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Guests take in the flag raising ceremony.

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Pearl Harbor casualty receives overdue memorial

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – For more than seven decades, a Spencer sailor killed during the attacks on Pearl Harbor went unidentified. But thanks to new technology and a determined team of specialists, he was recently given a long overdue public memorial.

U.S. Navy Buglemaster Second Class Lionel Lescault was honored on Nov. 10 during a ceremony at Powder Mill Park. A memorial plaque was unveiled, as well as a flag ded-

icated in his honor. The event was organized by members of the Spencer Exchange Club, including Spencer’s Robert Berthiaume, who recently discovered he is Lescault’s nephew.

Berthiaume was thrilled to be joined by local residents and officials at the ceremony. As he continues to learn more about his uncle’s career and ultimate sacrifice, he is savoring the opportunity to share each story with the community. He also enjoys talking with veterans and local families whose loved ones served.

“This is also an opportunity to honor all veterans who served and are still serving,” Berthiaume said during the ceremony, which took place a day before Veterans Day.

Lescault was on the deck of the USS Oklahoma on Dec. 7, 1941, when the ship was attacked by Japanese forces. Lescault and his comrades were getting ready to play the morning colors aboard the battleship as part of the band. At just before 8 a.m., the first

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AA Transportation to host “Stuff a Bus” toy drive

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

REGION – A local company is once again leading the charge to bring joy through toys this holiday season.

AA Transportation Co., Inc., has finalized plans for its fourth annual Stuff the Bus toy donation campaign. On Saturday, Dec. 7, AA employees will bring buses to two area locations to be filled with toys purchased by generous residents. This year’s toy drive will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and AA leaders know they can always rely on the support of the community to assist families in need.

“For some families this can be a very challenging time of year, and we hope to make it a little easier for them,” said Melody Miller, the manager of AA Transportation’s East Brookfield office. “This is one way that we all can give back to our community.”

Transportation teams up with the police department to bring joy each year – one toy at a time. The AA bus will be parked at the North Brookfield Hannaford Supermarket from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on collection day. Police volunteers will then manage distribution efforts ahead of Christmas.

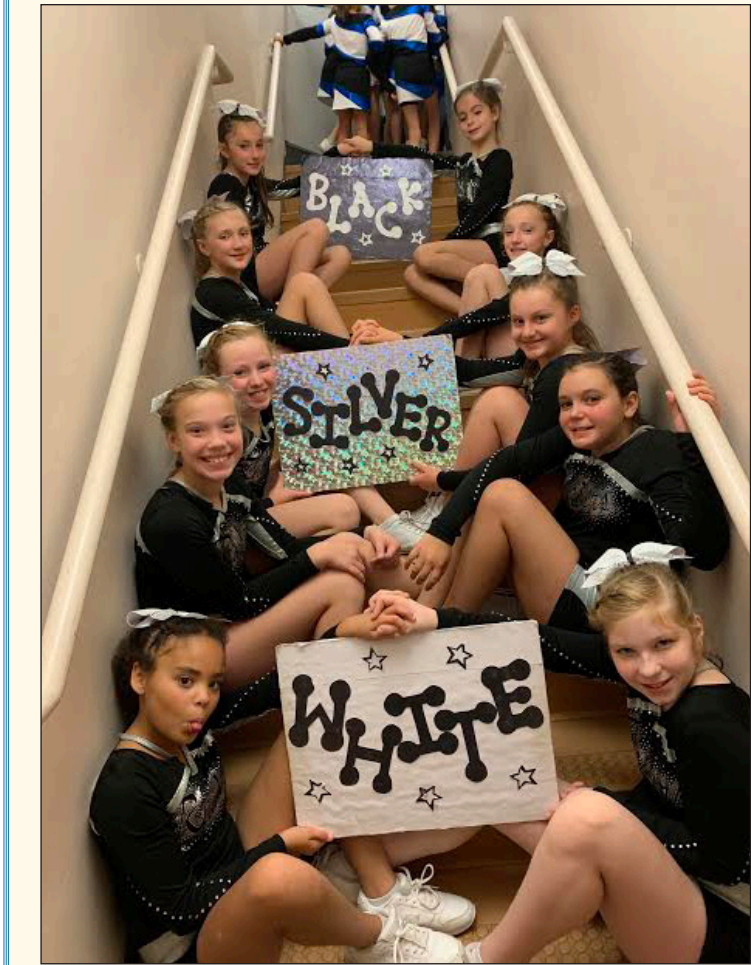
All donated toys must be new and unwrapped. Gifts are needed for kids of all ages, and families from throughout the area will benefit. Donations in years past have ranged from toys and clothes to school supplies and electronics. On several occasions buses have left their respective sites with a full load of gifts.

“We hope that everyone who can possibly give this year will come out and help us stuff the bus,” Miller added.

Donations can be made in advance by visiting the Spencer Fire Department, the North Brookfield Police Department, or your nearest AA Transportation bus yard. You may also drop off donations with your AA Transportation bus driver between Nov. 25 and Dec. 6.

Event leaders thank residents for their constant support of the project, as well as local organizations and volunteers for distributing the gifts.

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Cheerleading program celebrates successful season

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

REGION — It’s been an unforgettable season for the Leicester-Spencer Raiders cheerleading program, which has seen success at all age divisions.

The program’s Division 10 team (ages 8-10) recently placed first at a local competition, then placed second at the state level. The squad will now compete for the regional championship on November 23, where it will battle for a top three spot and the right to advance to nationals in Florida.

Courtesy Photo

Members of the Leicester-Spencer Raiders cheerleading program have had a strong season at all levels.

“This is the first year that our Division 10 team is competing at a Level 2. In years past they have competed at a lower level, and this year, I have pushed them and taught them new and harder skills that they have now mastered,” said Head Coach Melissa Huard. “This team will do anything that I ask them to do and try their hardest every day to be better than the day before.”

The program’s Division 14 squad placed third at the local competition and advanced to states. Meanwhile, the Division 8 team placed fourth at the local competition and made its first ever appearance in the state competition.

Both the Division 10 and Division 14 teams competed at Level 2 this year – the highest level of competition they have

achieved in program history. Coaches and athletes alike were thrilled to raise their game to meet each challenge.

“All three of our competitive teams advanced to fight for the state championship, and to me that is a big achievement,” added Huard, who lives in Spencer. “All of our coaches educate our youth to set goals, gain strength, build self-confidence and social skills, gain flexibility, and promote physical fitness, while providing a safe, positive and fun environment.”

Looking back on the program’s history, coaches are amazed by how far their athletes have come in a short time. The Leicester-Spencer Raiders program was initially in Pop Warner and

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Community celebrates Dickie Fiske’s giving spirit

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

NORTH BROOKFIELD – With the passing of Richard Fiske, Sr., earlier this month, the community lost one of its brightest beacons for service and giving.

Fiske, who died at age 94, established the Heart to Heart Foundation in 1995 to assist local families with sick children. Community donations to the organization over the years have benefited countless youngsters, and it

all started with the determination of the lifelong North Brookfield resident known by most as Dickie Fiske.

Reflecting on everything Fiske accomplished, residents are still stunned by the extent of his giving. During his annual Heart to Heart community par-

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Several demonstrations of support were shown for the late Richard Fiske, Sr., one of North Brookfield’s most beloved residents.



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Donations for Dignity finds a new home



Vicky LeBlanc, left, is joined by local volunteers who run Donations for Dignity.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – Donations for Dignity volunteers are operating out of a new location, but they’re still delivering the same vital services to residents in need. After leaving the Senior Center due to unforeseen problems with their occupancy of the building, Donations for Dignity volunteers recently moved into their new location at 40 Wall St. (run by the Spencer Housing Authority). The transition was a major success, with volunteers and families in need feeling welcomed and supported as the season of giving nears. “There were many issues we attempted to resolve at that [Senior Center] location, but it became too difficult for us to stay there,” said Vicky LeBlanc, a volunteer who has helped lead Donations for Dignity. “We are all very happy in this location. Everyone has been wonderful.” The volunteer-run organization collects everything from clothes to school supplies for kids of all ages. All donations are given to families in need, many of which take in foster children

with very few possessions. And as the winter approaches and the holidays arrive, local families need all the support they can get. “Every donation makes a huge difference in relieving the financial stress for these families,” added LeBlanc, who has fostered nearly 90 children over a 12-year period. The Donations for Dignity closet accepts all items for kids up to 18 years old. Infant products are in especially high demand, including baby formula, diapers, cribs, and walkers. With winter fast approaching, donations of coats, hats, gloves, and scarves for all ages are also crucial. LeBlanc thanks all residents who donate supplies to the closet, as well as the volunteers who stock and distribute items. Teens from a program in Worcester regularly volunteer at the closet, in addition to local parents who understand the desperate need for struggling families. For Denise Lohnes, a foster mother who volunteers at the closet, it means a lot to help families in need. Many of the children assisted by Donations for Dignity have been removed from

their homes due to emergency circumstances. Some arrive in the area with only the clothes on their backs, but they can rely on the constant support of the community and volunteers like Lohnes, LeBlanc, Donna Farmer, Ashley Cormier, and Terry Moore. “There are a lot of people out there who don’t have much. I want to donate and help them any way I can,” Moore said. The Donations for Dignity hours of operation are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-8 p.m., plus Sundays from 9 a.m. to noon. The closet does not accept monetary donations, only clothing and other items. If an item is needed that the closet doesn’t have, volunteers spread the word to the community. “People want to help – this entire thing is run on kindness,” LeBlanc said. “Especially during this time of year, it’s important for everyone to focus on being kind and doing what they can to give back.” For more information about how you can make a donation or volunteer, call LeBlanc at 339-222-9209 or send an email to DonationsForDignity@gmail.com.

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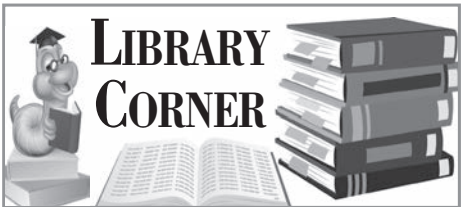
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Holiday Craft Faire returns to Town Hall Dec. 7

SPENCER – The holiday season is fast approaching, and residents will have plenty of shopping options thanks to a second-year event. On Saturday, Dec. 7, the second annual Olde Fashioned Holiday Craft Faire will take place at Town Hall. Festival hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and guests will be greeted by dozens of vendors with an array of products. Offerings will include handcrafted wares, homemade pastries and cookies, organic goods, and several other creative products. The event will also include a raffle, with proceeds benefiting the Town of Spencer Celebration Committee. For youngsters, write your letter to Santa and have it delivered via the fair’s special North Pole mailbox. The box will be located in the rotunda. Moreover, be sure to check out the event’s mitten tree. Items donated beneath the tree will go to children in need at local schools. Parking and admission are free.

Bay Path honor roll omission

CHARLTON — Due to an unintentional oversight on the school’s part, a student’s name was omitted from the honor roll submitted for publication in last week’s edition by Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School. Brian Bonnette’s name should have been listed under the Grade 10 Honors list.



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November 25
Community Connections hosts a parent/child playgroup from 10:00-11:30 for infants through age 5. These free programs are provided by a grant through the Department of Early Education and Care.

November 27
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Quabbin history calendar released

REGION — Athol author J.R. Greene has issued the 35th annual edition of his Quabbin History Calendar for 2020. Each year, these calendars feature black and white and sepia photos of places destroyed to build the Quabbin Reservoir. Included are views of a school, church, ice house, stores, winter scenes, and a summer camp from the old Swift River valley, and a mill from the Oakham village of Coldbrook Springs, taken for watershed protection of the Ware River diversion part of the water supply project. As has been done every fifth year, the calendar is printed on coated paper stock to enhance the quality of the pictures.

There are two photos in the calendar related to the Athol Branch of the Boston & Albany railroad that ran through the valley. Greene dedicates the calendar to «the memory of the people who once lived in those places.» The retail price of the calendar is still \$14.95 a copy. The calendar is one sale at Brookfield Orchards in North Brookfield, Plantation Store in West Brookfield, the Whistle Stop in Gilbertville, and at Oakwood Farm Christmas Barn in Spencer. It can be ordered directly from Greene; his email is jrg01331@webtv.net.

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Town Hall improvements unveiled in Spencer

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

BROOKFIELD – Residents recently got a look at several long-awaited improvements at Town Hall.

For nearly three decades, the building saw only minor upgrades, but the Town Hall Improvement Committee has spearheaded multiple projects in recent years. These include the addition of an ADA-accessible bathroom and a new kitchenette, as well as renovations to the offices of the tax collector and assessor. Moreover, snow plates on the roof were replaced to prevent

falling ice, and several improvements were made to the building’s doors and entrances.

During a Nov. 7 open house, residents and their families were able to view the improvements and meet the project team.

“The debut of the improvements to Town Hall is a tribute to the Town Hall Improvement Committee,” said Selectman Clarence Snyder. “Their determined efforts are making a difference. Brookfield is blessed with a number of individuals, many who sit on multiple committees, who are the lifeblood of the community.”

Town Hall Improvement Committee Chairman William Simpson was among those in attendance on Nov. 7. He outlined the many recent projects, as well as upcoming improvements planned for the building.

“No major work had been done in a long time. We are fortunate to see significant progress being made,” Simpson told the New Leader.

Officials are encouraged by the extent of the work that has been completed in a short time. The Town Hall Improvement

Committee was formed less than two years ago, and its members have worked quickly to identify priorities for the building.

“These are the most improvements we’ve seen here in 30 years,” Simpson said.

In 2018, crews finished organizing the basement and resolving plumbing issues in the building. Moreover, new security cameras and a high efficiency hot water heater system were installed this year. Several other efforts have been made to improve comfort in the building, including the repair of circulator pumps and the installation of a new thermostat.

Looking ahead, committee members are hoping to secure approval from the state’s Architectural Access Board for a platform lift at Town Hall. This would open up public access to the second floor of the building.

Additional upcoming and ongoing projects include repairing the Grand Hall, replacing the handicap ramp, and

working on a five-year plan for capital improvements.

Meanwhile, officials continue to discuss the potential for a senior center to be established in the basement of Town Hall. Currently, Brookfield is one of the only towns in the area without a dedicated senior center.

Committee members will also continue to seek grant funds to assist with an array of upcoming projects.

