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Grand reopening of library exceeds expectations



BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER – Residents had high expectations for the library's grand reopening, and even the loftiest predictions were easily exceeded last weekend.

On June 23, officials welcomed patrons back to the 1136 Main St. library, which underwent a massive renovation and expansion project over the last two years. The \$8.9 million effort included the renovation of the existing 7,600 square foot building and the addition of new space that will accommodate a variety of activities.

At the June 23 event, residents, families, and local officials got their first look at the finished product. Several speakers discussed the project and the

Kevin Flanders Photos

Vanessa (eight) and Noah (10) Sulimski, of Leicester, plan to get plenty of reading done in their local library.

longtime support from residents that propelled it.

"A dedicated group of library supporters has been working on this project in earnest for 15 years, and it is exciting to be a part of it," said library director Suzanne Hall. "I am grateful to the trustees, staff, board members, and volunteers that made it possible."

The new-look library provides increased program space, quiet study rooms, a young adult area, added parking, and handicapped accessibility to the entire building. For residents who endured the previously cramped parking setup, the new layout is a long-anticipated benefit.

Another exciting aspect of the project for residents is the local history museum on the library's third floor, which is fully accessible to patrons for the first time. On June 23, seniors and families were able to tour the museum and see artifacts that were previously relegated to storage.

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Brookfield officials work to improve emergency readiness

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

BROOKFIELD — Committed to improving the town's preparedness for natural hazards, officials are teaming up with regional leaders to study potential risks.

On June 4, the town held a public hearing to present the findings of an April workshop designed to prioritize resiliency actions and identify municipal vulnerabilities. Staff members from the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC) reviewed the outcomes of the April workshop, which yielded a number of local concerns about natural hazards and the changing climate.

Flooding was listed by several residents as a major concern due to the town's geography and the increase in the

number of severe rain events over the last decade. The average annual number of rainstorms hasn't increased, officials noted, but the severity of those events has heightened.

Officials and residents are also concerned because of the number of water bodies and wetlands in town.

"Water is a wonderful asset, as well as a potential threat if the state's climate projections are accurate," said Selectman Clarence Snyder.

Andrew Loew, a project manager with the CMRPC, listed several locations at elevated risk for flooding. These include the pond-front areas on Quaboag Street and Pine Lane, in addition to venues near local brooks and wetlands where aging drainage infrastructure lacks the capacity to manage increasing storm

intensity.

Although future rainstorms are expected to be more intense, they are not projected to increase in frequency. In fact, state climate data projects that droughts like the one in 2016 will become more severe over the next decade, especially in the summer and fall months. To that end, Brookfield officials are concerned about neighborhoods south of the Quaboag River where residents rely on private or shared wells rather than the town water system.

As part of the preparations for the April workshop, a survey of residents revealed that about half of respondents favor providing public water access south of the river.

"While support for a hypothetical water system expansion

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WIRE VILLAGE STUDENT NAMED FINALIST IN IDEAL SCHOOLS CONTEST



Courtesy Photo

Wire Village School first grader Alayna Brien is congratulated by State Rep. Donald Berthiaume for her accomplishments.

SPENCER — It was a big enough surprise for a local student when she was named as a finalist in a statewide contest. But the surprises didn't stop there for first grader Alayna Brien.

The Wire Village School student was one of 11 finalists in the Massachusetts Building Authority's Ideal School Contest. More than 2,500 applicants from throughout the state took part in the contest and showed off their creativity, with each finalist earning a \$100 check during a recent ceremony at the State House.

But as exciting as the State House visit was for Brien, she was even more thrilled to get a congratulatory visit at her school from State Rep. Donald Berthiaume. During the presentation earlier this month, Brien received a proclamation and flowers from Rep. Berthiaume.



Kevin Flanders Photos
Local entrepreneur L.D. Dombeck shows off a few of her creations during the grand opening of her business.

Art and enterprise intersect at The Flying Crab

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

WEST BROOKFIELD — In a unique combination of art and enterprise, the newly opened Flying Crab gallery offers guests plenty of ways to show off their style.

Owned by L.D. Dombeck, the business not only serves as a studio and gallery for her work, but also a showcase for her many retail products. Dombeck's artistry can be applied to an array of custom made items, including shirts, scarfs, leggings, ties, jewelry, bags, and greeting cards, among others.

At the studio's grand opening on June 15, Dombeck wowed guests with her extensive collection of art. She puts several hours into each piece, and her intricate color schemes shine especially bright under the right lighting. One of her pieces took nearly 300 hours to complete.

"We have a lot to offer, and we are very excited to welcome our guests," Dombeck said.

After her career took her throughout the country and enabled her to meet many famous figures in arts and entertainment,

Dombeck was drawn to the quiet charm of rural New England. She looks forward to celebrating art and operating a retail shop in West Brookfield.

"I love it here. The people are so kind and welcoming," added Dombeck, who moved to the region 17 years ago.

Formerly a movie set designer and scenic artist in Los Angeles, Dombeck worked extensively with Steven Spielberg and other Hollywood heavyweights. She has painted murals for 43 years, and her work is often inspired by the settings around her.

Dombeck also enjoys using her business to promote local artists and photographers. She plans to display young artists' works in her gallery.

"It is very important to support them," she told the New Leader.

Dombeck's community support extends to local pets as well. Donations from guests are given to Second Chance Animal Shelter to assist pets in need.

To learn more about the gallery and business, send an email to flyingcrab6@gmail.com.

The business is located at 8 Central St.

A summer tradition returns with Concerts on the Common

LEICESTER — With the Fourth of July fast approaching, residents are eager for several summer traditions to get underway. Among the annual highlights is the Concerts on the Common series.

Now in its 29th year, the series is always a favorite for guests of all ages. This year's schedule will kick off with a patriotic flavor, as the Heritage Pops Orchestra will be in town on July 3. Guests are encouraged to get an early start on their Independence Day celebration by taking in

the 18-piece big band featuring vocalists Ann Maggs and Ted Nowak. A VFW flag opening ceremony will be sponsored by Country Bank (rain date is Aug. 4).

On July 10, the New Black Eagle Jazz Band will perform. Specializing in New Orleans style jazz, gospel, and blues, the group has been performing since 1971 (rain date is July 11).

On July 17, The Flat Five will deliver Motown, oldies, rhythm and blues, and soul music to the Common, with vocalist Kyle Pahigian per-

forming. Be sure to put on your dancing shoes for this performance (rain date is July 18).

Residents on July 24 will see The Green Sisters, who perform everything from bluegrass to folk and Celtic music. Sponsored by Cornerstone Bank, the rain date for this concert is July 25.

On July 31, The Otters will rock the Common with a mix of fifties, sixties, and seventies music. Feel free to bring your classic car along for this event, which is sponsored by LCAC (rain date is Aug. 1).

The August portion of the schedule will kick off on Aug. 7, with Changes in Latitude running a tribute to Jimmy Buffett. Guests are invited to wear grass skirts, Hawaiian shirts, and flip-flops for this event (rain date is Aug. 8).

On Aug. 14, The Love Dogs will perform blues, swing, funk, and jazz. Guests should come prepared to boogie to the piano and horn during this fast-paced concert (rain date is Aug. 15).

Families will welcome The Boombox Band to the Common

on Aug. 21. Comprised entirely of local musicians, the band will perform a seventies and eighties set (rain date is Aug. 22).

All concerts will take place from 6:30-8:30 p.m. For postponement information, visit www.leicesterma.org.

The concert series is supported, in part, by a grant from the Leicester Arts Council. The Greater Worcester Community Foundation, Leicester Savings Bank, and the Fontaine Fund are also annual contributors to the program.

Sen. Gobi announces Head Start supplemental grant awards

BOSTON — Sen. Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) was proud to join the Department of Early Education and Care (EEC) today in announcing a series of Head Start State Supplemental Grant Awards for the Fiscal Year 2020 (FY20). The Massachusetts Head Start State Supplemental Grant program supports quality enhancements in Head Start programs, including salary and benefits; the hiring of additional staff to provide lower child/staff ratios; professional development opportunities; and funding for grantees to meet their 20 percent Federal Head Start matching requirements.

"I am proud to support the work of the EEC and honored to advocate for funding these important grant programs," remarked Senator Gobi. "Like many programs, Head Start

faces several challenges to obtain and retain qualified educators, and this funding is a positive step towards addressing the issue and making sure that we are investing in our children's future."

The following programs servicing constituents in Senator Gobi's district will be eligible for funds:

Montachusett Opportunity Council, Inc. serving those living in Hubbardston, Ashburnham, Ashby, Templeton and Winchendon is eligible to receive \$299,996.

Worcester Community Action Council, Inc. servicing those in Spencer and East Brookfield is eligible to receive \$110,744.

There are 29 Head Start and Early Head Start agencies serving more than 15,000 children

across Massachusetts. The programs serve children from birth to age five and provide critical services such as early education and care, physical and mental health, nutritional services, and comprehensive family support and parent education. Head Starts works, in a study which compared Head Start attendees to other early education programs it found Head Start children scored better in all measured domains of cognitive and social-emotional development.

These grants are for a one-year period, and the award amounts are subject to appropriation in the FY20 State Budget. More information about the program may be found online, or by contacting Kathleen Hart at (617) 988-7819.

Local band to release new album at upcoming concert

WEST BROOKFIELD

— Among several highlights slated for the town's summer concert series, a local rock group will release its debut album next month.

The Casters recently completed their debut album, "Shave Your Soul,"

and the group is excited to release it on July 10 at 7 p.m. on the Town Common. New merchandise will also be available during the band's summer concert series appearance.

The album incorporates several retro, '60s-rock influences.

The multi-generational band includes Rob Adams on lead guitar; his son, Jared Fiske, on guitar and vocals; Sean McKinstry on guitar and vocals; Ben Kowal on drums; Nick Smith on bass; and Jessica Adams on backing vocals and percussion.

Band members' ages span 45 years, and each member brings a unique skill set and musical influences. Smith was once a guitar student of Fiske, who was so impressed with the youngster's skills that he invited Smith to join the group on bass.

"We had to wait five years before we could offer him a beer," Fiske recalled.

The debut album was produced by Fiske, mixed by Boston-based musician Luke Sullivan, and engineered

by 13-time Emmy-winning musician Jim Chapdelaine.

The album will be available on Apple music, Google Play, Amazon, and CD Baby. To stream the first three songs from "Shave Your Soul," visit bit.ly/theasters-soundcloud.

All concerts on the Town Common this summer in West Brookfield will take place from 7-9 p.m. Families are welcome to bring chairs, blankets, and picnics. Dogs are also welcome to enjoy the music, and guests are reminded to bring bug spray.

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Celebrate the pioneer spirit with LDS Church



NORTH BROOKFIELD — A pioneer spirit has long been a central characteristic of members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. On Saturday, July 20 from 5 to 9 p.m., all are invited to join in celebrating the early Church pioneers of the 1800s who, with commitment, grit, and perseverance sought a safe home, free of persecution, by crossing the plains by covered wagon, handcart, and foot to arrive at the Great Salt Lake in Utah. The evening will also provide an historical review of the growth of the local Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in central Massachusetts as well as.

In addition to photos and timelines of the local historical events, outdoor (indoor if weather dictates) movies portraying the cross country trek of the early pioneers will be shown beginning about 7:30 p.m., games for youth and adults will be enjoyed, opportunities to try skills of the 1800s such as butter making and 'hard tack' tasting will be provided, and yummy 'cookout' food will be ready for all. All the activities will be held at the Church building located at 106 New Braintree Rd. (Route 67), 2.2 miles north of the center of North Brookfield. The activities will be ongoing during the evening so that participants may come and go as their schedule permits.

The local congregation of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day

Saints gathers its members from many nearby towns ranging from Barre to Southbridge, Ware to Leicester, and Sturbridge to the Brookfields. With a pioneering spirit, the congregation when originally formed many years ago met in member's home and then, as it grew, met for several years in a store front in the center of North Brookfield.

Ultimately, about a decade ago, the congregation moved into its 12,000+ square foot new chapel located at 108 New Braintree Road, North Brookfield. The chapel seats 152 and there are two line of sight overflow segments that can hold an additional 212 and 129 for a total congregational seating when needed of almost 500. When not being used as overflow seating, the same area serves as a gymnasium and a 'cultural hall' for parties, workshops, get-togethers, and so forth. The pioneering spirit has served the congregation well as it progressed on its trek from kitchen to store front to chapel.

Following years of its growth in membership and its facilities, the congregation has recently 'grown' in its designation. It is now the North Brookfield WARD (rather than its 'pioneering' designation as the North Brookfield BRANCH) of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The changing of a congregation's designation from Branch to Ward is contingent on specific benchmarks and must be

conferred by the Church Headquarters located in Salt Lake, Utah. Sunday meeting attendance is one of those benchmarks and the North Brookfield congregation averages between 110-120 at its Sunday Sacrament meetings. Other benchmarks include such things as the percentage of full tithe payers, the number of active priesthood holders, community service, and the provision of full services such as Sunday school for all ages, including adults. In other words, the North Brookfield congregation, now designated a Ward, has shown its commitment and full engagement.

Attending the meeting at which the change took place were members and leaders from sister congregations from Central and Western Massachusetts and written congratulations arrived from former residents in the area who have over the years moved to other areas.

The outward difference between a Ward and a Branch may appear to be just a word or a title. For example, the congregation's leader, Chris McGrath of Warren, is now referred to as the Bishop rather than the Branch President. Although his title is altered with the change from Branch to Ward designation, his duties remain the same. The ecclesiastical leaders on the local level such as Bishop McGrath are all laypersons; they are not paid. They



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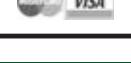
In addition to title changes, the designation as a Ward brings a sense of growth, a reinforcement of a substantial and sustained level of commitment, and a feeling of being a fully functioning congregation. Indeed, it was an event of anticipation and celebration. It also coincides with a reaffirmation by the worldwide Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints of the importance of the family in developing and living Christlike lives. Prior to January 2019, the typical Sunday Church experience was three hours. It is now two hours, divided into a Sacrament service and a second hour of either Sunday School or another meeting where learning and discussion take place. The 'extra' time provides the family with both the tools and time for Gospel learning within the home. Manuals and materials have been prepared especially for home use which also correlate with the activities and topics participated in at Church. As a positive result of the well received schedule change, more responsibility rests with the individual and family member for growing within the Gospel.

But whatever the designation, Ward or Branch, and whatever the schedule, all are warmly welcomed to the North Brookfield Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Sunday services begin at 10 a.m.

Please join us as we celebrate having a 'Pioneer Spirit'. For more information about the July 20th "Pioneer Day: Come Follow Me" event, please call 774-286-1322 or email glenalt01005@yahoo.com, or lcarpentBC@aol.com. Activities and events will take place throughout the hours, so come whenever you can and stay as long as you like.

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sion wasn't overwhelming in the survey, there's clearly an issue here, and about thirteen percent of respondents said that their well water was unavailable at times during the 2016 drought," Loew said.

Other municipal vulnerability concerns identified by survey participants include the lack of generators at many town buildings; less than ideal emer-

gency shelter facilities; invasive species that are damaging forests and waterways; increasing wildfire risks, vulnerable populations (including seniors and Brookfield's three mobile home parks); and septic systems that are vulnerable to groundwater changes.

Actions recommended by survey participants include a comprehensive study and improvement plan for drainage infrastructure; construction of drainage improvements in key locations; an engineering review of the water system and possibilities for expansion; and the installation of gen-

erators for town facilities and shelters.

All of these items and others were discussed during the June 4 public hearing. Both the April workshop and the June 4 hearing were funded by the state's Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness grant program (MVP). This program allows communities to improve climate resiliency and compete for other grant opportunities to address issues prioritized locally.

A report summarizing Brookfield's recent MVP efforts is available online at www.cmrpc.org.

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Busy summer ahead at Haston Library

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The Haston Free Public Library is gearing up for a busy summer, with several programs on tap for guests of all ages.

Young adult participants in the library's summer program will have the opportunity to win a signed Boston Bruins jersey. The prize is being offered as part of the team's longtime partnership with the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC).

To be eligible to win, young adults ages 12-18 must register at the library and read two books this summer, in addition to the reading required by their schools. One of the additional books should be about space, as

the MBLC's summer reading theme this year is Universe of Stories.

A list of suggested titles is available at the library. The jersey is autographed by the entire Eastern Conference champion Bruins team, and the winner of the jersey will be drawn on Aug. 22.

"Summer reading is fun, but it's also an important part of students' academic success because it helps them avoid the summer slide," said MBLC Director James Lonergan.

More than three million children, teens, and adults have participated in summer reading as part of the annual partnership with the Bruins, and local kids are encouraged to shoot for success by getting involved this year. The state-

wide summer library program is made free to all public libraries and residents in the state.

In other library news this summer, a free robotics boot camp will take place from July 8-12. Children in grades 1-3 will meet from 8:30-11:30 a.m., while kids in grades 4-6 will meet from 12:30-3:30 p.m. All participants will practice rudimentary coding using Ozobot Bit robots and Cubelets, and the older group will also assemble VEX robots.

The robotics boot camp is made possible by federal funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

For two Saturdays this summer (June 29 and July 6), the library and Barbara MacIntosh

will offer instruction for knitting beginners. All yarn and needles will be supplied thanks to donations provided in memory of Sandra Metcalf. Please sign up at the main circulation desk.

On Monday, July 8, the library will officially kick off its summer reading program: A Universe of Stories. A performance by singer-storyteller Davis Bates will be held on July 8 at 3 p.m. Kids who sign up for the reading program and keep track of all the books they read over the summer will be eligible for several prizes at the end of the summer.

Kids are also invited to sign up for a space costume activity on Tuesday, July 16, at 3 p.m. Participants will make astronaut jet packs, and

Noelle Perry will be on hand for face-painting of spacemen, astronauts, and aliens.

Moreover, Henry Lappen – better known by local families as Henry the Juggler – will be at the library on Saturday, July 27, at 10 a.m. Kids and families are invited to witness his many gravity-defying tricks.

Regular ongoing events at the library this summer include:

Adult coloring group (Mondays from 5:30-6:30 p.m.)

Story hour (Tuesdays at 10 a.m., beginning on July 2)

Lego Club (Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m.)

For more information about upcoming programs at the library, call 508-867-0208.



Richard Sugden Library

8 Pleasant St., Spencer
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June 27 Tonight!

Woodstock Music & Art Festival: 50th Anniversary Celebration! Adults & Teens (Grades 9+) are invited to attend from 6:00 pm–7:30 pm @ the Richard Sugden Library, Spencer. Join us for this free fun program. "Multimedia: Combining rare audio, archival film, captivating stories" Participatory:

Songs, and guided music-making" Fun-filled: Master percussionist, author, educator, and radio host Craig Harris will be leading this FREE program about the culturally groundbreaking Woodstock Music & Art Festival program. This program is supported by a grant from the Spencer Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

July 1 Drop in Crafts: Every week at the library there will be drop-in crafts and activities for you to try. What will it be this week? Come find out!

Crafts and activities are available on Mondays and Thursdays from 10:30-6:30.

July 2

Every week at the library there will be drop-in crafts and activities for you to try. What will it be this week? Come find out!

Crafts and activities are available on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10:30-4:30.

Spencer Walks Tuesdays! Walks leave promptly at 8:30 am and are held rain or shine. This week we will walk

July 3

Every week at the library there will be drop-in crafts and activities for you to try. What will it be this week? Come find out!

Crafts and activities are available on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10:30-4:30.

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

Mark Your Calendars!

July 15

Spirits of New England! This program for Adults (Grades 9+) is presented by Dustin Pari, from TV's Ghost Hunters! This New England native will discuss some of his favorite New England investigations. Enjoy this free program which includes lots of area history, and some chilling tales of the supernatural. This program is supported by a grant from the Spencer Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

July 18

Real ID presentation and Q&A will be held from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Join us for this extremely helpful program providing info on new state and federal requirements concerning MA driver's license and ID card renewals. Get your questions answered! Sign up today! Visit or call the library at 508-885-7513, or online at www.spencerpubliclibrary.org.

One woman show honors Christa McAuliffe



Judith Kalora as Christa McAuliffe

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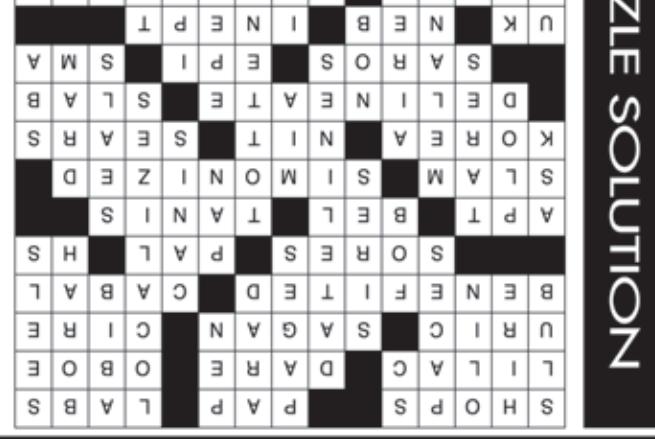
- 1. Stores
- 6. Worthless entertainment
- 9. Where scientists work
- 13. Pretty flower
- 14. A way to act
- 15. Double-reed instrument
- 16. Type of acid
- 17. Famous astronomer
- 18. Smooth, shiny fabric
- 19. Profited from
- 21. Secret clique
- 22. Infections
- 23. Crony
- 24. Teens go here every day (abbr.)
- 25. Suitable
- 28. Fresh Price of ___ Air
- 29. Ancient city of Egypt
- 31. Basketball move
- 33. Polished
- 36. There's a north and a south
- 38. Egg of a louse

- 39. Once-ubiquitous department store
- 41. Portray precisely
- 44. Thick piece of something
- 45. Period between eclipses
- 46. Indicates near
- 48. Investment account
- 49. England, Scotland, N. Ireland, and Wales (abbr.)
- 51. Beak
- 52. Void of skill
- 54. Walked back and forth
- 56. A display of passion
- 60. Geological times
- 61. Type of restaurant
- 62. Spacious
- 63. Edible seaweed
- 64. Utah city
- 65. Tropical tree
- 66. Nervous tissue compound
- 67. Body part
- 68. Muscles and tendons

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Draw out wool
- 2. Give someone a job
- 3. Chemical and ammo manufacturer
- 4. Footsteps
- 5. The Palmetto State
- 6. Books have lots of them
- 7. Diverse Israeli city
- 8. It's mightier than the sword
- 9. Confines
- 10. First month of the Jewish ecclesiastical year
- 11. Idaho's highest peak
- 12. Prevents from seeing
- 14. Determine time
- 17. Father children
- 20. Tab on a key ring
- 21. Dog genus
- 23. Peter's last name
- 25. Request
- 26. Walk heavily
- 27. Allowances

- 29. English football squad
- 30. Fish-eating aquatic mammals
- 32. South Pacific island region
- 34. Unaccounted for
- 35. Small taste of whiskey
- 37. Ventilated
- 40. Helps little firms
- 42. One of means
- 43. Fencing swords
- 47. Inches per minute (abbr.)
- 49. Turn upside down
- 50. S. African semi desert
- 52. Dutch names of Ypres
- 53. Instruct
- 55. Oily freshwater fish
- 56. Italian river
- 57. Sneaker giant
- 58. The men who man a ship
- 59. Some need glasses
- 61. Body part
- 65. Indicates position



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ary women. Her performances have received accolades from journalists, actors, and historians alike and have earned statewide and national recognition, as "CHALLENGER: Soaring with Christa" was honored

with

by the Massachusetts Senate and House of Representatives, and is produced with the support and approval of both the McAuliffe and Corrigan Families.

