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### Local business among recipients of workforce training grants

POLITO VISITS VIBRAM FOR ANNOUNCEMENT OF FUNDS



Lt. Governor Karyn Polito gets a tour of Vibram USA's North Brookfield factory from company CEO Michael BY KEVIN FLANDERS

NORTH BROOKFIELD — The future is now for job growth and training in the Bay State. Following the announcement of a major financial infusion for dozens of companies across the state, Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito spent last Friday, June 24, visiting several of the recipients selected for workforce training grants.

In total, the Baker-Polito Administration awarded \$8.5 million in grant monies to 101 Massachusetts companies. Among them is Vibram USA, a leading shoe accessory producer that runs a factory on School Street in town. On June 24, the factory got a visit from Polito and several local legislators, including Sen. Anne Gobi and State Rep. Donald Berthiaume.

The Baker-Polito Administration has made it a priority to ensure that businesses receive the resources they need to further training opportunities for today's workers and also educate the employees of tomorrow. With this latest disbursement from the state's Workforce Training Fund, over 6,200 individuals statewide will receive training at their workplaces.

There are a number of new jobs that will be available over the next few years, and we need bright, skilled people to fill these jobs," Polito told the Spencer New Leader. "We want to provide better educational opportunities for our students

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### Leicester officials to pursue 'green community status

BY KEVIN FLANDERS NEWS STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER — Selectmen have given Town Administrator Kevin Mizikar the green light to acquire more information on the benefits of becoming a green community.

In a unanimous vote, the board authorized Mizikar to study and pursue the Mass. Department of Energy Resources (DOER) Municipal Energy Technical Assistance Grant program. The initiative is designed to help area towns become green communities, with up to \$7,500 in grant funds available for each town.

Once designated, communities are eligible to receive significant funding to reduce their municipal energy use. If Leicester elects to go green, it would also be eligible for competitive grant funding in future

Though such towns as Charlton, West Brookfield, Southbridge, and Warren have recently become green communities, among others, Leicester

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### A new leash on life

#### PROJECT GOOD DOG CELEBRATES FIRST **ANNIVERSARY**

**BY KEVIN FLANDERS** NEWS STAFF WRITER

EAST BROOKFIELD — Second Chance Animal Shelter and the Worcester County Sheriff's Office recently celebrated the first anniversary of Project Good Dog, a partnership that has seen immediate results.

Launched in April 2015, the program helps shelter dogs receive needed training and assistance prior to adoption. By pairing the dogs with inmates who provide them with 24/7 care and training, Project Good Dog not only improves the dogs' behavior but also their social skills.

And the project has been just as beneficial to the inmates as it is to the dogs, officials said, teaching them about responsibility

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During the first anniversary celebration of Project Good Dog, Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis joins adoptive parents John and Annmarie Lapierre, as well as their 1-year-old Australian shepherd mix, Walter.

### Rescue Squad signs new contract with town

BY KEVIN FLANDERS NEWS STAFF WRITER

SPENCER — After signing a new contract with the town, the Spencer Rescue and Emergency Squad is eager to continue providing a high level of service to residents in need.

Worth \$150,000 per year, the three-year contract represents about 15 percent of the SRES annual operating budget, offsetting a portion of the non-revenue producing services provided by the organization.

The details of the contract were ironed out over a twomonth period, and town officials and residents alike are excited to continue receiving 24/7 advanced life support services from a highly experienced organization.

"SRES offers first-class care and coverage through their nonprofit organization," Town Administrator Adam Gaudette said. "It has been a tremendous public-private partnership, and we look forward to this continued effort that serves the com-

With the recent addition of a third ambulance and a commitment toward resurrecting the call department, there has been a lot to be thrilled about for the SRES lately. The new contract ensures that all services will be maintained moving forward.

"We are glad that we will be able to provide the same level of service that we've given to the town in the past," said Pat George, a member of the SRES board of directors.

While the contract provides significant funding for the organization, the SRES also relies heavily on the support of residents. About eighty percent of the trips the organization makes are Medicare or Medicaid reimbursements, which result in a high write-off rate for transport charges. Additionally, about a third of all ambulance calls are ..........

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### Summer reading programs in full swing

LIBRARIES IN THE BROOKFIELDS COMMENCE ANNUAL SCHEDULES

BY KEVIN FLANDERS

NEWS STAFF WRITER

Ready. Set. Read! Now that another school year is in the books, it's time for kids to start picking up some books as part of summer reading programs.

At libraries throughout the Brookfields, youngsters will have an opportunity to turn pages read into prizes earned during summer reading activities. At North Brookfield's Haston Public Library, the "On Your Mark,

Get Set, Read!" summer reading program runs from July 5 to Aug. 13. The program is open to children from pre-school through

Children enrolled in the program will receive reading logs, bookmarks and certificates of achievement, as well as weekly

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prizes upon completion of certain reading Kids enjoy a pizza party during the kickoff event for the summer reading program at Brookfield's Merrick Public Library. Courtesy photo.

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#### IN AND AROUND SPENCER



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From right, Knowledge Olympiad winner Justin Tower. Second place finishers Noah Caouette and Kane Barnes, and third place finisher Madison Ethier.

#### BY KEVIN FLANDERS

EAST BROOKFIELD — Knowledge is power, and students at East Brookfield Elementary School are quite powerful.

The school held its annual Knowledge Olympiad to celebrate the end of another great year. After taking a qualifying test, the top scoring students in grades 4-6 participated in the event, with six students chosen from each grade.

The Olympiad was set up in a Jeopardy-style

format. There were four rounds, and students in each grade competed against their classmates in the first three rounds. The top two student scorers from each grade then moved to the final round, with three medalists emerging.

The first place finisher was Justin Tower, while Noah Caouette and Kane Barnes tied for second place. This year's bronze medalist was Madison

"The students get excited each year when the time comes for the Olympiad," said teacher Christine Lavin, who created the questions along with Vicky Zaring and Sheila Grant. "They wait anxiously for the results to be finalized to see who makes it each year. It is great to see students compete multiple years, but equally exciting to see new students qualify.'

Categories for questions in the Olympiad included math, science, history, geography, reading, and a mystery category.

#### STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

The Greater Worcester Community Foundation recently announced that it has awarded \$624,650 in college scholarships to local students.

Ranging from \$300 to \$5,000, scholarships were Turn To AROUND SPENCER page A15

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· July 8, 5:30 p.m., Henry the Juggler (kids of all ages really enjoyed him last year). Followed at 6:30 p.m. by crowd favorite - Dave Pike and the Good Ol' Boys. Baking contest: Cookies

· July 15, 5:30 p.m., Maggie the Clown, comedy, magic, and juggling. Followed by Celtic Band - Full Gael at 6:30 p.m. Baking contest: Bars/squares

• July 22, 6:30 p.m., Classic American Rock band - Cold Train. Baking contest: Cupcakes • July 29, 6:30 p.m., (new to us) Blues

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#### **Q**UOTATION OF THE WEEK

"This is an exciting opportunity for you. Don't think of the challenges as obstacles - think of them as opportunities."

- Sen. Anne Gobi, talking to sixth graders at the East Brookfield Elementary School's send off event last week.

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### Music knows no boundaries

#### West Brookfield resident participates in Musicians WITHOUT BORDERS EVENT

**BY KEVIN FLANDERS** NEWS STAFF WRITER

WEST BROOKFIELD — Possessing the ability to inspire people and bring them together — even to heal wounds the power of music is limitless. At a recent event, a local musician discovered several examples of how music transcends.