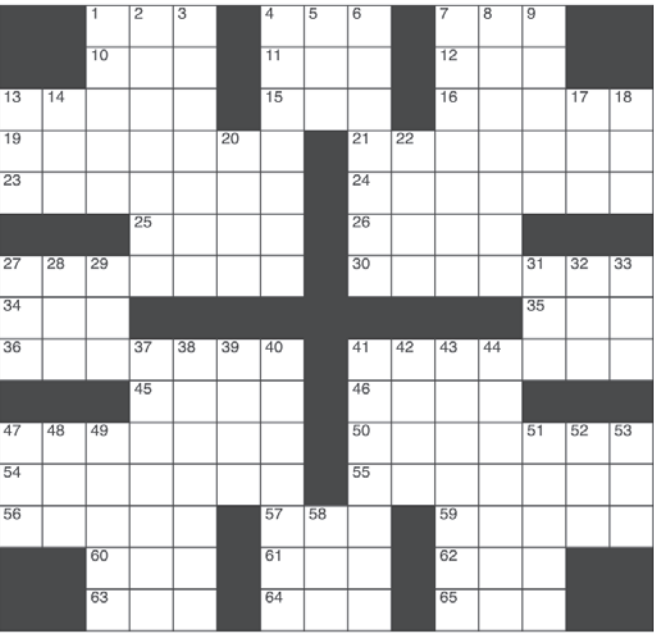
Officials thank all volunteers and organizations who helped with projects over the last two years. These include the Tantasqua Regional High School Electrical Department, the Sturbridge Fire Department, Brookfield Elementary School art students, Merrick Public Library Director Brenda Metterville, Bruce Clarke, Skip Nielsen, and several others.

Additional Town Hall Improvement Committee members include Al Jones, Donald Taft, Carol Plumb, and Mary Lou Knight.



Kevin Flanders Photo

Brookfield Town Hall has seen several recent upgrades, including the installation of a new kitchenette.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Small viper

4. Some are covert

7. A waiver of liability (abbr.)

10. Speak out

11. Retirement plan

12. Small dog

13. City in Iraq

15. Car mechanics group

16. Shrimp-like creature

19. Majestic

21. TV detective

23. Central Canadian province

24. Causing to wind around

25. Wise man

26. Knicks legend Willis

27. Muscular weaknesses

30. John Stockton compiled them

34. South American plant

35. To some extent

36. Where manners are displayed
41. Showy

45. Fall down

46. Shoelaces are often this

47. Disease-causing bacterium

50. Egg-shaped wind instrument

54. Sufferings

55. One who noisily enjoys

56. About blood

57. Transaction verification system (abbr.)

59. Related through female family members

60. Low velocity grenade

61. “In Living Color” comedian

62. Veterans battleground

63. Expression of creative skill

64. Midway between northeast and east

65. Patti Hearst’s captors

CLUES DOWN

1. Something useful

2. It goes great with peppers and onions

3. Orifice

4. Turned into bone

5. The Princess could detect it

6. Bands of colors

7. Makes use of

8. Central African country

9. Lake in the Kalahari Desert

13. He was a “Chairman”

14. Legally possess

17. One point north of due west

18. Small peg of wood

20. Stretch of swampy ground

22. Is indebted to

27. Where you were born (abbr.)

28. A team’s best pitcher

29. Cool!
31. Female sibling

32. This stimulates the thyroid (abbr.)

33. Reserved

37. More prickled

38. Forbidden by law

39. One-time presidential candidate

40. A TV show has more than one

41. A place to stash things

42. Defunct currency in India

43. Causes to ferment

44. A type of gland

47. __ Humbug!

48. Everyone has one

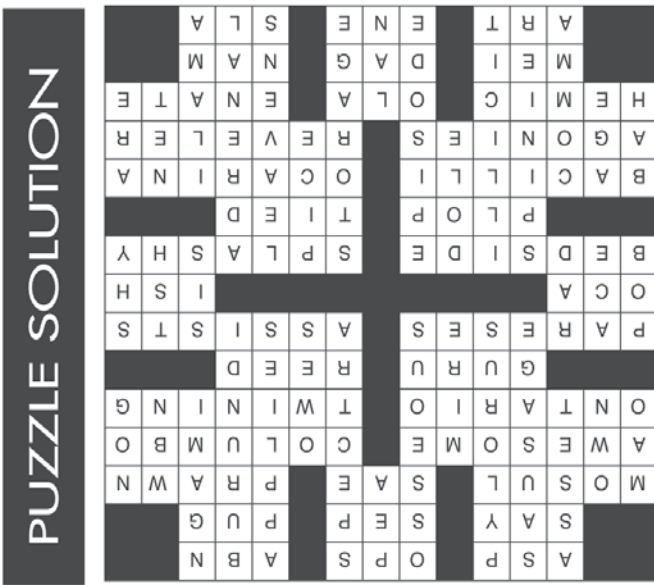
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53. 100 square meters

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Gobi discusses farm bills

BY JASON BLEAU
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – The town of Dudley hosted a special guest on Tuesday, Nov. 2 as Sen. Anne Gobi stopped by to discuss issues pertaining to agriculture and farming in the region. Gobi serves as Chair of Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture Committee in Boston and was invited to the Dudley Town Hall by the Dudley Grange to hear concerns from local farmers and discuss matters being taken up in Boston that pertain to agriculture businesses and farm bills.

The forum lasted over an hour and saw questions and concerns voiced by several citizens in regard to several different issues on both the local and state level. Among the biggest issues brought to the table were the use of pesticides, the state's lack of support for hemp producers, and food waste. Gobi also took the time to delve into some issues she has heard from across the state. These include the healthy initiative program geared towards promoting farmers markets and fresh produce to those with food stamps or in need of food assistance and the House Bill that

passed this year enacting limitations for gestation housing. There has also been discussion on the state level about Massachusetts joining Connecticut in banning plastic bags from shopping areas although Gobi said there is debate about whether this should be a state mandate or if towns should handle this matter on their own.

Gobi said she found the back and forth to be productive and insightful, especially in terms of the passion that some citizens had for the issues that concern them. She felt it was a good opportunity for her to connect with constituents and even some who aren't represented by her at the state level.

"Even though a lot of people aren't necessarily my direct constituents it's absolutely important for me to hear from anyone who is involved in agriculture about their issues and problems," Gobi said after the forum. "We deal with them in committee and we really need to know what people are thinking. This is the best way to do things, through one-on-one and having this direct contact."

Gobi said she will take several things back to Boston with her for consider-

ation, including the passion for supporting hemp production and even a new idea one citizen provided on how to manage food waste which would involve a large-scale composting practice.

Linda Brink, a spokesperson for the Dudley Grange who sponsored Senator Gobi's visit, said she was happy and grateful for the outcome and was glad that the Senator took the time to hear input from local farmers and producers.

"Anne spoke at the state grange convention last year so it was just us seeing if she could keep it up and tell us what's going on from a year ago. That was part of the motivation," Brink said. "I think everybody was enthused about her taking the time to hear what we had to say. There's an inner structure to the grange. We're not just on the local level – There's areas in each grange and levels that we can push to have our opinions expressed. We'd like to keep getting the farmers involved."



Jason Bleau Photo

Sen. Anne Gobi paid a visit to Dudley on Nov. 2 to talk about farm bills and issues involving agriculture in the commonwealth

Abbey Cashman of Spencer inducted into Assumption College Academic Honors Program

WORCESTER — The Assumption College Honors Program inducted 68 new members, including Abbey Cashman, of Spencer, Class of 2023, on Sunday, Nov. 10, before an audience of administrators, faculty, and families.

The Honors Program, available to students of all majors and interests, provides a comprehensive and interdisciplinary education that prepares students for successful careers and meaningful lives. The Honors community is designed for those looking for a challenging and holistic educational experience, as well as those looking for social engagement with like-minded classmates. Honors students have exclu-

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Qualified high school seniors, students who have excelled in their first semester at Assumption, as well as transfer students are invited to apply for the Honors Program. Honors Program students must maintain a 3.25 grade point average (GPA) in Honors courses, and a 3.25 GPA across all courses.

For more information on the Honors Program, visit www.assumption.edu/undergraduate/honors-program.

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CLASSROOM CORNER

LMS cross country continues to make strides

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER – Following a successful first Wolverine Invitational meet, Leicester’s cross country program continues to take major strides.

After hosting the Central Massachusetts Middle School Cross Country Invitational for the past two years, Leicester athletic leaders decided they would also organize their own event from start to finish in 2019. Several months of planning and preparations came to fruition on Nov. 2, when the school hosted the first Wolverine Invitational and Community Race.

Organizers and athletes thank everyone who came together to make the event possible.

“The Wolverine Invitational was successful thanks to many supporters who helped to provide everything needed to run a successful race,” read a statement released by Norman Everett, a coach with the cross country program. “The LHS Boosters were the biggest supporters of the race. When Coach Everett came to them asking for support last spring, they agreed to provide the upfront costs of the meet.”

N.E.C. Trophy, of Ashland,

provided trophies for each of the top two girls and boys teams, as well as ribbons for the top 15 finishers of the girls and boys races. Moreover, North Medford Club and the Central Massachusetts Striders (CMS) offered donations to make the race successful. In addition, CMS loaned 70 cones to mark the running course, and Worcester’s Sneakerama supplied raffle prizes.

Reflecting on how far the cross country program has come since its inception, coaches are eager for a bright future. Events like the Wolverine Invitational help to further expand the program’s footprint.

“When Leicester added a high school cross country program seven years ago, the seventh and eighth graders always ran with the high school team, while the sixth graders could train with them but were ineligible to run in most races. The Wolverine Invitational marked the Running Club’s fourth race of the season and the first that the middle school has truly hosted,” read the statement released by Everett.

Seventh and eighth graders Jason Fournier and Owen Collette won the boys race, while eighth grader Lilith Field finished eighth overall and took the top Leicester girls



Courtesy Photo

Leicester cross country athletes recently welcomed area opponents to the first annual Wolverine Invitational and Community Race.

spot. Additionally, fifth grader Matthew Robbins had a stand-out day for the boys. He took 34 seconds off of his time from the Central Massachusetts Middle School Invitational two weeks earlier. Meanwhile, sixth grader Isabel van Lingoff took almost two minutes off of her time from the same course ear-

lier in the season.

Marlborough’s Advanced Math and Science Academy (AMSA) took the top spot in both team races. Coaches and athletes from the school were thrilled to take part in Leicester’s event.

“AMSA coach Mark Vital complimented Leicester on the race. He indicated that his runners enjoyed the meeting and asked if he could invite some coaches that he knows would be interested in participating in next year’s meet,” read Everett’s statement.

Following the middle school race, Leicester hosted a community race which saw 22 participants. This race was meant to engage the community and was open to runners of all ages. Leicester Middle School students Dylan Delage and Peyton Knott took the top spot for the boys and girls divisions. School administrators, teachers, and coaches also ran in the community race.

Organizers thank members of Leicester Middle School’s CommuniTeen Club for their assistance in the community race. The LMS after-school club provided about 20 volunteers who stood on the course and directed runners.

“The Wolverine Invitational should have a bright future for 2020,” read Everett’s statement. “AMSA’s coach has expressed a willingness to spread the word that Leicester runs a great event. This should help Leicester reach its goal of hosting five teams next year.”

LEICESTER HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

LEICESTER — Leicester High School has released its honor roll for the first quarter of the 2019-2020 school year.

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Grade 9
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HONORS

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Grade 11

Laura Belk, Charley Blair
Matthew Brown, Sean Brown
Hannah Dufries, Nicholas Falke
Marissa Gebhardt, Ava LaPointe
Ryan McCarthy, Dashaney Santana
Jenna Soden

Grade 10
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Paiten Bulak, Timothy Cehon
Meghan Connolly
Randy Ethier, Rian Fadden
Morgan Flodman, Liliana Glass
Alexis Goodney, Grace Guinee
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Justin Muturi, Jenna Nelson
Meghan Niddrie, Morgan Smith
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Shannon Tuson, Brady White
Lindsey Wickson

Grade 9
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Kathy Cai, Katie Choquette
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Tri-Valley, Inc. joins Meals on Wheels America and Subaru this holiday season

REGION — Tri-Valley’s Nutrition Program is proud to announce that it will be participating in the 2019 Subaru Share the Love Event as a member of Meals on Wheels America, <http://www.mealsonwheelsamerica.org/> - one of four national Share the Love charitable partners supported through the campaign. From Nov. 14 through Jan. 2, Subaru of America will donate \$250 for every new Subaru vehicle purchased or leased to the customer’s choice of participating charities.

Participating Meals on Wheels America members, like Tri-Valley’s Nutrition Program, will receive a share of the donation raised by Subaru in their state. Tri-Valley has partnered with Long Subaru in Webster to raise awareness for the popular year-end sales and giving event, and drive support for Meals on Wheels through a number of community activities including a kick-off event at Tri-Valley’s office in Dudley and publicity events at area senior centers.

Kristin McCarthy, Nutrition Program Director, said, “We are happy to be partnering once again with Long Subaru. They believe in giving back to the community and understand the importance of delivering meals to the seniors in Webster and the other 24 towns that Tri-Valley serves. With their help, we’ll be able to make this year’s event a success.”

“Meals on Wheels America is proud to partner with Subaru of America for the 12th consecutive year to enable more seniors to live with independence and dignity,” said Ellie Hollander, President and CEO, Meals on Wheels America. “Since 2008, the Subaru Share the Love Event has helped deliver more than 2.2 million meals and friendly visits to vulnerable seniors nationwide. We’re enormously grateful to Subaru and its retailers for their long-standing commitment to Meals on Wheels and the millions of seniors who depend on it for nourishment and companionship.”

Over the last 11 years, Subaru of America and its participating retailers have donated more than \$145 million to its charity partners. This year’s Subaru Share the Love Event is on track to bring that total to over \$170 million, proving there’s no limit to the amount of love we can all share.

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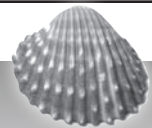
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The parade will launch from the David Prouty High School parking lot and proceed down Route 9. In case of inclement weather, the snow date is Sunday, Dec. 8, at the same time and location.


“This is our fourth annual entry in this parade,” Miller said. “The parade seems to get more participation each year.”

