part of scrapbookers.

- Use your own handwriting. Handwritten sentiments can make the scrapbook even more meaningful.

- Don’t overload with photos. Let one or two photos on a page best convey the emotions and stories. Create balance with white space, text and other accents.

- Categorize your photos. Disorganized photos can make scrapbook creation more challenging and ultimately frustrating. Organize your photos by month and rely on cloud-based photo storage systems to keep them safe. Then, when you need them, you can print only those images you want to include in your book.

- Have fun with the process. You have the entire year to create a beautiful scrapbook. Take your time and experiment with different ideas.

Crafts for the not-so-crafty hobbyist

Creativity lends a lot to everyday life. School parties are made that much better by intricate dessert designs. Handmade blankets tend to be more inspiring and cherished than mass-produced alternatives. Because of that, many people find hobbies that inspire their creativity to be incredibly rewarding.

While crafting is a hobby that can be enjoyed by people of all ages and skillsets, some people are more craft-inclined than others. That doesn’t mean those with little arts and crafts experience cannot make items they can be proud of. The following are a handful of projects for inexperienced crafters who may feel as though they have two left thumbs.

Dress-up premade items

Sandra Lee made a career of teaching people how to blend some prepackaged food items with other ingredients to create semi-homemade menus. Anyone can use the same mentality to put together craft projects without having to start from scratch. Search the hobby stores or department stores for items that can be paired together. For example, why not glue a 4-by-6-inch picture frame to the top of candlestick holder for an ornate and interesting design element at home? Mason jars can be embellished with just about anything — from ribbon to fabric to glitter — giving them a decorative touch. Simply giving an item a new coat of paint or adding some decorative tacks or hooks can

easily change its look and give it a crafty feel.

Grow comfortable with a computer printer

Homespun graphic arts can be mastered by just about anyone with access to some clip art, fonts and basic design software. You may also be able to find free apps or shareware online providing ready-made templates. Print out cute labels or tags that match party themes and put them on favor bags or prizes. Print cute slogans on cardstock and staple them to a small, filled plastic baggie to serve as classroom gifts or Valentines. Make a collage of different images and print them out to frame. Or snap a picture of a particular pattern or design element that fits with a room’s theme and then frame that image for matching artwork.

Make soaps or candles

Thanks to the bevy of kits available at craft stores, it’s easier than ever to make your own soaps or candles at home. All it usually takes is melting down the medium, adding the desired scents and colors and then allowing them to set in a mold or container. The result may seem like you worked for hours when really it was a relatively easy task. These handmade products can make great hostess gifts or nice touches when guests stay over at your home.



Personalize clothing

You do not have to be an artist to create t-shirts, aprons or other items that have that personalized touch. If you do not want to hassle with the mess of fabric paints or pens, use iron-on stencils or letters. Another idea is to create your own stencil (fire up that printer again), cut out your design or letters and then use a bleach pen sold in the laundry or cleaning aisle to color in the design. Let it sit and then launder for a faded and fun project.

Crafting doesn’t have to be difficult. Projects exist for people of varying skill levels.

Find a hobby that works for you



Hobbies can serve many functions. Some men and women turn their hobbies into careers, while others rely on their hobbies to provide a relaxing respite from the hustle and bustle of daily life. Inspiring hobbies can make life more rewarding. While many people experience some trial and error as they seek something to fill their downtime, the following are a few tips to finding

a hobby that will enrich your life and maybe even the lives of others. • Consider your interests. Much like you considered your interests when choosing a career path, you can benefit from doing the same when the time comes to find a hobby. If your work remains your passion, look for ways to share that passion with others. Perhaps you can teach a class at your community's learning annex

or volunteer to work with high school kids who might have expressed an interest in your line of work. If you want to leave the office behind in your downtime, consider your other interests. Avid readers may want to start a local book club, while film buffs may enjoy starting a local film appreciation group. The more passionate you are about a topic or activity, the more likely you can turn it into a successful

and rewarding hobby. • Consider your needs. Another way to find a successful hobby is to consider why you want one in the first place. If your workdays tend to be hectic and you want a quiet escape, then a peaceful hobby such as painting might do the trick. If you're looking for a hobby that can add some spice to your social life and help you meet new people, look for something that encourages teamwork or interaction with other people your age. • Consider your availability. Another thing to consider when choosing a hobby is how much

time you will have to pursue it. If your schedule is especially hectic or unpredictable, avoid hobbies that require a big time commitment, as such activities may prove too difficult to commit to. In such situations, a hobby that allows you to embrace it on your own time will likely prove more enjoyable than one where you must adhere to a schedule that you simply can't honor. If you have a substantial amount of free time, then something that requires more involvement on your part might be right up your alley, whereas hobbies that don't require much regular participa-

tion likely won't provide the respite or fulfillment you're looking for. • Consider those closest to you. Many people find that the best hobbies are the ones that allow them to spend more time with their loved ones, whether those loved ones are their own children, their parents or their close friends. Parents may want to find an activity that allows them to bond with their children, while young working professionals may want to find an activity that provides them with opportunities to spend time with their equally busy friends.

3 great reasons to give homemade gifts

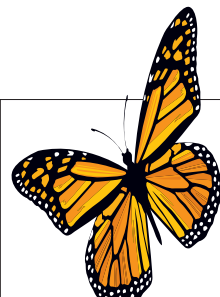


Nearly every holiday shopper has at least one person on their list who seemingly has everything. When shopping for such loved ones, shoppers often find the perfect gift to be especially elusive. While gift cards are a go-to fallback option when shopping for the person who has it all, many gift givers feel such cards are a tad too impersonal. But in lieu of traditional store-bought gifts, shoppers stuck on what to buy should consider the many great reasons to give homemade gifts.

1. Homemade gifts show your loved one how much they mean to you. Gift cards are practical, but they rarely elicit the warm feelings holiday shoppers want their gifts to produce. A homemade gift will show your loved one that you put time and effort into making their holiday season special, and that's something they will appreciate when they use or see the gift.

2. Homemade gifts won't break the bank. Holiday shoppers working on tight budgets likely won't have to break the bank to create a homemade gift. The Internet is a great resource for inexpensive homemade gift ideas.

3. You can control quality with homemade gifts. Store-bought items are not always of the highest quality, and no shopper wants to give a gift that falls apart within a few days. By creating the gift yourself, you can ensure it's made with the highest quality materials so it will withstand the test of time.



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