Gary Blanchard, a longtime singer and guitarist from West Brookfield, attended a Musicians Without Borders event in Northampton last week. The program helped raise money for the Musicians Without Borders organization, which uses the power of music to bridge divides, connect communities, and help heal some of the wounds of

By uniting individuals from throughout the nation, Musicians without Borders allows participants time to develop skills and build relationships. The organization's professional trainers are specialized in running community music projects with people dealing with trauma, fear, and isolation as a result of war and conflict.

For Blanchard, who has been known locally to use music to promote peace, it meant a lot to be involved in an event with such an uplifting message.

"Taking part was important to me, as I have long had a commitment to using music in positive ways," said Blanchard, who performs at several local venues each vear.

Among Blanchard's most successful events is an International Peace Day concert in Brookfield, which has quickly grown over the years.

With the help of artists like Blanchard, Musicians without Borders is building a global network of musicians and music lovers. Local singer/songwriter Eva Cappelli coordinated the recent event at Sam's Cafe in Northampton. The program featured many talented musicians from throughout the area, including Ray Mason, Lisa Martin, and Warren's Amy Herrera.

Like Blanchard, each of the artists has made it a goal to use music to inspire and inform. Whether they're at a local library or church, or a series of concerts throughout the east coast, every event can make a difference.

"It's important to use music to lift spirits, offer hope, encourage action, and to bring people together," Blanchard

If you are interested in helping support the Musicians Without Borders cause, you can make a donation by visiting www.musicianswithoutborders. org. "War Divides – Music connects," serves as the organization's motto, and it is always looking for support from musicians and donors.

The Musicians Without Borders organization has supported programs and initiatives in several previously wartorn places. The organization works closely with local musicians and groups in these areas to respond to local needs. In post-war Kosovo, for example, aspiring young rockers meet at the Mitrovica School, where they can focus on their passion. At Palestine Community



Courtesy photo

Local musician Gary Blanchard, of West Brookfield, recently participated in a Musicians Without Borders event.

Music School, meanwhile, volunteers are bringing the joys of music to hospitals, schools and orphanages.

Thanks to ongoing support, the organization continues to lead new projects every day throughout the world. It's latest projects have taken place in Rwanda and Tanzania, where youth music programs have assisted children stricken with HIV.

The organization is led by founder/ director, Laura Hassler, and includes a staff from around the world. Just like music, it knows no borders.

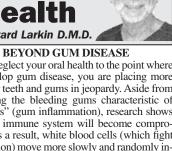
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### Report: Breast cancer rate in area among highest in nation

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN NEWS STAFF WRITER

Susan G. Komen Southern New England's Community Profile of Breast Cancer in Massachusetts 2015 report showed that there is a clear disparity in death rates based on socioeconomics, race and education levels in the Commonwealth.

After the American Cancer Society reported in a 2015 study that Massachusetts had the second highest incident of breast cancer (behind Connecticut), Susan G. Komen Southern New England identified where the highest incidents and mortality and late stage diagnosis were throughout the

In 2015 there were 25.434 incidents of breast cancer reported in Massachusetts. Three communities were identified as the most affect-– Boston, Springfield and Worcester. While the organization plans to focus their efforts mostly on those three municipalities, they have advice and goals for the entire state.

Why does Massachusetts have such a high rate of breast cancer? There is no research yet to prove why this is so. Genetics and the environment may play a role, as does lifestyle. But Massachusetts is known as a relatively healthy and active state, so researchers are per-

Twenty-five percent of the funds raised by Komen go into the company's national research pool, which has an agenda that includes funding studies on identifying the cause of the high rates of breast cancer. For now, nothing other than being a woman and getting older are sure factors.

"What we're most interested in is health care disparities," noted CEO Lori van Dam. "We have that in Massachusetts, even though we think of ourselves as a place with good health care, which is true, but access is unequal. Although you're more likely to be diagnosed with breast cancer as a white woman, you're most likely to die from breast cancer if you're black or African

American or non-English speakers. Those women are less likely to access screenings and treatments.

Part of Komen's research showed that there are approximately 100 providers that offer preventative breast cancer care and treatment services. So, why are there so many incidents of mortality?

'A lot of women are not educated on how to go about getting a screening and continuing treatment once they are diagnosed," said van Dam. "One thing we are supporting in those three communities is providing grant funding to patient outreach and education efforts and patient navigation."

By funding patient navigation, Komen is hoping to connect all of the pieces and people involved in cancer treatment – which can involve up to 30 different people - and get help to the people that are struggling, keeping them on track during their treatment

'With patient navigation," noted van Dam, "we can follow up with women and help them get past these barriers – a language barrier, no transportation, financial situations – and get them to stay in treatment.

To date, Susan G Komen has awarded more than \$68 million for breast cancer research in Massachusetts. They've also provided \$9 million to Massachusetts-based organizations that provide breast cancer education, screening, diagnostics, treatment and support services. Komen hopes to ultimately end breast cancer deaths in the Commonwealth.

"It's critical to keep working to help, particularly our least advantaged families, to understand what their risk factors are and options are," continued van Dam. "Even if you're underinsured, there are services available to you. Get access to those services. Don't wait. They are there and the earlier that any kind of cancer is diagnosed, the better prognosis.

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### EWS BRIEFS

#### GWCF awards \$37,900 to benefit Leicester residents

LEICESTER — Greater Worcester Community Foundation announced the awarding of \$37,900 through the Leicester Savings Bank Fund that will improve the quality of life for Leicester residents. Those who received funding will help make a positive difference for the Leicester community's vulnerable citizens by improving life through community development, education, recreation, the arts, or human services.

The following organizations received grants from the Leicester Savings Bank Fund:

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Departments. These grants were given in honor of Auburn Patrolman, Ronald Tarentino who was killed in the line of duty May 22, 2016. Officer Tarentino was a patrolman for the Auburn Police Department for two years and previously served on the Leicester Police Department for seven years.

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### EBES sends off sixth graders to a new beginning



Kevin Flanders photos

Principal Ron Tomlin addresses guests.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS

EAST BROOKFIELD — For sixth graders at East Brookfield Elementary School, the final day of classes last Monday represented a bittersweet conclusion of one chapter and the exciting commencement of a new one.

Cheered by their families, teachers and several special guests, the sixth graders gathered for the final time as a class during the June 20 sendoff at EBES. After spending several years in the same school with the same group of friends and teachers, it will be a big transition for the kids when they move to middle school next fall.

But they will never forget the memories they made at EBES.

'This is an exciting opportunity for you," Sen. Anne Gobi told the sixth graders. "Don't think of the challenges as obstacles — think of them as opportunities.'

Gobi wasn't the only distinguished guest who took the time to send off the EBES sixth graders in style. State Representative Donald Berthiaume. Selectman Ted Boulay, and Finance Committee member Mark Carpentier each wished the students well as they embark on the next chapter of their

'Each of you has a talent – a gift – and it's up to you to find that gift and use it to make the world a better place," Boulay said.

Added Berthiaume, "Don't forget to always have fun and enjoy the ride.'

While the EBES Class of 2016 is eagerly looking forward to next fall, the sendoff also provided an opportunity to reflect on the many years at a school that became their second home. From field trips to the State House and other exciting venues, to Career Day visits and field days out back, the students became very close over the years.