Ms. Kalaora, a

Framingham native, like Christa, renews McAuliffe's legacy in this multi-me-

dia immersive performance experience, suitable for all ages. "CHALLENGER: Soaring with Christa" remembers the United States Teacher in Space Program, which launched over thirty years ago, while inviting audiences to discover the true story behind the incredible teacher and educational pioneer. Now, "CHALLENGER: Soaring with Christa" plays at the West Brookfield Town Hall 2 E Main St., West Brookfield, at 3 p.m.

Kalaora has been featured

in many news media outlets, including "Chronicle HD," WBZ Radio, The Framingham Tab, WACA-TV, The Concord Monitor, and The Washington Times. Jordan Rich, of WBZ Radio, states,

"She's a one woman force of nature and inhabits these women...it takes

people like Judith to bring these stories to life...these lost pieces of history."

The MetroWest Daily News said of her performance debut, "marvelous...fantastic...taken with Kalaora's performance."

"Not only did she present it so you believe she was Christa, but I learned things I didn't know..."

About History At Play™

Kalaora established History At Play™ in 2010 to create enriching historical entertainment. She is a resident of Massachusetts and a graduate of Syracuse University and Shakespeare's Globe Education Program in London, England. She has performed on stages from London to Montreal and across the United States. www.HistoryAtPlay.com.

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LEICESTER MEMORIAL SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

LEICESTER — Leicester Memorial School has released its honor roll for the third term of the 2018-2019 school year.

GRADE 3

High Honors: Russell Baker, Emma Bernabei, Brady Bouchard, Kaylynn Bowen, Zachary Couture, Stella Entwistle, Allison Gagne, Haylee Kularski, Trinity Medeiros, Charlotte Mercer, Alana Phan, Ryan Quercia, Desmond Strom, Shane Stuart, Lillian Warner, Jameson Wood
Honors: Ethan Abloh, Matthew Alves, Brody Arnberg, Rory Barrett, Kennedy Bates, Jarchie Boateng, Kayli Brea, Collin Burtt, Jude Campbell, Truman Carr, Domenic Casavecchia, Sawyer Collins, Shayla Cooper, Stephen Giaquinto,

Nevaeh Hagenbuch, Riley Jones, Alyssa Klem, Joseph Kulla, William Loosmore, Kaylee Luby, Zachary Macedo, Alena Martinkova, Julianna McCormick, Kyah McDowell, Max Milionis, Kameron Monroe, Trevor Moorghen, Nikolai Ngo, Brandon Nguyen, Jazzelle Owusu Ansa, Katherine Ozarowski, Alivia Perry, Katarzyna Piascik, John Renzoni, Nicolo Rivera, Michael Rodgers, Kelvin Rodriguez, Kaiden Seda, Nicholas Stuart, Ryan Sweeney, Andy Vuong, Alex Waweru, Jayke Williams, Jennifer Zeena

GRADE 4

High Honors: Andrew Carpenter, Lexi Kelly, Kenneth Lane, Ryder Mandella, Kaydi Marttila, Laila Paquin, Sofia

Renzoni, Hannah Spratt, Antoinette Taylor, Mary Van Hazinga

Honors: Loudan Barber, Brady Bates, Karsyn Bulak, Kelsey Cole, John Coleman, Juliana Dahlgren, Margaret Dillon, Tristyn Doan, Lena Dolen, Ashley Dowd, Alexander Fournier, Taylor Gallant, Ava Jessing, Sierra LaCroix, Jahnisha Layne, Jeremy Ledbetter, Arianna Lemerise, Amiah Machado, Luke Marjault, Joshua McCormick, Kaidyn McDowell, Ami McGlynn, Samuel Milgate, Justin Nguyen, William Nguyen, Robert O'Neil, Gianna Panepinto, Ava Petrucci, Irelyn Pottle, Ariana Riopel, Taylor Rodriguez, Noah Smith, Adam Tebo, Harrison Thompson, Abigail Valinski, Casey Waterman, Camron Wells,

Ainsley Whittemore, Sabrina Wright

GRADE 5

High Honors: Tomas Acero, Avery Bullock, Sophia Comeau, Makenzie Cortes, Jacob Cosper, Sarah Dee, Brandon Escobar, Owen Fadden, Arianna Gonzalez, Brody Grant, Rowen Hennessy, Natalia Kallio, Casey Knott, Christopher Moffat, Claudia Moisan, Zoe Morales, Paul Osborn, Grace Price, Luke Soden, Justin Trainor, Jack Tuomenoksa, Nathan Wilder, Dakota Zinkevich

Honors: Bayleigh Abdella, Lenny Angua-Mante, Abigail Baker, Kate Barbato, Kyle Bates, Owen Benware, Landon Beveridge, Brayden Bonin, James Booth, Kaylee Buckley, Max Bugbee, Nicholas Caforio,

Noah Carney, Lily Chartier, Hunter Clark, Collin Connor, Adam Corriveau, Emma Cyr, Julia Dee, Kyla Fortune, John Gahagan, Shane Garrahie, Michael Haggland, Shawn Heffernan, Emily Hunt, Jeff Lamprey, Isabella LePoer, Hannah Martin, Crisly Martinez, Reese Maxwell, Ryan McCarthy, Carlee McShera, Lawrence Meersman, Jordan Miller, Liliana Murphy, Connor O'Brien, Fallyn Pedersen, Nola Perry, Rhaegan Perry, Cassidy Poce, Benjamin Rivera, Coby Ross, Maxavien Rust, Alexander Samia, Nana-Afia Sarpong, McKenzie Settle, Jack Skoglund, Jonathan St. Cyr, Nicole Tuson, Kidany Valentin, Isabel van Lingen, Tyler Williams, Jack Witkowski

Abigail Ryzewski graduates from Widener University

CHESTER, Pa. — Widener University conferred degrees to more than 1,100 graduates in a ceremony Friday, May 17. Commencement was held at The Mann Center for the Performing Arts in Philadelphia.

The commencement speaker was former U.S. Congressman and past Under Secretary of the U.S. Army Patrick Murphy, a veteran, Widener alumnus and member of the Widener University Board of Trustees.

In his speech, Murphy focused on three principles: find a purpose, trust the process, and give back.

"When you live a purpose-driven life, when you trust the process, when you show up and give back, even in the face of intense challenges, you too can make a difference in this world," he said.

The graduates also heard from Iman Elkhashab who was selected as the President's Award recipient and served as the student speaker.

In her speech, Elkhashab shared her personal story of struggle and perseverance that she experienced growing up in Egypt during the time of the revolution. The tumultuous environment taught Elkhashab, now of Broomall,

Pennsylvania, that each individual has the capacity to conquer and grow from challenges encountered.

The graduates hailed from 36 states and 11 other countries, including China, Netherlands, Qatar and Saudi Arabia. The youngest graduate was 20 years old, while the oldest was 67. They included:

Abigail Ryzewski of Spencer, MA 01562. Ryzewski graduated with a Master of Social Work from Widener's School of Human Service Professions.

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LEICESTER HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

LEICESTER — Leicester High School has released its honor roll for the fourth quarter of the 2018-2019 school year.

HIGH HONORS

Grade 12: Laryssa Dagostino, Megan Gaucher, Hannah Wickson

Grade 11: Madison Hippert, Brett Hulett, Tej Patel, Ava Richard, Joslyn Rutter

Grade 10: Liam Pataky, Delaney Sherman, Riley Boisvert

Grade 9: Grace Guinee, Deanna Herbert, Abigail Johnson, Kaitlyn Orrell, Shannon Tuson, Lindsey Wickson

HONORS

Grade 12: Ryan Bahingire, Hannah DiPilato, Julianne Golemo, Thomas Guinee, Michaela Hippert, Andrew Le, Elise Leveillee, Abby Lougee, Olivia Macaruso, Katelyn McKay, Bryan Miranda, Emily Oliver, Alyssia Pelquin, Lydia Petit, Erica Reiley, Corey Reynolds, Jacqueline Robidoux, Meaghan St. George, Brenna St. John

Grade 11: Jenna Albro, Tyler Berube, Giselle Boateng, Riley Brunelle, Hannah Cleveland, Nya Dekrines, Haylee DiLiddo, Tony Doan, Meaghan

Dupuis, Rachel Gendron, Samuel Griffiths, Aaliyah Hernandez, Adam LaBombard, Anastazia Lach, Jack Larson, Lydia Maxwell, Daniel Mero, Brenda Nguyen, Riley Nicholson, Ally O'Neill, Jack O'Neill, Cayleigh Peterson, Nolan Power, Jaelin Rhinehart, Elise Rydzewski, Antonio Santana, Erika Sciascia, Nicholas Sluckis

Grade 10: Yasmin Almonla, Kya Birtz, Charley Blair, Matthew Brown, Sean Brown, Isabella Connery, Olivia Ellis, Marissa Gebhardt, Meli Jackson, Ava LaPointe, Isabella Ortiz, Kaitlyn Rutter, Jenna Soden, Jacob Stolberg

Grade 9: Fathai Agbaje, Amelia Benware, Hailee Breault, Sarah Brouillard, Erin Brown, Bryson Bujak, Ava Butkiewicus, Richard Cichowski, Maria DiMeglio, Makayla Donaldson, Breana Escobar, Rian Escobar, Rian Fadden, Morgan Flodman, Abigail Gahagan, Erin Gerber, Alexis Goodney, Seth Larson, Madelyne Libby-Toler, Kristopher Lopriore, Casey Macaruso, Allyson Mahoney, Michael Mero, Morgan Merrell, Nicholas Michaelian, Theodore Miller, Justin Muturi, Jenna Nelson, Meghan Niddrie, Eden Riel, Lindsey Salek, Jada Smith, Timothy St. John, Jane Toohil, Juliana Torres, Taylor Torres, Brady White

NORTH BROOKFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

NORTH BROOKFIELD — North Brookfield Elementary School has released its honor roll for the third trimester of the 2018-2019 school year.

GRADE 6

High Honors: Jack Allen, Abigail Jolin, Zoe Little, Madison Luce, Norah McElroy, Parker Tunley

Honor Roll: Juliette Boos, Trentin Buzzell, Connor Cheras, Talon Clark, Olivia Collins, Reilly Comptios, Allison Duszak, Anthony Fazzuoli, Isaac Gravel, Olivia Gravel, Lauren Grover, Abigail Jolin, Elise Kopec, Joshua Leaming

Hailey Letourneau, Sadie May, Matthew Miller, Katherine Merrill, Samuel Oveka, Robert Pakseresht, Jordan Rice, James Segatore, Juliana Sutter, Katelynn Swistak, Cristyna Tambolleo, Caydence Tetreault, Hart Waz

GRADE 5

High Honor Roll: Jayla Bercume, Brooke Buzzell, Aubrey Childs, Greigh Cloward, Emma Dion, Brady Guimond, Morgan Lakota, Ava Ostrout, Madeline Potvin

Honor Roll: Jaylin Bailey, Trevor Bigda, Shelby Bridges, Connor Burgess, Kenadi Chenevert, Anthony Ducasse, Landon Hogan, Evie Iwaniec, Grace Lamoureux, Mia Letendre, Gianni Manzaro, Nathan Mathieson, Gabriel Moberg, Olive Moulton, Eric Snay, Jack Stevens, Matthew Twomey, Ashton Winders

Aimee Travis of Spencer named to UA President's List

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Aimee Lynn Travis of Spencer was named to The University of Alabama President's List for spring 2019.

A total of 11,406 students enrolled during the 2019 spring term at UA were named to the Dean's List with an academic record of 3.5 or above or the President's List with an academic record of 4.0 (all A's).

The UA Dean's and President's lists

recognize full-time undergraduate students. The lists do not apply to graduate students or to undergraduate students who take less than a full course load.

The University of Alabama, the state's oldest and largest public institution of higher education, is a student-centered research university that draws the best and brightest to an academic community committed to providing a premier undergraduate and graduate education. UA is dedicated to achieving excellence in scholarship, collaboration and intellectual engagement; providing public outreach and service to the state of Alabama and the nation; and nurturing a campus environment that fosters collegiality, respect and inclusivity.

Robert Law graduates from Union College

SCHENECTADY, N.Y. — Robert Law, of Brookfield, graduated from Union College.

Law, a member of the Class of 2019 majoring in Biomedical Engineering, graduated with a Bachelor of Biomedical Engineering degree.

Union's Commencement speaker Susan Zirinsky, president and senior executive producer of CBS News, offered a series of life lessons to the nearly 500

members of the Class of 2019 at Union's 225th Commencement in Memorial Fieldhouse Sunday.

Read more about the ceremony here.

Union College, founded in 1795 as the first college chartered by the New York State Board of Regents, offers programs in the liberal arts and engineering to 2,100 undergraduates of high academic promise and strong personal motivation. Union, with its long history of blending disciplines, is a leader in educating students to be engaged, innovative and ethical contributors to an increasingly diverse, global and technologically complex society.

Hofstra University congratulates Dean's List students

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. — Hofstra University congratulates the students named to the Spring 2019 Dean's List for their outstanding academic achievement. Students must earn a grade point average of at least 3.5 during the semester to make the Dean's List.

Sarah McCarthy of Spencer

Sarah Moore of Leicester

Hofstra University is a nationally ranked and recognized private university in Hempstead, N.Y. that is the only school to ever host three consecutive presidential debates (2008, 2012 and 2016). Our campus is a leafy oasis just a quick train ride away from New York City and all its cultural, recreational and professional opportunities. We offer small classes and personal attention, with the resources, technology and facilities of a large university. Students can choose from more than 160 undergraduate program options and 165 grad-

uate program options in the liberal arts and sciences, education, health professions and human services, the Peter S. Kalikow School of Government, Public Policy and International Affairs, the Fred DeMatteis School of Engineering and Applied Science, the Frank G. Zarb School of Business, the Lawrence Herbert School of Communication, the Maurice A. Deane School of Law, the Hofstra Northwell School of Graduate Nursing and Physician Assistant Studies, and the Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell. Hofstra University is a dynamic community of more than 11,000 students from around the world who are dedicated to civic engagement, academic excellence and becoming leaders in their communities and their careers.

LIBRARY

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Meanwhile, students of all ages got their first look at study rooms that will provide plenty of quiet space to research a project or get ready for a big exam. Most noticeable for all patrons was the ample space created by the project; some guests didn't even recognize the building.

"This renovation doubled the square footage of the library," Hall added. "This gives us space to circulate more books, but it also made our entire building handicapped accessible, provided study space, museum space, meeting rooms, multiple bathrooms, an elevator, up-to-date mechanical infrastructure, and adequate parking. We also now have the distinction of being both the oldest and newest municipal building in Leicester."

Officials thank the volunteers who spent countless hours packing and shelving books. All materials had to

be moved out of the building, placed in storage, and then moved back into the library. In total, volunteers and staff members shelved 30,302 circulating items, 100 museum artifacts, and 1,000 documents in just three weeks.

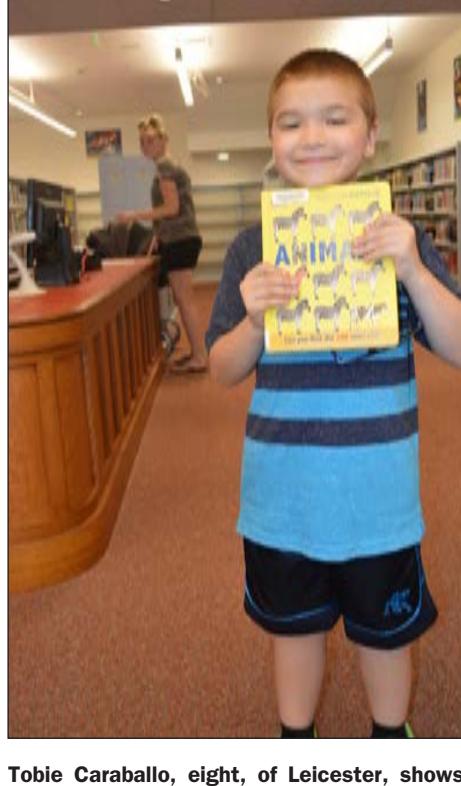
The renovation and expansion project also addressed ten years of maintenance needs that were deferred. At a special town meeting in 2016, residents overwhelmingly voted to appropriate \$8.9 million for the project. The library previously raised \$7 million through state grants and private donations, reducing the final long-term borrowing for the project to \$1.9 million.

For those who weren't able to attend the grand reopening of the 1895 building, feel free to stop by during regular hours and check out the improvements. The museum offers access to hundreds of items documenting three centuries of settlement in Leicester.

For information about upcoming library programs, call 508-892-7020.



The new-look Leicester Public Library.



Tobie Caraballo, eight, of Leicester, shows off his summer reading selection.



Guests check out the museum.



A new sitting area offers ample room.



Quiet rooms will allow for studying, reading, and writing.



The renovation added plenty of natural lighting.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Absent from the body present before God, Jesus for judgment

To the Editor:

The Bible is a world of information, and, stating the book of Luke 23:43, Jesus is very clear that on the day of our death born again believers, those who have accepted Jesus will go immediate and directly into the presence of God, Jesus in heaven.

Paul a prophet and ambassador of Jesus is teaching what he and the people of yesteryear was experiencing and warning us today, the world, creation, nature will be groaning and we groaning today, we are experiencing, subjected to physical catastrophes and we will continue to experience tragedies because of the sin of humanity, the fall of mankind Genesis beginning in Chapter 3. However! Praise God; God has ordained that nature itself will be redeemed and re-created. There will be a new heaven and new earth, a restoration of "all" things according to God's will [2 Corinthians 5: 17] [Galatians 6: 15] to those of us who are born again, adopted children of God, [Isaiah 45: 17] [Ephesians 3: 21] [Revelation 21: 1, 5] God's faithful adopted children, we who have accepted Jesus Christ in this world will receive full inheritance. Amen! And! Those who have rejected Jesus will receive the consequences of hell. The choice is yours.

Paul a disciple, prophet and teacher of Jesus in the Bible very clear there is no lapse of time [sleep] between death and life to come in heaven. All born again believers here on earth, the moment of death brings us immediately into heaven in the presence of God, Jesus Christ. After death, there are two eternal judgments, destinations heaven or hell, what is your choice? 2 Corinthians 5: 8.

There is another concept that is being exchanged between some, "soul sleep," some believe a person dies [sleeps] until the resurrection and final judgment. This concept of souls sleeping is not Biblical. When the Bible describes a person sleeping it is in relationship to death it does not mean literally sleeping, the people yesteryear described death and sleeping as being the same. The Bible teaches us the moment we die we are either present with the Lord God, Jesus for judgment, heaven or hell, hell the consequence of rejecting Jesus [Luke 16: 22-23] and for the born again believers in Jesus we inherit heaven [2 Corinthians 5: 6-8] [Philippians 1: 23]

Do your own research, study. God bless you all!

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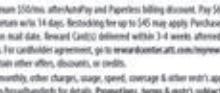
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EDITORIAL

Living Life in CAPITAL LETTERS

Listening to little kids at play can be very instructive, not to mention entertaining. Their interactions are decisive: "This part is mine! You go stand over there!" Their statements are bold and declarative: "Get out of here, William! Go home!" They happily allow themselves to be distracted if something better comes along: "Yay! Cupcakes!" Almost any conversation of small children seems to take place IN CAPITAL LETTERS. There is no room for subtlety and nuance.

Adults, at some point, lose the raw, unbridled enthusiasm of kids at play. We lose the confidence to instruct others and still be sure of their friendship and solidarity. We forget how to throw ourselves into a single task that takes up a whole day. We also forget how to let ourselves be talked into a temporary distraction ("Cupcakes!") without worrying that we're losing our focus on our main goal. And we definitely do not (or should not) communicate in CAPITAL LETTERS.

Kids, especially the smallest and youngest, feel everything with the intensity of an exclamation point. Every low-key thrill, every baby grief, every sensation of hunger or thirst or boredom, is pure, untamed emotion. There's a lot to envy there. Life is distilled down to the simplest and most basic wants and needs.

But it would be exhausting to live life without the buffers that eventually form in our hearts and minds. Social conventions demand that we speak and interact with other adults in much more moderate and controlled tones. We do lose a certain undiluted quality to our interactions, but it is a necessary change. Civility is definitely a learned and important behavior and is one of the hallmarks of maturity.

But once in a while, isn't it fun to toss the conventions aside and remember what it's like to feel pure joy? We do have our chances. There are a lot of "exclamation point" moments to savor: high-stakes baseball games; roller coaster rides; watching fireworks; cracking open an ice-cold beverage after mowing the lawn; sunsets.

Summer, when it finally arrives, seems to provide a lot of those opportunities. As the sunshine lingers on into the late afternoons and fireflies start to light up our evenings, for a while, let's learn from the littlest among us and allow ourselves the no-holds-barred pleasure of living life in CAPITAL LETTERS.



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OPINION AND COMMENTARY FROM SPENCER, LEICESTER AND THE BROOKFIELDS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What is the meaning of a giant cross?

To the Editor:

Near Washington, D.C., in the median of a highway, stands a 40-foot-high cross built out of concrete and cement.

Imagine someone who knew nothing of the so-called Bladensburg "Peace Cross" seeing this looming four-story-tall structure. Would this person likely think it was a secular monument?

Of course not. He'd see the cross, the universal symbol for Christianity, for what it is. No matter the intent of the builders.

Nonetheless, the Supreme Court ruled this week that the cross is not what it appears to be. Somehow it is a secular symbol, not religious, and not in violation of the establishment clause. I suppose re-interpreting Christian symbols as "universal" is a neat trick to put them on public land.

The cross in MD was built in 1925 using private money to memorialize 49 veterans from that county who had been killed in WWI (totally legal). Since 1961, the land on which the cross stands has been owned by a state commission, which maintains the memorial (totally illegal).

But it was the intent that was the focus of the decision written by Alito, who said that the cross was more than a cross. Wrote Alito: "For some, that monument is a symbolic resting place for ancestors who never returned home. For others, it is a place for the community to gather and honor all veterans and their sacrifices for our Nation. For others still, it is a historical landmark."

"For many of these people, destroying or defacing the Cross that has stood undisturbed for nearly a century would not be neutral and would not further the ideals of respect and tolerance embodied in the First Amendment."

Well, that's one way to look at it. Or to look away from it, more accurately.

And that, of course, is only amplified -- way amplified -- when the cross is 40-feet high, is standing on public land, and is maintained with taxpayer money.

Alito wrote further. "With sufficient time, religiously expressive monuments, symbols, and practices can become embedded features of a community's landscape and identity." Baloney! As a Jewish person I can tell you it is more offensive to uphold explicit Christian symbolism with taxpayer money than when it is built in

the first place. In 1962 it is possible nobody noticed or thought about it. In 2019, Alito heard the arguments, thought about it, and said, "Yeah, it stays." Supreme Taliban Council.