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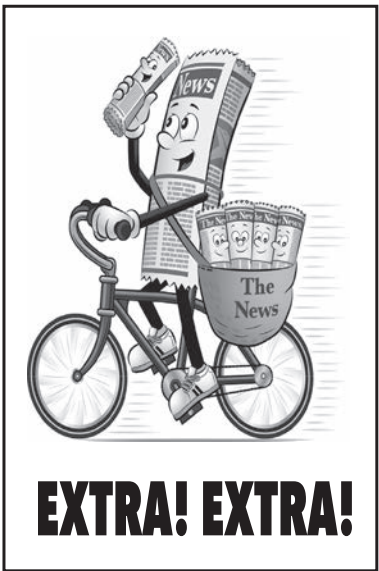
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Alongside the bright red ribbons, boughs of holly, and countless images of Jolly old Saint Nick that seem to greet us everywhere we go during the holidays, those of you who have braved the malls or, better yet, stayed closer to home and browsed the shops in your own community this season have likely encountered another iconic holiday image in your travels — the dedicated volunteers who bundle up and brave the chilly air with jingling bells in hand to collect donations for the Salvation Army.

These hearty souls can be seen everywhere, from their outposts on Main Street to the entrance of your local Wal-Mart. Always seeming to be ready with a cheerful greeting and a warm smile for the crowds of shoppers who file past them every day, their presence serves as an important reminder to all of us that now, more than any other time of year, is the time to turn our thoughts toward the less fortunate among us ... and that sometimes, the greatest gift of all can be a helping hand in a time of need.

With many of us tightening our belts more than usual when it comes to our holiday shopping in recent years, and the stress of dealing with family dysfunction or traveling away from home for the holidays occupying our thoughts, it can be all too easy to forget that times are that much harder for those at the bottom of the economic ladder. Right here in our own backyard, there are a great many families who have fallen on hard times, often through no fault of their own, and who have nowhere left to turn for help but the generosity of strangers.

Fortunately, there are no shortage of charitable organizations throughout the area that are prepared to meet the growing demand for assistance, but only with the support of their respective communities. So as they rush around in these last few weeks before Christmas grabbing those last-minute stocking stuffers or that much sought-after game system, we encourage our readers to think of their fellow man and put a little love in their hearts (as Jackie DeShannon once sang), and remind themselves of the true meaning of the season by offering a helping hand to those who need it. Whether it be through a donation of canned goods to your local food pantry, a monetary gift or a donation of used clothing to your church's relief efforts, or simply by slipping a handful of bills into one of the bright red Salvation Army coffers manned by those spirited, bell ringing volunteers, remember that it may only take a small amount of effort to make the season bright for a neighbor in need.



VIEWPOINT

OPINION AND COMMENTARY FROM SPENCER, LEICESTER AND THE BROOKFIELDS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Republican agenda strays far from Christ's teachings

To the Editor:
Recently, someone wrote a Viewpoint letter suggesting that Christians should be backing the Republican agenda and President Trump. I find it particularly disturbing that religion is being invoked as an excuse to accept an agenda that strays quite far from the teachings of Christ.

It's been said that "the love of money is the root of all evil," and it is clear that big money is having a terrible impact on our democracy. The voices of the many poor are being readily drowned out by the voices of a few wealthy sources of campaign financing. I don't suggest that the Christian religion has had the greatest reputation for promoting democratic governance or women's rights, but at least certain values, truly of value to both individuals and society as a whole, have been emphasized though the teachings of Christ. For example, the golden rule - "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." I don't think that anyone who truly took that teaching to heart would accept the cruel separation of children from their parents, the rejection of desperate people seeking our help, the traitorous behavior toward our allies, the constant contempt of the truth, the suppression of scientific facts for personal gain, and the strategic fostering of intolerance that has characterized this administration.

The abortion issue is apparently the only issue that seems to resonate with many white evangelicals and other Christians supporting this self-serving administration. Some would advocate forced maintenance of pregnancy, even in cases of rape or incest. There have been attempts to define a fertilized egg as a human being with all the rights provided by the Constitution. A fertilized egg is definitely capable of becoming a human being, actually multiple human beings (e.g. identical twins and triplets); but in actuality, in this day of cloning, other cells could also have that potential. Many women who have had difficulty conceiving have been blessed with children using in vitro fertilization. Should such procedures be prohibited because not every fertilized egg can be used? Should women no longer be given the choice to have a medical procedure that enables them to bear a child?

As an undergraduate taking a course in anthropology, I read an account of a woman living in the desolate Kalahari desert of Africa. She became pregnant and gave birth to a child while she was still nursing an infant. She knew she did not have enough milk to feed both infants, and she was forced to make a terrible decision. Our world population has nearly tripled in my lifetime. With more mouths to feed and looming environmental devastation due to pollution, overpopulation, and man-induced climate change, many poor people throughout this world will be forced to deal with hopeless situations; and countless numbers will die of disease and starvation. To ignore the warnings and hinder efforts to avoid this scenario may be considered the "Christian" thing to do by some religious purists, but I cannot believe it is something that Christ himself would have advocated. Also, I seriously doubt that any thoughtful Christian truly believes that Christ would have been a strong advocate of big tax breaks for the wealthy and trickle-down economics. His words, "Blessed are the poor," does not mean he would advocate economic policies that would foster huge disparities in income and opportunities, and thereby increase numbers of people truly "blessed" with poverty. The prosperity doctrine embraced by Trump and a thankfully small minority of "Christians" would appear to put a very different spin on the value of monetary wealth.

So, perhaps Christians and all Americans should think twice before they cast their ballots next year. This President has not been faithful to the rule of law, and perhaps the most important rule that he has repeatedly broken is the golden rule. Our world is facing serious challenges even now. Many species are already lost or on the brink of extinction. We need to thoughtfully address the problems and work on real solutions. No wall, no matter how high, will insulate us from the deadly consequences of not only ignoring, but contradicting the well established and undeniable facts reported by climate and environmental scientists throughout the world.

DAVID W. BROWN
NORTH BROOKFIELD

The public hearings

To the Editor:
As the public impeachment hearings have begun, I imagine the Republicans will stop criticizing the process... Back to reality, Republicans are defending Trump yet the Democrats' case is very solid and airtight that there was a quid pro quo - all the testimony points to that.

The people who testified were a flashback to a bygone era. They were solid upstanding public servants. They cared about the country; they were not self-centered or self-serving. They didn't have a partisan axe to grind. They were just honest people with integrity.

The President shockingly was cyber bullying Marie Yovanovitch during her testimony. Since she was a witness this is also known as witness tampering and witness intimidation. To do it during her testimony, and publicly, is simply incredible.

This impeachment is not just a legal proceeding or a political proceeding, it should be seen as the contrast between good people and bad people. This is beyond politics, beyond policy.

This is a story of corruption. Not corruption in Ukraine but corruption in the United States. They have gone to such lengths to denigrate, attack, and to destroy and sabotage the career of a dedicated public servant. This is the behavior of a mob boss. Did they do it for money? Power? Why was Rudy Giuliani doing this? Why was Trump involved at this level? Are they trying to simply destroy the careers of

people who dare to tell the truth or do they want to endanger their lives at the hands of vigilantes?

The President through his tweets attacks and invariably punches down. He is a man who never punches up. He never takes on anybody his own size or somebody bigger. It's always somebody smaller. The idea of witness intimidation is just unforgivable at a human level.

The Republicans have been calling this a sham, a witch hunt, the process unfair, and a waste of time. In a sense I don't blame them - there isn't anything else for them to say. They are putting the defensive flares up for posterity. What Trump is accused of clearly happened; the Republicans don't have a lot to work with.

I wish there was more to say, but there isn't. The accusations against Trump are being corroborated, Trump is acting in a threatening way towards witnesses, and the poll numbers haven't moved. Presumably next week he'll continue to act inappropriately for a human never mind President, the case against him will only be more airtight, and his supporters will continue not to care.

I really wonder if he shot a witness to his impeachment in the face in the middle of 5th Avenue and live-streamed it if he would lose any support.

DAVID ROSENBERG
SPENCER

Is there any reason to vote for Trump now?

To the Editor:
Some months ago, as a registered Independent, I asked John McRae in a letter to the Editor, why I should vote for Donald Trump in the 2020 presidential election.

He replied, "women, I can't help you." Roland Blais contributed his opinion to the effect, that God wants you to.

Neither answer has been helpful so I have scoured the printed, visual and Internet publications still available to us. In doing so, I have become aware of why 40 some percent of Americans want to see Trump continue in office. (all publications are available to the 40 percent).

To name a few, it seems that they do not mind:

- that Russia's Vladimir Putin is Trump's adviser.
- that Trump admires dictators from around the world and follows in their footsteps here in America.
- that Trump misuses his power as President and tax payers' money to advance his personal interests.
- that he nominates Conservative judges with the intention of reversing Roe vs Wade.
- that he ignores our Constitution, laws and democracy.
- that he uses corrupt measures to gain

what he wants.

- they don't seem to mind that several of Trump's buddies who supported him into his presidency, are now in prison.

- that he supports white supremacists.

- that he abuses brown skinned immigrants fleeing from their country to America rather than helping them democratize their own country.

- that he had mouths previous administrators, those in Congress and those cleaning up corruption in America.

- that his supporters may be wondering why there are now hearings in Congress leading to his impeachment.

- that his supporters at his rallies seem to see him has an entertainer at those rallies.

- that his supporters have not received from their educational systems the history of how dictators develop and how world wars start so they do not see that Trump is trying to develop a dictatorship for himself at their expense.

My question now, John, is why have Republicans in Congress continued to support Trump, and why should I not vote for a liberal in the 2020 presidential election?

CAROL RIZZO
SPENCER

Share your
bounty with
family

As Thanksgiving approaches, it's meaningful to reflect on the origin of the holiday -Native Americans and pilgrims sharing their bounty of food with each other. As you



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gather with your loved ones this year, perhaps you can think of ways to share not only your dinner, but also your financial bounty.

In terms of bounty-sharing, here are some suggestions you may find helpful, no matter your age or that of your children:

Make appropriate gifts. If you have young children, you may want to get them started with a savings account to help them develop positive financial habits. You could even make it a Thanksgiving tradition to measure how their accounts have grown from year to year. But you can go even further by starting to fund an education savings vehicle such as a 529 plan. This account can provide valuable tax benefits and gives you total control of the money until your children are ready for college or trade school. Other education-funding options also are available, such as a custodial account, commonly known as an UGMA or UTMA. If you have grown children, you could still contribute to a 529 plan for your grandchildren.

Develop - and communicate - your estate plans. While you may want to be as generous as possible to your loved ones during your lifetime, you may desire to leave something behind as part of your legacy. And that means you will need to develop a comprehensive estate plan. Such a plan will allow you to express your wishes about where you want your assets to go, who will take care of your children if something happens to you, how you want to be treated should you become incapacitated, and other important issues. Your estate plan will need to include the appropriate documents and arrangements - last will and testament, living trust, power of attorney, health care directive, and so on. To create such a plan, you may need to work with a team of professionals, including your financial, tax and legal advisors. And it's essential that you communicate the existence and details of your estate plan to your loved ones. By doing so, you can help them know what to expect and what's expected of them to help avoid unpleasant surprises and familial squabbles when it's time to settle your estate.

Solicit suggestions for charitable giving. Sharing some of what you have with charitable or community organizations will also help fulfill the spirit of Thanksgiving. And you can make it a family affair by asking your loved ones which groups they would like to support. Not only will you be helping a worthy cause, but you'll also be teaching your children about the value of money - in this case, the ability to use money you've saved to help make a positive contribution to society.

By sharing your bounty with your loved ones and your community on Thanksgiving, you'll help create a more memorable holiday for everyone. So, be generous, be creative - and be prepared for how much satisfaction you can get from your actions.

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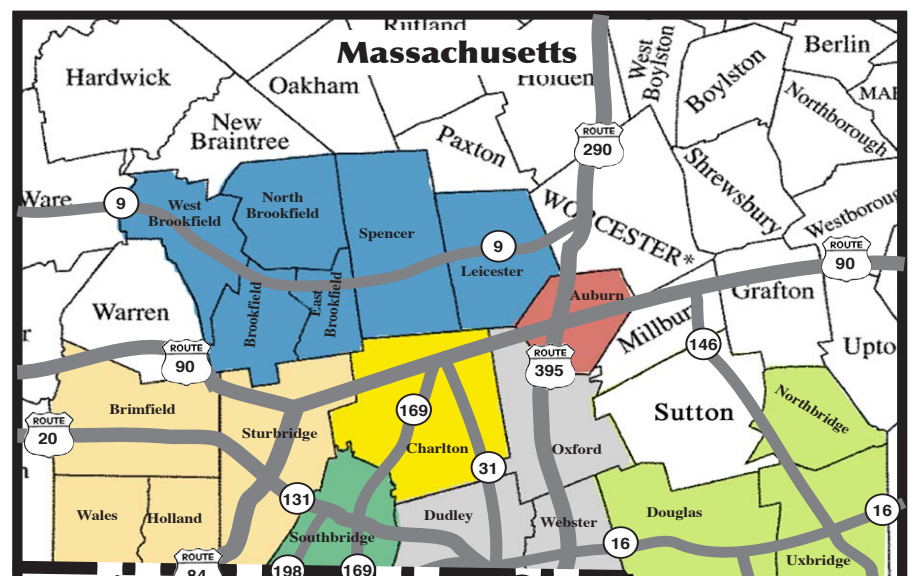
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

America’s besetting sin: ingratitude

To the Editor:

This letter is not written to be understood or appreciated by the “skulls-full-of-mush” millennial crowd, nor the utterly secular, materialist, money-is-my-god contingent, no matter their age. If you’re one of them, stop reading, you will not want to view the time it took to read these remarks as time wasted from your busy day of getting and spending.

I write to the people of my generation, those of us from another America, another time. We were born either somewhat before or slightly after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941. We’ve gone from no telephone, no “fast food,” no computer, no jet planes, no air conditioning, no television, no fresh fruit in the middle of winter, and no just about anything the generations after us have always seen as natural as the sun rising in the east and as easily taken for granted.

And yet we, crowned with the hoar frost of age, quietly and among ourselves, agree that in many ways—but certainly not all—life was just better then despite what, as we look back, now see as a time of an almost total lack of modern conveniences.

For one thing, we had a common culture which was just assumed by almost everyone to be reasonable and good, and one worth defending. Having been raised in the melting-pot small American city of Brockton, where significant groups of various hyphenated Americans worked together, were educated together, and basically shared the same American traditions and norms—no matter how recently they were removed from the “old country.”

I offer as exhibit A, the matter of Thanksgiving Day. I never heard of a single family who didn’t celebrate it, regardless of their ethnic culture prior to becoming Americans. It was pretty simple: Thank God we were so fortunate to have been allowed to enjoy

the inestimable benefits of freedom, American-style (no matter our rung on the ladder of material success), and to claim citizenship in the most unique and blessed country in the entire history of the world.