"This was a fun, hard-working group of kids that was a pleasure to have every day," said Principal Ron Tomlin.

It won't be easy for the students to arrive at a new school in a new town next year, but guest speakers reminded them that every new situation provides a chance to make friends and find success. Many of the students will attend Knox Trail Middle School next year, while others will commute to surrounding towns for school.

No matter where the students go, they will carry with them the experience they gained in East Brookfield.

"This school has set the foundation, and you are all ready to step up for many challenges and opportunities," said Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District Superintendent Tracy Crowe. "There are many people to thank for helping you get here, especially your family members and teachers.'

Though they were sad to leave EBES behind, students shared several memories from their years together. They will always remember the close friendships they formed, staff members said.

"I will miss this school - it's hard



Paige Cournoyer, the Student Council president, addresses her classmates.

to imagine that this will be our last time together. I couldn't ask for a better group of classmates and teachers," said Student Council president Paige Cournover.

Added Student Council vice president, Alex Rossi, "I have made some of the best friends I've ever had here.'

Following the guest speeches, students received certificates marking the completion of their time at EBES.

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### LHS implements new 1:1 Chromebook program

BY KEVIN FLANDERS

LEICESTER — When students return to Leicester High School this fall, they will immerse themselves in a brand new system of learning that maximizes the benefits of technolo-

With the implementation of the 1:1 Chromebook program, students will transform the way they learn and explore new educational opportunities. As part of the system rollout, all LHS students will receive

a Chromebook laptop if they agree to pay a \$50 insurance fee for the devices. In addition, students will receive a charger and a protective carrying case for their laptops.

officials and School students alike are excited to begin the 1:1 initiative. After staff members spent well over a year to facilitate the new technology by systematically improving the district's wireless network, the system is ready to go for the fall. In addition to running Google's Chrome program, operating Chromebooks are tightly integrated with Google Apps for Education, a free set of tools for educa-

"This has been a very long and carefully planned project. When I first started here, the schools had very little Wi-Fi access, but have worked hard to improvements make with the goal of getting this technology the classroom,' said Superintendent Judy Paolucci.

tors and students.

Unlike many school districts, Leicester officials aren't aiming to simply convert paper assignments into electronically presented assignments. They're hoping to leverage the technology to transcend all aspects of learning. From document sharing through the Google-supported Chrome system, to applying new techniques to solving problems, to aiding in communications, the program will offer countless benefits to students.

Most important, the devices will enable learning to continue beyond the hours of a school day.

"Learning is 24/7 these days, not just limited to when students are in school," Paolucci added.

"The empowerment students will have over their own learning is incred-

ible.' Each Chromebook features several amenities, including a touchscreen, virus and web filtering protection, and unlimited claims for accidental damage with no deductible. Additionally, the system does not require students to purchase any software; the school will provide access to necessary software packages.

Indeed, long gone are the days of learning exclusively via chalkboard and textbook, as school officials continue to use technology to enhance learning. Paolucci and her team, including technology director Jeffrey Berthiaume, have visited several schools where the 1:1 program was in use and interviewed staff members on its success.

Now they're ready to bring the system to LHS.

"The high school staff and administration has been working for over a year and a half to make this program a reality," Berthiaume said. "We believe that putting technology directly in the hands of students and making our curriculum available on those devices will better prepare students for college and careers.'

Prior to July 25, the district will open a payment portal for the insurance fees. During the week of August 22, time slots will be arranged for students to pick up their devices at the high school. Additionally, stu-

dents who qualify for the free and reduced lunch program will be eligible to receive a reduction in the insurance fee. For students meeting this criteria, contact Lisa Martinelli after July 1 (508-892-7040) at the central office to fill out a waiver. The process must be completed by Aug. 1.

As Paolucci eagerly anticipates the new school year, she took time to thank everyone who made the 1:1 program implementation possible. School officials also praised Berthiaume for his hard work in reparıng Chromebooks.

"We have a fantastic technology director in Jeff Berthiaume. He has a great vision for how this will be used going forward," Paolucci added. "The way of the future is online tools, and we are looking to use them to improve everything from student communications to collaboration.'

In the event that a Chromebook is accidentally damaged, students will be provided with a loaner device until the original is repaired. The school will take care of all claims, paperwork and shipping costs associated with repairing the devices. Moreover, students will be able to keep their devices over subsequent summers if their fee payments are current.

A parent presentation on the 1:1 program was held on June 8, and officials are currently planning a second event. For more information about

the program, visit www.leicester.k12. ma.us, then click on the "schools" tab and access the LHS

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### Knowledge Olympiad tests students' skills at Knox Trail



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Knox Trail Middle School students compete in the Knowledge Olympiad earlier this month.

**BY KEVIN FLANDERS** NEWS STAFF WRITER

SPENCER — Harnessing the universal power of knowledge, the Athenians recently vied for supremacy against the Spartans in an epic battle of wits and wills.

The June 8 clash didn't take place in Greece, however, but instead at Knox Trail Middle School, where the annual Knowledge Olympiad tests students' knowledge in several

subjects. Split into two six-person teams, the students were challenged Jeopardy-style in such categories as world history, science, math, vocabulary, grammar, and entertainment, among others.

The event's master of ceremonies, retired fifth grade science teacher, Nancy McComas, led the challenge between heated rivals. The judges for the event were current sixth grade math teacher, Pete Bogren, and retired Wire Village vice principal, Maryanne Hammond.

The students had qualified for the teams by acquiring a high score on a pre-test with Olympiad-like questions. Each team was asked questions from 12 categories," said program director Jennifer Bouley, a seventh grade math teacher at KTMS.

The contest consisted of five rounds. In the first battle, Zeus's Challenge, teammates were allowed to discuss the questions, but only the captains could answer. Round two, Apollo's Arena, allowed members of each team to compete face-to-face in a battle of buzzers. If the first student to buzz in did not answer the question correctly, the other team had a chance to do so.

Round three, Poseidon's Wheel, featured each team member spinning a wheel to determine what category their question would be taken from. The fourth round, Athena's Revenge, once again showcased the teams' unity and communication skills - but this round allowed the other team to "steal" if the first team answered incorrectly.

At the end of each round, the score was tallied and posted so the teams and the packed audience could see who was ahead. The Spartans maintained a lead after each of the first four rounds, but the Athenians would not back down in the face of defeat.

Throughout the competition, both teams were asked questions about a theme relevant to current events. These questions were called "Hades Gamble" questions, and this year's theme was the presidential election. Such questions as, "What is the name of the group of 538 people who actually choose the president?" and 'What is the three-word name that refers to the president as the leader of the military?" were asked.

The fifth round of the competition presented the final Hades Gamble question to students. Similar to Jeopardy, the teams were allowed to gamble up to half of their earned points before the final question was given.

"Both teams were read the same question, and the teams were allowed to confer about the answer. When the fifteen seconds were up, the answers were given to the judges to tally

up the score," Bouley added.
In the end, because of the number of points risked by each team on the Hades Gamble question, the Spartans fell to the Athenians in heartbreaking fashion despite leading throughout the contest. Still, outcome notwithstanding, everyone had a great time challenging themselves and competing against their peers.

Participants Knowledge Olympiad included: Shea Aubuchon, Mikayla Grenier, Emily Anderson, Stephen Olsen, Olivia Whelan, Jenna Petruzzi, Jack Barnes, Emily Fritz, Kyle Sandusky, Samantha Busold, Daniel Bowen, Gavin Gauthier, Kalli McCutcheon, and Amanda Scannell. The proclamation reader was Zoie Villages, and Mikayla Bokis served as the event's musical director.