"I've been beating my wife for years" is not a defense to domestic violence today, just as "That cross has been there for 100 years" is not a defense for violating the establishment clause today.

Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who dissented in the case, had her eyes wide open and saw this clearly. Wrote Ginsburg: "Making a Latin cross a war memorial does not make the cross secular. Quite the contrary, the image of the cross makes the war memorial sectarian. The 'Peace Cross' is no exception."

The hypocrisy and contradiction is incredible. Alito feels that the giant concrete cross is now a secular symbol, but moving it would convey an anti-Christian message. So, is the cross Christian or is it not, according to Alito?

In another disturbing but unsurprising twist, Clarence Thomas argued that the establishment clause does not apply to states and localities, but instead only applies to laws passed by congress. Thomas has argued on several occasions that the constitution does not affect the states, leaving it up to them to establish or de-establish state religions. Basically, according to Thomas, Alabama could declare the Southern Baptist Convention to be the state religion and even require its residents to convert.

Finally, Ginsburg wrote in her dissent, "Just as a Star of David is not suitable to honor Christians who died serving their country, so a cross is not suitable to honor those of other faiths who died defending their nation."

One would think it difficult to feel otherwise.

Sadly, the Republican/Christian Taliban majority Supreme Court found a way to do just that, saying that a cross isn't exactly a cross, and that the wall of separation between church and state isn't so inviolate after all.

One rightly worries about what might come next.

ESTHER COHEN
WEST BROOKFIELD

The whys and hows of a "Millionaires Tax"

for education and infrastructure

To the Editor:

The "Whys" of the Millionaires Tax For the well being of our children, families, and towns, we need additional funds to improve education and infrastructure in moderately well off and lower income communities,

A "Millionaires" Income Tax Ballot question process for this funding has successfully begun in the Massachusetts legislature

The wealthy and very well off are among those who can best afford the new funding

There are few, if any, income millionaires residing in Spencer, Leicester or the Brookfield but many thousands in wealthy suburbs

Presently the wealthy actually pay income tax percentages LOWER than moderate and less well off payers

Moderately and less well off taxpayers already struggle to meet household expenses, including taxes

Inequality, including incomes and educational opportunity is high and increasing in Massachusetts.

A slight increase in millionaires tax rate is proposed – four cents on the dollar - on the part of their incomes ABOVE one million dollars. This would provide funds for a large portion of these education and infrastructure needs - up to 2 billion dollars a year.

The "Hows" of approving a "Millionaire Tax" for school and infrastructure

improvements

As indicated, much work has already been done,

We voters strongly indicted support of such a tax in a 2016 ballot referendum

This year the legislature, by a very wide margin, approved an amendment process and initial review that will allow for a final "Millionaire's Tax" proposal to be put on the ballot for us to vote on in 2022.

Between then and now legislators will have 2020 and 2021 opportunities to review and possibly adjust the proposed tax

As voters and community residents we can indicate to our legislators our interest in having the Millionaire's Tax question included in the 2022 ballot

From time to time during the process, objections to the Millionaires Tax will come up as, in the democratic process, they should.

Sadly, in the New Leader and elsewhere, wrong information and worse will appear. An example of this happened in last week's edition, in the letter "Should we divert....". Here the writer, a former teacher, using false and widely discredited information, tried link the millionaires education and infrastructure tax with immigration. Apparently, he prefers underfunded local schools to millionaires having to pay a little higher tax rate.

KEVIN KANE
SPENCER

A Christian of convenience

To the Editor:

Mr. Blais asserts that "God ordained Mr. Trump for President" because, among other attributes, "he is a Christian." Presumably, God also commanded him to "Grab 'em by the [slur removed]. You can do anything." Then God commanded Trump to "move on" a married woman: "I did try and [expletive removed] her. She was married." But Mr. Blais contends that "prostitution is a crime and a sin." Apparently, committing adultery while

your wife is home pregnant- and sexually assaulting women- is not in opposition to "God's Word."

Trump is a "Christian" of convenience because he needs to enlist Bible thumpers like you in his efforts to subvert our Constitution and further enrich his billionaire friends.

SEAN MULLIGAN
BROOKFIELD

Please Turn to A10, A11 & A14 for more Letters to the Editor

Investment strategy can be your 'GPS' as you travel toward goals



FINANCIAL FOCUS
JEFF BURDICK

Summer is here at last. For many people, it's time to get the car ready for a long road trip. And with GPS-enabled smartphones, it's now a lot easier to navigate these drives without getting lost. During your life, you may take many journeys – one of which is the long road you'll travel toward your financial goals. But even on this path you can benefit from a "GPS" in the form of your goal-oriented, personalized strategy.

Your investment strategy can function this way by helping answer these questions:

How far do I have to go? Your Smartphone's GPS can quickly tell you how many miles you need to travel to arrive at your destination. And a well-constructed investment strategy can inform you of when you might reach a goal, such as having a desired amount of money when you retire, given your current age, earnings, sources of retirement income, and so on.

What route should I follow? Your GPS will plot out your route, showing what turns you should take along the way. Similarly, to reach your desired financial outcome, your investment strategy helps guide the investment decisions you make, such as investing adequate amounts in the appropriate vehicles, including your 401(k) and IRA.

What problems await me? When your smartphone's GPS shows red on the route you're following, you know that heavy traffic lies ahead. And your investment strategy can also help you manage bumps in the road, particularly if it's a strategy you've designed with a financial professional, who has the knowledge and technology to create various scenarios and hypothetical illustrations to account for potential difficulties – i.e., a rate of return that's less than expected, a lower income base than you had anticipated, greater college costs than you bargained for, and so on.

When should I take an alternate route? For whatever reason, you may deviate from the course plotted by your GPS – which will then helpfully re-route you. While following your investment strategy, if you make a wrong turn, so to speak – perhaps by putting insufficient funds in a retirement account or by assembling an investment mix that has become unsuitable for your risk tolerance – you may need to get back on track.

As we've seen, some analogies exist between your smartphone's GPS and your investment strategy. And yet, there's also a big difference in terms of complexity. It's simple to program your smartphone to give you the directions you need. But crafting a personalized investment strategy takes time and effort. You need to consider all your goals – college for your children, a comfortable retirement, the ability to leave the legacy you want – along with your time horizon, risk tolerance and other factors. And your investment strategy may well need to change over the years, in response to changes in your family situation, employment and even your objectives – for example, you may decide you want to retire earlier (or later) than you had originally planned.

In any case, like your GPS, your investment strategy can help guide you – so make good use of it.

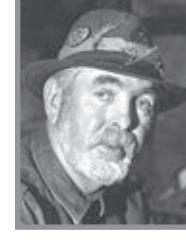
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Be safe around bears



The last couple of weeks, black bear sightings locally, and in neighboring states, have increased dramatically. If they are left alone, there would be very few problems, but someone always gets too close to them. If you are caught between a female bear and her cub, you could end up killed or seriously hurt. Incidents are on the news every year at this time about local residents doing stupid things despite warnings from state officials. Keeping a safe distance from bears needs to be practiced at every encounter. This week's second photo shows a pair of bear cubs practicing tree climbing.

This past week, Phil Harper of Uxbridge and his wife stopped in at this writer's home to show me pictures of the bear that his wife had shot in New Brunswick Canada. The huge animal weighed in at more than 400 pounds and



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was one of the very few bear harvested at the camp that week. Her husband Phil failed to fill his tag. That sure had to be a long ride home for him. The husband & wife team has been hunting together for most of their married life, and often make trips to remote areas of Africa.

As of last week, Fluke fishing had been slow in both Massachusetts & Rhode Island. Some fluke are nice size in Rhode Island with a few whoppers in the 10-pound-plus range, but picking through the shorts and being pestered by dog fish to find a few legal size fluke requires a lot of patience. Picking through the dog fish was a bit easier this past week. A report from Tom at Snug Harbor this past Sunday on stripper fishing being very good at



the Island was great news, and night fishing with eels was producing some 50-pound-plus fish. Stripper fishing at the Canal on the Cape was very good last week for a few days, with stripers in the 30-to-40-pound range being caught. Tons of baitfish & squid were scattered all over the rocks in some areas, as they tried to elude the stripers hungry appetite. Get Them Rods Bending!

This past Monday seabass became legal to retain in Rhode Island. Although a bit late anglers are eager to catch a few of these tasty eating fish for table fare. Massachusetts anglers has been catching them for weeks. Unfortunately, only three fish daily are allowed for each angler in Rhode Island until September.

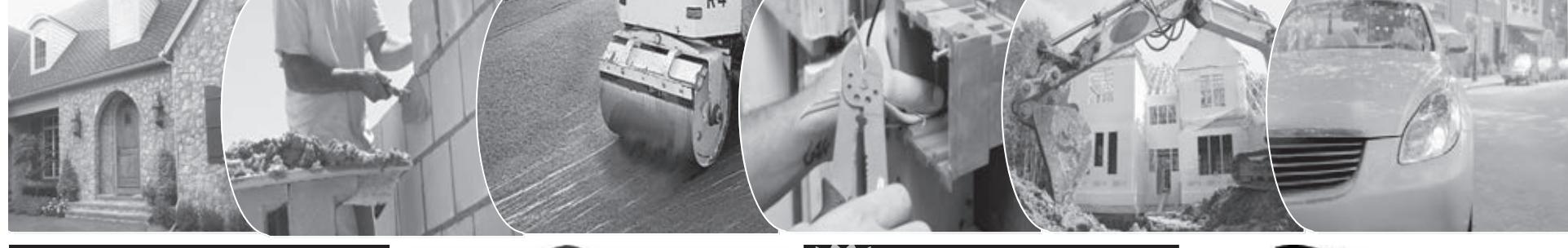
Fishing at Cox ledge has improved a lot in the last few weeks according to reports from Rhode Island party boats. Haddock fishing on the North Shore is holding its own, but cod still remain closed. This week's first picture

shows the mouth of a Halibut caught on the North Shore a number of years ago while fishing for cod aboard the Clipper fleet. They have gone out of business because of all the crazy regulations. Sure do miss these guys.

I have known for years that I have a fear of snakes, and I realized this past weekend that I still have my fear of snakes when I opened up a drawer in my tool box, looking for a wrench. As I rummaged through the drawer with my fingers, I was only inches from the tool I needed to make a repair on an umbrella in the back yard, when one of the tools seemed to be moving. "Yep! It was a snake." It was all of eight inches long. I mean it was huge. To me, anyway. I hope no one was home next door! One scream, and a fast exit (somewhat fast) from the shed, and the project was put on hold.

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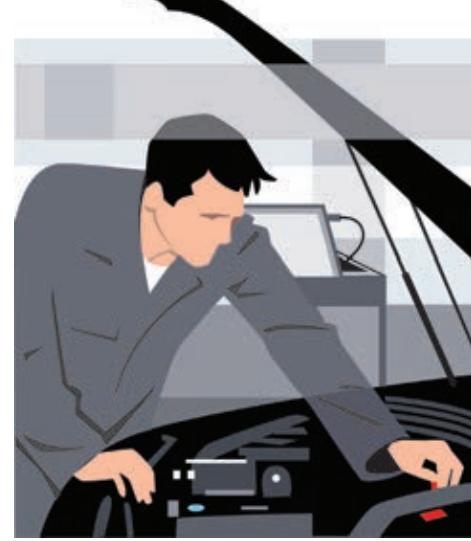
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Final thoughts on the Faux Five

To the Editor:

In his barely coherent response to my letter of June 15 inviting any or all of the Faux Five (whose very existence I [and others] completely dismiss), the estimable Har-Yarok opens up by conceding the possibility that he "may be stupid... but not THAT stupid..." to accept my offer to meet me face-to-face in a public place at a decent hour to establish his bona fides as an actual person who resides in the town he claims when he submits letters to the New Leader.

Upon completing my reading of his disturbing literary effort, his phony-baloney excuse as to why he couldn't spare-over the eight mornings I was at the appointed place on time-the minute or two it might have taken from his busy schedule to drop by and say hello, I found myself thinking "You had it right the first time, Hard Rock----you are that stupid. Or crazy."

Here is the mythical-but bitter, hateful, angry-person who's been sharing his poisonous musings with us almost weekly for over a year now (roughly paraphrased): "I'm not about to meet with a crazed, right-wing, gun-owning lunatic whose anger puts me in an unsafe situation. He (meaning me, your humble and obedient servant) might shoot me or even drag me by a chain attached to the back of his Ford Ranger!" If you think I'm joking, get the paper or go on line and read it for yourself.

Now, folks, I like a good laugh as much as anyone, but who finds this sort of rhetoric amusing? What kind of mind thinks like that? Indeed, I appeal to whoever it is that has passed himself off as this mythical Har-Yarok: get some help, buddy. Help is only a phone call away. The first step is always the hardest; you have to acknowledge you have a serious problem. Your irrational hatred of our great President (as well as his supporters) has taken a terrible toll. How do I say this gently... no, lovingly, as from one human being to another? You're nuts! Don't waste another moment; time, in your case, is of the essence! It may not be too late.

I mean, look at it this way, son. Here you are given the opportunity to meet your antagonist in a safe place 200 feet from the court house in an area crawling with cops and under total video surveillance everywhere, and you chicken out from meeting a decrepit old guy who will be entering his ninth decade of life shortly after President Trump's second term has only just begun.

Do you know how pathetic this makes you look?

Any reader with common sense who read your letter would have had to conclude one of two things: either the old man (me) is right and you are a figment of someone's fevered imagination, or you're a snowflake, a typical mealy-mouthed millennial who spends his time on social media at night in his mom's basement brutally (and anonymously) insulting other keyboard warriors knowing he will never have to face them and deal with the consequences of his wise mouth.

You hide behind your anonymity the same way the Antifa nuts hide behind their masks when they viciously assault non-violent demonstrators who don't share their commie sentiments.

If anyone had a reason to be somewhat apprehensive about meeting some total strangers who seem to be suffused with blind hatred, it was probably me. In a previous life, I ran marathons, was a Marine, could-not regularly-do twenty dead-hang pull-ups, etc. But, those days are long gone, a distant, blurred memory. I don't really need to think of taking a punch in the mouth by some young left-wing punk, but I was there, waiting. Neither you nor your hater cohorts had the stones to show up. That tells me all I need to know.

Being a lavishly over-paid retired public servant, I cast about for things to do with my time and-almost depleted-energy. One of those things is to write letters designed to drive the liberals up a wall. I appreciate that this new editor seems to be willing to print these letters (unlike his predecessor who deep-sixed nine of mine in about a year), but this will be my penultimate letter regarding these phantoms: Hard Rock, Rosenberg, Cohen, Miller, and Bagg.

Next week, if I'm still around, will wrap it up. I will neither read nor respond to shadowy people who I think are creatures made out of whole cloth. If this game is to continue, count me out.

And, to those who have been following this story, when you read their letters, and now knowing there is no proof whatsoever they are who they say they are or that they live where they claim to live, don't forget this: they had eight separate occasions to drop in, show their hand, and be on their way. Not one did. Think what you will. And read their shabby excuses with a jaundiced eye.

JOHN MCRAE
EAST BROOKFIELD

Why does baloney reject the grinder?

To the Editor:

I laughed reading Omar Har-Yarok's projection ("...facing an angry man") and his absurd verb choices used in an imaginary and paranoid scenario with McRae of a brawl, a duel, being dragged behind a vehicle (Ford or the Subaru; that was funny, Omar!); diversionary and creative excuse making in the New Leader (June 21, "I'm not that stupid", at A8) to avoid a face-to-face meeting with retired SEBRSD history teacher John McRae.

Mr. McRae, also recently in these pages, threw down the gauntlet in challenging specifically-named persons to appear before him, in a very public local place, to prove they exist as real people/letter writers here—a respectful request for "Writer I.D." if you will. All Lefty keyboard hands on deck! In amazement at the level of squirming and deflection Mr. Har-Yarok in particular deployed to avoid, I was reminded of one of many brilliant replies that the late "Firing Line" host, William F. Buckley, Jr., used when asked why then-Attorney General Robert Kennedy rejected several invitations to be on his famous television program, launched in 1966; Mr. Buckley quipped: "Why does baloney reject the grinder?" Omar, c'mon man!

I've known Mr. McRae and his wonderful family since shortly after moving out here from Worcester in 1990. John is a well-respected member of the community, well-educated, well-spoken and witty, and combative only via verbal and written expression in the marketplace of ideas concerning our country, culture, faith, history and the like. Clearly, he's not a violent person, and it is actually us Conservatives/Trump supporters, especially here in Massachusetts, who are more apt to be victims of violence by unrestrained Leftists than the other way around... Please! For my part, I would simply ask any other readers here who actually know you locally and can vouch for your authenticity as a person, ditto for Fred Bagg, Esther Cohen, David Rosenberg and Edith Miller, to kindly drop a short sentence or two here stating this and the circumstances by which they actually know you. No need for personal information like home addresses or naming actual places of employment, just some other more-well-known locals who have actually met y'all and can affirm your individual existences and authenticities. For what it's worth, I've been here in the 5th Worcester District now for nearly 30 years, active in politics and the culture-war trenches since the early 1980s, and I've also never met (or even seen from afar) any of these five writers so named previously. We're not troglodytes, nor recluses; we get

around the 'hood, so we're just curious!

Sadly, Mr. Har-Yarok continues to demagogue President Trump by misconstruing his words where he simply stated there were good people on both sides in the Charlottesville, VA rally to save Confederate monuments in 2017. That was in no way an endorsement of either the provocative raging Left that showed up, or any neo-Nazi group on hand. As the Great Great Grandson of a U.S. Civil War veteran in Frank Bell's 64th Union Regiment, I respect the Confederate sacrifice as well, fighting and dying for what they believed in as fellow Americans. Destroying and removing historical Confederate statues honoring same will not make us more respectful, inclusive or united as a country. Rather, it is an Orwellian and dangerous practice, setting a disturbing precedent of outrage de jour. Our youth cannot learn anything from this except that being a bully and disrespecting others time, money, efforts and sacrifice is what is important as a shallow emotionally-fueled "virtue signal", the acknowledgment of history be damned.

Lastly, both Mr. Har-Yarok and Esther Cohen made brief references to my recent lengthy two-part submission on the importance of Judeo-Christian values and morality. The former used the phrase "mythological Pink Nazis" while Ms. Cohen suggested Mr. McRae check out the guy who wrote 4,500 words on "Pink Nazis". To be inclusive, Mr. Robert Emerson also mentioned "Pink Nazi" in a letter here in the June 14 edition at A16. Curiously, I've never used that phrase, nor have the authors of the book I referenced extensively. Things that make you go hmhhh. Sadly, the inadequate attempt to ridicule the truthful subject and discussion of homosexuality in the Nazi Party is not so much a slight to me or even to the subject's cited co-authors Kevin E. Abrams and Scott D. Lively. Rather, it is a hateful and disrespectful assault on the truth of what went down in Nazi Germany and those who suffered accordingly. Since the co-authors cited above have discussed and included the first-hand testimony of real, named holocaust survivors affirming the validity of the subject of Nazi homosexuals (gays as perpetrators, not solely "victims"), I will trust their collective work and testimonies over the shameful mocking by the presumptive local Lefties above, many of whom won't apparently show their faces or an I.D. in public. That's my freedom of choice, and it doesn't result in a dead baby!

DANA GEORGE REED
SPENCER

Hear Trump'merica roar!

To the Editor:
The United States has the mightiest military in the history of this planet. We are the sole superpower. Every regime on earth exists at the pleasure of the United States – because we allow it. We could take Ottawa and Mexico City in days if we wanted. We are the only nation to use nuclear weapons in war and we have over 7,000 locked and loaded. All non-American regimes exist because we allow them. Therefore, when the US calls for regime change we mean it. When we show restraint it is a gesture of humanity, not weakness.

Iran shot down our aircraft in international airspace. Crummy as it is, Iran has an Army, Navy, and Air Force. This proves yet again why we need a Space Force – we need superiority in all theaters and nothing is more superior than having a branch where our adversaries do not. We should have troops in space ready to rain bombs on Iran from the cosmos.

Iran can't have nuclear weapons! Under the terrible Obama plan, they would have been on their way to Nuclear in a short number of years, and existing verification is not acceptable. Trump is imposing sanctions on

Iran like the world has never seen in an attempt to cause hyperinflation and collapse Iran from the inside out. The Iranian regime does not have the blessing of the United States, it will fall, and how it falls is up to them.

Some in this publication say our nation was founded on the pillars of genocide, slavery, and white supremacy. If that is what you want to call American values and advancing American interests abroad, so be it. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez has erroneously claimed that the government is building concentration camps on our southern border. First, she is wrong,

the conditions are far better in detention centers for the invaders of this country than the undesirables interred in Europe decades ago. Second, if securing our borders requires the construction of concentration camps, then so be it. Third, I argue that the conditions in our detention centers is too good because the browns keep coming. We need to turn up the heat, without limit, until the flow stops and reverses.

Soon the mass deportations will begin. They were to begin this week, but have been delayed two weeks to give Democrats one last chance to be part of the solution before Trump imposes the solution. We need to fix asylum loopholes and the entire wall needs to be built. The Rio Grande should have alligators introduced and fed by Border patrol when immigration is low.

Under the leadership of President Trump, America has once again become the shining city on a hill. We have the strongest economy and lowest unemployment in generations! Hear Trump'merica roar! We look out for our interests! We have power and we know how to wield it! America First!

God Bless America, and no place else!

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Har-Yarok's attacks show a flawed grasp of what socialism is

To the Editor:

I am writing to you today in order to address statements made by one Omar Har-Yarok in this paper on June 14. First of all, his comments regarding John McRae and the personal details of his life are an unjustified and inaccurate personal attack. They also betray a faulty understanding of what socialism is and exactly how far the political right is from being socialist. It would be no exaggeration to say that a primary focus of the political right is to defeat socialism because, as Ayn Rand noted, socialism and communism are the same thing.

Rand stated "There is no difference between communism and socialism, except I the means of achieving the same ultimate end: communism proposes to enslave men by force, socialism by vote. It is merely the difference between murder and suicide."

Socialism is not practiced by having a job in the government or the military, as that in itself is not socialist. Furthermore, a government may have socialist ideas (like Social Security) without being socialist in practice. Socialism is the political and economic belief that the means of production should be controlled by the government. That one belief leads directly to the control by government of every aspect of society. Once the economy falls under complete government control, everything else follows and the liberty and freedom of a society are replaced by gulags and the suppression of all opinions but that of those in power.

These attitudes are manifested today in the totalitarian Left in the United States and their eager suppression of all those who oppose them. They do not even pretend to try persuasion, but

instead seek to force you and I to walk in lockstep with their every whim. The election of President Donald Trump was partially a referendum on the totalitarian Left and how the average person is not in agreement with their Brave New World. One of the many great services of President Trump is that he has outed all those Progressives who were pretending to be "moderate," but really think it is okay to marginalize Christians, tax the people into oblivion and execute the unborn up to nine months into their young lives. The Left continues to double down on policies that have no wide following anywhere except in the media and at their cocktail parties. They are out of touch completely, and will lose the 2020 presidential election, and even the House of Representatives as a result.