Now, what I’m about to relate, I am certain, will be dismissed as the delusional ramblings of an out-of-touch old crank who longs for a world that never was. I can hear the millennials now: “O.K., Boomer.” Right.

But, as we come up soon to Thanksgiving, for me the second greatest holiday on the calendar (Note: “holiday,” short for “Holy Day”), the first being Christmas, my mind goes back to the great family Thanksgiving traditions of my childhood, and, coincidentally, how the occasion was observed in the elementary schools—and to an extent in the junior high schools—of our fair city.

For us, as school children, Thanksgiving was big. Plays dealing with the Pilgrims; the Mayflower; John Alden and Priscilla Mullins; the Indians (Samoset and Massasoit); the brutal first winter; the first Thanksgiving, etc were staged, costumes made; “artwork” created of turkeys, Pilgrim hats, sailing ships, half-naked Indians; cornucopias created, and all of it done cheerfully by students willing to work and overseen by teachers happy to see their charges enthusiastic about learning.

Now, get this: we also were taught songs about the great day, which we sang with a will when we put on our program for the school or parents or whomever came to see it. Now sit down, you liberals, prepare to have your sensibilities shocked: a couple of the selections we sang enthusiastically were hymns. You read that right: hymns you might have as well heard on Sunday at any of the many churches which used to exist in all the old neighborhoods of the “Shoe City.” Our largely Irish-Catholic, single,

female (and totally dedicated) teachers weren’t apparently concerned that the hymns were doubtless culled from the generic Protestant hymnal. They were just nice songs and easy to sing. I give you the lyrics of one of the more well-known ones, a hymn seventy years later which I still love to hear sung well, by, say, the Mormon Tabernacle Choir:

We Gather Together

We gather together to ask the Lord’s blessing;
he chastens and hastens his will to make known;
the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing;
sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;
so from the beginning the fight we were winning; thou,
Lord, wast at our side: all glory be thine!

We all do extoll thee, thou leader triumphant,
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be,
let thy congregation endure through tribulation: be
thy name ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

Are you recovered yet, you liberals? Your tax dollars at work! American kids singing traditional Christian anthems and enjoying it as they do so. Oh, the humanity!

But, what damage was done? A brief comparison of the quality of public school education then and what it has become; a look at the social and cultural unity and coherence of those days as opposed to the hopeless fragmentation and divisiveness of today’s America thanks to the poisonous fruits of the sacred tree of “diversity,” and

one might reasonably prefer to bring back to the schools and the culture the old traditions, the stories, the songs (indeed, a few hymns as well) to see if maybe the destruction wrought by the America-hating, cultural Marxists might be reversible.

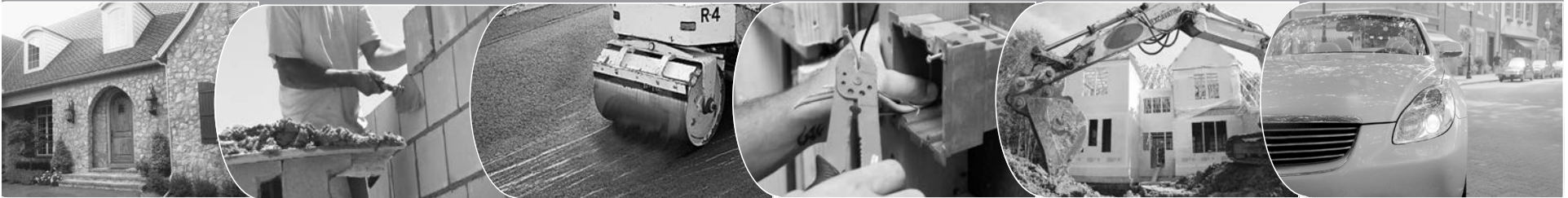
We had none of the so-called benefits of modern day American life. But, things worked. Children from all classes were in fact educated—not indoctrinated—to the greatest extent possible. Nearly everyone could read and express him/her self reasonably well. School shootings? Unheard of. Swearing at or assaulting a teacher? Unheard of. Coming to school looking like something the cat dragged out of the city dump? Unheard of. Disrespecting the nation’s flag or anthem, especially so soon after hundreds-of-thousands of our fathers, uncles, neighbors, and others had only recently been killed or maimed in defense of those symbols? Unheard of.

We had: strong neighborhoods where people looked out for one another; strong churches and synagogues; excellent schools; police who were respected and obeyed; safe streets; teachers and principals who were honored members of the community; a “pop culture” that wasn’t an ongoing affront to the moral sensibilities of the normal person; a conviction that, no matter what, if you fathered a child you stuck around to raise him or her to the best of your ability—or you weren’t much of a man.

Oh, yeah, it was a different time all right. And part of my reason, every year for a long time now, to be thankful is that it was my great and good fortune to have been born and raised at such a time as I was. I think my peers, my old-timer buds and budettes know what I’m talking about and silently nod their heads in agreement, whether they share my politics views or not.

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Timely Tips to Cut Home Energy Costs

With cold weather here and fuel prices on the rise, it's time to take a proactive role to cut costs down to size. From making your house cozy warm to reducing household hot water use, the following tips are geared toward efficient fuel usage, which can translate into impressive savings!

Numbers game: It's no secret setting the thermostat lower can reduce home heating fuel use. Here are the numbers According to the Dept of Energy: For every degree you lower the dial, expect to save from 1% to 3% of your heating bill. Better yet, lowering it five degrees for four hours a day can add up to a ten percent savings!

Rising temperatures: While you're turning down the thermostat, why not turn up your internal thermostat to multiply the savings effect? Donning a lightweight, long sleeved shirt averages two degrees of warmth, while putting on a heavy or wool sweater can propel your warmth quota four degrees!

In hot water: Families typically use more hot water in winter months and heating up the water can account for nearly 15 percent of total household energy costs. Lowering the temperature on the hot water heater to 120 degrees can add up to substantial savings throughout the winter. Some manufacturers set water heater thermostats at 140 degrees, while most households only require 120 degrees. According to the U.S. Dept of Energy, each 10 degree reduction in water temperature, you can save between 3 to 5 percent in energy costs. Another benefit? Reducing

your water temperature to 120 degrees also slows mineral buildup and corrosion in your water heater and pipes- helping the water heater operate at its maximum efficiency to last longer.

Unplugged: The average family has 40 "phantom" or "standby" electronics that sap energy 24/7 as long as they are plugged in. Unplugging these phantom energy users or connecting them to a power strip that can easily be turned off when not in use, saves 10% of a typical family's electricity use.

Most moisture: Did you know a humidifier can boost the effect of heating? Moist air retains heat better than dryer air, which translates into lower fuel costs!

Laundry list: Doing laundry takes its toll on water usage and hot and warm water cycles use more fuel than you might think. Save money by buying a cold water detergent and doing all your laundry in cold water. Typical savings realized by a family of five is up to \$250 annually.

Shower switch: Switch out a hot bath for a shower. While a long, hot bath is tempting, remember, it will almost triple your cost over a shower as more water is used and must be heated. To save even more on hot water costs, replace shower heads with low flow models.



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Duct work: Studies show if you have non insulated ducts that run through attics, cellars or other unheated spaces, heated air can be reduced by 60% before it reaches the room to be heated! Insulating duct is a cost effective fix. Small leaks in the ducts also allow heated air to escape. The remedy is as simple as applying metallic duct tape or a spray sealant.

Free inspections: It costs nothing to do a vent check, but it can lower heating costs. If you have baseboards, make sure they are fully open and operable. Move any furniture or drapes that could be blocking warm air flow. Vents or baseboards that are even partially blocked result in an unnecessary hike in heating costs.

Shut it up: Did you know leaving your chimney flue open when not in use is the same thing as opening your window several inches? You should also make sure your dryer vent closes properly to keep cold air from coming in.

Air flow: According to the US Dept of Energy, the inexpensive task of changing your furnace air filter monthly or whenever it's dirty permits a better flow of air through your heating system. A clogged filter greatly decreases the furnace's efficiency and makes it work harder.

In addition, a clean filter reduces the strain on your furnace, which can

extend its life.

Fan folly: During the winter months, use your stove and bathroom fans sparingly, as they remove precious warm air from the room. Obviously, you'll want to use a vent to dispel moisture in the bathroom, but there's usually no need to switch on the vent fan every time you put on the bathroom light. Ditto for a kitchen fan vent. Use it periodically while cooking; do not leave it on constantly unless smoke is an issue.

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SPORTS

Key defensive stop leads Leicester past Blackstone Valley Tech for Division 7 title



Leicester's captains celebrate with the Central Mass. Division 7 trophy after the Wolverines defeated Blackstone Valley Tech, 28-19, for the District Championship.

BY DEAN P. ST. LAURENT
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

GRAFTON — Momentum had shifted as the Blackstone Valley Tech varsity football team, down 21-7 at halftime to Leicester High, had the chance to pull even with a touchdown and a potential two-point conversion to tie the game at 21-all when the second-seeded Beavers met the top-ranked Wolverines at Grafton High on Saturday, Nov. 16.

Valley Tech had the ball on Leicester's 3-yard line after being stuffed on third-and-goal for a 2-yard loss as the final seconds of the third quarter ticked off the clock. That left everyone in suspense for the biggest play of the Central Mass. Division 7 Final. Moments later, both teams trotted back to the field with a fresh 12 minutes on the scoreboard.

BVT quarterback Josh Mateo lined up under center with senior running back JD

Antaya behind him. They had lined up similarly the previous play when Antaya got stuffed on a run up the middle, but this time Mateo faked the handoff, rolled to the right and was met in the backfield by senior defensive lineman Thomas Mackenzie Jr. He plunged through his assigned gap within seconds of the ball being snapped to make the biggest play of the game, a strip-sack. Mackenzie also added a fumble recovery earlier in the contest.

That key play left Leicester with the lead, and the Wolverines ultimately pulled away with a 28-19 victory.

"It felt great," Mackenzie expressed. "It was a pinch and I shot through my gap, quarterback was right there and I wrapped him up."

The ball was fumbled out of bounds at the Leicester 21-yard line, where the Wolverines regained possession. The momentum had shifted back

into Leicester's favor, and they drove down the field in 11 plays to reclaim a two-touchdown lead, 28-13. Tailback Stephen Olsen connected with Jack O'Neill on an old-fashioned pop pass.

The Beavers countered with a quick touchdown drive within a minute, but they were unable to convert a two-point conversion to make it a one-score game. The TD cut the Wolverines' lead to nine, 28-19, with three minutes to go.

"We were too inconsistent in the kicking game," explained BVT head coach Jim Archibald. "We didn't feel that was in our best interest going into the wind. We already missed one with the wind and had trouble kicking all game. Our plan was to go for the two, score again and then go for the two for the win. We were playing to win there, not tie."

However, after a couple first downs by a strong run



Leicester's Stephen Olsen takes the handoff from quarterback Dan Mero.

game, the final clock hit zero sending Leicester (10-0) to the Division 6 State semifinals versus Western Mass. representative South Hadley High (8-2), to be played Saturday, Nov. 23 at 1 p.m. at Shrewsbury High. It was the Wolverines' first time dethroning BVT in the D7 championship game after the Beavers wore the crown in 2017 and '18.

"It was pretty nerve-racking," Leicester head coach Tim Griffiths expressed about the fourth down stand to open the fourth quarter. "If they didn't score right before the half, we might've coasted in. Again, kudos to them for scoring on fourth down right before the half, it shifted momentum big time, we could feel it in the locker room a little bit, we had lost our mojo and they were very good in the fourth quarter."

Griffiths also added, "Thomas Mackenzie came up huge. Our defense has carried us the last three or four weeks and at the biggest moment of the game they came up big again. So, kudos to him...we haven't given up 21 points in ages."

Blackstone Valley Tech (8-2) did score twice in the second

half and was able to force two turnovers early in order to stay in the game. Samuel DiColella and Kyle Fleming had interceptions. Offensively, Antaya headed the Beavers' run game, including a 57-yard dash to begin the scoring in the second half. Antaya finished with 140 yards on 15 carries.

"We worked our [butts] off right up until the end," Archibald expressed. "They played as hard as they could and they made a couple more plays than we did. Hats off to them, they're a great football team and they deserved it today. They outplayed us in the big moments and situations. They're clearly the best team in Division 7 and there is no shame in losing to a team like that."

Antaya's counterpart Bryce Gosselin finished with 165 yards on 21 carries and a score. He was the workhorse for the Wolverines.

"It has been O'Neill, Bryce and [quarterback Dan] Mero for three years really," stated Griffiths. "When we need a play we lean on those three to make a play. They have been playing together forever since fourth grade."



Bryce Gosselin of Leicester runs hard into the teeth of Blackstone Valley Tech's defense.



Jack O'Neill of Leicester reaches out to catch a pass in front of a Blackstone Valley Tech defender.

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From left, Collin Cormier and his father, Tracy Cormier, recently bagged a 790-pound bull moose on a recent hunting trip to Jackman, Maine.

SPORTS

Tantasqua runs roughshod over Red Raiders to claim Central Mass. Division 4 Championship



The Tantasqua co-captains, as well as head coach Jon Hargis, pose with the Central Mass. Division 4 championship trophy following the Warriors' 26-14 victory over Fitchburg.



Tantasqua defender Kyle Boone drives Fitchburg ball-carrier Devon Barisano to the ground.



Tantasqua's Ryan Sears takes the handoff from quarterback Dante Reno.



Ryan Sears of Tantasqua drags down Fitchburg's Monty Graham from behind.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

WORCESTER — To win the Central Mass. Division 4 Championship from No. 1 Fitchburg High, the Tantasqua Regional varsity football team, seeded second in the bracket, had to rely on its bread and butter: the one-two running punch of Ryan Sears and Liam Gore.

And the Warriors did just that when taking on the Red Raiders at Commerce Bank Field at Foley Stadium on Saturday, Nov. 16. Sears and Gore combined for 44 carries, 252 yards and four touchdowns as they simply could not be stopped. Tantasqua never trailed and ultimately won the contest, 26-14.

"Sears and Gore...two senior captains," said head coach Jon Hargis. "They work their tails off. They want the ball in crunch time and they wanted to win it for the team."

Sears and Gore were, predictably, thrilled with their performances and for each other.