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### NBES garden, mural project helps students 'grow together'



North Brookfield Elementary School students pose in front of their murals.



Alex Connor and Natalie Delisio, both 9, love helping out with the school's new garden.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS

NORTH BROOKFIELD — Students at North Brookfield Elementary School have cultivated a new passion with the establishment of the school garden this year. Thanks to a recent grant, students were able to combine their loves for art and gardening.

After district art teacher Nicole Guzik received a \$500 grant from the North Brookfield Cultural Council, she decided the funds could be used for a program that connected various aspects of curriculum. To that end, students in grades 4-12 created garden-themed murals that were displayed on the side wall of the elementary school behind the garden.

All murals featured elements of the district's yearlong garden theme, "let's grow together." Elementary school students have taken the motto to heart, not only growing plants and trees but also a fascination with gardening. Every week the students have taken part in different projects in the garden, learning about teamwork and leadership in the process.

'This was a great way to piece together the garden and art programs," Guzik said of the mural project. "The kids really enjoyed it, and they learned quite a bit. It was nice to see them learning in different ways outside the classroom this year.'

Many students couldn't decide what they enjoyed more - gardening or painting murals showing their love for gardening. A few of the murals were highly symbolic, emphasizing the roots of a tree to demonstrate that every great success begins somewhere.

"My favorite part was painting - I love to paint," said NBES fourth grader Patrick Toomey.

Added 9-year-old NBES student Natalie Delisio, "I love planting and doing fun stuff like watering. We learned a lot."

Several local farms donated plants for the garden program, and the North Brookfield Board of Health donated compost from the recycling center for the garden beds. Now that the kids have learned the basics of creating a garden,

teachers are hoping they'll bring that interest back home with them over the summer.

The mural project was also an opportunity to unite elementary, middle and high school students. Overall, it took students several weeks to create the murals.

"Once you teach kids how to make a garden, they can keep that process going," added Guzik, who teaches art for students in grades K-12. "This was a great community event. The local farms were thrilled to help out a school garden, and many of our kids will now have a garden at home because of what we did here."

School officials wished to thank the many organizations and individuals responsible for making the garden possible. Funded by a PEP grant and a Roots & Shoots grant from the Jane Goodall Foundation, the program was supported by donations from Howe Lumber, Hardwick Co-Op, Dave Deremian Landscaping, NE Stone/ Lime Imports, Inishowen Farms, Town Farm Gardens, Wal-Mart, and Roger Ring, of North Brookfield.

"We couldn't be more pleased with how everything turned out," said Jay Mooney, the district's director of buildings and grounds. "Everyone associated with the project worked together to turn this unused outdoor space into a fantastic outdoor classroom.'

The garden will also tie in with the new environmental curriculum from the Boston Museum of Science's elementary engineering program, which the district will pilot during the upcoming school year.

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### Out of the shop, and into the field

BAY PATH CARPENTRY STUDENTS GET REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE AT TV CHARLTON



Bay Path carpentry sophomores were glad to help out the community and get some real world experience.

#### BY OLIVIA RICHMAN

CHARLTON — Carpentry sophomores at Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School built a production booth for Charlton TV's new studio on Monday, June 13.

This was a good opportunity to get kids out of the shop and onto a job site and see what it's like to work outside of

school," said carpentry instructor Dan Berthiaume. "Being cooped up in the shop all the time, they need some live work."

The small, but important, project took the sophomores around an hour to complete. After spending seven hours - an entire school day - preparing the pieces, the class transported each part up the stairs and into TV Charlton's studio,

great practice for the carpentry students.

TV Charlton General Manager Vaughan had contacted Bay Path about possibly doing the project when TV Charlton decided to move into their new studio in the Charlton Arts & Activities Center.

Despite already having filmed many shows in the new TV Charlton studio, the studio was still missing a production booth, where all of the filming and editing equipment would be housed. A hole in the production booth would act as a window, so the technical director can film



"We're thrilled," said Program Director Drew Anderson, pictured with Dick Vaughan and Carpentry Instructor Dan Berthiaume. "This makes us look much more professional. It will be nice to have a place to be in!"



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through the window without disrupting the production with any noises from within the booth.

"It's absolutely fabulous," said Vaughan. "This is exactly what we needed. When we are doing programs our technical director can be in there, like any big production. They can control everything from in there. The noise he makes will be contained and not bother us on the air."

Program Director Drew Anderson also noted that the production booth has made TV Charlton "more profes-

The TV Charlton crew filmed the students as they constructed the production booth. They also filmed the sophomores while they built the pieces at school. They plan to make it into a show for viewers to see.

"I thought this project was a lot of

fun," said sophomore Sean Fleming. "We don't normally get out until junior year. So this was pretty fun. It was pretty cool because a lot of this wall can be assembled or disassembled. They can move the studio wherever they want because it's all screws. Nails would be a little more permanent." For many of the sophomores, the

project was a great refresher on how to build and align walls, which they learned a lot about freshmen year. But the feeling of helping out the community was something new.

Said Fleming: "It felt really great. It felt cool. I felt better than normal.'

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• July 13: Everyone entering grades K-9 are invited to be wowed by the world of butterflies at the Richard Sugden Library's summer kick-off at 3:00. The Butterfly Man will dazzle you with his knowledge and provide you with the opportunity to create a tie dyed shirt. You can purchase a shirt to tie dye for \$4.00 at the event, or bring your own 100 percent cotton shirt or pillowcase to dye! You can sign up for summer reading at the same time!

• July 18: Teens, (entering grade 6-9) come design and create a miniature golf course for the Richard Sugden Library. Then challenge each other to

• July 19: Looking for a fun activity to do with your toddler? Come to toddler story hour at the Richard Sugden Library and meet other parents, enjoy songs, movements,

stories, and activities with your toddler! This group is for toddlers aged 18 months-3 years. Caregivers must remain in the room with their toddler. Note: The first 15 toddlers to arrive will be welcomed into class that day. If we are full, try again next week. We'd love to have you attend! This week's theme: Obstacle Course

Bubbles! This is an interactive LSTA grant funded STEAM preschool program for 3-5 year olds. It's at the Richard Sugden Library community room from 1:30-2:30 p.m. This program is coming from the Acton Children's Museum and does require pre registration as the spaces are limited. Call the library at 508-885-7513 or email rslibraryma@gmail.com.

· July 20: Make and play mini-sports at the Richard Sugden library. There are two sessions, one at 2 p.m. for grades 1-3 and one at 3 p.m. for grades 4-5.

• July 21: Lego Club Drop on by to build fantastic creations out of Legos. We provide the Legos--you provide the imagination. Meets from 6:00-6:45 at the Richard Sugden Library for kids going into Kindergarten through grade 6.

NORTH BROOKFIELD SCHOOLS REUNION

NORTH BROOKFIELD -

The annual North Brookfield Schools reunion will be held on Saturday, Aug. 6, at Time Out in North Brookfield.

Set for 6 p.m., the event will allow anyone who went to a school in North Brookfield to reconnect. Last year, over 100 people attended the event, some from as far away as Florida.

The cost is \$5 per person, and guests are invited to bring a finger food to share. For more information, or offer to volunteer at the event, call Pam Wetherell Woodbury at 508-885-7016. You can also send an email nobrookfieldreunion@ yahoo.com.