A good example of the totalitarian Left and its suppression of Christianity,

would be the rest of Mr. Har-Yarok's letter, where he mocks the first chapter of Genesis and the Lord's Prayer. How could it be that these alleged free thinking protectors of liberty can mock and individual's religious scriptures. Simply, the American Left in the present day are nothing they claim to be, and everything they accuse others of being. They have no respect for opposing viewpoints. Mr. Har-Yarok proves this point at the end of his letter. After falsely attacking Mr. McRae and mocking the deeply held beliefs of millions, he states something he has just proven he does not believe: "It is important to remember that all belief systems, including the lack of belief, need to be given equal weight and time." To that, I say physician, heal thyself.

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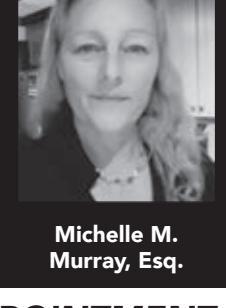
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SPORTS

Gilman's pitching, plus clutch hits the keys for Cherry Valley in beating Northbridge



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After hitting a home run during last Wednesday's game against Northbridge, Cherry Valley's Nate Shoemaker is met at the plate by his teammates.

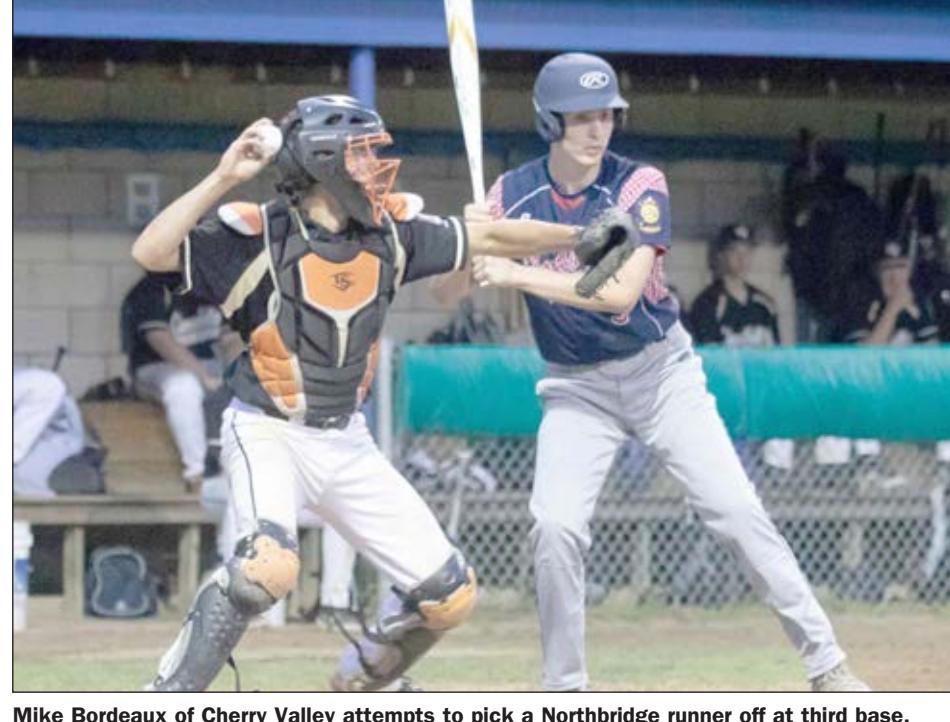
BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

LEICESTER — Pitcher Aidan Gilman was nearly untouchable in six innings of work and Nate Shoemaker, Dan Mero, Mike Bordeaux and Joel Erickson all came up with timely hits as the Cherry Valley American Legion Post 443 base-

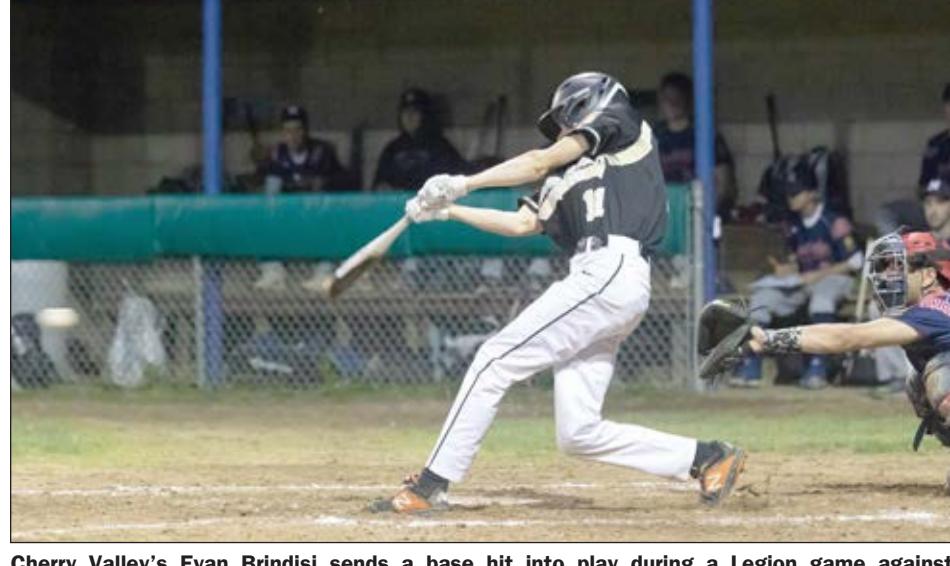
ball team defeated Northbridge Post 343, 5-2, at Rochdale Park on Wednesday, June 19.

Cherry Valley improved to 4-1 with the win, while Northbridge dropped to 2-4 with the loss.

Gilman took a no-hitter into the fifth inning and finished with a two-hitter.



Mike Bordeaux of Cherry Valley attempts to pick a Northbridge runner off at third base.



Cherry Valley's Evan Brindisi sends a base hit into play during a Legion game against Northbridge.



Cherry Valley's Edgar Lopez scrambles to make a throw to first after knocking down a groundball.

Along the way he allowed just one unearned run, struck out six, walked four and hit a batter. Gilman faced one batter in the seventh inning but had to come out after that because of his pitch count. He threw 106 pitches.

New to Legion baseball is the pitch count. A starter can only throw a maximum of 105 pitches, but may go over that total if he starts under 105 but goes over that number during an at-bat.

"Gilman pitched a real good game. He throws hard; he does throw hard," Post 443 manager Jim Stephens said. "He didn't throw a lot of breaking balls tonight. His first time out, against East Side, he threw a lot of breaking balls and he wasn't effective. So, we talked about just throwing fastballs down the middle. I told him, 'until they hit it, throw it.'"

Shoemaker staked Cherry Valley to a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning, belting a two-out home run over the left-field fence.

Northbridge tied the game, 1-1, in the top of the second, scratching across a run without getting a hit. Post 343 made the most of two walks, a hit batsman, an error and a wild pitch.

Cherry Valley then re-took the lead, 2-1, in the bottom of the third, this run also scoring without the benefit of a hit. Mero walked to lead off Post 443's part of the inning, moved to second on a walk to Bordeaux, went to third on a sacrifice bunt by Tyrus Garvin and scored on a wild pitch.

Post 443 extended its lead to 4-1 in the fourth. Chris Kustigian led off with a walk, stole second, went to third on a wild pitch and then scored to make it 3-1 on a two-out RBI single to center field by Mero. Bordeaux was up next and during his at-bat Mero went to third on a wild pitch. Bordeaux then drove Mero in with an RBI single to center field.

Cherry Valley increased its lead to 5-1 in the bottom of the fifth. With two out, Edgar Lopez doubled to center field. He then moved to third on a passed ball and scored on an RBI single to left field by Erickson.

"We got some good, timely hitting. Shoemaker hit the bomb, and Erickson, Mero and Bordeaux all had nice base hits. I thought we played well in all facets of the game: pitching, defense and hitting," Stephens said. "This is a good group of kids. There is no negativity; they all like each other."

Northbridge, which stranded eight runners in scoring position and left a total of 10 runners on base, scored the final run of the game in the top of the seventh inning.

Matt Ceruti got things started with a leadoff single to center field. At that point Stephens then replaced Gilman on the hill with Dom Esposito. Esposito walked the first batter he faced and hit the second to load the bases with no outs. He settled down at that point, inducing a fly out and a groundout, before Ceruti scored to cut the Northbridge deficit to 5-2 on a sacrifice fly by Jake Stuczynski. After walking another batter, Esposito got the final out of the game on a fielder's choice to shortstop.

"We're struggling at the plate right now. We left a lot of guys in scoring position, something we've done regularly for about a week," said John Demagian, back in the Post 343 dugout after missing a year while having both of his hips replaced. "When we've needed a big hit we haven't got it. We're pitching OK, we're playing good defense, we just need a big hit at key times and we're not getting it."

"Gilman was good. He didn't change speeds much; we just couldn't catch up to him. We were patient and took our walks, so we had guys on base, we just couldn't get the key hit," added Demagian. "Somebody's got to get a big hit in those situations and we just

couldn't do it. It's frustrating."

Demagian said in a game on June 14 against Main South Post 341 that Northbridge left the bases loaded seven times and then lost that contest in extra innings.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Quaboag Plantation Sprint Triathlon, Kids Triathlon set for 10th year

WEST BROOKFIELD — The Quaboag Plantation Sprint Triathlon and Kids Triathlon, which is in its 10th year, will be held on Sunday, July 7 at 8 a.m. at the West Brookfield Town Beach. Register online at www.RunSignUp.com.

The sprint triathlon, for ages 13 and up, consists of a quarter-mile swim, 12-mile bike ride, and a three-mile run. Check in time is from 6 until 7:15 a.m.; the race starts at 8. Entry fees are \$50 for individuals, \$75 for teams, and \$25 for students (ages 13-18). Sprint race entry fees increase by \$10 for race-day registration (the student rate does not increase). The Kids triathlon, for ages 4-13, consists of a 50-yard swim, half-mile bike ride, and a 300-yard run. The entry fee is \$15 per child. All participants will receive a finishers medal.

Proceeds benefit the Quaboag Plantation Triathlon scholarship fund, as well as community service organizations. Quaboag Regional High School students who participate in or volunteer for the triathlon are eligible to apply for the scholarship, which can be applied toward college, a technical certificate, or vocational program. Applications are available through the QRMHS Guidance Office.

In 2018, a total of 142 racers participated in the Sprint Triathlon and Kids Triathlon, ranging in age from 5 to 73 years old! The triathlon began 10 years ago when West Brookfield celebrated its 250th anniversary. Since then, the race has attracted participants from towns throughout New England. For more information and race updates, visit our Facebook page or www.RunSignUp.com.

Local 5K Race to benefit Bay State Equine Rescue set for July 7

Runners and walkers of all ages are invited to take part in the seventh annual Run Like the Dickens 5K race on Sunday, July 7 at Old Sturbridge Village. The race is the year's principal fundraising event for Bay State Equine Rescue, an all-volunteer non-profit organization that rescues and rehabilitates abused, neglected and abandoned horses.

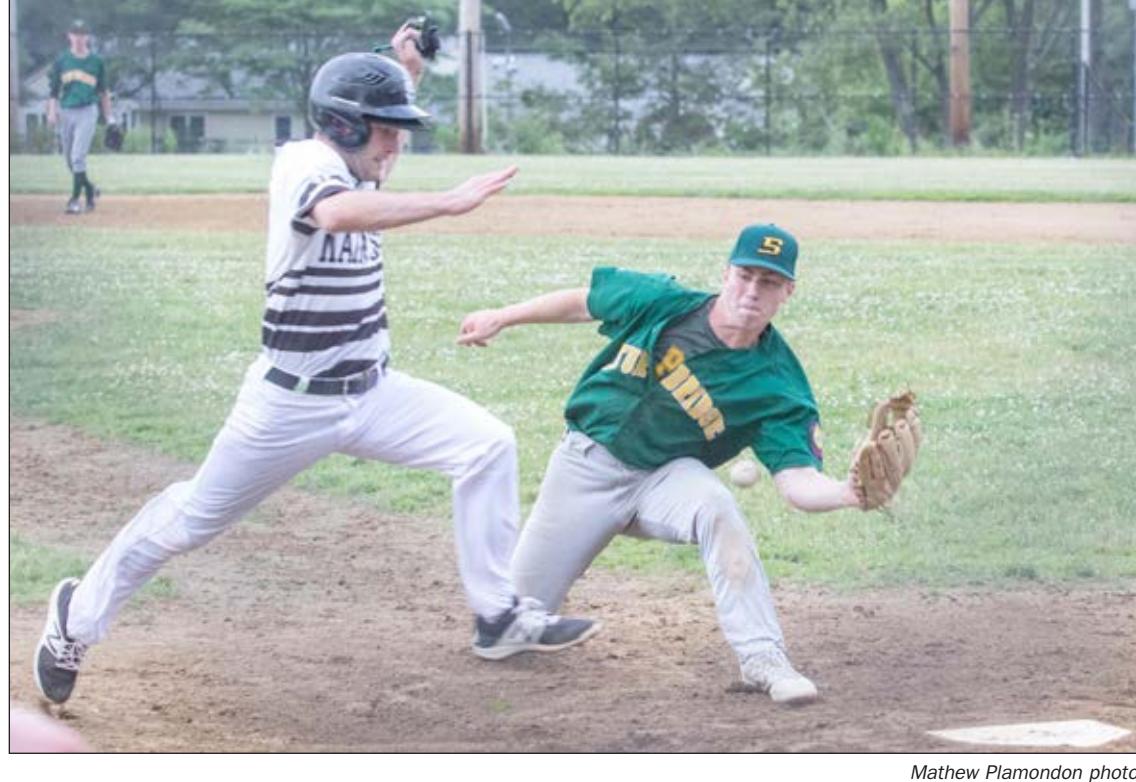
The course of the race offers participants a unique experience of Old Sturbridge Village, as it winds through the Village's picturesque roads and trails. This is the only public race through the Village.

Prizes will be awarded to the overall first-place male and female finishers, as well as to first-place male and female finishers in six age-based divisions. Entry fee for Run Like the Dickens is \$30 until July 1 and then \$40 from July 2 until race day.

Participants can register online and find more information on the race and on the Rescue's work at www.BayStateRescue.org. Bay State Equine Rescue is funded entirely by private donations and is staffed exclusively by volunteers. All proceeds from the Run Like the Dickens will be applied to food, vet and farrier care for the 10 horses currently recovering and living as the SBER's facility on New Braintree Road in Oakham. Sue Sheridan, founder of BSER, says, "We depend on the public to keep us going. It's a lot of work trying to keep up with the bills. The race is our biggest fundraiser of the year and is very important to keep our work with the horses going."

SPORTS

Lessons to be learned by Sturbridge following second American Legion loss of season



Mathew Plamondon photos

Sturbridge relief pitcher Roman Krochmalnykyj can't hold onto the ball and make a tag for the out as a Main South base runner crosses the plate for a run.

BY NICK ETHEIR
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

WORCESTER — Playing Main South American Legion Post 341 on Wednesday, June 19 at Vernon Hill Park, the Sturbridge American Legion Post 109 baseball team ultimately lost a game it could have won. Sturbridge led early, 7-0, before falling behind and coming up short, 16-8.

Post 109 lost in similar fashion to Framingham Post 74 earlier in the season, grabbing the first five runs before suffering a 16-9 defeat.

"We have to keep our foot on the pedal," Sturbridge manager Jim Rosseel said of what his team needs to grasp when staked to an early lead. "We get ahead and they back off. In this league you cannot give any team — I don't care if it's the worst team in the league — a chance."

"I thought they learnt that after the first time because after the Framingham loss we beat East Side twice in the doubleheader and we applied the pressure and mercied them," continued Rosseel. "I thought we were over that little hump, but..."

Nonetheless, Post 109 is a respectable 4-2 through six

games of the season, which pleases Rosseel.

"I'm happy," he said. "This is a team I started making four or five years ago and now it's starting to come to light."

Sturbridge opened its season with a 4-3 victory over Northbridge Post 343, 4-3, before losing to Framingham. They then toppled East Side Post 201 in back-to-back games, 12-2 and 9-1, and continued the winning streak by beating Cherry Valley Post 443, 12-3.

Rosseel is most impressed with his team's starting pitching staff.

"One through three pitching is solid. Nate Carty, Pat Wilbur and Deven Kingman...they're solid," said Rosseel.

No. 4 starter Spencer Cipro toed the rubber for Post 109 against Main South and, although pulled after 2-1/3 innings, has shown major potential in his Legion career.

"He's young and he works on his game throughout the winter. Everyone thinks he's older — he's only 15 — and look at his size. He's 6-foot-3," explained Rosseel. "Last year I had him pitching against all the top-notch teams and he held his own."

Sturbridge scored its first

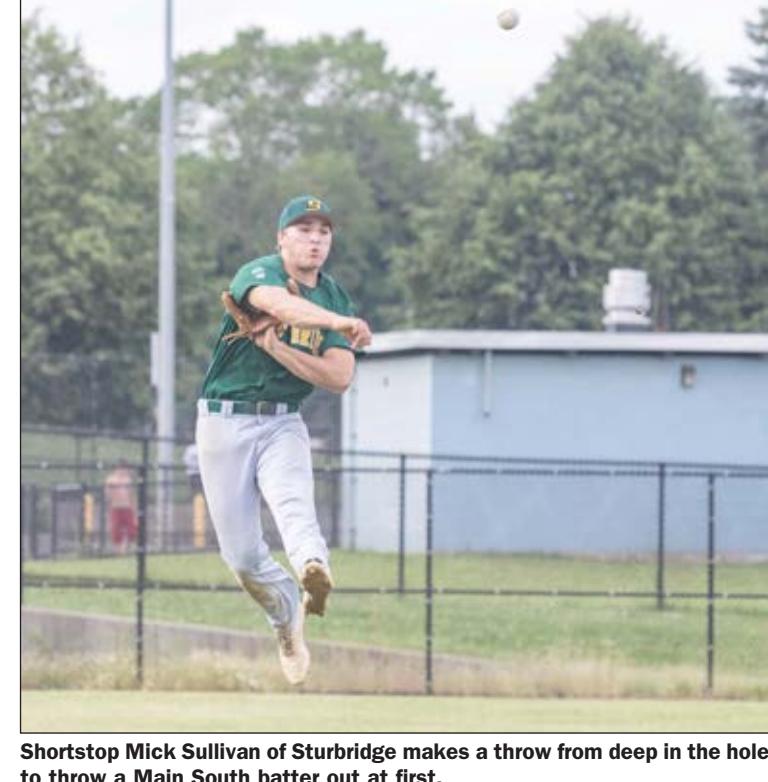
seven runs against Post 341 in the top of the second inning. There, Colby Jacobs (single), Sean Clark (walk) and Roger Leland (single) loaded the bases for Colin Eliason, who hit a chopper to third base. The ball was misplayed, which allowed a run to score. Mick Sullivan, Post 109's leadoff hitter, then followed with a two-RBI single to center field.

Sullivan, Sturbridge's longest-tenured Legion member, has been key for Post 109 from the leadoff spot.

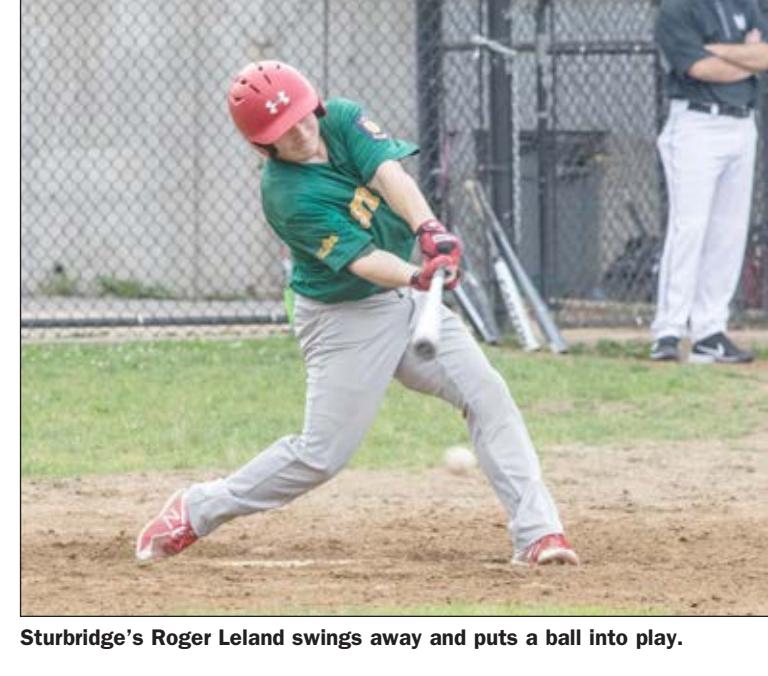
"We're hitting the ball better than we were last year. [Sullivan is] hitting well; he hit well for Quinsig, too," Rosseel said of Sullivan's past season at the local community college. "He's been with us six years, so he's been around the Legion atmosphere for a while, plus he has the college coaching."

With Sturbridge now leading at 3-0, Avery Wetherbee (3-for-4) followed with a two-RBI double to the right-center gap. Kingman (2-for-4) added an RBI single up the middle and Jacobs (3-for-4) singled to left and a coinciding error scored the seventh and final run of the inning.

But Post 341 — now 4-1 — battled all the way back, scor-



Shortstop Mick Sullivan of Sturbridge makes a throw from deep in the hole to throw a Main South batter out at first.



Sturbridge's Roger Leland swings away and puts a ball into play.

ing twice in the home half of the second and eight more times in the third. That's where Cipro was pulled for Roman Krochmalnykyj, who also gave up two runs in the fourth. Dan Bourget then pitched the final two innings for Sturbridge, where he surrendered the last four runs in the bottom of the sixth.

Post 109 scratched a run across in the top of the sixth for their final total.

Sturbridge, who came into

the game in second place in the Zone 4 standings, is "hoping to make it," when it comes to the playoffs, said Rosseel. "There should be no reason why we don't get into the top eight."

A season ago Post 109 finished 7-17 and just two games out of a playoff spot, and this season the playoff field has expanded from eight to 10 teams, so Sturbridge is sitting in good position more than a quarter of the way through the season.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Bay Path Golf Course Results

Friday Night Couples
First place: Lisa and Jim Kularski, 39
Second place: Stacie Chandler and Jim Fileo, 43
Third place: Cheryl and Tom Barber, 45

Men's League
First place: Derek Lambert and Paul Sanborn, +9
Second place: Scott Lacaire and Wayne Clifford, +8

Morning Ladies
First place: Barbara Gaucher, June Klem and Norma Standring

Kettle Brook Golf Club — Kettle One League Week 9 Results

First Place: Kris Houston and Robert Francis, +7
Second Place: Jack Lacroix and Vinny Cloutier, +3
High Quota: George Kiritsy, +3
Closest to the Pin on 12th Hole: Bryan Benicaso

Annual golf tournament to benefit Saint Jean Baptiste Educational Foundation

Join the Saint Jean Baptiste Educational Foundation on Monday, Aug. 19 at Pleasant Valley Country Club for their 23rd annual golf tournament. The cost is \$150 per person, twosomes and singles are welcomed. There will be a hole-in-one contest, a

putting contest, door prizes and a special golfer's raffle. The event features 18 holes of golf on the PGA and LPGA course with valet parking, bag handling services, unlimited use of the driving range, chipping area and putting areas prior to the 10 a.m. shotgun start with a Florida-style scramble. Early registration is at 8 a.m. and carts with big rain covers, a gift bag, coffee, a continental breakfast and snacks will be served. The dinner to follow is an executive buffet. For additional information and registration please call Golf Committee member Ken at (508) 277-5314 or Foundation Trustee Ted at (508) 764-7909. Deadline for payment is Aug. 9. Golfers who make the entire payment by July 29 will be placed into a raffle for a chance to win a gift certificate from the pro shop at Pleasant Valley.