"Me and Gore have been starting varsity running backs since sophomore year and we have that connection. On and off the field, he's my best friend. He knows that I have his back, and he has mine," said Sears.

"I know Ryan's going to run the ball, and I know I'm going to run with him. I'm always going to give him blocks and I can always trust him to run as hard as he possibly can every single play," added Gore.

The Warriors opened the game by collecting a turnover. Fitchburg received the opening kickoff, but Tantasqua's Casey Robidoux pounced on the loose ball as it was fumbled away.

It then took the Warriors six plays to find pay dirt, Gore (16 carries, 99 yards) barreling in from 5 yards out. Jarod Spratt booted the extra point, and it was 7-0 with just minutes gone.

Fitchburg then had to punt the ball away on its first official possession, and Tantasqua proceeded to drive 80 yards in eight plays to take a 14-0 lead. Aside from Sears and Gore, Dominic Brown is the third member of the Warriors' triple-headed offensive attack. Brown, more of an elusive skilled runner compared to the ground-and-pound tactics of Sears and Gore, had a highlight run of 50 yards to get the drive going. Gore then finished it off with a 9-yard scoring run, and Spratt made another PAT.

The Red Raiders did rally next, though, and scored early in the second quarter to make it a one-score game at 14-7. Quarterback Monty Graham hit Donnovan DeLeon with a 12-yard TD pass, and Justin Comesana kicked the extra point.

Tantasqua then responded immediately, taking just four plays to go 70 yards for the TD. It was all Sears on this drive, as he busted off runs of 44, 5, 12 and, finally, 9 yards, as the Warriors grabbed a 20-7 lead — the halftime score.

Hargis knew that Fitchburg wouldn't go down without a fight, and he was right.

"We got on top of them early, but they've come back from Nashoba 15-0 and beat them 16-15," he said.

After a scoreless third quarter, the Red Raiders scored with 11:31 to go. There, Devon Barisano rumbled into the end zone from 2 yards, and Comesana made another point-after kick.

Again, though, Sears and Gore wouldn't be stopped. Tantasqua's ensuing drive featured 11 plays — seven rushes by Gore, four more by Sears — and finished with a Sears (28 carries, 153 yards) 3-yard TD run. On the play Sears bounced out to his left and lowered his shoulder into a pair of would-be Fitchburg tacklers on his way to the



Nick Ethier photos

Ryan Sears of Tantasqua is all fired up after the Warriors claimed the Central Mass. Division 4 championship.

score.

"I have a nose for the end zone," said Sears. "That's the only thing I want. I want seven points on the board."

Fitchburg (7-3) went to the air on its next drive, but Sears extinguished that by picking off Graham (3 of 11, 41 yards) with 3:26 to play — all but ending the contest.

"We were in a coverage where that's my zone," explained Sears. "I just read it, saw him release the ball, and I was there. I've never felt this happy before. It's insane."

Hargis was pleased with his defense as a whole, a group that only surrendered 201 yards.

"We challenged our defense not to give up the big play," said Hargis, as Fitchburg's longest play was a mere 22 yards.

The Warriors exacted some revenge from a year ago, when they lost in this very title game, 28-0, to Nashoba Regional.

"It's a revenge run. We knew what we needed to do. We knew we'd be right back here with a different outcome this year," said Sears.

"We had a bad taste in our mouth from last year and we wanted nothing more than to come back to this same exact spot and win, and that's exactly what we did," added Gore.

Tantasqua (8-2) will next play Plymouth-South High (9-1) for the right to play for the Division 4 State Championship. The contest will be held at Xaverian Brothers High School in Westwood on Saturday, Nov. 23 at 11 a.m.

"We have to go through Plymouth-South next week. They're a tough-nosed team — fast and physical — and it should be a good game," said Hargis.

ATHLETE of the WEEK

Leicester High, Tantasqua
Regional varsity football teams

The Wolverines (Division 7) and Warriors (Division 4) both won Central Mass. championships this past Saturday, Nov. 16. They now advance to the State Semifinals, where they will play Western Mass. winners on Saturday, Nov. 23.

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SPORTS

Unsung hero Carneiro helps lift Tigers past Quaboag



Quaboag's Jenna Duff wins a footrace to the ball against a Douglas defender.



Quaboag's Kiarra Dorman attempts a left-footed shot at Douglas' goal.



Megan Shea of Quaboag sends a through-ball down the field to teammate Kiarra Dorman.



Quaboag keeper Victoria Morgan gets a piece of the ball on Jennifer Walker of Douglas' shot attempt.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

WORCESTER — Douglas High girls' varsity soccer team member Nina Carneiro hadn't scored a goal in the Tigers' first 19 games of the season, but she picked the most opportune time to find the back of the twine when Douglas took on Quaboag Regional in the semifinals of the

Central Mass. Division 4 Tournament, played at Commerce Bank Field at Foley Stadium on Monday, Nov. 11. Carneiro also added an assist as the third-seeded Tigers edged the second-ranked Cougars, 3-2, to advance to the District Championship game. Quaboag finished its season with a record of 14-4-2.

"Before the game we said we want players to force us to put you on the field, force us to keep you on the field," head coach Jarred Stand said. "Nina, today she forced us to keep her on the field. She made it easy for me to keep her in."

"It's going to take all 23 players on the team to make contributions, and sometimes in the biggest moments it's the people that you least expect," continued Stand. "She's had a good year, but now all of a sudden she's played two great games [in the tournament]."

With the game deadlocked at 1-1 as play moved to the second half, Carneiro found her chance in the 58th minute. Positioned on the left side of the pitch, she blocked Quaboag's defensive clearing attempt. From there, she ripped a shot toward the far right side. The ball slid past keeper Victoria Morgan, banged off the inside of the post, and went in.

"Having the opportunity to score, it's really cool — especially in Districts," said Carneiro. "I was just

shocked. I wasn't really expecting it, to be honest. From my angle, it looked like it was just going to hit the post. And then it hit it and went in."

But Carneiro wasn't done there, as she helped give the Tigers a 3-1 lead in the 66th minute. Carneiro dribbled the ball down the middle of the field and, at the perfect time, sent a through-ball to a hustling Jennifer Walker. One shot later and Walker had scored her 27th goal of the season.

"I saw her just sprinting off to the side and then no defenders in front of her and I was like, 'this is the perfect opportunity,'" Carneiro said of the scoring play.

Quaboag gave it all they had until the final whistle, though, and closed

the gap to 3-2 in the 79th minute. Kiarra Dorman launched a free kick from 30 yards out and went top shelf up and over keeper Alisa Guertin (six saves). It was the 205th and final goal of Dorman's varsity playing career, a state record in girls' soccer.

"Everyone knows about the goals, but she does so much more out there," Cougars' head coach Norm St. Denis said of Dorman. "She's everywhere on the field. I ask her to play in all three levels of the game — back, midfield and forward — and she does everything. It's really, truly the end of an era and I'm sad to see it come."

The game opened with Douglas dominating in the offensive third, but Morgan (13 saves) and Quaboag's defense held its own. Then, in the 12th minute, Dorman put the Cougars ahead. Julissa DeLeon serviced the ball into the box and Dorman one-touched it past Guertin before firing it into the open net.

"It seemed like we got off to a bad start, we were a little tentative to start," St. Denis said. "[The goal] was after 10 minutes of

getting dominated. I wish we could have played much closer to our potential. It was not our best effort, unfortunately."

The Tigers responded almost immediately, netting the equalizer in the 13th minute. Morgan Berthiaume battled a Quaboag defender, found a little bit of space on the right side, quickly spun around to face the Cougars' net and took a shot that stayed on the near-side right that barely snuck in past Morgan. It was Berthiaume's 15th goal of the season.

Douglas then limited Dorman's chances the rest of the way, aside from the free kick, thanks to the defensive play of freshman Nicole Guthenberg.

"We took our freshman athletic starting right back and put her on her all game," Stand said. "She frustrated her all game."

It took a lot of effort for Guthenberg to match up with Dorman.

"We're not used to playing somebody that aggressive and that strong," explained Stand. "We brought in two guys [at practice] and she kept marking them up."

Douglas then had the chance to avenge last season's District Final loss (3-1 to Uxbridge High) against the Woolies.

"We went to finals last year — and our team was really hurt — and we unfortunately lost, said Carneiro, as Stand added that Berthiaume didn't play due to injury and Walker played with a stress fracture but wasn't at 100 percent.

But the Tigers (14-4-3) couldn't get past Millbury (16-3-2), as the Woolies won the game, 3-0.



Kassidy Neilsen of Quaboag gets in front of a Douglas defender and makes contact with the ball first.

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SPORTS

Lazo does it all for victorious
Pioneers, 43-20 over Bay Path



Bay Path defenders Jomar Torres (8) and Nikko Vitkos combine to tackle Southbridge's Carlos Morales-Miranda.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

SOUTHBIDGE — Talk about having a day for yourself.

Ben Lazo did a little bit of everything for the Southbridge High varsity football team in the Pioneers' 43-20 rout of Bay Path Regional at Harry J. McMahon Field on Friday, Nov. 15.

The junior, a starting offensive and defensive tackle, also lined up at fullback on offense and carried the ball five times, gaining 13 yards and scoring a pair of touchdowns on runs of 1 and 2 yards.

"We've been joking around with the idea of me going to fullback for a few weeks. Coach [Tony] Santilli told me he had a package of plays for me and we started working on them in practice and it led to [tonight]," Lazo said. "I have to say, though, it wouldn't have happened if it wasn't for my line. It was all my line. I can't

take any credit."

So, the offensive linemen that Lazo usually works with to open holes for the other running backs on the Southbridge team got a chance to open holes for Lazo against Bay Path.

"It's a beautiful cycle," Lazo said with a smile while clutching the game ball. "They love seeing me rumble."

On defense the agile 6-foot-2, 260-pounder recovered a fumble after teammate Max Renaud stripped the ball from Bay Path running back Nikko Vitkos, sacked Minutemen quarterback Michael Keeler twice and recorded nine tackles.

Lazo now has 102 tackles and 20 quarterback sacks on the season.

"The Lazo family has been haunting me for several years," Bay Path head coach Matt Fall said. "It seems like every time we play Southbridge they've got a kid named Lazo on the team and he ends up being a

huge pain in the neck for us."

Southbridge (5-5) dominated the game from start to finish, leading 14-0 after the first quarter, 30-6 at halftime and 37-12 through three quarters.

The Pioneers had several players turn in impressive performances in addition to Lazo.

Senior Alex Torres rushed for a game-high 81 yards on 15 carries and scored on a 6-yard run in the second quarter. Sophomore Carlos Morales-Miranda, Torres' backfield mate, gained 43 yards on 10 carries and scored a touchdown at the end of the first half on a 90-yard kickoff return.

On the play, the kickoff from Bay Path got behind Morales-Miranda, who finally tracked it down on his 10-yard line. He started his return in the middle of the field, but cut sharply to his right to elude a pair of Bay Path would-be tacklers. Morales-Miranda then turned another Bay Path player completely around, faking outside



Bay Path's Jaden Morales falls to the ground in order to recover a Southbridge onside kick.

and then inside before going outside, getting to the sideline and sprinting the last 70 yards into the end zone.

"Carlos has got some moves," Southbridge head coach Frank Koumanelis said. "He can run."

Pioneers' senior Juan Tula-Rojas gained 62 yards on six carries and scored on a 6-yard run in the third quarter. Southbridge freshman Randy Melendez closed out the scoring with a 1-yard plunge into the end zone with 3:30 remaining.

Southbridge finished with 267 yards of total offense, 226 on the ground, the other 41 coming in the passing game, quarterback John Cortez completing 2 of 3 passes, one a 35-yard gainer to Torres.

"We have a lot of confidence in our ground game. The line is coming together. We played well tonight; I thought we played a complete game," Koumanelis said. "We're looking forward to playing Bartlett on Thanksgiving. I think we're going to do OK."

Bay Path (2-8) finished the game with 171 yards of total offense. The Minutemen had a pair of extended drives in the first half cut short, the first when Keeler was intercepted by Southbridge's Thomas

Dupuis with three minutes remaining in the first quarter, the second on Lazo's fumble recovery with 11 minutes left in the first half.

"We had turnovers on back-to-back drives and they turned both of them into quick scores," Fall said. "It's hard to score when the ball is in the other team's possession."

Junior Tyler Gillespie, who did not play in the first half, finished the game with a team-leading 72 yards on five carries and scored on runs of 11 (in the third quarter) and 62 yards (with less than a minute to play in the game).

"Tyler had to sit out the first half because he was called twice for taunting in last week's game [a 36-8 win over Worcester North]," said Fall, who explained the punishment is based on the rules implemented this year by the National Federation of State High School Associations.

Bay Path's other touchdown came in the second quarter on a 9-yard pass from Keeler (4 of 8, 67 yards) to freshman Jonathan Nussey (2 catches, 31 yards).



Keagan Spring of Bay Path attempts to rush the ball to the outside to create separation from Southbridge's defensive presence.



Brian Lavoie of Bay Path finds open running room while bringing the ball down the field.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Leicester High School Hall of Famers — Class of 2019

The Leicester High School Hall of Fame is a division of the Athletic Booster Club. We recognize LHS athletes who have made a significant impact in their sport and in our community. As athletes wearing maroon and white, the members of the Hall of Fame have brought honor to the school and community and positively impacted the school culture. The Hall of Fame provides inspiration to our town's future athletes who aspire to achieve such greatness.

The Hall of Fame class to be inducted in 2019 includes: Jennifer Buckley (2000), Jennifer (Connery) Callaghan (1992), Maureen (Hickey) Connery (1962), Dan Cooney (1996), Tim Griffiths (1982), Toby Lauder (1996), Bethany (Miczek) Greene

(2001), Michael Parissi (1999), Sean Turnan (1995) and Bill White (1973). Congratulations to these members who occupy a special place in the history of Leicester High School Athletics!

An induction ceremony will take place at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 29 at Leicester Country Club. If you are interested in showing support to the inductees, you may purchase a ticket for \$35. For more information regarding the ceremony or tickets, please email hshof@lpsma.net.