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one book during the Summer Reading Program.

A highlight of the program will be a performance by two-time Parents' Choice Award-winning recording artist, Roger Tincknell, who will perform for the children on Wednesday, July 27, from 3-4 p.m. Other highlights of the summer include two programs for the pre-school set. On Wednesday, Aug. 10, from 1-2 p.m. Jessica Garneau of the Coordinated Family and Community Engagement grant program will present "Kindergarten, Here I Come!" for children who will be entering Kindergarten in the fall. Stories, music and movement games will celebrate the "big first day" for these budding students.

On Tuesday, Aug. 16, from 10-11 a.m. Jessica will bring the very popular "Read, Play, Build" program to the library. This program is meant for 2-5 year olds and includes a story time on the theme of construction, followed by time for the children to build their own structures, using their imaginations and many types of

Come in and sign up for the Summer Reading Program any time during library hours. Call 508-867-0208 for more informa-

### KNOX TRAIL MIDDLE SCHOOL THIRD TERM HONOR ROLL

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### \*\* Triday's Child \*\* \*\*



Charissa is an engaging Caucasian/ African American twelve-year-old girl who enjoys performing and being in the spotlight! She likes to sing and is a part of her hurch choir where she is a beloved and active member. Charissa has an Individualized Education Plan to assist in school; however, she does extremely well with one on one attention. Considering the challenges she has faced in her life, she is a very resilient child who would thrive with consistent parenting, love and guidance. She will need time to build trust with adults, but she is a loving and engaging

Charissa would do best in a two-parent-home where her needs can be met with nurturance and support. She should be the youngest child in the home, and would particularly like a Spanish speaking home with no pets. Charissa will need a family that is able to help her maintain a relationship with her younger brother.

#### What is a Homestudy?

Part of the process to adopt a child from foster care is the homestudy review. After completing the Massachusetts Approach to Partnerships in Parenting (MAPP) training course, your social worker will conduct in-home interviews that will help gather information and get to know you and your family. Your social worker will schedule visits with you to discuss your strengths and challenges as a family, your parenting style, and the type of child you would like to adopt. From these meetings, your social worker will write a narrative, also called a homestudy, about your family. Once MAPP training is successfully completed and the interviewing is over, the decision is made to approve you as a licensed pre-adoptive parent. This homestudy document is then shared with other social workers to help make an appropriate, mutually selected match between your family and a waiting child.

The process to adopt a child from foster care requires training, interviews, and home visits to determine if adoption is right for you, and if so, to help connect you with a child or sibling group that will be a good match. The process to make a match that will be "for keeps" can take a year or longer.

To learn more about adoption from foster care, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at 617-54-ADOPT (617-542-3678) or visit www. mareinc.org. The sooner you call, the sooner a waiting child will have "a permanent place to call HOME."

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### Survive the drive

As I prepare to embark on a much-needed and long overdue family vacation, I remember long trips in the car from my childhood — trips to Maine and Niagara Falls, Washington, D.C. and all over New England.

Of course, in reality, those trips my have seemed long to a child, but they are nothing compared to trips I have since taken as an adult in the car. I've driven on some pretty long journeys, and I suspect there will be more to come, especially as the kids get older and can handle longer trips.

About four years ago now, my son was less than 1 year old, and my daughter wasn't even a glimmer in our eye. We packed the boy in his car seat and ventured all the way out to Joliet, Ill., to visit my brother-in-law. I couldn't believe how well he handled the 18-hour drive, especially seeing as how we decided to do it all in one, continuous stretch, taking turns with my in-laws driving throughout the night and into the next day.

With my weird deadline schedule, and



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seeing as how I'm late most nights (as write this, it's exactly a.m.), volunteered to

up

"graveyard" shift, as I called it, approximately 12-6 a.m. — the wee hours of the morning...third shift. Since I'm a nocturnal creature most nights anyway, I thought I could handle it. I thought I was prepared. I had some 5-Hour Energy (which worked somewhat, but I probably won't use it again, as it made me jittery), a giant bag of Chex Mix, some beef jerky and a liter of water (not exactly healthy, but great snack food to keep my mouth busy). It being early spring at the time, I didn't have the luxury of opening the window for refreshing blasts of air to keep me awake, and it being in the middle of the night, I also didn't have the option of blaring music, as hopefully, everyone would be sleeping at that point. Forced to keep the music at a whisper and the windows closed, I had to rely on the snacks and the water to keep me busy, and whatever music I could find. I made sure to sing out loud softly to myself to keep my brain engaged. The last thing I wanted to do was nod off in the middle of some dark highway while everyone slept around me. After all, I had precious cargo on board.

But my route during those 6 hours could not have been more boring. As we gassed up in mid-Pennsylvania at 11:45 p.m., I realized that my entire stretch was going to consist of the entire western half of Pennsylvania, perhaps the most boring, straight-line drive of all time. The first hour might have been the slowest hour in the history of time itself. The clock seemed to creep slower than normal. With nothing on the road, I was already fading, easily breezing through a good portion of my snacks. Soon though, I hit a groove, and 4 hours were out of the way. I was humming gently to myself when I realized that I was sharing the road with mostly 18-wheelers, most likely utilizing the midnight hours to make their deliveries. Great minds think alike, I suppose. I didn't enjoy sharing the road with hundreds of 18-wheelers, but having them there forced me to focus on the task at hand, so maybe it was a good thing they were there — that is, when they weren't driving side by side and not letting me pass.

With barely a sip left on in my water bottle, half the beef jerky gone and nearly all the Chex Mix in my tummy, it was 6 a.m., and I was nowhere near hungry for breakfast, but my shift was nearly done, as the sun began to rise. I was tired beyond belief, having stayed up literally the entire night. My father-in-law stirred as I pulled into the gas station off of I-80 ready to switch somewhere near the Ohio line, knowing we had 6-7 hours to go on the ride.

I slept on and off after that. With my son now awake, his noises often woke me up, and we stopped every 2 hours or so to stretch our legs. We made it though, and needless to say, I slept well that next

As we look ahead to the trip to come, we are taking a different route, breaking up our journey in different ways to make it more conducive to traveling with two young kids. Nevertheless, I'll have to find a way to survive the drive!

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Opinion and commentary from Spencer, Leicester and the Brookfields



#### THEY'VE GOT TALENT

Courtesy photo

 ${\tt WEST\,BROOKFIELD-These\,local\,youngsters\,have\,been\,selected\,as\,readers\,for}$ the special patriotic presentation on West Brookfield common on July 4.

Here, from left, Emily Taylor, 15, Nick Osborne, 11, Sarah Butler, 9, and Kai von Bleicken, 14, pose with Quaboag Historical Society's 1840 Commemorative Colonial

The focus of the historic presentation, under the direction of West Brookfield's Dan Hamilton, will be the Declaration of Independence; the setting, West Brookfield's common, at 7:00 p.m., near the fountain. The stage? Two hay wagons from historic Indian Rock Farm, all dressed up for the occasion with bunting and strings of red, white and blue lights.