Quail Hollow Golf & Country Club News and Notes

PGA Professional Larry Hanch will be conducting a three-day junior golf program. The days and times will be Sundays from 2 to 3:30 p.m., Mondays from 9:30 to 11 a.m. and Tuesdays from 5 to 6:30 p.m. The dates are July 21-23 and Aug. 4-6. Class size will be a maximum of eight players. Instruction includes full swing, short game and putting. On Tuesday holes will be played on the course. Bring sunblock, enthusiasm and humor. The fee is \$50 per player. For more details call (772) 633-8649.

Pit's Crew Results

First place: Stan Nolin, Bruce Stevens, Chuck Colebrook; -9
Second place: Bill Babineau, Tom Barber, Bob Buzzle, Charlie Keyes; -8
Third place: Wayne Pierce, Jack Brigham, Al Petkus, Nick Neal; -7

St. Gobain Corporate Tournament

Results, June 21

First place (61): Tom Lagares, Darren Tempro, Charles Edgette, Esdras Oliveras

Second place (61): Jim Berberian, Marc Ahern, Ron Perras, Terry Thibault

Third place (64): Jim Salvatore, Bill Delaney, Jake Sheppard

Toomey-Lovett Classic Tour of the Brookfields Tournament Results, June 22

Nicklaus Division: Reese McLeod, Ed McCloud, George Fiske, Dean Malin; 60

Player Division: Stan Nolin, Pete Peloquin, Sr., Tom Foley; 64

Palmer Division: Jim Vaslosky, Dennis Jennette, Lisa Kularski, Dick Whipple; 64

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Our third golf day will take place on Thursday morning, July 25 when we will play at Green Hill Golf Course in Worcester. Our group discount rate is \$39 for 18 holes of golf and cart. There will be prizes for the three closest to the pin shots on all the par-3 holes and a fun prize putting challenge. New are prizes for chipping in from off the green with a lofted club. Come have some fun and play a nice course that provides some great views of Worcester. To sign up, please contact Dick Lisi at (508) 410-1332 or at wscgolfclub@gmail.com. You can also view our complete schedule on Facebook at Worcester County Senior Golf Club.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Emma Aberle, Ethan Richards and Evan Allen

The Quaboag Regional trio all became champions in the Southern Worcester County League Tennis Tournament last Wednesday, June 19. Aberle defeated Grafton High's Megan Nguyen in the girls' singles final (6-2, 6-2). Richards and Allen beat their Quaboag teammates Jacob Harder and Derrick Shepherd in the boys' doubles final (7-5, 6-0).

Quaboag's Jack Luverink also had a strong showing, losing in the boys' singles final to Auburn High's Sebastian Smreczak (7-5, 6-3). The same could be said of Quaboag's girls' doubles team of Isabelle Greenlaw and Abby Bouchard, who lost in the finals to Grafton sisters Sonia and Maya Purohit (6-0, 3-6, 6-0).

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Summer is officially here, and the sunny season promises exciting outdoor activities, as well as direct exposure to the sun's rays. If your "hot fun in the summertime" included getting burned, read on - these sunburn tips can take the heat off.

Everyone knows overexposure to the sun is dangerous. Not only does a sunburn dehydrate your skin, break down collagen and provoke wrinkles, just one blistering sunburn doubles the likelihood of developing malignant melanoma. The golden rule to treating a sunburn is to avoid applying lotions or creams that can hold in the heat, for the first 48 hours. Aloe Vera may be applied during that time. Here are some more ways to combat the common seasonal malady:

Cool milk compresses take the heat off a sunburn. Simply soak cheesecloth in whole milk and lay compress over skin. Reapply as necessary.

The tannins in black tea will also help soothe a sunburn. Simply pat the sore skin with wet teabags for almost instant relief.

White vinegar has long been used to relieve sunburn pain. Just mix two tablespoons of white vinegar in one half cup water and dab on burned area with a soft cloth as often as needed.

Or apply plain yogurt to the skin, then add some cold water and smooth on skin.

Sunburn sprays are handy to tote with you while you are suffering the after effects of a sunburn. There's no need to spend big bucks on commercial mists when there are many effective sprays you can make yourself.

Here are some to try:

Super Sunburn Spray: Mix together liquid aloe vera (sometimes called aloe vera juice, available at health stores); with half as much liquid Vitamin E and a few drops of lavender essential oil. Pour into a spray bottle and lightly mist the body.

Cucumber Sunburn Lotion is another cool cure for sore skin: To make,



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squeeze the juice from one chopped cucumber (use a juicer) and mix with one quarter cup each glycerin and rosewater.

This Cooling Sunburn Mist is quick and easy to whip up. Mix together two ounces distilled water;

nine drops of lavender essential oil; two drops of peppermint essential oil; and one drop of spearmint essential oil. The lavender has antibacterial properties and the mint oils cool off skin fast.

This recipe relieves the pain and tightness of a sunburn almost instantly:

Sunburn Bath: In a blender, puree one cucumber and pour into a bowl. Add four cups oatmeal, ten black tea bags and two tablespoons rosemary leaves and mix well. Pour mixture into bath under running water. Take a long, relieving soak.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

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

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

The case for shopping locally

During the hours of the week when I'm not writing for this newspaper, I'm working at Raven Used Books in Harvard Square.

I fell in love with that bookstore the second I walked inside three years ago to ask if they were hiring. I may be a little biased, but it is one of the most down-to-earth places in Cambridge. I love everything about it, from the way I never know exactly which books are going to come in each day and the diversity of people who visit the store to the cash register that hasn't been updated for well over a decade and the drawings on the walls in the bathroom. Working there has turned me onto things I didn't even know I loved and has shifted my idea of what I want my career to look like.

Lately, however, things in Harvard Square have been changing, and no one who has really spent a significant amount of time in the area can deny or ignore it. The first thing I noticed



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when I came back from the UK last summer was that one of my favorite places to eat, Crema Café, was gone. I quickly realized all the places around it had started leaving as well, Schoenhof's Foreign Books, Cafe Algiers on Brattle Street, and, most recently, the Cambridge Artists Cooperative that was on Church Street for over 30 years and John Harvard's brewery. Rumors of even more places leaving by the end of the summer are spreading as well, including the only location of the Curious George Store, which sits right in the center of Harvard Square and has become a landmark.

Every once in a while, an

older person will come into Raven and say to me, "You're too young to remember this, but there were at least 15 used bookstores in this square back in the day." Now, in 2019, I don't even need a full hand to count the number of used bookstores here. Every day it seems like another chain business has placed a "coming soon" sign in a window of one of the vacant spaces. There is construction all over the square this summer that will attempt to modernize its beautifully unique appearance and its hard to watch.

There is no shame in saying that the independent businesses that are left do need to continue to get support from locals and tourists, and they should. They are the places that make Harvard Square unique, quaint, and unlike other city squares. They are what combine Church Street, Brattle Street, JFK Street, Eliot Street, Mount Auburn Street, and Massachusetts Avenue into

a place people all over the world associate with education, knowledge, and creative energy.

I may be using a place that is very close to my heart as an example, but this is the case in every city and town throughout the state and beyond. Small businesses are creative, charming, unique, individualistic, and they reflect what makes a place unlike any other. Whenever I'm in Worcester, I try to support the businesses in the Cromptive Collective building like Seed to Stem, Birchtree Bread Company, and Bedlam Book Café.

When I'm covering stories in Sturbridge, I love buying a latte at Sturbridge Coffee House or supporting local farmers at the Sturbridge Farmer's Market by buying my fruits and vegetables for the week from them.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Grand Old Posse

To the Editor:

Warning: Fake opinion about fake news citing fake facts written by a fake author on a fake computer ahead!

In an ever increasing subversion of rule of law by the GOP, Oregon this weekend has lurched towards constitutional crisis and fallen into banana republic at the hands of a Republican minority.

In a nutshell, the Oregon Senate is comprised of 18 Democrats and 12 Republicans. It was considering a contentious bill to combat climate change which was sure to pass. The Republican members, before the vote, walked out to deny the State Senate of the 20 member quorum it needs to conduct business. Abandoning their duty is in violation of the state constitution so the governor authorized the state police to locate these lawless lawmakers and forcibly return them to the capital.

The GOP Senators fled to an undisclosed location in Idaho, hoping to run down the clock to June 30 when the session expires. Idaho has refused to extradite the Senators. Members of armed militia made threats to state officials and offered to 'escort' the GOP Senators should the State Police come for them. Armed militia decided to attend protests at the capital causing the capital and state government to be closed due to 'credible threats'.

The GOP answer to being in a minority that can't win their policy agenda is to violate the law, lie, cheat, steal, and threaten opponents with violence. It seems as though elections have consequences, unless of course the Democrats win, in which case the GOP resorts to lawlessness and violence. One wonders what the American brownshirts will do if

Trump loses.

This week, Joe Biden, the perpetual gaffe machine, stepped in it again with his comments about working with segregationists. Biden was not a segregationist but the point is that he can hold his nose and work with people with whom he disagrees with on every single deep moral issue to get unrelated things done.

As Democrats we need to be careful of purity tests. Politics is about addition and not subtraction. You're looking for converts, people to come over to your side - you are not looking for heretics. We should not be hunting down people who are morally defective or imperfect to be banished. We need to build the biggest tent we can, and reach outside of it when we need to. There should be no tolerance for policy positions such as segregation, but we should not be looking to tar and feather anybody who ever made overtures towards those with unacceptable positions.

The 2020 Democratic primary should be decided on one factor and one factor only - electability. This country is facing an existential crisis. Our judiciary, norms, internal stability, and standing in the world cannot survive 8 years of onslaught. Trump is a bigot, has praised neo-Nazis, caged children, lied shamelessly, and embarrassed America before the world. Trump is unfit for the office. Politics is a team sport and we need to nominate somebody who has the best chance of winning. We shouldn't be wounding ourselves with friendly fire.

FRED BAGG
SPENCER

To strike, or not to strike

To the Editor:

We had a pretty exciting week regarding the stand-off with Iran. Trump authorized, or almost authorized a military strike against Iran but pulled it back/cancelled it apparently while the planes were in the air.

The President is keeping his word that he made during the campaign that he would be unpredictable, and his behavior this past week certainly qualifies as unpredictable. It is a little unsettling because there is no scholar warrior in the room like Jim Mattis, it does not seem to be well thought out, and the country doesn't seem prepared for whatever is going to happen next. There is no sense of what our objective is, how we will know if we have succeeded, and who our allies are.

It certainly seems odd that nobody thought to tell Trump that airstrikes would have human casualties before he ordered them, and unfortunately it isn't surprising that Trump himself hadn't considered that there would be human casualties from air strikes. I for one do not believe Trump cares one iota about Iranian lives, I believe he got cold feet thinking about how this could escalate as he is running for reelection.

I am glad Trump reversed course - the authorized response was disproportionately and irresponsibly escalatory. Threatening, authorizing force, then cancelling... I'm not sure what the strategy is here. We don't understand Trump's theory of the Iranian government. Does he think there is internal strife he wants to be a catalyst for? Does he want to lay down deterrence? Does he think his proof

that the United States is an unreliable untrustworthy negotiating partner and erratic threats will bring them to the negotiating table?

Are they the aggressor? Are we the aggressor? These are the basic questions that underlie how you react. In order to know how to react, we should at least have an idea how they will react, and to even guess that we need to have some theory of what they are thinking. A normal president would give an Oval Office address and tell us, but we don't have that, and the likely reason is that the guy that sits in the Oval Office doesn't know himself.

We've accidentally walked into a position where we have drawn a red line, where Pompeo said they can't kill Americans. What happens if they do kill a single or small number of Americans, even accidentally? Then what? What if they cyber attack us? What if their proxies in the Middle East attack our interests without direct orders? Do we attack their Navy? Missile launch sites? Shock 'n Awe in Tehran? We don't have an overall strategy so every day has its own decision points and we going to Trump's gut of the moment to determine acts of war and overall strategy. This is not in control, Trump is not in control, this is stumbling around in the dark and can easily spiral out of control.

This week's behavior is going to have longer lasting effects. This shows the US as indecisive and weak.

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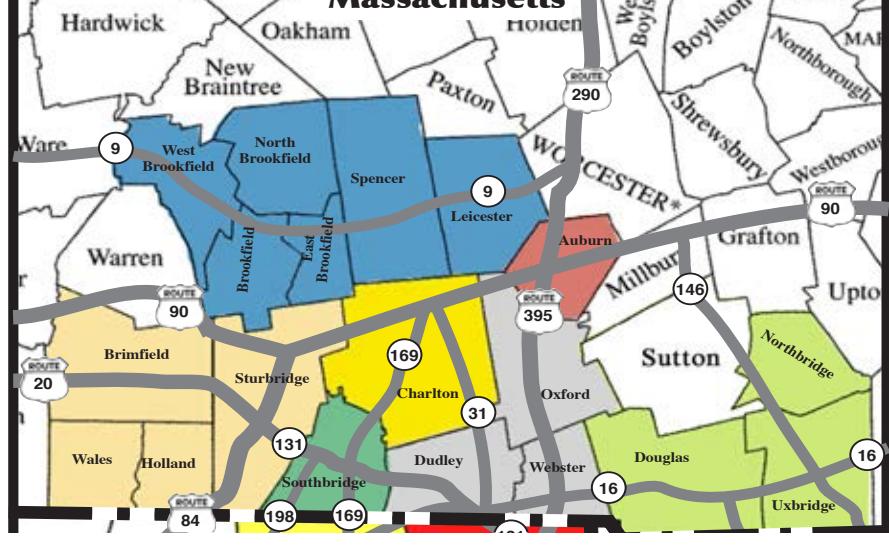
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Village); 11:40 a.m.: animal complaint (McCormick Road), baby fox in yard; 12:09 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 12:25 p.m.: multiple LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 12:32 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 12:34 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), report taken; 12:39 p.m.: disabled mv (Route 49), assisted; 12:54 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 1:10 p.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 1:23 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Lake Avenue), no contact; 1:24 p.m.: disabled mv (Wall Street), assisted; 1:59 p.m.: animal complaint (Shore Drive), loose dog; 3:31 p.m.: parking complaint (Highland Street), spoken to; 5:11 p.m.: mv stop (Smithville Road); 5:26 p.m.: 209A service (Greenville Street); 5:32 p.m.: animal complaint (West Main Street), spoken to; 5:56 p.m.: building checked, secure; 7:00 p.m.: animal complaint (West Main Street), spoken to; 7:12 p.m.: DPW call (Hastings Road), low-hanging wires; 8:27 p.m.: entire incident redacted from police log;

8:46 p.m.: commercial alarm (Water Street), accidental; 8:56 p.m.: mv stop (Charlton Road); 9:18 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 9:28 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 10:00 p.m.: medical/general (Jolicoeur Avenue); 10:12 p.m.: building checked, secure; 10:46 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), Hubbardston PD bolo; 11:25 p.m.-11:43 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.

Thursday, June 6

12:00-12:22 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:25 a.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), East Brookfield domestic; 12:28-2:00 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:13 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 2:58-3:04 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 3:17 a.m.: fire alarm (Bell Street), CO activation; 6:48 a.m.: building checked, secure; 8:15 a.m.: mv lockout (Lloyd Dyer Drive), assisted; 8:38 a.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), dead cat; 10:10 a.m.: fire alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 10:16 a.m.: accident (Main Street), report

taken; 10:43 a.m.: disturbance (Elm Street), roommate issue; 10:59 a.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 11:01 a.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 11:48 a.m.: burglary/b&e (Rene Drive), attempted b&e on food truck; 12:08 p.m.: medical/general (Grant Street), lift assist; 12:30 p.m.: mv complaint (West Main Street), aggressive driver; 12:45 p.m.: 911 call (Church Street), elevator/no contact; 1:12 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), missing East Brookfield woman; 1:18 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), accidental; 1:25 p.m.: accident (West Main Street), report taken; 1:31 p.m.: animal complaint (Pine Avenue), woodchuck issues; 1:32 p.m.: animal complaint (West Main Street), dog left in car; 1:49 p.m.: 911 call (Grove Street), no contact; 2:08 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), Harrington CT down; 2:09 p.m.: disturbance (Chestnut Street), neighbor dispute; 2:21 p.m.:

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For more information, please contact Dick Lisi at 508 410 1332 or at lisirichard15@yahoo.com

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TRIP TO USA NATIONAL PARKS St Andrew Bobola Parish, is organizing a special TRIP TO THE NATIONAL PARKS 11 DAYS, May 12-23 2019. Total cost: \$2,000

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St. Andrew Bobola Parish is organizing a Pilgrimage to Israel and Jordan March 17-28, 2019. All inclusive cost with breakfast, dinners is \$3,190.

Please contact: 508-943-5633. Registration forms are available on the website: www.standrewbobola.com

UNION SAINT-JEAN-BAPTISTE CHAPTER 12

Union Saint-Jean-Baptiste, Chapter #12, Southbridge, is sponsoring a variety of excursions for all to enjoy in 2019. We are a non-profit family oriented Franco-American fraternal society since 1900. As always, you do not have to be a member to participate in any of the scheduled events. All are welcome. Gift certificates purchased in any amount can be used by the recipient to any event at face value. For information or reservations contact Ted at (508) 764-

7909.

2019

2019 is the Society's 27th anniversary in providing members and non-members alike the opportunity to experience excursions of a day or extended days. All are welcome to travel with our organization.

Aug. 11 - "A Sunday Afternoon at Tanglewood" — a noon luncheon at the Red Lion Inn followed by the 2:30 p.m. concert with reserved seating in the Koussevitsky Music Shed. Thomas Ades, conductor, leads the Boston Symphony Orchestra with the music of Ives and Beethoven and guest pianist Inon Barnatan. The cost is \$127 (an inclusive luncheon, concert and motor coach transportation). A payment plan is available. The reservation deadline is July 30. Departure is 9 a.m., RMV parking lot, Southbridge.

Nov. 16 — "Do As You Wish Day in New York City" — shop for Christmas, do some sightseeing, visit a museum,

attend a Broadway matinee, dine at a special restaurant, a visit to the aircraft Intrepid, visit the 911 Memorial complex. There is much to do and enjoy. Departure is 6:30 a.m. from the Southbridge RMV parking lot, and the return departure from New York City is 6:30 p.m. Included are rest stops to and from New York City. Cost is \$59 per person. The reservation deadline is Nov. 6.

For information and reservations, call (508) 764-7909. To avoid disappointment, call early.

Dec. 14 — "Festival of Christmas Lights" at Our Lady of La Salette Shrine, seasonal concert with Fr. Pat, the singing priest, visit the International Museum of Creches, Gift and Book Shop, Chapel of Light, a Bistro for refreshments and snacks, a Carousel for the children, an optional trolley ride for a small charge to view the display of more than 400,000 lights and a complete inclusive luncheon at Wright's Farm Restaurant.

Cost is \$54 per person, \$44 for children three to 10, under three free. Departure is 10:45 a.m. from Southbridge and 11:15 a.m. in Webster, with the return about 7:45 p.m. Reservation deadline is Dec. 5.

UXBRIDGE SENIOR CENTER

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

The Silver Club BUS TRIPS for 2019 Please call Sue at 508-476-5820 for more information.

The Uxbridge Senior Center and its Silver Club travelling group is offering the following trips for 2019:

July 3 - "Singing in the Rain" - Theatre by the Sea, Wakefield, RI Lunch at The Bistro right at the theatre! Choice of Tuscan chicken, fish, and vegetarian option. \$104. Leaves Whitinsville at 10AM, home at 6:00

July 12 - "The Odd Couple" at New London Barn Playhouse w/Italian buffet lunch. Leaves Whitinsville at 8AM, home around 6:30 or 7. \$84.

Sept

POLICE LOGS

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officer wanted (West Main Street), retrieving belongings; 2:23 p.m.: 209A service (West Main Street); 2:43 p.m.: mv complaint (Water Street), c/o speed-ing; 3:03 p.m.: accident (Main Street), spoken to; 4:12 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 4:18 p.m.: medical/general (Temple Street); 4:33 p.m.: mv stop (Cherry Street); 5:00 p.m.: mv stop (Cherry Street); 5:25 p.m.: mv stop (R. Jones Road); 6:30 p.m.: disturbance (Maple Street), noise complaint; 7:31 p.m.: mv stop (North Brookfield Road); 8:01 p.m.: disabled mv (Chestnut Street), assisted; 8:12 p.m.: animal complaint (Northwest Road), loose dog; 8:23 p.m.: lost/found (Howe Road), backpack found; 8:50 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), Memorial Hospital on black diversion; 8:58 p.m.: school alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 9:40 p.m.: disabled mv (North Spencer Road), assisted; 10:11 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.

Friday, June 7

12:34-12:52 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:55 a.m.: suspicious persons (West Main Street), spoken to; 1:06 a.m.: building checked, secure; 1:25 a.m.: officer wanted (Starr Street), dispute; 1:27 a.m.: building checked, secure; 1:35 a.m.: disturbance (Main Street), noise complaint; 1:39 a.m.: building checked, secure; 2:00 a.m.: suspicious persons (Pleasant Street), spoken to; 2:04-2:58 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:30 a.m.: DPW call (South Spencer Road), crosswalk lights malfunctioning; 7:23 a.m.: animal complaint (Bond Street), loose cow; 9:01 a.m.: animal complaint (Lyford Road), foxes in backyard; 9:22 a.m.: residential alarm (Highland Street), services rendered; 9:45 a.m.: animal complaint (Bixby Road), dog bite; 10:04 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Olde Main Street), accidental; 10:18 a.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 10:44 a.m.: accident (West Main Street), report taken; 11:10 a.m.: larceny (West Main Street), investigated; 11:12 a.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 11:28 a.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), dog left in car; 12:46 p.m.: mv stop (Elm Street); 1:22 p.m.: 209A service (Gold Nugget Road); 1:51 p.m.: animal complaint (Maple Street), abandoned cat/kittens; 1:57 p.m.: disturbance (Town House Court), neighbor issue; 2:05 p.m.: 209A service (Pleasant Street); 2:15 p.m.: 209A service (West Main Street); 2:54 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), welfare check; 3:01 p.m.: animal complaint (Ash Street), concern for dog; 3:34 p.m.: mv stop (Cherry Street); 4:04 p.m.: suspicious mv (West Main Street), spoken to; 4:25 p.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), insured turtle; 4:26 p.m.: officer wanted (Thompson Pond Road), concerned for internet friend; 4:50 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 4:55 p.m.: 911 call (Cherry Street), no contact; 5:44 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Brookfield PD bolo; 6:19 p.m.: building checked, secure; 6:41 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), inquiry re: harassment; 6:49 p.m.: animal complaint (North Spencer Road), baby skunk in area; 8:15 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), assist East Brookfield PD; 10:03 p.m.: building checked, secure; 10:22 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operation.