Leicester Rec. holding Basketball Tryouts this weekend

On Sunday, Nov. 24, the Leicester Town Hall will be holding Boys' Rec. Basketball Tryouts. Seventh graders go from 11 a.m. to noon, eighth graders follow from noon to 1 p.m., sixth graders are next from 1 to 2 p.m., and fourth/fifth graders are last from 2 to 3 p.m. A coaches' draft follows the

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Shrewsbury Club seeks players, teams for new rec basketball league

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Some hints for harvesting deer

Numerous 200-pound deer were harvested again this past week in the valley by bow hunters, along with other large deer sporting some very impressive antlers. Ground scrapes and tree rubs by bucks were common place this past week. Reports of lost deer because of bad shots were reported this past week, which only supports the passing of a crossbow bill in Massachusetts. Sportsmen and women should contact their State Representatives and State Senators, asking them to support the bill, which will soon be coming up for a vote.

Deer hunters that harvest a deer, and are planning to have the deer mounted for that special room in the house, need to make sure the hide is properly removed from the animal. Too often, deer hunters do not take the necessary steps to skin the deer, and find out too late that the deer was not properly skinned for the taxidermist to mount to their specifications. Taking the time to find a good taxidermist to mount your deer head is very important. Be sure to get the cost of mounting the deer and when you can expect to get your deer back in writing.

Field dressing a deer in the woods is another important task to ensure a good tasting deer. Too often, deer hunters fail to dress the deer properly in the woods. When the deer is prepared on the grill or stove, they find out very quickly that they did something wrong. I often hear someone say they do not like venison, and it is because the deer was not properly dressed in



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the field, or the deer was not properly processed. Freezer burned venison is also another reason the venison did not taste good.

Packaging your deer meat with a good vacuum packing machine will ensure the meat is as good in a few months, or even a year, if it is done correctly. Hiring a professional butcher to process your deer can cost you \$150 or more, but is well worth the price if you are not experienced in processing your deer. Cutting the deer into steaks, roast, hamburger, or sausage can make some great eating throughout the year. Do not forget to share your venison with the farmer or property owner if you are hunting private property. It will go a long way when you return to hunt on their property next year.

Tautog fishing remains strong in both Massachusetts and Rhode Island waters. This week's first picture shows an impressive tautog, caught last week on the Island Current fishing charter boat out of Snug Harbor, R.I. An 11 pound tautog was also caught on the boat this season. You can get more information on the Island Current fishing boat on their Web page at Islandcurrentfishingcharters.com.

This week's second picture shows an impressive deer harvested a few years ago in Douglas. This massive 14-point deer has left some of his genes behind, and hunters continues to harvest massive deer in the Douglas State forest and surrounding areas.

Pheasant hunting remains strong in the valley, but the season is winding down very fast. Stocking of birds will



end next week by Massachusetts Fish & Wildlife crews.

Ice fishing is looking good so far this year, and if we can keep the temperatures low in the coming days, some local ice fishing could be done during the holiday weekend. Only experienced ice fishing anglers should attempt to walk on first ice. I always felt that two inches of good black ice was safe for a single angler. Constant monitoring of ice thickness needs to be practiced. Ice skating is not recommended until the ice thickness is 4 inches or better.

Have a great Thanksgiving.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them rods Bending!



Soda fountain memorabilia

Soda fountains were once a fixture in drugstores. Now it's rare to find one. Hallet's Store in Yarmouth Port, Mas. and Shady Glen in Manchester, Conn. are two establishments in our area that still have soda fountains. Many people that visited them have fond memories of soda fountains and the memorabilia still appeals to collectors.

There was a long history before soda began being served at fountains in the 20th century. A 1962 American Heritage article notes that water had been "bubbling up out of springs and spas since the dawn of history." Joseph Priestley developed a process for artificially carbonating water according to a University of Southern California article. According to a McGill University article, he lived near a brewery and became interested in the "airs" (gas bubbles) that produced bubbles in beer. In 1767, he hung a vessel over a beer fermentation vat creating carbonated water. Much later in 1832 John Matthews left England for America where he manufactured carbonating machin-



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ery and started selling soda water to retailers. Matthews added flavors to the soda water and licensed soda water equipment. The USC article notes that "by the time he died, Matthews owned over 500 soda fountains. He was known as the 'Soda Fountain King.'" Our area also played a part in the development of soda fountains. A Lowell Sun article notes that Gustavus D. Dows patented the first marble soda fountain in 1861. He installed a marble soda fountain in a Central Street pharmacy in Lowell. Ice cream later became a top seller at soda fountains. Encyclopedia.com lists the heyday of soda fountains as running from 1890 to 1940. They describe "classic American soda fountain(s)" as light, cool, and airy places furnished with



marble-topped counters and tables, shining mirrors, and sparkling glass and chrome serving dishes. Soda fountains used advertising signs to advertise their specials. National companies also advertised their brands on signs, syrup and soda dispensers, trays, clocks, glasses and anywhere else they could. These items that were given to the soda fountain to promote manufacturers can be very

valuable now. A 12-piece Three Millers soda fountain sign sold for \$2,600 at auction last year. A Moxie soda fountain sign went for \$2,750 in a 2015 auction. A 1902 celluloid Coca Cola sign fetched \$8,000 at a 2012 auction. At a 2016 auction, a rare Allens Red Tame Cherry tin embossed sign reached \$10,250. Dispensers can also bring strong results. A Coca Cola porcelain brought \$10,000 in a

2018 auction. A Jim Dandy Orangeade dispenser went for \$28,000 in 2010. An Earl Hires 3-piece dispensing bowl with platter sold at auction in 2015. It was made by Mettlach who also made quality German steins. Despite having some restoration, it went for \$74,000. A complete marble and alabaster soda fountain that was over 21 feet long was auctioned in 2012. It was created by the Liquid Carbonic Co. for the 1893 Columbian Exposition. It bubbled well over the top of the \$75,000 - \$125,000 estimate when it reached \$4,475,000. We have our next major auction on Jan. 30 in Worcester. We will be offering a Cherry Smash and a Ward's Orange Crush syrup dispenser. Other events are being scheduled. Please see www.centralmassauctions.com for details on these and other events. Contact us at: Wayne Tuiskula Auctioneer/Appraiser Central Mass Auctions for Antique Auctions, Estate Sales and Appraisal Services www.centralmassauctions.com (508-612- 6111) info@centralmassauctions.com.

Now's the time to force a few spring flowering bulbs



Melinda Myers Photo

When forcing bulbs, select combinations that will provide plenty of color, texture and form.



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In just 15 minutes, you can plant a beautiful garden guaranteed to brighten your spirits and indoor décor this winter. All you need is a container with drainage holes, potting mix and some tulips, daffodils and other spring flowering bulbs. Once you have gathered the needed materials, you can get started planting. Select bulbs labeled for forcing, shorter varieties that are less likely to flop or bulbs that didn't make it into the garden this

fall. Plant a container of one type of bulb or use a combination for added color, texture, form and a longer bloom time. Tulips, daffodils, and hyacinths are most common, but you may want to add another layer of color with shorter bulbs like crocus, squills, and grape hyacinths. Select a container with drainage holes and cover the bottom with an inch or two of well-drained potting mix. Set the bulbs on the potting mix with the pointed side, if it has one, up and root side down. Place the flat side of the tulip bulb toward the outside of the pot for a better display. Pack the container full of bulbs for an impressive display.

Cover the bulbs with soil and water thoroughly. Or create a garden of spring flowers in a pot using a variety of large and small bulbs. Place the largest bulbs on the lowest level of a large container. Cover with soil and add the medium sized bulbs. Cover these and add the smallest bulbs. Then cover with several inches of potting mix and water thoroughly. Move potted bulbs to a cold location with temperatures between 35 and 45 degrees for 15 weeks to initiate flowering. This is often the most challenging part of the process. Place the potted bulbs in a spare refrigerator where you do not store fruits and vegetables that produce ethylene that can interfere with flowering. Otherwise, sink the pot in the ground, or set it in an unheated garage away from the door with a bit of insulation around the pot. Water thoroughly whenever the soil is dry. Start removing the pots from cold storage after fifteen weeks of chilling. Extend your enjoyment by removing the pots at one- or two-week intervals. Move the chilled con-

tainer of bulbs to a cool location with indirect light for two weeks. Water thoroughly and often enough to keep the soil moist. Move them to a bright sunny window when the leaves are about four to six inches tall. Bright sunlight and temperatures around 65 degrees Fahrenheit will give you the best results. You'll be enjoying flowers in about three to four weeks after removing them from storage. Use pots of forced bulbs as centerpieces or flower-

ing accents indoors. Save a few to use outdoors on your balcony, deck or front steps for added color in your spring landscape. Dress up your display by placing the pots in window boxes or planters and cover with mulch or moss. Planting and forcing bulbs will help keep you gardening as the days grow shorter and colder. And when you've had just about all the winter you can stand, it will be time to break out the forced bulbs for a bit of

spring color. Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses How to Grow AnythingDVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV and radio segments. Myers' Web site, www.MelindaMyers.com, features gardening videos, podcasts, audio tips and monthly gardening checklists.

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Lest I miss one more chance to irritate a liberal who sees the upcoming great day not as one to be happy and grateful for what you have-and instead like to wallow in the misery of their contrived "Indigenous People's Day"-I give you one stanza of another hymn we school children sang in a previous, better existence:

Come Ye Thankful People Come
Come ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin.
God our maker doth provide
for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.

Now, I know, dear reader, the liberals reading my tale of another time, another

er day are, like Vizzini in "the Princess Bride", muttering "Inconceivable!!" But, it's not. Ask those of us of seasoned citizen status-before we're all gone- what we remember of that time when things were, to say the least, vastly different, and in many ways better than they have turned out to be.

At least, though, on the great feast day coming up, we can all lend an ear to our old friend and mentor, Marcus Tullius Cicero who had his thoughts on the matter:

«Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all the others.»

The winter's storms are about to begin; I trust, for you, all is safely gathered in, but more than that, I hope you know the deep joy of being sincerely grateful, for we all have much for which to be thankful.

JOHN MCRAE
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POLICE REPORTS

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7
12:29 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 1:02 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, uninsured mv, op w/ suspended registration, unlicensed operation, mv towed; 1:22 a.m.: ambulance (Mayflower Road), services rendered; 1:44 mutual aid (Grove Street), services rendered; 5:23 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), verbal warning; 6:29 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), verbal warning; 7:20 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 10:28 a.m.: ambulance (Lillian Avenue), transported; 10:53 a.m.: ambulance (Virginia Drive), transported; 2:06 p.m.: investigation (Lillian Avenue), services rendered; 3:24 p.m.: parking complaint (South Main Street), verbal warning; 3:52 p.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), no action required; 4:10 p.m.: restraining order service (Stafford Street), served; 4:28 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, uninsured mv, op w/ suspended registration, unregistered mv, mv towed; 5:13 p.m.: investigation (Stafford Street), services rendered; 6:17 p.m.: mv stop (Washburn Square), verbal warning; 7:09 p.m.: larceny (Main Street), investigated; 8:22 p.m.: investigation (Main Street), services rendered; 8:36 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 11:33 p.m.: trespassing (Pine Street), investigated; 11:49 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning.
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8
6:10 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 8:25 a.m.: ambulance (Woodland Road), transported; 8:28 a.m.: ambulance (Hyland Avenue), transported; 8:33 a.m.: investigation (Paxton Street), services rendered; 10:08 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 10:43 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), citation issued; 11:01 a.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), written warning; 11:08 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 12:33 p.m.: assist citizen (Laflash Lane), report

taken; 12:58 p.m.: ambulance (Auburn Street), transported; 1:04 p.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), citation issued; 1:10 ambulance (Main Street), transported; 2:02 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 2:37 p.m.: assist citizen (Pleasant Street); 2:42 p.m.: assist citizen (Baldwin Street); 3:29 p.m.: investigation (Main Street), services rendered; 4:01 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 4:20 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), mv towed; 4:44 p.m.: ambulance (Henshaw Street), transported; 5:01 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), no action required; 5:42 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), assisted; 6:22 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), Joseph Vincent Wackell, 42, 457 Pleasant Street, Leicester, op w/ revoked license, no inspection sticker, resisting arrest, arrest; 7:35 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), name and address redacted from police log, op w/ suspended license, no inspection sticker, mv towed; 8:41 p.m.: disabled mv (Paxton Street), services rendered; 11:42 p.m.: ambulance (Wendy Place), report taken.
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9
12:05 a.m.: fire/brush/grass (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 1:13 a.m.: welfare check (Mannville Street), transported to hospital; 9:40 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 1:58 p.m.: erratic operation (Main Street), unable to locate; 3:46 p.m.: water/sewer problem (Rawson Street), no action required; 8:57 p.m.: erratic operation (Collier Avenue), unable to locate; 10:41 p.m.: abandoned 911 (Main Street), investigated.
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10
7:45 p.m.: family problem (Siaini Road), peace restored; 9:26 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Bethel Avenue), unfounded; 10:03 a.m.: keep the peace (Main Street), assisted; 10:22 a.m.: ambulance (White Birch Street), transported; 10:50 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 11:37 a.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), citation issued; 11:46 a.m.: lockout (Cricklewood Drive), no action required; 12:19 p.m.: mv stop (River Street), spoken to; 12:40 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), criminal application issued; 1:30 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford

Street), criminal application issued; 2:10 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 2:16 p.m.: ambulance call (Main Street), transported; 2:41 p.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), citation issued; 2:44 p.m.: ambulance (Redfield Road), transported; 3:55 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 4:52 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 4:53 p.m.: investigation (South Main Street), report taken; 5:10 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), no action required; 5:12 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 5:42 p.m.: mutual aid (Chandler Street, Worcester), verbal warning; 5:45 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 5:54 p.m.: restraining order service (Main Street), unable to serve; 5:59 p.m.: restraining order service (Reservoir Street), advised civil action; 6:05 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 6:33 p.m.: summons service (Stafford Street), unable to serve; 6:42 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 6:50 p.m.: summons service (Parker Street), unable to serve; 9:32 p.m.: property found (Soojians Drive), assisted.
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5
12:42 a.m.: suspicious mv (Memorial School Drive), spoken to; 1:41 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 4:34 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), citation issued; 5:50 a.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), written warning; 7:15 a.m.: ambulance (Fairview Drive), transported; 10:07 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 11:06 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 11:52 a.m.: investigation (Lynde Brook Drive), services rendered; 12:33 p.m.: investigation (Chandler Street, Worcester), services rendered; 1:42 p.m.: mv stop (Pine Street), verbal warning; 1:44 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 3:54 p.m.: investigation (Young Street), services rendered; 4:14 p.m.: m stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 4:38 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 4:48 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 4:55 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 5:24 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 5:45 p.m.: mv

stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 6:45 p.m.: investigation (Main Street), services rendered; 9:27 p.m.: ambulance (Edward Street), transported.
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12
5:41 p.m.: arrest warrant service (Ingalls Street, Worcester), Brian William Conlin Jr., 33, 14 Ingalls Street, #3, Worcester, failure to appear upon recognizance, straight warrant, arrest; 7:19 a.m.: ambulance (Verona Street), transported; 11:13 a.m.: malicious mischief (Stafford Street), report taken; 11:33 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 12:13 p.m. welfare check (Stafford Street), referred; 12:32 p.m.: suspicious person (South Main Street), gone on arrival; 1:39 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), spoken to; 1:56 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 2:00 p.m.: larceny (Marshall Street), transported; 11:13 a.m.: summons service (Pitcairne Avenue), unable to serve; 5:43 p.m.: summons service (Parker Street), unable to serve; 6:20 p.m.: ambulance (Virginia Drive), transported; 6:46 p.m.: disturbance (South Main Street), investigated; 7:11 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), investigated.
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13
1:22 a.m.: mutual aid (Russell Street, Worcester), transported to hospital; 2:13 a.m.: mutual aid (Stockholm Street, Worcester), services rendered; 8:23 a.m.: ambulance (Henshaw Street), transported; 8:29 a.m.: ambulance (River Street), transported; 9:02 a.m.: mutual aid (no location specified in police log), services rendered; 10:00 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 10:27 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 10:35 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 12:21 p.m.: assist other PD (no location specified in police log), message delivered; 1:38 p.m.: mv fire (Stafford Street), services rendered; 1:42 p.m.: neighbor dispute (Broad Street), peace restored; 2:00 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 2:10 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), no action required; 4:20 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), citation issued.