The historic script has been prepared, the youthful and adult speakers engaged, and the Quaboag Choral Society, directed by Eric von Bleicken, is tuning up. Rob Lyon and his friends from the Sturbridge Colonial Militia have fifes, drums and muskets at the ready. And yes, there will be lights, cameras, action. The half-hour presentation will be filmed.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### 'We can create communities rooted in peace and justice'

To the Editor:

As the CEO of New Hope, an agency that provides services to survivors of sexual and domestic violence, I feel a need to respond to recent news events, particularly in light of the first anniversary of the Charleston, SC massacre, the Orlando shooting at Pulse (a LGBQ/T nightclub), and the recent sexual assault case in California, involving the rape of an unconscious female.

While these incidents can seem unrelated, they do in fact share some commonalities, including underlying issues of racism, homophobia/transphobia, sexism and privilege.

As the field of domestic/sexual violence continues to evolve, we recognize that incidents of violence do not happen in a vacuum and are not simply "family matters."

In the case of the Orlando shooter, we learned soon after the massacre that the perpetrator had a history of domestic abuse. As reported by Amanda Taub in the New York Times, "Everytown for Gun Safety, a gun control group, analyzed F.B.I. data on mass shootings from 2009 to 2015 and found that 57 percent of the cases included a spouse, former spouse or other family member among the victims — and that 16 percent of the attackers had previously been charged with domestic violence." (NY Times, June 15, 2016)

Regarding the sexual assault case in California, the issue of privilege and sexism are clearly intertwined in these events. For those of us doing this work, this event confirms what we already know, that there is a pervasive "rape culture" that underlies our society. What do I mean by "rape culture?" According to Emilie Buchwald, author of Transforming a Rape Culture, it is defined by, "a complex set of beliefs that encourage male sexual aggression and support violence against women. It is a society where violence is seen as sexy and sexuality as violent."

How do these underlying issues play out in our society? How much time do you have? In Massachusetts, in 2016 there have already been 15 deaths associated with 11 domestic violence incidents. In New England. we recently heard about an incident at an elite prep school where upper classmen engaged in a "senior salute." basically a sexual conquest of younger temale students. Then there was the police officer in Missouri who used his power over African-American women, to coerce them into performing sexual acts or face "charges."

Yes, I know this sounds overwhelming, but we are not powerless. So, what

We can: (1) educate ourselves about issues of violence, (2) speak up when we hear comments that are based in fear and hate. (3) reach out to someone we suspect may be struggling with sexual and/or domestic violence, (4) support primary prevention efforts in schools and in our communities, (5) support efforts to implement gun control laws, and (6) build coalitions with legislators and public safety officers. We cannot do this work alone, but together we can create communities rooted in peace and justice.

MARCIA SZYMANSKI, CEO

New Hope

### Gen X'ers must juggle both money and time



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of Generation X — that is, if you were born in the early to JEFF BURDICK mid-1960's

you may have a lot of "balls in the air." You are saving for your own retirement — which might not be that far away — while at the same time possibly wanting to help pay for your children's college education. And you may also be assisting your aging parents in

If you're an

older member

juggling act?

To begin with, you need to emphasize your retirement. Now that you are likely in, or near, your peak earning years, you should contribute as much as you can afford to your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. Your plan likely offers you a range of investment options, so you can create a portfolio that's appropriate for your needs. The money in your 401(k) or similar plan can grow on a tax-deferred basis, and your contributions are typically made with pretax dollars. So, the more you put in, the lower your annual taxable income. You won't have to pay taxes until you take withdrawals, but if you do withdraw money before you reach 59 1/2, the withdrawals may be subject to a 10 percent IRS penalty.

some ways. How can you manage this

Even if you're contributing to a 401(k) or similar plan, you're probably still eligible to contribute to an IRA. Like a 401(k), a traditional IRA offers tax-deferred growth potential, while a Roth IRA can provide tax-free earnings distributions if you've had your account at least five years and don't take withdrawals until you're at least 59 1/2.

If you devote most of your investable income to your retirement plans, you may not have much left to help pay for your children's college education. But that may not be a disaster - after all, they could get scholarships and financial aid. And even if they need to take out student loans, they have a lot more years to pay them back than you have until your retirement. If you can afford to help your children, choose a smart college-savings vehicle, such as a 529 plan, which offers tax-free earnings distributions as long as the money is used exclusively for qualified higher education expenses. (If it's used for other purposes, you'll be taxed on it and also could face a penalty.)

How about your elderly parents? How can you best help them? Hopefully, they will not require any outright financial assistance from you - but that doesn't mean you can't assist them in other ways. If you haven't already done so, try to find out as much as you can about their estate plans and any arrangements they've made should they become incapacitated. Ideally, you'll want to get answers to questions such as these:

Have they named a durable power of attorney?

Have they chosen an executor for their estate?

Have they thought about how they would pay for any long-term care services they might need, such as a nursing home stay?

It may not be that easy to have these conversations, but they are important especially if you are going to play an active role in your parents' plans.

Clearly, as a Gen X'er concerned about retirement, college-age children and aging parents, you'll have a balancing act involving both money and time. But with planning, patience and realistic expectations, you can help yourself and the ones you love.

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### This year's 'dysfunctional' political process

I have been voting in elections, national and local, since 1968, and I don't think I have ever seen the political process so dysfunctional.

I'm sure no one is surprised that I was a big supporter of the Bernie Sanders campaign and as a progressive I view Hillary Clinton as a sellout to the financial

manipulators of Wall Street. I see her strengths and experience, but I just don't trust her to put the people's needs ahead of the banker's greed. But, I couldn't support Donald Trump either as he is clearly utterly unsuited to be President even if one could find sympathy with his outré policy statements.

The interesting thing about this election is that there is a great hunger in this country for profound change that has manifested itself within both the left and the right. It is also obvious that neither of the two dominant political parties has any interest in providing that change. The Democrats and

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Republicans are two sides of the same coin and that coin is owned by the oligarchs that run this country. The oligarchs have rigged our political system in such a way that it is impossible to stay within the established political structure and not vote for their interests.

As I see it, the challenge for ordinary citizens is find a way to band together politically and economically to ensure that their interests are as protected as the oligarch's. The protecting agency is the federal government. I know that the ordinary members of the right wing of this country have a great fear and distrust of the government. This has been carefully nurtured in them by the oligarchs. Why? Because a weak federal government is one that can be controlled and manipulated to serve the oligarchs interests. Other than ensuring a strong military for their endless wars and a draconian

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### **VIEWPOINT**

### Welcoming a new business to the community



On Friday June 3, The Chamber held a ribbon cutting ceremony to commemorate the opening of the new Great Clips hair salon at their home in Southbridge Fair Plaza.

And it was great! The Chamber of Central Mass South wishes to extend a warm welcome to Raj and Swati Kasbekar and the entire Great Clips family! The salon officially opened for business on June 11, and will offer haircuts for just \$4.99 until July 25! Visit online at www.greatclips/salons/7070 or call 508-765-5000.

#### RIBBON CUTTING **CEREMONY**

Please join The Chamber of Central Mass South as we welcome our newest Member to Sturbridge! Baba Sushi raises sushi to an art form and we are very excited to welcome this wonderful new dining destination to our neighborhood! Baba's has been soft-opened for the last few weeks, training their servers, applying the finishing details to the restaurant and getting accustomed to their new home. On June 30, Baba's Ribbon Cutting will mark the unveiling of the complete Baba Sushi experience! Please join us for this special occasion!

Baba Sushi of Worcester has been awarded Worcester's Best Chef from 2007 to 2012. BABA

also won Worcester Magazine's Best Sushi & Asian Fusion Restaurant from 2008 to 2016 and Best of Worcester Living from 2008 to 2015. A reservation at Baba is entrée to one of the finest dining experiences in the Northeast and we are thrilled to have this brand new Baba location right here in Sturbridge!