Saturday, June 8

12:23 a.m.: building checked, secure; 12:34 a.m.: suspicious persons (Wilson Avenue), report taken; 12:38 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Blueberry Hill Road), contact made; 1:02 a.m.: building checked, secure; 1:05 a.m.: disturbance (Main Street), bf/gf dispute; 1:07 a.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 1:26 a.m.: disturbance (Maple Street), family issue; 1:50-2:27 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:23 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), accidental; 8:57 parking violation (Maple Street), ticket issue; 10:02 a.m.: mv complaint (Charlton Road), erratic m/c operation; 10:43 a.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), wallet found; 11:10 a.m.: RV accident (Howe Road), report taken; 11:20 a.m.: medical/general (North Spencer Road); 11:37 a.m.: mv complaint (Chestnut Street), speeding motorist; 12:29 p.m.: medical/general (Linden Street); 12:59 p.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 2:07 p.m.: parking violation (Pleasant Street), ticket issued; 2:23 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), accidental; 2:35 p.m.: animal complaint (West Main Street), dog left in car; 3:05 p.m.: medical/general (Hastings Road); 3:08 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 3:09 p.m.: lost/found (Meadow Road), wallet found; 3:52 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), smoking complaint; 5:15 p.m.: officer wanted (Chestnut Street), request emergency restraining order; 6:17 p.m.: officer wanted (Borkum Road), info taken; 6:55 p.m.: entire incident redacted from police log; 7:17 p.m.: mv complaint (Collier

Circle), unsafe motorist; 7:33 p.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), loose dog; 7:41 p.m.: fireworks complaint (Maple Street), spoken to; 8:35 p.m.: disturbance (Chestnut Street), neighbor dispute; 9:07 p.m.: fireworks complaint (Bay Path Road), spoken to; 9:36 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), spoken to; 11:16 p.m.: disturbance (Lincoln Street), fight/unwanted party.

Sunday, June 9

2:17 a.m.: building checked, secure; 4:41 a.m.: disturbance (Main Street), noise complaint; 7:55 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 8:35 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 9:58 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), custody swap; 10:02 a.m.: medical/general (Valley View Drive); 10:45 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), info taken; 11:28 a.m.: officer wanted (Browning Pond Road), spoken to; 12:25 p.m.: medical/general (Meadowbrook Road), lift assist; 1:16 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (North Spencer Road), no contact; 1:28 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Paxton Road), no contact; 2:18 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 2:26 p.m.: mv stop (Meadowbrook Road); 2:43 p.m.: officer wanted (Franklin Street), unwanted party; 2:54 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Browning Pond Road), no contact; 3:11 p.m.: entire incident redacted from police log; 6:51 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 7:56 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Dufault Road), no contact; 7:57 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 8:19 p.m.: officer wanted (Maple Street), family issue; 9:15 p.m.: mv complaint (Greenville Street), erratic operation; 9:43 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 9:54 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), family issue; 11:32 p.m.: medical/general (South Spencer Road),

Monday, June 10

12:00-12:17 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:18 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 12:23-2:16 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:19 a.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 7:41 a.m.: disturbance (Howe Village), unruly tenant; 8:55 a.m.: animal complaint (Highland Street), coyote in yard; 9:50 a.m.: mv complaint (Pleasant Street), speeding; 10:25 a.m.: burglary/business (Mechanic Street), report taken; 10:52 a.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operation; 11:32 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), Harrington CT down; 12:00 p.m.: 209A service (Main Street), David A. Savoie, 50, 204 Main Street, Spencer, warrant, arrest; 12:44 p.m.: disabled mv (Pleasant Street), assisted; 1:04 p.m.: fire alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 1:19 p.m.: suspicious persons (Mechanic Street), spoken to; 2:34 p.m.: 209A service (West Main Street); 3:11 p.m.: accident (Chestnut Street), report taken; 3:51 p.m.: medical/general (Crestview Drive); 3:53 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), info given; 4:37 p.m.: multiple LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 5:14 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 5:35 p.m.: fireworks complaint (Mechanic Street), gunshots reported; 5:46 p.m.: mv lockout (Pleasant Street), assisted; 6:18 p.m.: harassment prevention order service (West Main Street); 6:36 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), welfare check; 6:36 p.m.: animal complaint (Kingsbury Road), loose cows; 11:27-11:32 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 11:35 p.m.: officer wanted (Chestnut Street), road hazard; 11:42-11:58 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.

Tuesday, June 11

12:07 a.m.: building checked, secure; 12:07 a.m.: suspicious mv (Mechanic Street), spoken to; 12:21 a.m.: building checked, secure; 12:31 a.m.: mv stop (Elm Street); 12:46-1:46 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 5:37 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 6:18 a.m.: DPW call (Route 49), drain clogged; 10:09 a.m.: medical/general (Clark Road), lift assist; 10:14 a.m.: officer wanted (Mechanic Street), welfare check; 10:33 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 10:54 a.m.: residential alarms (Lake Street Extension), services rendered; 11:54 a.m.: bad checks (Main Street), report taken; 11:55 a.m.: bad checks (Main Street), report taken; 1:01 p.m.: medical/general (Wall Street); 1:33 p.m.: medical/general (Valley Street); 1:45 p.m.: suspicious persons (Charlton Road), services rendered; 2:25 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), contractor dispute; 3:06 p.m.: disturbance (Chestnut Street), landlord/tenant dispute; 3:27 p.m.: parking complaint (Church Street), services rendered; 3:32 p.m.: 209A service (Buteau Road); 3:48 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 4:17 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street); 4:50 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 5:17 p.m.: entire incident redacted from police log; 5:27 p.m.: juvenile matter (Charlton Road), services rendered; 5:44 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), misdialed; 6:16 p.m.: medical/general (Mechanic Street); 6:21 p.m.: animal complaint (Highland Street), loose dog; 6:47 p.m.: medical/general (Church Street); 6:51 p.m.: 911 call (May Street), misdialed; 7:30 p.m.: sus-

picious persons (Dale Street), services rendered; 8:03 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operation; 9:09 p.m.: mv stop (West Main Street); 9:43 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 10:35 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Browning Pond Road), accidental; 11:44 p.m.: officer wanted (Church Street), fight/unwanted parties.

Leicester Logs

Thursday, June 6

1:09 a.m.: ambulance (Pine Street), services rendered; 1:51 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), verbal warning; 7:55 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 8:17 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), written warning; 8:32 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), no action required; 8:43 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 8:48 a.m.: investigation (Paxton Street), report taken; 9:36 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 10:09 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), Guy J. Holoway, 49, 4616 Parkway Boulevard, Land O Lakes, Florida, failure to appear upon recognition, arrest; 10:45 a.m.: suspicious person (Soojians Drive), spoken to; 12:23 p.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), citation issued; 1:06 p.m.: restraining order service (Sargent Street), served; 1:14 p.m.: fraud (Craig Street), report taken; 2:17 p.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive), name and address redacted from police log, shoplifting by asportation, arrest; 4:32 p.m.: fire/odor of gas (Stafford Street), investigated; 5:12 p.m.: fraud (South Main Street), report taken; 6:07 p.m.: welfare check (Brickyard Road), spoken to; 7:08 p.m.: erratic operation (Clark Street), services rendered; 8:28 p.m.: investigation (Soojians Drive), services rendered; 8:46 p.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive), no action required; 9:09 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported.

Friday, June 7

9:55 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), verbal warning; 9:56 a.m.: ambulance (Winslow Avenue), transported; 10:19 a.m.: assist citizen (Redfield Road), report taken; 12:44 p.m.: investigation (Gleason Way), services rendered; 2:50 p.m.: neighbor dispute (Woodland Road), spoken to; 3:37 p.m.: ambulance (Pine Street), assisted; 3:46 p.m.: neighbor dispute (South Main Street), report taken; 3:53 p.m.: disturbance (Winslow Avenue), report taken; 4:30 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), Johnny Velez, 31, 100 Canterbury Street, #81, Worcester, no inspection sticker, op w/revoke license, arrest; 5:48 p.m.: disabled mv (Bond Street), assisted; 6:00 p.m.: assist other PD (Wesley Drive), possession Class B drug w/intent to distribute; possession of less than 2 oz. of marijuana/person under 21, investigated; 7:04 p.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive), services rendered; 7:32 p.m.: accident (Soojians Drive), assisted; 8:43 p.m.: suspicious person (Whittemore Street), unable to locate; 9:03 p.m.: gunshots heard (Charlton Street), unable to locate.

Saturday, June 8

6:36 a.m.: suspicious mv (Mannville Street), spoken to; 8:26 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 8:31 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 8:47 a.m.: disabled mv (Stafford Street), assisted; 9:09 a.m.: malicious mischief (Oakbluff Lane), report taken; 9:38 a.m.: investigation (Soojians Drive), services rendered; 10:00 a.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive), name and address redacted from police log, shoplifting by asportation, summons served; 11:11 a.m.: mv stop (Soojians Drive), spoken to; 11:19 a.m.: larceny (Charles Street), services rendered; 11:57 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 12:06 p.m.: disturbance (Salminen Drive), services rendered; 2:45 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 3:08 p.m.: summons service (Stafford Street), unable to serve; 3:10 p.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive), name and address redacted from police log, shoplifting by asportation, summons served; 4:48 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 3:21 p.m.: summons service (Hunton Memorial Highway), served; 3:40 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 3:48 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 3:55 p.m.: mv stop (Burncoat Street), written warning; 6:46 p.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive), criminal application issued; 6:59 p.m.: erratic operation (South Main Street), no action required; 9:01 p.m.: investigation (Soojians Drive), services rendered.

Tuesday, June 11
7:59 a.m.: ambulance (Soojians Drive), transported; 9:33 a.m.: parking complaint (Washburn Square), no action required; 9:57 a.m.: assist citizen (Washburn Square), services rendered; 10:07 a.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), spoken to; 11:04 a.m.: ambulance (Edward Street), transported; 12:39 p.m.: animal complaint (Mannville Street), services rendered; 12:43 p.m.: assist citizen (Washburn Square), services rendered; 1:01 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 3:21 p.m.: summons service (Hunton Memorial Highway), served; 3:40 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 3:48 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 3:55 p.m.: mv stop (Burncoat Street), written warning; 4:10 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 4:20 p.m.: ambulance (Hyland Avenue), transported; 4:38 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), assisted; 4:48 p.m.: assist citizen (Main Street), spoken to; 5:56 p.m.: investigation (Mulberry Street), services rendered; 8:41 p.m.: arrest warrant service (Boyd Street), Shane D. Morin, 32, 153 Boyd Street, Cherry Valley, op w/suspended license, arrest.

Wednesday, June 12

7:13 a.m.: disturbance (Deer Pond Road), peace restored; 9:22 a.m.: disabled mv (Stafford Street), assisted; 9:34 a.m.: mv stop (Hunton Memorial Highway), no action required; 10:50 a.m.: disturbance (Deer Pond Road), services rendered; 11:56 a.m.: funeral assistance (South Main Street), services rendered; 2:57 p.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive), criminal application issued; 3:02 p.m.: ambulance (McCarthy Avenue), transported; 3:13 p.m.: summons service (Main Street), unable to serve; 4:07 p.m.: summons service (Overlook Drive), unable to serve; 4:56 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 5:20 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), verbal warning; 5:25 p.m.: summons service (Overlook Drive), unable to serve; 5:33 p.m.: arrest warrant service (Paxton Street), Creig Charron, 43, 122 Paxton Street, Leicester, op w/suspended license, arrest; 5:35 p.m.: assist other PD (South Main Street), no action required; 6:17 p.m.: family problem (Main Street), investigated; 7:39 p.m.: summons service (Overlook Drive), unable to serve; 8:09 p.m.: assist other PD (Point Eastalee Drive), services rendered.

Sunday, June 9
9:46 a.m.: illegal dumping (Watson Street), unfounded; 10:00 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, op w/suspended license, mv towed; 10:14 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), misdialed; 10:16 p.m.: medical/general (Mechanic Street); 6:21 p.m.: animal complaint (Highland Street), loose dog; 6:47 p.m.: medical/general (Church Street); 6:51 p.m.: 911 call (May Street), misdialed; 7:30 p.m.: sus-

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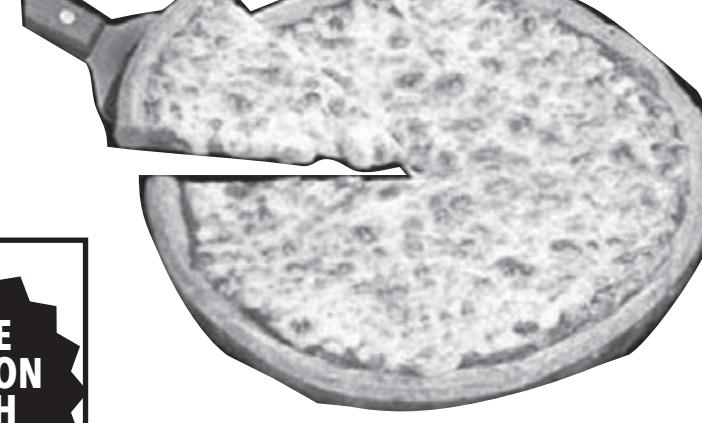
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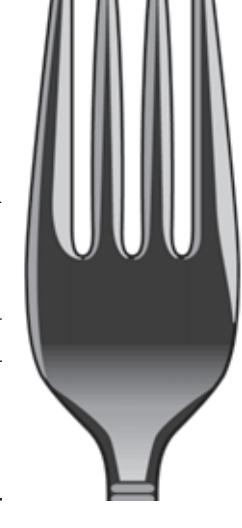


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There's a big Farmers Market coming to EVERLAST NURSERY on Sunday, June 30 from 10-2. There will be over a dozen local vendors, live music by Guy Bergeron, local produce, foods and art! Check it out at 1894 Main Street in Leicester, your first left when you cross the Spencer/Leicester line heading east. While you're there, pick up something beautiful for your garden!

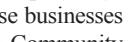
It's vacation time for some businesses coming up! CHEF SAU will be on vacation from June 30-July 11; CORMIER JEWELERS will be closed July 4 through July 15; SALEM CROSS INN is closed July 2-7; SPENCER COUNTRY INN is closed for vacation July 1-9. Other businesses are closed for the 4th of July. Check out their ads to see if they are open or closed on the 4th!

This is the last week for the WARE YOUR NEIGHBORS PAGE, GILBERTVILLE TOO. Please check out the featured ad this week – Save the date for JANINE'S FROSTEE 14th Annual Classic Car Show on Saturday, July 27 from 10am-2pm. See the ad for all the details if you'd like to enter your car. There will be live music, raffles, a prize wheel and a 50/50 in addition to great food, ice cream, and cool cars! But don't wait until July 27 to check out Janine's...stop by anytime for a great treat! All of these businesses are invited to join our weekly Community Connections page anytime! Thank you for advertising with us!

If you like lobster rolls as much as I do, check out our Dining Page this week. You don't need to travel far to find your favorite! I don't want to play favorites, but I think some of the local lobster rolls are better than some of the ones at the Cape! Enjoy locally!

Have a great week and a safe and Happy 4th of July!!

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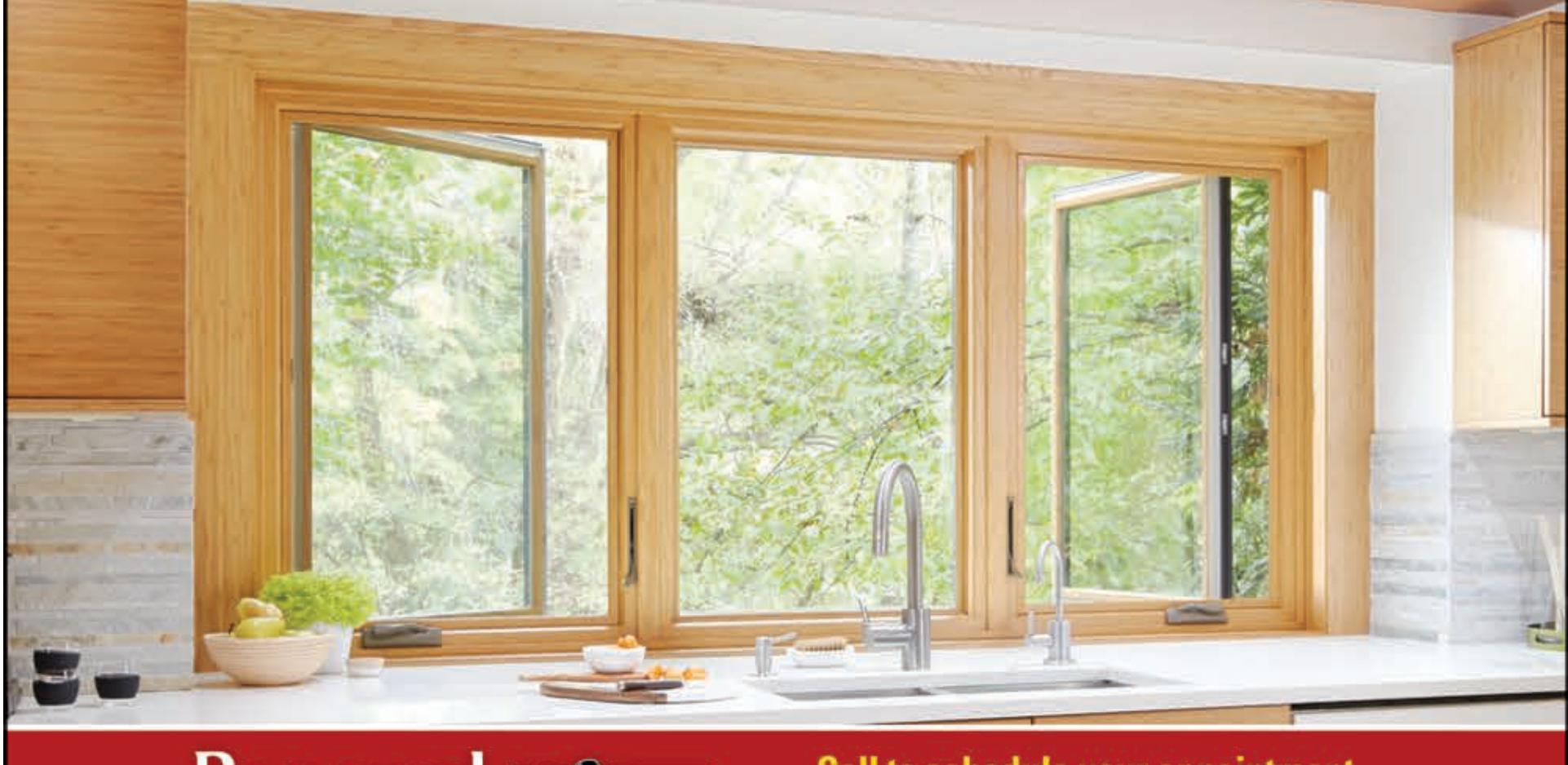
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OBITUARIES

Doris M. Lamay, 87



**W E S T
BROOKFIELD** — Doris M. (Gratton) Lamay, 87, of West Brookfield, died on Thursday, June 20, 2019 at Quaboag Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center.

She leaves her husband of over 62 years, Arthur M. Lamay; her son, Bruce R. Lamay and his wife Sandra of Warren; two grandsons, Bruce Lamay, Jr. and Matthew Lamay, and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her four brothers and one sister. She was born in Ware, daughter of the late Albert Edward and Rose D. (LaFlamme) Gratton.

Doris was a loving and devoted wife and mother. She enjoyed bird watching.

ing, had a love for wearing flannel shirts, playing electronic games, listening to country music and was a fan of Mollie B Polka Party and the local Happy Louie polka band. Doris also always had a Snickers Bar tucked away in her pocket.

She worked part-time at Quirk Wire as a machine operator, and also worked as a screenprinter and waitress, but was most proud of being a homemaker.

Calling hours for Doris were held, Monday, June 24, 2019, from 4 to 6PM in the Varnum Funeral Home, Inc., 43 East Main Street, West Brookfield. A Graveside Service will be held in Pine Grove Cemetery in West Brookfield, Friday, June 28, 2019 at 1:00PM.

An online guest book is available at varnumfuneralhome.com

Thomas Scott Adels, 55



Thomas Scott Adels, 55, passed away peacefully in Southbridge MA after an illness. He was surrounded by his loving family.

He leaves his parents, William and Marjeanne Adels of Spencer MA, two sisters, Nancy Blood and her husband Gerry of Rocky Mount, NC, and Susan Medine and her husband John of Ashford, CT, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a sister, Heather Adels of Cranston RI and a brother, Richard Adels of Albuquerque NM.

Tom was born August 25, 1963. He was a graduate of Wachusett Regional High School in Holden MA. He attended the Hartt School of Music, for voice, and Worcester State College.

Tom faced difficult challenges throughout his life but was loved

greatly. He enjoyed playing cards and board games with family and friends. He will be missed by many including his friends at the Lincoln Hill Manor, the East Brookfield Senior Center and the East Brookfield Baptist Church. His family is comforted that he is now resting in the arms of Jesus.

Donations can be sent in memory of Tom to: Genesis Club Inc., 274 Lincoln Street, Worcester MA 01605

Genesis Club is a non-profit organization whose mission is to help persons in recovery from mental illness.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 am Saturday, June 29, 2019 at the East Brookfield Baptist Church, 262 East Main St., East Brookfield. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with his arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

Blanche I. Borelli, 88

NORTH BROOKFIELD — Blanche I. Borelli passed away on June 24, at the age of 88. Her husband of 43 years, John A. Borelli, Sr., passed away in 1998.

She was born in North Brookfield, daughter of J. Oscar and Ida (Ledoux) Poulin.

Blanche is survived by her four children and their spouses. John, Jr. and Janet Borelli of Oregon; Peter and Michelle Borelli of Maine; Mary Jane and Richard Caron, Jr. and Michael and Andrea Borelli of North Brookfield. She also has a grandson, Richard Caron III, of North Brookfield. Her granddaughter, Julianne Caron, predeceased her in 2007. In addition, leaves many nieces and nephews, along with many special friends. She was predeceased by her siblings Rita Potvin, Albert Poulin, Mary Dolorosa Brodeur, Florence

Kizzle, Jeannette Sokol, and Francis Poulin, along with their spouses.

Her family and friends were her greatest joy and hand quilting was her passion. She was a member of St. Joseph's Parish, their Bereavement Committee, and a Eucharistic Minister to the homebound.

The funeral Mass for Blanche will be held on Friday, June 28, 2019 at 11:00am in St. Joseph's Church 296 Main St. North Brookfield. Burial will follow in the parish cemetery. There are no calling hours and the family asks all to go direct to the church. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Julianne Caron Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o North Brookfield Savings Bank, 9 Gilbert Street, North Brookfield, MA, 01535.



**NORTHFIELD,
VT/ SPENCER, MA** — John E. Sauvageau, 71, died June 11, 2019 at his home on West Hill with his family at his bedside. He was born in Worcester, MA on February 28, 1948, the son of Leon & Mary (Zikaras) Sauvageau. He is a graduate of David Prouty High School, class of 1966.