Hannaford donates more than \$12,000 to Food Bank

SHREWSBURY — Hannaford Supermarkets today announced a \$12,800 donation to the Worcester County Food Bank, which will allow the non-profit organization to establish food pantries in partnership with the Athol-Royalston Regional School District and other community partners.
Designed to serve as a vital and convenient resource to students and families in need while also increasing access to healthy and nutritious food, the in-school pantries are dedicated spaces where students and their families can select food they enjoy based on their preferences and cooking abilities to provide nour-

ishment both during and after the school day.
The donation is one component of an overall \$1 million commitment from Hannaford Supermarkets through its new “Fuel Kids at School” program, which is designed to directly address food insecurity and improve access to fresh and healthy food in schools in New York and New England.
“At Hannaford, we strongly believe that our business goes far beyond selling products and that a key component of being ‘greater than groceries’ is investing into the communities we serve. As a community contributor, we have a long-

standing commitment to aiding hunger relief in our neighborhoods. This effort often begins at school, where hunger directly impacts a student’s ability to learn, grow and succeed,” said Hannaford Supermarkets Vice President of Retail Operations Todd Bullen. “These food pantries will fulfill a critical need for students and their families. All of us at Hannaford are honored to support the Worcester County Food Bank’s efforts through this donation as we reaffirm our commitment to nourishing our communities, one child at a time.”
“Worcester County Food Bank believes strongly that people

should have access to food in their communities and that barriers to that food should be removed whenever possible. This grant from Hannaford allows us to support schools and organizations in Worcester County in a way that brings healthy, nutritious food to students and their families. Access to healthy food reduces stress on students and has been shown to increase school attendance and success. This partnership helps to build healthy students, families, communities and a healthy future,” said Worcester County Food Bank Agency Relations Manager Seana Weaver.
“Athol-Royalston

Regional School District is excited to partner with the Worcester County Food Bank to explore placing a food pantry at our high school. Many families across the community are in need of food resources. Our district knows to teach a student; we must first ensure that basic needs are being met, food, clothing, and shelter,” said Athol-Royalston Regional School District Superintendent Darcy Fernandes.
Hannaford Supermarkets has a long-standing commitment to supporting hunger relief in its communities. In 2018, Hannaford donated nearly 26 million pounds of food through-

out the Northeast, including 881,000 pounds in Massachusetts; and raised \$1.1 million in partnership with its shoppers to feed individuals in need through the annual Hannaford Helps Fight Hunger program. Earlier this month, Hannaford announced that it has donated more than \$1 million to non-profits throughout New York and New England as a result of its reusable bag program, a portion of which is dedicated to hunger relief organizations and has funded more than 1.8 million meals to date.

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of nine torpedoes struck the ship from multiple Japanese aircraft, resulting in the deaths of 429 crew members and the capsizing of the ship.
Unidentifiable at the time, Lescault’s remains were buried at National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu, as well as those of over 300 fellow crew mem-

bers from the Oklahoma. Lescault and his comrades went unidentified for decades, but closure was finally brought to many of their families 74 years later, when the graves were disinterred in 2015. Thanks to modern DNA technologies, Lescault was identified and members of his family were contacted.
“The Department of Defense has made a concerted effort to identify each person. The special-

ists who have worked on this are very dedicated,” said Sen. Anne Gobi.
Just shy of the 78th anniversary of Pearl Harbor, Spencer residents took their turn to honor the town’s latest war hero. The ceremony also included a playing of Taps, speeches from local legislators, and a presentation of the Navy Hymn.
“Those who serve our country don’t always come home, and it’s so important for us to honor

their sacrifices,” said State Rep. Peter Durant.
State Rep. Donald Berthiaume, a Navy veteran, also spoke during the event and thanked guests for supporting veterans. Officials then dedicated the plaque to honor the life of Lionel Lescault, who was 29 years old when he died. He was born in Spencer and later lived in Worcester before enlisting in the Navy.
Lescault was buried at Arlington National

Cemetery earlier this year. His name will be added to the memorial rotunda at Spencer Town Hall within the next year.
In addition to Lescault, 23 other Spencer residents made the ultimate sacrifice in the Second World War. Lescault is believed to be the first person from Spencer to be killed in the war.
Robert Berthiaume, a member of the Spencer Exchange Club since the ‘80s, has done extensive

research on Lescault’s life and military service. He discovered that his uncle reenlisted in the Navy for the third time in June 1937, then reported for duty on the USS Oklahoma in February 1941.
Berthiaume looks forward to continuing his research. He thanks all officials, organizations, and residents for supporting the Powder Mill Park memorial project.

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switched to American Youth Football/Cheerleading in 2005. The cheerleading squad not only supports its football counterpart, but also competes in several high-level competitions.
“The Raiders have been a part of my life since I was a little girl, and I cheered for them when I was about 10 years old,” Huard recalled. “I then assistant coached for the Raiders when I was in high school in 2000. When I had a daughter, I couldn’t wait to get her into

the sport and join the Raiders team.”
Huard’s daughter joined the program at age 5 in 2015. Two years later, Huard reprised her coaching role with the program and has helped advance the Raiders each year. Program leaders continue to build success and local awareness.
“More people realize that cheerleading is more than just a sideline cheer – we compete at competitions,” Huard said. “We were successfully able to have four teams this year due to an increase in interest of the sport.”
The program’s current squads include the following age groups: Division 6

(ages 4-6); Division 8 (ages 5-8); Division 10 (ages 8-10); and Division 14 (ages 10-14).
The program is open to participants in all area towns, including Leicester, Spencer, the Brookfields, Sturbridge, and others. Program leaders are thrilled about their ability to introduce students to the sport at a young age.
“Starting at five years old, these girls are learning the fundamentals of cheerleading so they grow and learn to love the sport,” Huard said.
Not only do Raiders coaches focus on the success of athletes within a given season, but also long-term goals.

“Eventually, these cheerleaders will move on to high school cheerleading, and I want them to have a good foundation and the fundamentals of cheerleading before they reach the high school level,” Huard said. “My favorite part about the youth program is seeing the cheerleaders and football players improve year after year. Many of them have been on the same team for several years now and have grown strong bonds with each other.”
To learn more about the program, send an email to Lsraidercheerleading@gmail.com.

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ties, he could always be found performing with his band, the Korn Kobs. Each fundraising party brought residents together in support of families struggling with the costs of medical adversity. Funds also assisted scholarships given to area graduates, and Fiske supported dozens of other community efforts, including tornado relief in 2011.

“Dickie was in his element doing for others,” said Sen. Anne Gobi. “I loved to watch him play music at the various Heart to Heart events. He could be silly or serious, with just the right combination of the two.”
As the leader of the Heart to Heart Foundation, Fiske didn’t simply make donations to families and move on, instead developing lifelong friendships and sometimes following up with additional support. He forged a strong bond with the Los family in 2016, meeting then two-year-

old Aiden Los shortly after the toddler was diagnosed with a malignant rhabdoid tumor in his kidney. Fiske remained in frequent contact with the family in the ensuing years, providing support when needed and serving as a dedicated member of “Aiden’s Army.”
And Mr. Fiske showed the same support to dozens of other local families, offering relief and friendship at a time of immense stress.
“His fundraising efforts on behalf of the most vulnerable

families will be sorely missed,” said Selectman Dale Kiley. “Everyone loved his sense of humor. He wasn’t just a fixture of this town, but the whole area.”
Of course, Fiske’s giving spirit went well beyond his organization. Even in his 90s, he was always eager to mow residents’ lawns and lend a helping hand with various projects. And if a neighbor needed assistance with a chore, however small, he was always the first volunteer.

“He instinctively knew what brought the most joy to people, especially kids. He was an icon,” Gobi said.
Demonstrations of support for Fiske’s family could be seen throughout town in recent weeks. Perhaps no message encapsulated the sentiment of the community better than a sign outside First Congregational Church of North Brookfield, which read: “God bless you, Dickie Fiske.”



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SAVE THE DATES for these upcoming events! Saturday, December 7 from 9am-2:30 pm is the **MARY QUEEN OF THE ROSARY Annual Christmas Faire**, 7 Church Street in Spencer; Thursday, December 12 is **LADIES & GENT'S** night at **CORMIER JEWELERS**. Great holiday shopping events!

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CALENDAR

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ART OPENING: 6-7 p.m., Merriam-Gilbert Public Library, West Brookfield. The Friends of the Library will host an art opening for Grades 1 & 3 students & their families from the West Brookfield Elementary School. Their art will be displayed throughout the Library during the month of November. All are welcome to attend! Special thanks to Kelly Mundell for her work with the children.

Saturday, November 23

ANNUAL MEAT RAFFLE: 6 p.m. (doors open at 5 p.m.), Spencer Country Inn, 500 Main St. Cash only. Open to the public. Bring your friends! Early bird tickets available. Bring an unwrapped, brand new toy to be donated to the Toys for Tots program and receive free tickets good for any table! Grand prize raffle for a Green Mountain portable grill/smoker with cover, utensils, and a \$50 gift card to Ed Stearns in Charlton!

Sunday, November 24

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TURKEY RAFFLE: Noon, 91 Manville St., Leicester. Doors open at noon; first game at 1 p.m. Gift cards to Ellers are also included in the raffle. If you donate a non-perishable food item, you will receive a free card (one free card per person).

BAY STATE WINDS CONCERT: 2 p.m., Brookfield Unitarian

Universalist Church, 9 Upper River St. (gray stone church on Route 148, facing the Brookfield common). Suggested donation requested.

Sunday, December 1

TURKEY SOUP LUNCHEON: Noon, George Whitefield United Methodist Church, 33 W. Main St., West Brookfield. Featuring turkey soup, bread, salad and dessert. Suggested donation to benefit the ministry of the church.

Wednesday, December 4

SOCKS FOR VETERANS: East Brookfield Cub Scout Pack 148 is conducting its Second Annual collection of Socks for Veterans during the month of November. All types of new socks (cotton, wool, winter) for men, women, and children are needed. Collection boxes are located in East Brookfield at the Town Library, EB Flatts, Howe Lumber Co, Klem's, Lamoureux Ford, and North Brookfield Savings Bank. Boxes will be at these locations until Wednesday, Dec. 4. Last year's collection was a huge success! Thank you to the Community for helping the Cub Scouts say thanks to our Veterans!

Thursday, December 5-Saturday, December 7

NATIVITIES AROUND THE WORLD: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 108 New Braintree Rd. (Route 67), North Brookfield. Thursday and Friday from 6-9 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Friday, December 6

QUABOAG CHROAL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS CONCERT: 7 p.m., The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 108 New Braintree Rd. (Route 67), North Brookfield.

Saturday, December 7

SIXTH ANNUAL WINTER FESTIVAL: 9 a.m.-2 p.m., East Brookfield Elementary School, 410 East Main St. (Route 9), East Brookfield.

Sunday, December 8

WHITE CHRISMTAS IN W. BROOKFIELD: Noon-5 p.m., First Congregational Church of W. Brookfield, 36 N. Main St. The church will be open during the town's White Christmas celebration. Please join us for a delicious lunch featuring hot turkey sandwiches, two choices of delicious homemade soups (broccoli cheddar & chicken noodle), homemade pie and hot chocolate; a scrumptious Bake Table! "The Richer Spot" Lularoe dealer!; a huge Holiday Raffle Table! Gift baskets, gift cards, toys, handmade

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Robert R. 'Bob' Boisvert, 79



DUDLEY- Robert R. 'Bob' Boisvert, 79, passed away Sunday, November 10, 2019 with his family at his side.

He leaves his wife 14 years, Joan L. (Irwin) Boisvert, 2 daughters Tracy Spencer and her husband Anthony and Eleanore Boisvert both of California,

4 step children; Craig Gajewski of Oxford, Lisa DeWitt and her fiancé Jamie Riordan of Worcester, Dean Gajewski and his wife Melissa of Dudley and

Megan Gajewski of Dudley, 6 grandchildren; Dalton, Tyler, Lauren, Abigail, Jenna and Logan, 2 nieces, Allison and Janna, and 2 nephews, Paul and Glen.

Robert was born in Marlborough May 12, 1940 son of the late Raymond E. and Eleanore E. (Langlois) Boisvert, he was also predeceased by a sister, Jacqueline Beck of Southborough.

He graduated from Marlborough High School, then served in the U.S. Army for over 24 years with distinction during the Vietnam War and was

a recipient of the Bronze Star as well as several

medals for his overseas service and was also an engineer in the service.

Robert had numerous interests, boats, cars, collecting coins, fishing, investments, spending winters for 12 years in Stuart, FL.

He enjoyed family and family gatherings.

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A calling hour for Robert was held on Saturday, November 16, 2019 from 8-9am at the ROBERT J. MILLER FUNERAL HOME and LAKE CHAPEL, 366 School St., Webster, with a procession to follow for A Funeral Mass at 9:30am in St. Anthony of Padua Church, 24 Dudley Hill Rd., Dudley.