All are welcome to join us for the Ribbon Cutting at 4 p.m. sharp on June 30! Be there as local dignitaries and our guests bear witness to the cutting of the official ribbon. Then stick around, check out the new restaurant and its fabulous amenities, and sample mouthwatering treats from Baba's kitchen. Reach Baba Sushi, Sturbridge at 774-304-1068 for reservations and more infor-

#### SUMMER NETWORKING AT THE OVERLOOK

Come to Fun at Five, the Chamber's monthly networking event on Wednesday, July 13 at 5 p.m. at The Overlook, 88 Masonic Road, Charlton. We'll get together in the Overlook's spectacular Performing Arts Center, enjoy beer, wine, soft drinks, tasty appetizers and each other's company on this

special midsummer's eve!
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16GB storage built in - plus the ability to expand the memory up to 128GB with a microSD card.

Simply RSVP to join us! The cost is \$10 for members who pre-register, \$15.00 for members at the door, \$20 for non-members. RSVP by phone 508-347-2761 or email pjh@cmschamber.org.

#### WELCOME NEW **MEMBERS!**

Now is a great time to consider joining your local Chamber of Commerce. Contact us today to find out how Chamber Membership can grow your business. The Chamber is thrilled to welcome our newest Members.

Baba Sushi – Sturbridge: Step into Baba and enjoy the freshest, most innovative, mouthwatering sushi dishes anywhere.



On Friday June 3, The Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony to commemorate the opening of Great Clips Hair Salon in the Southbridge Fair Plaza.

Come to their official ribbon cutting on June 30 at 4pm. Visit Baba's at 453 Main Street or call 774-304-1068.

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### Gobi and today's workforce problem

On Memorial Day, a few weeks ago, the patriots of East Brookfield once again did a wonderful job of putting on a service of remembrance for the town's fallen heroes as well as all the other Americans who have died in the service of our country. I thank them for their outstanding efforts. It was just another reminder to me of how fortunate I am to live in this little town.

One of the politicians who were invited to offer a few well chosen remarks was our state senator, Anne Gobi. Among other comments she made, she invoked the memory of her father, a member of the "Greatest Generation," who served as a Seabee in World War II. This recollection of hers was well received by me because he was — to me and to the many area residents who knew him — a truly great man, and one whose life and service should not be forgotten just because he's no longer with us.

He was the best kind of American: honest, cheerful, very hard working, a family man, and a true patriot. At his garage you knew the job was going to be done right, the price would be fair, and if he knew you were having a hard time of it, he would see to it that somehow things would work out. His faith was in the decency and integrity of the working class people who brought work his way. I thoroughly enjoyed every conversation I ever had with him.

It is precisely because of the great respect and admiration I held for this man that I never could bring myself to comment critically or publicly on the political views of one of his children. But, a decent interval has now passed, and I need to end my moratorium on

criticizing Sen. Gobi's very liberal views and votes.

Although my productive work life is well behind me, I still have a little job driving around the state making pickups and deliveries of metal parts. I visit factories; I haunt coffee shops; I keep my eyes open and see who is working, and what they're doing.

ingly desperate situation of that class of citizens who hold everything together — mostly white, working-class men who do all the hard, thankless, dirty, often dangerous jobs that need to be done. Go to any coffee shop in the early hours of any day, and you'll see them heading out for yet another hard day's work. No complaining, no whining, just determination to do the best they can, whether it's roofing a house, picking up our trash, hanging sheet rock, plastering, or, later, coming out in the middle of a snowy night to fill our empty oil tank or repair the burner so we don't freeze to death before the sun comes up ... and a hundred other things that most of us wouldn't or couldn't do. Have a huge dangerous tree that needs to come down? Guess who can and will do it for you. Need your beautiful yard maintained that you lack the time or energy to do? Call one of them. I don't know if they are spiritually motivated to do what they do, but they certainly embrace the old Protestant work ethic, and only want the chance to work and take care of themselves and their families without having to go hat in hand to the welfare state for its unemployment

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ocratic socialists who see the invaders as their (the In short, I see first-hand the increas- Progressives) key to perpetual power and control once they are able to get them into the voting booth. My personal heroes — the men and women who do the real gutwork of our society — have to see that they are now expendable, as long as Massachusetts Democrats and their squishy Republican allies continue to welcome with open arms an army of, let's face it, slave laborers who will do anything, accept any indignity, and keep their mouths shut to avoid being sent back to the hellish places from which they have escaped. I had thought that maybe out here we were far enough away from the concen-

trations of illegals for our people and their jobs to be safe. That was until a couple of weeks ago when I was driving my truck through the bucolic little town of Warren — about as deep into backwoods, rural, central Massachusetts as you can get — when I noticed a crew of at least 10 to 12 men replacing the roof of a huge barn, working hard in the hot sun — work I had done as a young man - and doing what should have been being done by men from Warren, or the neighboring towns. Sure enough, they all looked like they had just arrived on the El Paso Express, you know, the 12 passenger vans stuffed with 25 men and boys who have driven non-stop for 36 hours to work for money which — most of it — will not be taxed and will be sent home to be spent in Tegucigalpa, Ciudad Mexico, or some other venue south of the border. Shame on the property owner who, to save a buck, gave the contractor the job, but greater shame on the politicians who made it possible for the crew to be here in the first place. The tide has reached even us here in the

What's all this got to do with Ms. Gobi? Just this. Every time she joins with her leftist, elitist, liberal colleagues in the Massachusetts Great and General Court to facilitate this invasion — and that's exactly what it is — of the illegals by voting for sanctuary cities, drivers licenses for illegals, in-state tuition, and every conceivable welfare benefit, she stabs her constituents — those who have enough self-respect to work — in the back, and guarantees their not-toodistant future will be one of unemployment and poverty. Even if, as a lawyer and a legislator, she's no longer able to identify with her working class constituents and their problems, she ought to consider the political ramifications of her siding with her out-of-touch colleagues in Boston. Despite having all the advantages of name recognition and

organization, she just barely prevailed in her most recent election. Sooner or later, the class of voters she needs for her to be re-elected are going to rise up and vote out those they will correctly view as enemies of their best interests. If working class Britons have finally awoken and told their European masters to go to hell, it's only a matter of time before their American counterparts do the same here. I hope in her next campaign she will hang around some of these coffee shops I frequent as she tries to harvest votes. When she meets these men, she'll find most of them are great guys who don't want any scraps from the welfare state table, they only want to be able to work without having to compete with chattel slaves for their livelihood.

I knew the senator when she was just a girl working at her dad's garage pumping gas, taking the sun, always with a book in hand and the old family dog near her feet. She was raised right. Why she's a liberal, I'll never know, but I think in her heart she wants to do the right thing. Some folks confront problems that arise by asking "WWJD?" I ask the senator to ask herself — when it comes to protecting American workers — "WWDD?" or, "What Would Dad Do?" Because, you see, the answer to that one is easy. These were his people, capable men with grease and dirt under their nails, men who age early because of too much work in the hot sun, too little sleep, too much stress of having to compete to get the job done fast and right. Like him, these are men — and women — who can build and repair things, and solve critical problems that would defeat most of the rest of us. He was uncommonly good-natured and kind, and not one to criticize anyone. but, I have to believe that if he were still here and saw the way his kid was voting to make the lot of "his people" even harder than it already is, he would probably say, in exasperation, "What are you doing, girl?!"