He was a United States Marine Corp veteran having served two tours in Vietnam and was honorably discharged in 1969 at the rank of corporal. He had been married to Rose Marie LaFranchise, Gail Kennan and Pam Francis.

After leaving the service, John was a truck driver for a period of time then became a plumber working in Massachusetts and Vermont for many years.

He enjoyed gardening, farming, fishing, writing poetry, his dogs, storytelling, spending time with his grandchildren and family. John will be remembered fondly by his friends and family for his infectious laugh.

Survivors include two sons, Adam Ryan and his wife Jennifer, Saul Ryan

all of Spring Hill, TN; three stepchildren, Shawn Moorby, Nikki Moorby & partner, John Prentice, Doug Moorby and his wife Katie all of Northfield; many siblings, Joseph Sauvageau of Fitzwilliam, NH, Kathy Sauvageau of Spencer, MA, Christine Mullens and her husband, Ted of Spencer, MA, Barbara Sauvageau of Leicester, MA, Eva Brassard of Spencer, MA, Louise Halfpenny and her husband, David of Jaffrey, NH; six grandchildren, Connor, Meaghan, Maddax, Jake, Sidney Ryan, Chelsea Kmon; four step grandchildren, Ethan Prentice, Noah Moorby, Paige Moorby, Kayden Prentice; one great granddaughter, Sutton Easterly; and many nieces and nephews.

He is predeceased by his sister, Mary Clark.

There are no calling hours. A memorial service was held at the Vermont Veterans Memorial Chapel in Randolph Center Thursday, June 27th at 11 am with military honors to be accorded. Kingston Funeral Home in Northfield is assisting with the arrangements.



Stasia B. Szymczak, 93



SOUTHBRIDGE — Stasia B. "Nanny" (Labok) Szymczak, 93, formerly of Webster, died Monday, November 19, 2018 in Southbridge Rehab & Health Center after a period of declining health. Her husband, John A. Szymczak, died in 1979.

She leaves a daughter, Marilyn A. Mathieu and her husband Ronald of Webster; a grandson, Richard Mathieu and his wife Anna; a great-granddaughter, Isabella Rose Mathieu; nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by 3 brothers and 2 sisters.

She was born in Webster on November 20, 1924, the youngest child of Jan and Veronica (Mazur) Labok

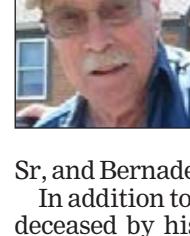
and lived there all her life before moving to Southbridge several years ago.

Mrs. Szymczak was a machine operator at Cranston Print Works Company in Webster before retiring in 1984.

She was a member of Saint Joseph Basilica. She enjoyed knitting and bowling in leagues at the Mohegan Bowl-A-Drome.

Her funeral will be held Saturday, June 29, at 10:00 AM in Saint Joseph Basilica, 53 Whitcomb Street, Webster (please meet at the church). Burial will be in Saint Joseph Garden of Peace, Webster. Donations in her name may be made to Saint Joseph School, 47 Whitcomb Street, Webster, MA 01570. Arrangements are under the direction of Sitkowski & Malboeuf Funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster. www.sitkowskimalboeuf.com

Edwin R. Mercure Jr., 78



WARREN, MA — Edwin R. Mercure Jr., 78, died unexpectedly on June 10, 2019, at UMass Memorial Hospital in Worcester. He was born on May 19, 1941, in Springfield, MA the son of Edwin R. Sr. and Bernadette (Gonthier) Mercure.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his sister Joan (Mercure) Zielfelder and his son Glenn Mercure.

He leaves his sister Bernadette (Mercure) Dominique and his life long friend Carol McBain. He also leaves his son Steven Mercure, daughters Stacy

Holmes and Suzette DiBella, and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Fast Eddie, as he was known affectionately by many, had a life long love of all things that went fast including Indian Motorcycles and his many El Camino's. This love extended into his career as an autobody mechanic and longtime car carrier truck driver, which is how he got the name, Fast Eddie.

Relatives and friends are invited to a Celebration of life on July 20, from 2-5 at St. Stan's Polish Club in the Pavilion, 144 South Street West Warren, MA.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Cherubs-cdh.org.

CALENDAR

Saturday, June 29

TOWN BELL RE-DEDICATION: The Brookfield Heritage Commission will be re-creating the dedication of the Town Bell from June 29, 1908. The Bell was donated by Frank L. Hutchins of Brookfield and Wolfeboro Falls. The program starts at 2 p.m. at the Brookfield Town House, 267 Wentworth Rd. (Route 109).

ST. JOHN'S PARISH CHICKEN BBQ: 5 p.m., St. John's, 121 Blaine Ave., East Brookfield. Bring your families and friends for an evening of entertainment and fun! Please call (508) 867-3738 for tickets.

Sunday, June 30

ALBANIAN DAY PICNIC: St. Nicholas Albanian Orthodox Church will hold its annual Albanian Day Picnic on Sunday, June 30 noon to 5:30 p.m., on the church grounds, 126 Morris St., Southbridge. The Albanian Day Picnic will feature shish-kabab, traditional pies, such as spinach, leek, sauerkraut, and squash, baklava, date-filled cookies, twist cookies, and other Albanian dessert specialties. Ethnic music will be provided by the Mosaic Ensemble. The public is invited. The picnic will be held rain or shine and admission is free. This event is sponsored in part by a grant from the Southbridge Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Monday, July 1

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: Noon to 5 p.m., Vibram Corporation cafeteria, 18 School St., North Brookfield.

Saturday, July 13

SECOND CHANCE ANIMAL SERVICES SEVENTH ANNUAL GOLFTOURNAMENT: Second Chance Animal Services is having their Seventh Annual Golf Tournament on July 13 at the Leicester Country Club to benefit pets in need. Registration: 7:30 a.m./Tee off 8 a.m. Foursomes will play 18 holes using scramble format. Visit secondchanceanimals.org to buy your tickets today! Sponsorships available - email development@secondchanceanimals.org or visit our event page for more information.

Saturday, July 20

PIONEER DAY — COME FOLLOW ME: 5-9 p.m., Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 108 New Braintree Rd. (Route 67), 2.2 miles north of North Brookfield town center. All are invited to join in an evening of historical review of the growth of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in central Massachusetts as well as celebrating the early pioneer's commitment, grit, and perseverance who, to find a safe home, free of persecution, crossed the plains by covered wagon, handcart, and foot to arrive at the Great Salt Lake in Utah. In addition to photos and timelines of the historical events, outdoor (indoor if weather dictates) movies portraying the cross country trek of the early pioneers will

be shown beginning about 7:30, games for youth and adults will be enjoyed, tours of the Church building will be available, and yummy 'cookout' food will be ready for all. Please join us as we celebrate having a 'Pioneer Spirit'.

For more information, please call 774-286-1322 or email glenalt01005@yahoo.com, or lcarpentBC@aol.com.

Activities and events will take place throughout the hours, so come whenever you can and stay as long as you like.

Wednesday, July 24

HAND-CRAFTED HOOKED RUG SHOW: Noon-7 p.m., Publick House, 227 Main St., Sturbridge. Free admission. Come see the artistry of hand-hooked rugs by the members of the Pearl K. McGown Northern Teachers Workshop.

ONGOING EVENTS

ECONOMY SHOP HOURS FOR

August 22 through June 28, 2019

Open every Wednesday 8 a.m. to noon; Thursday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. & 6 to 8 p.m.; Friday 8 a.m. to noon at the First Congregational Church, 207 Main St., Spencer. Come in and see our daily specials. (508) 885-2149.

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

teers. 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 11:30 a.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-

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2551 or kawalker@overlook-mass.org for more information. Presented by Alzheimer's Association MA/NH Chapter, visit (800) 272-3900 or alz.org.

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

FREE FOR MOM & KIDS: There will be free weekly parent/child programs from 9 to 11 a.m. Fridays and Wednesdays at the North Brookfield Elementary School, New School Road, North. The program runs on school calendar and closes for vacation and inclement weather according to North Brookfield School calendar. This free program is sponsored by the Spencer, Wachusett, North and East Brookfield Coordinated Family Grant in partnership with the North Brookfield Elementary School. Funded by the

Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care. For more information, please call CFCE at (508) 885-2934 or e-mail Wachusettcpc@hotmail.com.

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

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

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

N-37: Bingo at the Knights of Columbus, 10 Meadow Road, Spencer every Thursday. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. The first game starts at 6:30 p.m. Along with our regular games we feature two winners take all games, two 50/50 games and two progressive jackpot games with payouts of \$600 and \$500 respectively. Good food and soft beverages are available at Judy's Kitchen. Come and enjoy some good food, good people and hopefully win a little.

STAY HEALTHY: The VNA Care Network and Hospice is holding a free Keep Well Clinic to residents 60 and older from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Spencer Fish and Game Club on Mechanic Street. Local residents may have their blood pressure checked and learn about health concerns. Blood sugar, weight monitoring and other

health assessments may also be available. VNA Care Network and Hospice clinics are funded in part by the United Way, local boards of health, private foundations. For up-to-date clinic information visit www.vnacarenetwork.org or call (888) 663-3688 x 5603.

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

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

LEGALS

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. WO19P1925EA

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate of:

Steven Nicolosi

Date of Death: 02/08/2019

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by

Renee Nicolosi of Denver CO

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

The Petitioner requests that

Renee Nicolosi of Denver CO

be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/09/2019.**

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 day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION

UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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

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

Date: June 12, 2019

Stephanie K. Fattman,

Register of Probate

June 28, 2019

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

TOWN OF BROOKFIELD

The Brookfield Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 6pm, Tuesday, July 9, 2019 in the Brookfield Town Hall Banquet Room.

The purpose of this hearing is a request by Ryan R. Servant for a special permit for Nonconforming Land Use and Structures at 11 Marsh View Road located in the Village/Flood Plain District, according to Brookfield Zoning By-laws, Section 6C.

Stephen J. Comtois II

ZBA Chairman

June 28, 2019

July 5, 2019

(SEAL)

COMMONWEALTH
OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF
THE TRIAL COURT
19 SM 002290
ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:

Brenda L. Paradis AKA Brenda L. Polleys, AKA Brenda L. Paradis-Polleys; Heirs, Devisees and Legal Representatives of the Estate of Pamela A. Paradis; Pamela J. Paradis AKA Pamela J. Ramsey; Dawn Paradis and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C.c. 50 §3901 (et seq):

U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee for the RMAC Trust, Series 2016-CTT, claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in **Spencer**, numbered **12 Langevin Street**, given by **Pamela A. Paradis and Brenda L. Paradis to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Advanced Financial Services, Inc., its successors and assigns, dated November 9, 2007, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 42054, Page 205**, and now held by 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 Service-members 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 July 22, 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 June 7, 2019

Attest: Deborah J. Patterson

Recorder

(19-002860 Orlans)

June 28, 2019

NOTICE

The Massachusetts State Lottery Commission will offer a KENO monitor to display the game to duly qualified existing KENO To Go agents, as listed below:

Honey Land

75 East Street

Ware, MA 01082

Written objection hereto, by LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITY, must be received by Gregory Polin, General Counsel, Massachusetts State Lottery Commission MSLC, 150 Mount Vernon Street, Dorchester, MA 02150

June 28, 2019

Town of Spencer

Conservation Commission

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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

Robert Giggy has filed an NOI with the Spencer Conservation Commission to reconstruct a shoreline stonewall and add a 28'by 28' garage addition to the existing house located at 135 Wilson Avenue, Spencer, MA.

Matthew Klansek has filed an NOI with the Spencer Conservation Commission to install a new septic system and remove a 24 foot oak tree at 9 Point Eastalee Drive, Spencer, MA.

Peter Floss has filed an RDA with the Spencer Conservation Commission to replace the existing walkway, build stairs and install a hand rail at 30 Roy's Drive, Spencer, MA.

Applications can be reviewed at the Office of Development and Inspectional Services, Town Hall. A public hearing regarding these filings will be held by the Spencer Conservation Commission in McCourt Social Hall at Town Hall, 157 Main Street, on Wednesday, July 10, 2019, at which time all persons

having an interest may be present and participate. Conservation Commission meetings open at 7:00 p.m., public hearings begin at 7:15 p.m.

Mary McLaughlin

Mary McLaughlin, Chairwoman

June 28, 2019

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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Worcester, SS

Probate Court

To Nancy A. Richard of Spener in the County of Worcester and to all other persons interested.

A petition has been presented to said Court by Patricia A. Geer and John R. Richard of Spencer/ Warren in the County of Worcester representing that they hold as tenant in common undivided part or share of certain land lying in Spencer in said County Worcester and briefly described as follows:

The land and buildings situated in the Town of Spencer, Worcester County, Massachusetts known as 5 Grant Street, Spencer, MA 01562 being more particularly described as follows: ON

the East eighty (80) feet by said Grant Street; ON the South one hundred and twenty two and one half (122.5) feet by land formerly of Sarah Belcher; ON the West eighty three (83) feet and 8 inches by land formerly of Pardon Howland; ON the North about one hundred forty (140) feet by land now of formerly of Philias J. Bouley ex ux.

Premises are conveyed subject to the right of the Town of Spencer to maintain a sewer line as no laid out across the south side of the tract.

Being the premises conveyed to the petitioner and another via a quitclaim deed dated February 9, 2004 and recorded with the Worcester District of Deeds in Book 32848 page 169.

setting forth that their desires that - all - the aforesaid described part - of said

land may be sold at private sale for no less than \$175,000.00 dollars, and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided either at private-sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof.

If you desire to object thereto your or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Worcester before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the 16th day of July 2019, the return day of this citation.

Witness, LEILAH A. KEAMY, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-ninth day of May 2019.

Stephanie K. Fattman

Register of Probate

June 28, 2019

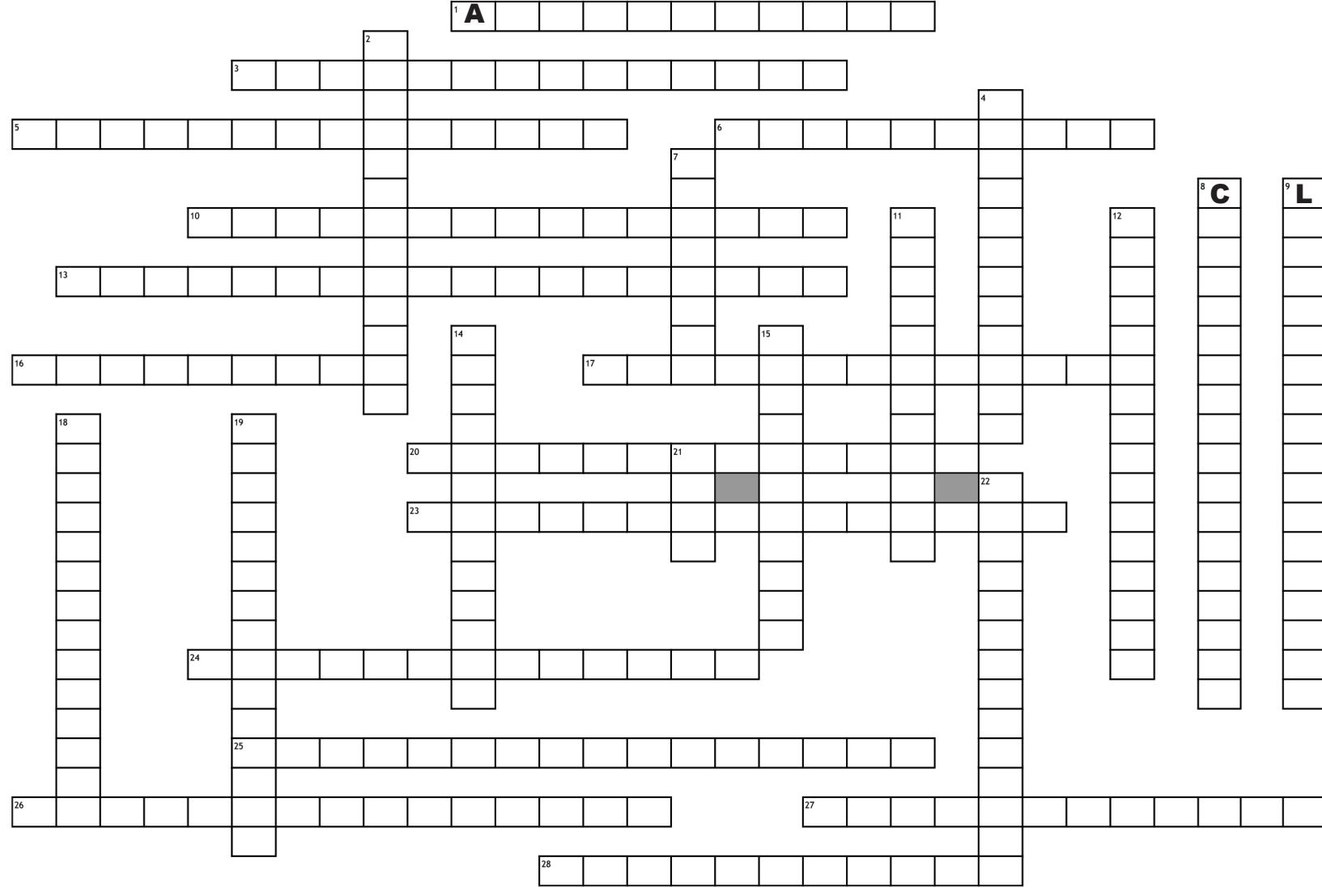
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Welcome to our Meet Your Merchants Crossword Puzzles

Because of the limitations of our Crossword Puzzle Maker, we needed to create two puzzles in order to get all the businesses in that are in the Meet Your Merchants Special Supplement. Each business has only one answer. We hope you enjoy the challenge. Good luck!



Across

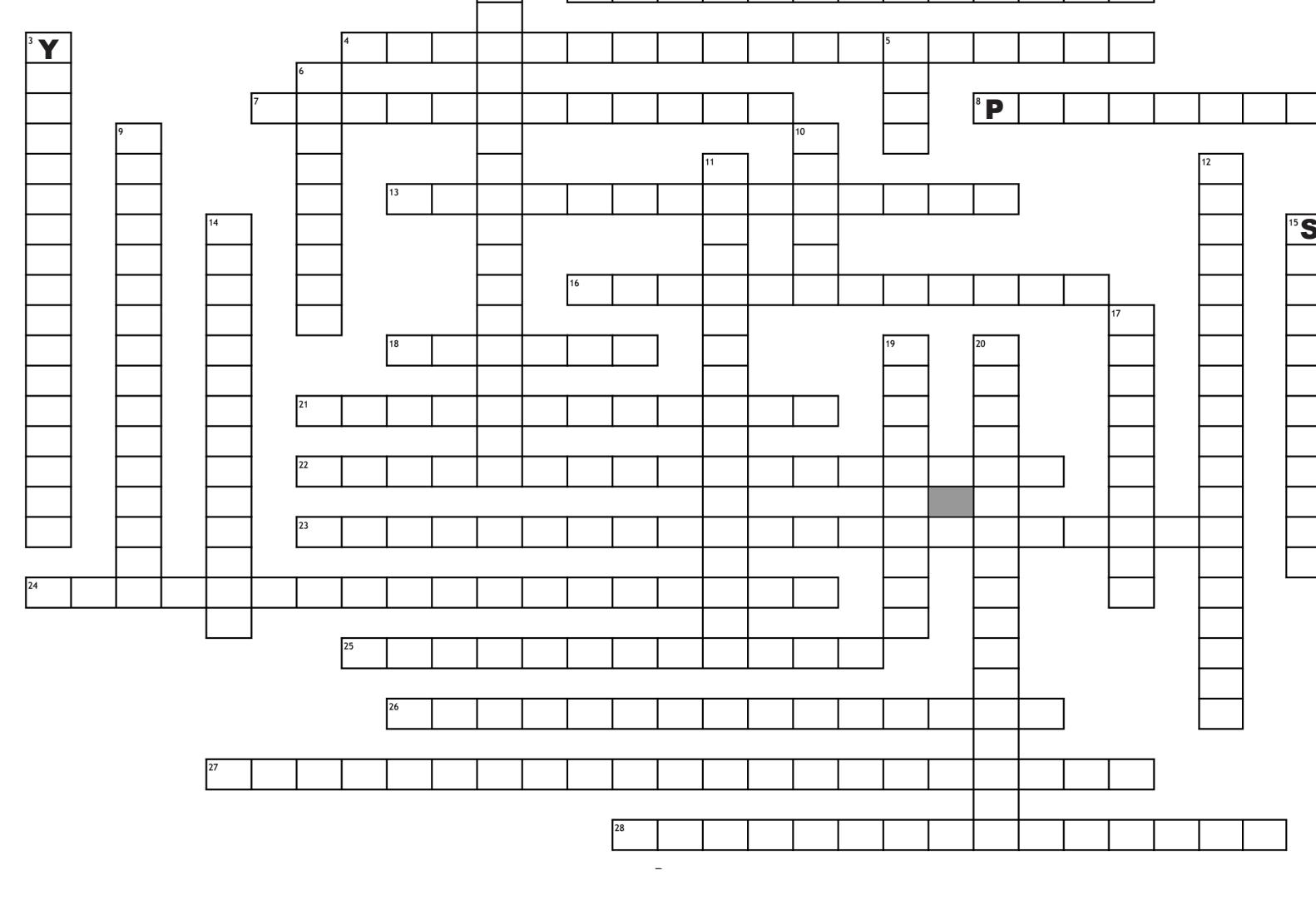
1. Got a job? Get a car!
3. Book early for best cabin
5. Your Home for Hardscapes
6. Biodegradable Waste
10. Visit us last
13. Centurion, Centurion Honor Society CDPE
16. GRI, ABR, LMC, CDPE, SRS, SRES, PSA, Notary Public
17. Probate & Estates
20. 10% off with this ad
23. Welcoming New Clients

24. Everybody Talks
25. Our goal is to improve the lives of people
26. Peace & tranquility in your own backyard
27. Time for some fun - Everyone!
28. \$46 first treatment

9. Dr. Colm Scanlon
11. 50% off gutter guards
12. Superior Veterinary Care Since 1995
14. Call us today 508-868-4291
15. Call us to discuss heating equipment upgrades
18. Helping you get back home
19. Free estimates include tonnage
21. Benjamin Moore Retailer
22. Annual car show July 27

Down

2. Warren Monette Chris Monette
4. We cater to seniors and the handicapped
7. Screened loam stored in building
8. General excavation services



Across

2. Over 30 years Experience!
4. Family owned and operated since 1967
7. Full automotive service facility
8. Where pets are pampered
13. Do it right!
16. Your neighborhood realtor
18. Experienced Adults Day Health
21. Come Grow With us
22. Mitsubishi Electric Ductless
23. We solve real estate problems

24. Outdoor seating across from Hamilton Reservoir
25. Monuments
26. Patty & Steve Duszak, Owners
27. Bulk CBD Oil & Isolate
28. 17th Annual safe tent sale

9. Yolanda "Jolie" Hatzides
10. Guaranteed financing! You're Approved!
11. Limited availability, book for summer now!
12. Propane 20 cents off
14. Re/Max Advantage 1
15. Direct Cremation \$1475
17. Your local trash hauler
19. Northboro's Gem for handmade local artisan
20. Roll off containers 10, 15, 20

Down

1. Challenging Minds and Forming Hearts for over 125 Years
3. 20% off when you spend \$50 more
5. Kitchen & bath sales & design
6. Outstanding career advancements and benefits

MEET YOUR MERCHANTS

Hint... answers don't always include the entire business name.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Circle which paper you found this in: *Spencer New Leader, Webster Times, Charlton Villager, Sturbridge Villager, Auburn News, Blackstone Valley Tribune, Southbridge News*

Daytime Phone: _____

Email address (optional) _____

Comments: _____

Please find the answers to this crossword puzzle in the Meet Your Merchants Supplement. Enter to win a \$25 gift card to a local business by mailing in your completed crossword to Meet Your Merchants Crossword Puzzle, Stonebridge Press, P. O. Box 90, 25 Elm Street, Southbridge, MA 01550 OR scan & email or take a picture and email it to jsima@stonebridgepress.news by Friday, July 19. Random-drawing for winner of all correct entries to be announced in the July 26th issue of the Merchants Supplement in this issue. One entry per person. Please support these businesses and tell them you saw their ad in your local paper! Good luck!