Burial with Military Honors will be at Worcester County Memorial Park in Paxton.

To leave a message of condolence, please visit: RJMillerfunerals.net



BROOKFIELD- Jamie Majka, 42, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, November 10, 2019. He leaves 2 sons Ian and Tyler ; his princess Dakotah; his love of 22 years Rachel and his

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Jamie Majka, 42

Barbara Elizabeth Shuttleworth, 96



WEST BROOKFIELD- Barbara Elizabeth Shuttleworth died in the early hours of November 12, 2019 after a short illness. She was 96 years old but owned to 97, having always viewed each birthday as wrapping up one year and launching her off into the next one. She was born in Worcester, MA on July 1, 1923 and grew up with two younger sisters and an older brother in Warren, MA, daughter of Eleanor Sophia Bill of West Brookfield and William Wallace Shuttleworth of Warren. She attended Lasell Junior College in Auburndale, MA in 1941-42, then Michigan State University in East Lansing, MI from 1942-1949. Her college education was interrupted by the death of her fiancé, Robert Gladding, on Guam in 1945. When she graduated, her parents gave her a watch inscribed "At last!" She subsequently worked in Hartford, CT as a social worker and advocate for children at risk. Though she had many other jobs, especially when supporting two children as a single parent, up until her death she described herself as a social worker—it was a job she held dear and believed was all-important, even when practicing it on those close to her led to unhappiness. But in her conversations with people of all ages and backgrounds, she inspired respect and admiration for her intelligence, interest, and critical thinking. Smart, tough, and engaged, she was not afraid to say what she thought when it mattered. Though confident in her own perceptions often to the point of blindness, she never gave up on those she loved, and was always ready to begin again. She grew up sailing on the Connecticut shore; traveled to Venezuela, the Grand Canyon, the Mediterranean, Turkey, Germany, and Great Britain; earned a pilot's license and loved driving. With family and on her own she spent summers on the Maine coast, a place she cherished. She came alive showing children tidal pools and ocean spray, mixing plaster of paris, and painting

ing to help anyone even a stranger. He loved hunting but his passion was fishing at the river or anywhere he could cast a pole. Jaime was one of a kind and he will be missed by his loving family and all that knew him. A celebration of Jaime's life was held on Saturday, November 16, 2019 starting at 12:00PM at the Brookfield Rod and Gun Club Webber Rd. Brookfield.. Pillsbury Funeral Home 3 West Brookfield Rd. Brookfield is directing the family.

whimsical animals on stones and driftwood. Children in fact showed her at her best: she spoke to them as equals and allowed their creativity to blossom, even while insisting on proper table manners and writing thank-you notes. She was an artist and a poet, a collector of antiques and an enthusiast for modern design. Though she always felt she had not accomplished enough, she was an insatiable reader with endless curiosity about current events, history, art, and literature. Her marriage went irretrievably wrong, but she never regretted it because, as she often said, it brought her two much-loved adopted children into her life. In her last years, after she moved to West Brookfield from her long-time home in Amherst, fear and love dominated her life: fear of "dying unfinished," in her words; but love of the area, in which her adored mother had been brought up, and love of the birds and the waters of Quaboag. She spent her last few weeks in Brookhaven Rest Home, a house which had once belonged to her grandparents: in that, she felt she had come full circle.

She was predeceased by her two sisters, Mary Spencer and Joan Russell, her brother Bill Shuttleworth, and her niece Peggy Moss Shuttleworth Russell. She leaves behind her daughter Christina Shuttleworth Kraus of New Haven, CT and her granddaughter Eleanor Maud Morgan of Haverford, PA, her son Woodford G. Kraus of Amherst, MA and her grandson Phineas Buchanan, also of Amherst; also four nieces, Martha Petrovick of Barre, MA, Mary Ann Antoniazzi of Winsted, CT, Mary Shuttleworth Wright of Louisville, KY and Karen Frank of Georgia; three nephews, J.B. Shuttleworth of Byrdstown, TN, John Spencer of Yarmouth Port, MA, and William Russell of Fort Collins, CO and many grand- and great-grandnieces and nephews. A Graveside Service for Barbara will be held on Saturday, November 23, 2019 at 10:30AM at Pine Grove Cemetery in Warren. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to NAMI Massachusetts at <https://namimass.org>.

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

An online guest book is available at varnumfuneralhome.com.

Shirley Mae Dahart, 85

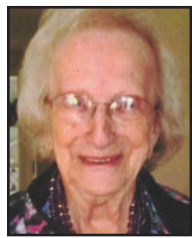
WARREN- Shirley Mae (Clayton) Dahart, 85, passed away on November 9, 2019 in Quaboag Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center.

She is predeceased by her husband of 53 years Raymond C. Dahart, Jr. in 2017. She leaves a son Russell B. & daughter in law Michelle Dahart of North Brookfield, daughter Holly M Parkin of CT and her boyfriend Roy Stratton; 3 granddaughters, Erin L Dahart and fiancé Nick Roberts of Palmer, Amanda R. Parkin of Somerville, Jennifer A Parkin and fiancé Seth Lavallee of

CT; 2 great grandchildren, Lucien M Dahart and Logan J Roberts of Palmer; a sister Jane Nichols of Florence, MA; many nieces & nephews. She was predeceased by 2 brothers Russell and George.

Calling hours were held on Monday, November 18, 2019 from 2-4 PM in Pillsbury Funeral Home 3 West Brookfield Rd. Brookfield. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her name to a charity of one's Choice. Please visit: Pillsburyfuneralhome.com

Lorraine B. Bedard, 87



DUDLEY- Lorraine B. (Poulin) Bedard, 87, died Monday, November 11, 2019, at Overlook Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Pascoag, RI. She was predeceased by her husband, Paul A. Bedard. She is survived by four children, Paul J. Bedard and his wife Sheila of New York, Joanne Lieneck and her husband Paul of Ashby, Jeffrey F. Bedard and his wife Teresa of Dudley, and Kenneth Frost and his wife Marilyn; thirteen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by a daughter, Arlene Lieneck; and a brother, Arthur Poulin. She was born in Southbridge, daughter of the late Arthur and Clara (Gallant) Poulin, and lived in Leicester and Foxboro for most of her life, before

moving to Dudley two years ago due to her illness.

Mrs. Bedard was a volunteer at the Farm Stand for 10 years and worked at the Trading Post for 12 years. She was a longtime member of St. Mary's Church in Foxboro. She enjoyed playing Bingo, Scrabble, Mah-Jong, and was an avid traveler.

A private funeral Mass will be held at St. Roch's Church in Oxford. Burial will be private at a later date at St. John's Cemetery in Worcester. Due to her long struggle with dementia, the family requests that donations be made in her name to the Alzheimer's Association, 309 Waverly Oaks Rd., Waltham, MA 02452. Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements.

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items, quilted runner, and much more; Hardwick Memorial Hand Bell Choir concert 3 p.m.; annual Carols and Cocoa - 4 - 4:45 p.m.; free cookies, cocoa and a Christmas Carol sing-along! Just what you need to create your holiday mood! Call the church at 508-867-7078 for more information.

ONGOING EVENTS

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

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

EAST BROOKFIELD LIBRARY PROGRAMS: The East Brookfield Public Library is currently conducting their fall registration for children's programming. Rhythm and Rhyme is for toddlers aged 18 mos. to 3 years. This program runs from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. and includes lots of music, finger plays, physical activities and a story with a related craft.

Preschool story time is geared for children aged 3 to 5 years old. It runs from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30a.m. Seasonal songs, poems, and gross motor activities are part of this program, as well as a story and craft that encourages fine motor skills. Both programs are held on Thursday mornings. Parents and caretakers are asked to remain with their children. For more information

or to register by phone call (508) 867-7928. You can also like us on Facebook and visit our website @www.eastbrookfieldLibrary.com. We look forward to seeing you!

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

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP: On the third Wednesday of each month, 6-7 p.m. at the Overlook Independent Living Building, fourth floor Solarium, 88 Masonic Home Road, Charlton. The intent is to build a support system, exchange practical information, talk through issues and ways of coping,

share feelings, needs and concerns and to learn about community resources. Contact Kathy Walker at (508) 434-2551 or kawalker@overlook-mass.org for more information. Presented by Alzheimer's Association MA/NH Chapter, visit (800) 272-3900 or alz.org.

THRIFTY: St. Joseph-St. Pius X Parish, 759 Main St., Leicester, 508-859-8083. New 2 You Thrift Shop. Hours: Tuesday 5 to 7 p.m., Wednesday 9 a.m. to noon., Thursday 3 to 6 p.m., Saturday 9

a.m. to noon. We have added Thursday hours.

Christmas in Heaven Memorials

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

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Douglas - Mount Daniels Lot #2-2.5 Acres of flat land that abuts Douglas State Forest **\$132,900**

Webster - 3 Lots Cooper Rd. **Attention Developers!** 3 abutting house lots, potential to divide into 5-6 Buildable lots! Lake Residential area, water/sewer access **\$129,400**

Oxford - 4 Leicester St. approx. 8.47 acres! River frontage! Highly possible to be subdivided. **\$109,900**

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**Notice of Public Hearing
Spencer Zoning Board of Appeals**
At the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting to be held on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 in the McCourt Social Hall of Memorial Town Hall, 157 Main Street, Spencer, MA, a public hearing will be held on the following items starting at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard:
Variance – Applicant/Owner: Monica Hawes. Location: 71 Borkum Road, Spencer Assessor's Map R04/14. The applicant is seeking a variance under Section 7.3 (Variances) of the Spencer Zoning Bylaw as the lot does not meet the current zoning standards for square footage to build a new home and/or sell as a buildable lot. The property is located in the Rural Residential zoning district.
Interested Parties may review these applications at the Office of Development & Inspectional Services in Memorial Town Hall located at 157 Main Street Spencer, MA 01562, during regular business hours from 7:30am-4:30pm Monday-Wednesday and 7:30am-12:00pm on Thursdays. The ZBA is committed to ensuring that its public meetings are accessible to people with disabilities. Should you require auxiliary aids, services, written materials in other formats, or reasonable modifications in policies and procedures, please call 508-885-7500 ext. 180 in advance of the scheduled meeting.
November 22, 2019
November 29, 2019

**(SEAL)
THE COMMONWEALTH
OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF
THE TRIAL COURT
19 SM 005490
ORDER OF NOTICE**

To:
William A. Biando
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq): Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Spencer, numbered 167 Ash Street, given by William A. Biando and James W. Biando to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for ClearPoint Funding, Inc., dated January 28, 2013, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 50417, Page 372, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.
If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before December 30, 2019 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act. Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on November 14,

2019.
Attest: Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
17714
November 22, 2019

**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 Evelyn Grullon, Carlos Grullon to Bank of America, N.A., dated January 16, 2007 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 40515, Page 292, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from:
Bank of America, N.A. to Ventures Trust 2013-I-H-R by MCM Capital Partners, LLC, Its Trustee, recorded on February 24, 2014, in Book No. 52057, at Page 266
VENTURES TRUST 2013-I-H-R BY MCM CAPITAL PARTNERS, LLLP F/K/A MCM CAPITAL PARTNERS, LLC, ITS TRUSTEE to CITIBANK, NA, AS TRUSTEE FOR CMLTI ASSET TRUST, recorded on December 1, 2017, in Book No. 58123, at Page 174
CITIBANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR CMLTI ASSET TRUST to CHIMERA FUNDING TRS LLC, recorded on December 1, 2017, in Book No. 58123, at Page 176
Chimera Funding TRS LLC to CIM Trust 2017-7, recorded on December 4, 2018, in Book No. 59774, at Page 52
CIM Trust 2017-7 to U.S. Bank National Association, as indenture trustee, for the holders of the CIM Trust 2017-7, Mortgage-Backed Notes, Series 2017-7, recorded on June 19, 2019, in Book No. 60574, at Page 145
for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 2:00 PM on December 17, 2019, on the mortgaged premises located at 10 Adams Street, Spencer, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,
TO WIT:
Closing date: January 16, 2007
Borrower(s): Evelyn Grullon and Carlos Grullon
Property Address: 10 Adams Street, Spencer, Massachusetts 01562
A certain parcel of land, together with the buildings thereon, situated on Adams Street in Spencer, Worcester County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the easterly corner of the lot to be conveyed and on the southwesterly line of said Adams Street, being the northerly corner of land now or formerly of Lamoureux; Thence South 57 ½ degrees, West about 79 feet 2 inches by land of said Lamoureux to land formerly of Arsenault; Thence North 8 degrees West 55 1/2 feet by said Arsenault to land now or formerly of O'Coin; Thence North 53 degrees 01' East 48 feet by said O'Coin land, to the southwesterly line of said Adams Street' Thence Southeasterly by the line of Adams Street 55 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 3,265 square feet of land, more or less, according to said plan. A deed from Robert J. Bowen to Evelyn Grullon and Carlos Grullon to be recorded.
For mortgagor's(s') title see deed

recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 40515, Page 290.
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.
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Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.
U.S.BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE, FOR THE HOLDERS OF THE CIM TRUST 2017-7, MORTGAGE-BACKED NOTES, SERIES 2017-7
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November 22, 2019
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December 6, 2019

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508)831-2200
Docket No. W004P0818EP1
Estate of:
George T Lafayette
Date Of Death: 12/06/2003
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF
SUCCESSOR PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE**

To all interested persons
A Petition has been filed by:
Sandra O'Brien of Warren MA and Kristen Lablond of Brookfield requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order that **Blaise P Berthiaume of North Brookfield MA and Thomas C Marino of Sturbridge MA** be appointed as Successor Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the

Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on 12/03/2019.** This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.
The estate is being administered under formal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but recipients are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 08, 2019
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
November 22, 2019

**(SEAL)
THE COMMONWEALTH
OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF
THE TRIAL COURT
19 SM 004866
ORDER OF NOTICE**

TO: **John R. Sherman Jr. a/k/a John Richard Sherman Jr.**
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq)
Santander Bank, N.A.
claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Spencer numbered 12 North Brookfield Road, given by John R. Sherman Jr. a/k/a John Richard Sherman Jr. to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Santander Bank, N.A., dated September 5, 2014, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 52783, Page 13, now held by Plaintiff by assignment, has filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's Servicemembers status.
If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before December 16, 2019 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.
Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on November 1, 2019
Attest: Deborah J. Patterson Recorder
November 22, 2019

HERE & THERE →

Local Events, Arts, and Entertainment Listings



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

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