The Write Stuff

SINCE 2001

All Ages Welcome! Open topics.
Please share your creative writing and thoughts with us!

Megalodon Sharknado 2

BY ALEX K, CABI, WORCESTER, MA

In 2024, five years after the accident or aka the Megalodon Sharknado, there was discovered frozen in the Antarctic moas (mother of all sharks) after a supply ship saw it on its way to an Antarctic port. I was then called up on the phone by none other than Trump himself.

He said, "We have Air Force One ready to meet you at Beijing in one hour. There is secret service at your door at your lighthouse."

I said, "Oh well, I will meet you soon then ok."

I run outside and get in and we were off, and then we were in Air Force One heading to the USA. We then got a call from Trump who said the shark wasn't just one, it was 12, and they are swimming toward a hurricane. I thought no this couldn't be but it was a moasnado (mother of all sharknados). We tried everything we could to stop it. City after city was destroyed till NASA, who had a way to fix it, but wasn't called upon till the last minute, and they said throw an oxygen bomb at it. It will kill all oxygen, anything that breathes oxygen will die. Then the US started configuring and designing it. I was the man in charge. When it was launch day, I hit the button and then it killed the sharks but now we still have a hurricane to deal with. The hurricane went away after a day. We rebuilt, learned and understood, and we stopped them from ever happening for now.

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Finally Home

BY SUE ANGELA HEALY,
NORTH BROOKFIELD, MA

As I opened the door – there you were

You coming home I was unaware
It's been 2-3-4 – too many years
Fighting so hard to keep back the tears

That was your last tour of Afghanistan-Iraq

Finally home for good – you're finally back

We will have a huge party – the town will celebrate

Everyone called you a hero – you we appreciate

Always the life of the party – so

outgoing – so kind
After you've settled in for awhile

I know you will be fine
But shortly after the celebration ended

Everyone went their separate ways
You were not the person I once knew

You were not okay
Outbursts - not eating – sleeping - screaming in the nite

I knew we were in for the fight of your life

Day after day you insisted there was nothing wrong

But I knew in my heart you were depressed and withdrawn

This will pass in time just you wait and see

I will soon be myself again I will be me

Not wanting to push you I would ignore the symptoms and let you go

Crying in the darkness so you wouldn't know
There were days you simply couldn't get out of bed

Saying you hear noises – voices in your head

Most days you drank water – ate nothing at all

Walking with a cane now so you wouldn't fall

Asking our Lord if you can hear me from the Heavens above

Please give me back my husband – brother – father – uncle – the person we all love

Make him feel free of these demons – let him feel safe

Give us all the strength to be able to relate

Let there be an answer – let there be a cure

For this stranger that came back to me – I don't know any more

help him receive the answers he so desperately needs

On my knees I am begging you can you hear my pleas?

I know in my heart you will help all veterans coming home from war

Because none of us can imagine the horror that they saw

Deep down inside they feel lost – empty- all alone

For another battle all veterans face is when they're "Finally Home"

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voice as she placed a plate for him and her on their small round table.

Christopher, the bully that lives next door to him yelled out terrible names as soon as Billy reached the sidewalk. Billy was used to that kid, so he ignored him and walked faster toward the beach. He found seashells amongst the seaweed that road in on the high tide. He stopped and picked one up. As he tossed it into the ocean he thought about the awful things that happened at school that day. He got angry. And the angrier he got, the faster he threw the shells into the ocean. When he reached down to pick up an oyster shell, he found a tiny glass bottle under it. He picked them both up, brushed off some sand and noticed a note was inside.

Curiosity caught him, so he opened the bottle and read; "You are not worthless; You mean something. Never give up, Jesus loves you."

Billy sat down on the sand, covered his face and started crying. He had no idea who wrote the note, all he knew was someone was praying for him. After a while, he stood up, brushed the sand off and sprinted

Thank you to the Spencer Writer's Group for your submissions this month, and to all of our writers throughout the year. Also, thank you once again to the Center for Applied Behavioral Instruction of Worcester (CABI) students for your participation.

A special Thank You to Bob Pillsbury and Lamoureux Ford for your continued support of The Write Stuff, for without your sponsorship, we would not be able to continue this platform for writers in the Spencer New Leader.

We invite other businesses to join us for 2019-2020, our 19th season!

THE NEXT WRITE STUFF WILL BE ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2019.

Write this summer and submit anytime by email (documents preferred) to

jsima@stonebridgepress.news or fax to 508-764-4325.

Someone Is Missing

BY SUE ANGELA HEALY,
NORTH BROOKFIELD, MA

Every year when we go to Maine
Someone is missing – it's not the same

Standing – sitting – people all around
But for some reason – the calm inside cannot be found

There is chatter – laughter – even a few tears
Recalling special memories throughout the years

Every day – every season – each seems brand new
Because now we are spending forever, every second without you

Some days challenging – more difficult to go on
Yet I know for others I have to be strong

You were my daughter – wife – sister – aunt – my very best friend

And on you every moment have come to depend

Patty you were our shining star and sun – our everything

Never realizing the happiness to us you would bring

Now I sit alone in the still of darkness – just you and me

If only the future without you I could somehow foresee

Not eating – sleeping – able to concentrate

For you were my life -my heart – my endless soulmate

Minute by minute I don't know what to say or do

How am I going to spend eternity without you

Sitting at the picnic table – now an empty space

For you my dear we can never replace

A few years ago moving from New Hampshire to Florida our home

Now I'll be spending forever all alone

If you can hear me please give me a sign

Please let me know that I will one day be fine

Don't let me live in pain and sorrow

Give me a reason to look forward to tomorrow

My feelings to you I could always release

Let me find happiness – help me find peace

Knowing you never got over Tony

our son

I can't let go of everyone leaving one by one

Walking on the shore at Wells Beach which I know you loved

Now watching over us from the heavens above

I know you suffered so very long

But right by my side I need you where you belong

My tomorrows will be empty I will forever feel lost

Wishing I could have saved you, no matter the cost

Now you are with family members not aging any more

But will never get over you not walking thru our door

We shall always walk together and you shall never forget

It's only on April 30, 2019 I will every day regret

And although on that day I know we had to part

There shall always be an empty seat for you at our table, and a home for you in my heart.

~ In Loving Memory of Patty Girginis 4/30/2019

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The Ice Deliveryman

BY RICHARD TRAUSCHKE

Never heard of refrigeration
A pantry was all that we had in 1940, the only consideration was an icebox so food wouldn't go bad.

Every week or so, a call would be made

for a block of ice to be brought round;

Cut from a pond, 10 lb it weighed

I forgot how much it cost per pound

The deliveryman came, in an open Mack

and from the bed, with a pick, carved a block

hoisted up onto a rubber mat on his back

with iron tongs, continued to the kitchen knock.

We waited, with thirst til he was gone

then scrambled to the rig with glee

made off with ice shards and left not a one

convinced the iceman didn't see.

home with the note to show his Mom.

When he got back to the apartment he apologized for his rudeness and talked to his Mom about who Jesus was.

Six months later, Billy and his Mom started attending a church close by.

They accepted Jesus as their savior and learned more about the Bible.

Billy made new friends and learned a better way to handle the bullies.

He wasn't depressed or angry anymore.

In fact, Billy felt joy for the first time in his life.

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A Message in the Bottle

BY M.P., LEICESTER, MA

Message in the Bottle: "Don't change yourself to make other people happy. Be You! There is only one You, anyway."

On a cool spring day in Ireland,

fifteen year old Briar was walking along a beach.

She took her phone out of her jacket pocket and played her favorite tune.

Since there was no one else on the beach she turned her volume up.

Briar walked for a long time before she noticed a small object glittering in the water

ahead of her. She walked toward it, knelt down, and picked up a clear glass bottle. She was surprised to see that it was still intact, and noticed that a piece of paper was inside it.

She wanted to twist the cap off but wasn't sure she should.

Reluctantly, she opened the cover anyways and slid out the note.

It read; "Don't change yourself to make other people happy. Be You! There is only one of you, anyways."

A smile appeared on her face as quickly as tears rolled down her cheeks. Briar put the paper back into the bottle and slipped it into her jacket pocket.

Then sat down in the soft sand thinking about the message, and how she had tried to change her appearance at school so many times just to fit in.

She watched the tide roll in and out and decided that she would not put on a mask anymore.

She liked who she was and didn't want to be like everyone else.

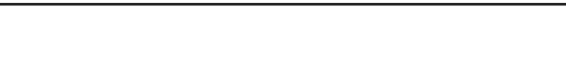
She waited there until dusk before going home.

The note is still with her as a reminder to be herself because there is only one of her.

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All Ages Welcome! Open topics.
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Just Enough

BY JACOB CONWAY, N. BROOKFIELD, MA

Message in a bottle: "You're special, and that's just enough"

Under a rock, by the lake, worms living under there.

Naturally curious, Jamie investigates. Since age 3 she liked looking at insects with her older brother Tim. She never seemed to grow out of it. People found out at school, and didn't seem to be as fond of it as Jamie was. Day after day people kept talking about her. They called her Bug Eyes, insulting her dreams and her large glasses. Every time they could insult her, they did.

The wind picked up, blowing the leaves off maple trees, and across the path. This blew her gorgeous, long, blonde hair to both sides of her face. She's beautiful, and she has just enough freckles to give her face character. But she's been unconscious since a girl called her ugly. She walks to the beach wearing her 'hand me down' shoes from Tim; she gets called gay even though she's strait because of them. Boys are mean. Girls are mean. Everyone is mean. Those thoughts kept flowing through her brilliant mind, like the water in the lake she's sitting at. Jamie takes off her sweatshirt, revealing the scratches and scrapes of metal on her arms. She looks up to the sky, closes her eyes, and dreams about being free.

"What's that?" she thinks, opening her wonderful green eyes under her thick contacts with brown frames. Jamie looked around, not looking at the bottle in the water. "Ugh, why do people litter? People are so inconsiderate." She says aloud, picking up the bottle. Jamie threw it into the garbage, and started walking to her spot. CRASH! "Dang it, glass gets recycled." She walked back, throwing the cover of the trash behind her. "I'm too mad to deal with this..." She stopped. It was a piece of notebook paper. What was weird is it had glass on the bottom, meaning it was in the bottle. "What in the world?" She picked it up, letting the beautiful autumn sun shine through the paper. "This is insane" Jamie laughed. She looked around and found a bench behind her, a place to sit. "Names carved all over the thing, savages." She started to read the paper: "My name is Patricia, I was very depressed. It was to the point that I would wake up crying, and fall asleep the same way. People would make fun of my choices and body type; my mother would call me mistake all the time. One day I had enough, and I walked to the woods by myself. When I knew I was alone, I heard something banging. It was a glass bottle, and I threw it on the ground out of anger. I found a piece of paper, saying the same thing this paper you're reading said. But it was from a boy named Mark. He said he was extremely sad as well, until he saw a bottle. He wrote I should trust God to help what's happening in my life, I was so desperate I did. Life got better, and I grew happier. Please believe in Him, and don't believe those people who put you down. You're special, and that's just enough."

Jamie reached for the razor in her pocket, and threw it into the trees. She ran as fast as she could through the forest to the store wiping her tears. Once those doors opened, she looked for Bibles, bought one, and ran home. The road was busy, but she ran without stopping. After reading for hours, she grabbed a piece of paper and a bright pink pen.

On the coast of Africa a young girl was standing there. She was about 14. She turned around and saw the cheap wooden huts that fill up her village. She closed her beautiful hazel eyes, and took the cover off on the hunting knife she holds. Then, the cold water on her feet stuns her. She feels something else, it's a bottle. She opens her eyes, and drops the knife to pick up the bottle. Her little fingers eventually pull of the tape, and take the piece of paper inside out. She reads the words on it in bright pink ink: "My name is Jamie, and let me tell you a story of how our Father saved me, and will save you...."

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## An Encouraging Word

BY S. ROSS LEGASEY, SPENCER, MA

Message in a bottle: "It's never too late... Just don't quit trying."

Blinding Lights! Screeching tires! Horns blasting! Fatal screams!

"No, No!" Izzy cried squirming in her hospital bed. "Izzy, wake up! You're having a bad dream," nurse Bridget said calmly

stroking Izzy's arm.

Izzy opened her eyes filled with fear. "I saw the accident!" She declared. "The other car was heading straight at me! When I turned the wheel, my car started rolling over the edge of the cliff!" she cried. "All I heard was swishing in my ears and I kept getting bumped all over until I passed out!" Izzy sobbed. Bridget handed her some tissues from a box on the bedside table. "It's over now and you kept yourself safe."

When Izzy looked up from her tear filled tissues, a doctor greeted her from the doorway. "Hello Izzy, I'm Dr. Frank. I saw you last night when the EMT's brought you in. You were in a bad car accident. Do you remember? But first tell me your name and do you know where you are?" "I'm Izzy Betts, and I think this is General Hospital, right?" Izzy answered

Dr. Frank shook his head yes, "Do you mind if I check your legs? Nurse Bridget is here to help." "No, I don't mind," Izzy answered. Bridget lifted the blankets while Dr. Frank took a small hammer out of his pocket and laid it on the bed, then he showed Izzy a pic saying, "Tell me if you feel this," and started poking her legs and feet.

"Are you doing it? 'cause I'm not feeling anything," Izzy answered hoping he hadn't started yet.

"That's good for now Izzy. I needed you awake for this exam. We're going to send you to the X-ray department for one more test. We'll be checking the nerves in your legs. A tech will be in an hour to bring you down. Is that all right with you?" Dr. Frank asked as he slipped the tools back in his pockets. After writing on the clipboard, he looked at Izzy once more, "You will be okay Izzy, don't look so worried," he smiled reassuringly and left the room.

Exactly an hour later David appeared in her room with a wheelchair; he would be her escort to the X-Ray department and the test that would predict her future. Dr. Frank brought the diagnoses that afternoon. She needed to start therapy as soon as her wounds healed.

A week later, David reappeared in her doorway, "Ready to go? Time to strengthen those legs," he said cheerfully, "I'm going to be your therapist." Izzy smiled, "That's good, at least I know you already."

Day after day, Izzy lay on the therapy table exercising and building muscles, getting massage therapy and trying to stand. A few weeks past, frustrated, Izzy cried, "It's not working! Nothing is! I might as well sit in a wheelchair all my life!"

"No Izzy, you got this. It just takes time. You'll see you will take your first step real soon. I'll help you," David insisted. Two months later David wheeled her to the therapy bars, locked the breaks and said, "Now push up. You did it before. Do it now."

David held her waist and the back of the wheelchair as she pushed on the arms of the chair and stood. "Okay, now what?" Izzy asked smartly. "When you're ready, take a step," David said matter-of-factly.

"Sure," Izzy laughed, "I haven't taken a step in months, and now I'm supposed to just do it!" she said sarcastically...

After a lot of coaxing, she did it! By the end of the week, and a week of standing and stepping at the therapy bars, Dr. Frank sent her home. She promised to continue therapy every day and walk into his office in a couple months. David agreed to be the tech that would drive her as well as be her therapist. That made Izzy very happy.

Therapy was arranged for her to start the following Monday after her release from the hospital. David was at her house fifteen minutes earlier to drive her to the hospital. Her journey to full recovery had started. But she had to pass the accident spot on her way to therapy. The nightmares began again, with repeated scenes of her rolling in the car. Two weeks later on her way home from therapy session she suddenly ordered David to stop the car. "What's wrong?" he asked frantically, "Are you okay?" "No, I'm not. Pull over here please," she begged. He parked next to a repaired guard rail. "This was the spot my car rolled over the cliff. Will you help me out?" David shut the engine off and opened her door.

Offering his arm, he assisted her out of the car, "now go slow, watch your step." They stood by the guard rail for a few moments when Izzy suddenly announced, "I need to get over this fear David. Will you take me to the river?" The hope in her eyes was all he needed to see and

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bare another moment here with them – they aren't even my real parents. Please write back to the address I will include with this letter. With all my heart, Maureen Walsh

When I was seventeen, I put a message in a bottle and sent it out to sea. I didn't know who would get it, and I didn't know if they would find my green glass bottle and decide to read the desperate message within it. A call for aid. And call for help. I watched that green bottle float away and stood barefoot in the sand until I could no longer see it. I watched it bob up and down amongst the waves and when it finally vanished, the sun had begun to set in the sky.

I returned to that cottage on the shores of Ireland and I continued to work. I came home with an envelope filled with my daily pay and handed half of it to my caretakers before hiding the rest in an iron chest under an old floorboard under my even older bed. I was surprised the frame could even support the hard mattress anymore. I sat in a chair by the window and looked out at the sea, letting my long red hair down out of its braided bun under my bonnet. I brushed through it and stared out the window.

Three years passed and every day I did the same thing. I worked and got paid and saved and worked. When I was twenty years old, I received a letter in the mail. I took it back to my room quickly and closed the door with a soft click. I sat on my bed and held the envelope in my hands. The sender was unknown to me. I turned it over in my hands over and over again and then ripped open the seal all at once. I pulled out the slip of paper from within and found it was two pages stapled together.

Dear Maureen Walsh,

I found your bottle one morning while tying up my father's boats. To say that I was surprised to find it is, I believe, and understatement. In this day and age, a phone call is oftentimes more common. My name is David Yorkshire and I am from the East Coast of the United States. I moved there a few years back from England and now live near Boston Harbor. I would be willing to come and see you. Please write me back at this address as soon as you can, Miss Walsh. I want to help you, but I need more information. Are you hurt? Are you unsafe? What is the nature of these caretakers with whom you wish to escape from? You seed adventure, yes, but I want to know if you are seriously in trouble before I decide to come to you or not. Please get back to me soon.

I finished the letter and after my caretakers were asleep, I snuck out and brought the stamped letter to the post office and returned to my bed without a sound.

I waited two years for a reply letter, and when it came, it merely said;

Maureen,

Pack your things and wait for me at the docks in three days' time. Ask for David Yorkshire. I will take you to America. Have your Visa and Passport and any other documents at the ready. I want to do this lawfully. You are twenty-two years old and have the legal right to decide for yourself. I am eager to meet you.

David.

I immediately did as the letter instructed me. Over the next two days, I secretly prepared a suitcase and gathered all the money I had saved and the papers and went to the bank between my errands and couldn't help but feel excited. I was being rescued. It had taken nearly five years, but I didn't care. I was finally free.

On the three-day mark, I left a note for my caretakers and went to the docks with my things and asked for David Yorkshire. I was brought to a large ship and on it, back to me, stood a man I assumed was only a few years my elder. He turned to face me and wore a captain's garb. He had dark hair and beard, and his eyes were as blue as the ocean around us. "David Yorkshire?" I asked softly. "I am Maureen Walsh." The man stood there and looked at me thoughtfully, then said just as softly, eyes filled with wonder. "You are even more beautiful than I could have imagined." He held a hand out to me and I took it, smiling shyly, my dreams coming true all at once.

He ordered some men to take my things to my cabin and he gave me a tour of this ship. His family owned several of these ships. Months passed, we fell in love, and a year later, we were married.

The centerpiece at our table was an old, salty green glass bottle.

## The Green Glass Bottle

BY EMILY-ROSE PAPPAS, LEICESTER, MA

If you are reading this, it means you have found my call for help. I sent this message in a bottle in the 1954 from the west coast of Ireland. I want to escape this place and find adventure. I've been saving for years; I merely need somewhere to go. Please send a letter back to me. I desperately need to escape my caretakers. I cannot

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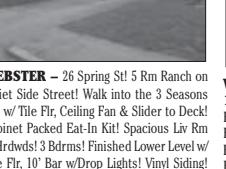
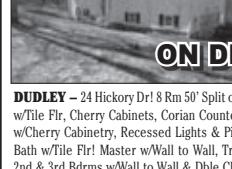
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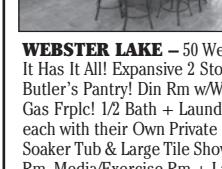
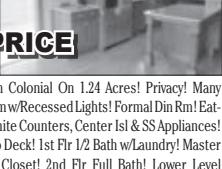
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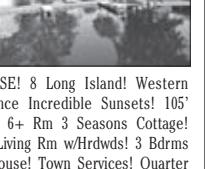
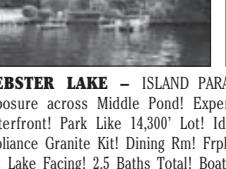
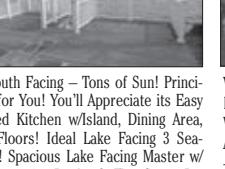
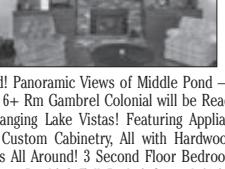
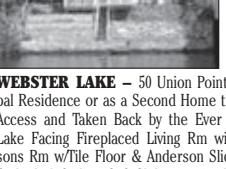
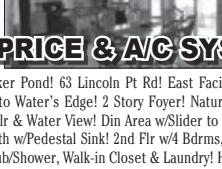
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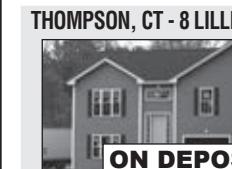
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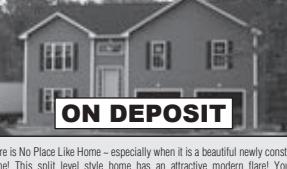
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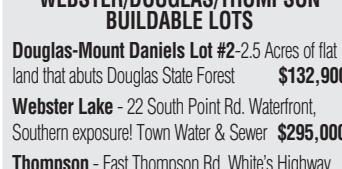
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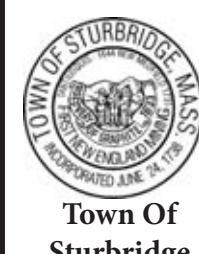
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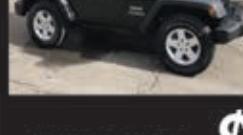


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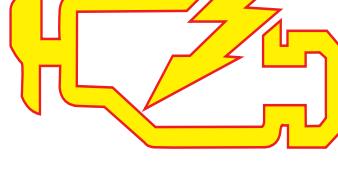
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