As I've pretty much given up on anything good or positive ever happening politically in this state, and don't pay much attention any more, I can't say for sure what Ms. Gobi's record actually is when it comes to the problem I've discussed here. Maybe I have it all wrong, and she is in fact a warrior fighting to protect the jobs and businesses of those whose interests she purports to represent. If that's the case, I would be pleased to be disabused of my notion that she, being a Massachusetts liberal Democrat, has aligned herself with those forces which will, before long, destroy that very class of citizen that her father represented for so long and so well

I look forward to her explanation perhaps in a New Leader letter — why my misapprehensions are unfounded, and that her dad's people and their well-being are at the top of her priorities as a legislator.

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legal system to keep us in line, the oligarchs have little use for government. Therefore, they use their mass media propaganda outlets to convince people that the government is source of all problems and divert attention from their own ruinous economic manipulations and foreign interventions.

I defy anyone to produce evidence that tax cuts for the so-called "job creators" has resulted in the creation of any significant employment. Yet it is easy to demonstrate that, as the oligarchs have paid less in taxes, the country as a whole has lost wealth and the federal, state and local governments have been weakened by the loss of revenue and are struggling to provide even the most basic services. It is time to realize that government is not the enemy if it is controlled by the common people rather than the oligarchs.

In a perfectly functioning social order, the government and economy should interact as little as possible. They are different social organs with different social purposes. However, since the creation of the Federal Reserve System, the government and Wall Street have

been joined in an unholy cabal in which the government serves as the enabler of the oligarch's excesses to the profound detriment of all but themselves. Losing control of the national currency and money supply was the death knoll for any hope of economic stability and general prosperity. The only way of reining in the excesses of the oligarchs and providing protection for common citizens from the predatory practices of the oligarchs is to use government intervention. There is no other societal structure that has sufficient strength and authority to so do.

For this to be successful the common citizens must reestablish themselves as the owners of government. This should only be done through the election process. We literally have to vote the scoundrels out and replace them with honest people of principle. This is not a left/ right issue. If we want to have any kind of control of our lives and our fortunes, we must cast aside the distractions that divide us regardless of how attached we may be to them, abandon both political parties, retake our government and economy and cast the international oligarchs out. Perhaps they could immigrate to North Korea. I'm sure they and Kim Jong Un have much in common.

### **SPORTS**

### Auburn Boys' Summer Basketball League kicks off

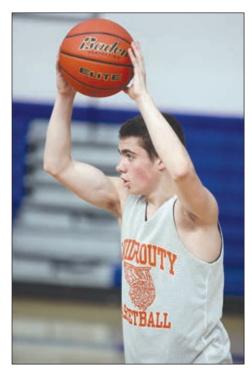
AUBURN — On Wednesday, June 22, the Auburn Boys' Summer Basketball League concluded its first week of the season. Games will be played all summer on Mondays and Wednesdays, exluding Monday, July 4. The games have been moved indoors to Auburn High, which is different from the usual spot at the Horgan Courts behind the ice skating rink. There are 18 teams participating this year, with most nights featuring eight games (two teams will have byes) ranging in time from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on two side-by-side courts.

The results from June 22 are as follows. Oxford High and Quabbin Regional had the byes for this session.

Tantasqua 42, David Prouty 30 Quaboag 45, Hopedale 38 Sutton 63, Northbridge 34 Uxbridge 50, Millbury 25 Abby Kelley 45, Worcester Tech 27 Leicester 50, Auburn 45 Bartlett 74, North Brookfield 37 Grafton 43, Bancroft 40

















There were eight games played on the Auburn High basketball courts to close out the first week of the Auburn Boys' Summer Basketball League on Wednesday, June 22.

#### SPORTS BRIEFS

#### "Run Like the Dickens" Race to benefit Bay State Equine Rescue set for July 10

The "Run Like the Dickens" Race at Old Sturbridge Village to raise funds to save and rehabilitate horses at risk runners and walkers of all ages are invited to take part in the fourth "Run Like the Dickens" 5K race on Sunday, July 10 at Old Sturbridge Village. The race is the year's principal fundraising event for Bay State Equine Rescue, an all-volunteer nonprofit 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.

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. The first 150 registrants will receive "Race Like the Dickens"

Entry fee for "Run Like the Dickens" is \$30 until July 3 and \$40 from July 4

until race day.

A children's stickhorse race will be part of the day's events. Participants can register online and find more information on the race and on the Rescue's work at www. BayStateRescue.org.

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experience for 2016. West Brookfield Youth Soccer's weeklong "British Soccer Camp" will run July 11-15 at West Brookfield Elementary School. The camp runs Monday through Friday and each child will be coached by a member of our elite team of over 1,200 British soccer coaches, hand selected, trained and flown to the USA exclusively, to work on these programs. Challenger Sports will hold over 4,000 Soccer programs this year and we will coach over 225,000 players between the ages of 3 and 19.

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Ages 8-14, Full Day, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.,

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representative listed below. Each camper will receive a free camp T-shirt, a free Soccer Ball, free Soccer Poster and a personalized skills evaluation just for singing up.

#### **Quail Hollow Golf Results**

Tour of the Brookfields Nicklaus Division

Chris Depasse, Nelson Malin, Jeff McLeod and Don Rodio, -11

Player Division Bill Herrick, Jim Lovett, Dick Chabot and Mike Kularski, -7

Palmer Division John Desimone, Ed McLeod, Bob Paine and Bill Duplisea, -7

Still Hart's League

First place: Todd Allen and Mark

Laprad, +4 Second place: Tom Cournoyer and Jeff Hill, +3

Third place: Rich Baronowski and

Rob Spence, +3 Most over quota: Mark Laprad, +4

### **SPORTS**

### Three-run third helps Sturbridge Legion top Cherry Valley, 4-1



Spencer Natale of Cherry Valley holds off on a pitch in the dirt with a checked swing.



LEICESTER — In a battle featuring two American Legion baseball teams looking to gain ground in the Zone 4 standings, Sturbridge Post 109 took advantage of a three-run top of the third inning to top Cherry Valley Post 443, 4-1, at Rochdale Park on Saturday, June

"We played seven innings. In this league you have to play seven innings," explained Sturbridge manager Jim Rosseel. "If you don't play seven innings any team's going to beat you. That's how you win in this league."

The win boosted Post 109's record to 4-8 at the halfway point of the season, which at the time was within striking distance of the seventh and final playoff

"It's big," said Rosseel. "Now if we can somehow take the two games tomorrow, that really puts us right in the mix.

Unfortunately for Sturbridge, their doubleheader with North County on June 26 resulted in a pair of setbacks, 13-0 (in five innings) and 8-4. Post 109 is now 4-10 on the season.

Post 443 dropped to 3-9 following the

defeat versus Sturbridge. "This was a big game for us," said

Cherry Valley general manager Jim Stephens. "This is an extremely disappointing game."

Following the loss to Sturbridge, Post 443 hit the road against Shrewsbury and lost another game, 10-0 (in six innings), as they dropped to 3-10.

In the game with Post 109, Cherry Valley's season-long problem of not finding a clutch hit bit them again.

We get two guys on base [and] we just can't deliver that last run," said Stephens, as Post 443 left eight runners stranded on base and has averaged 4.25 runs a game through 12 contests.

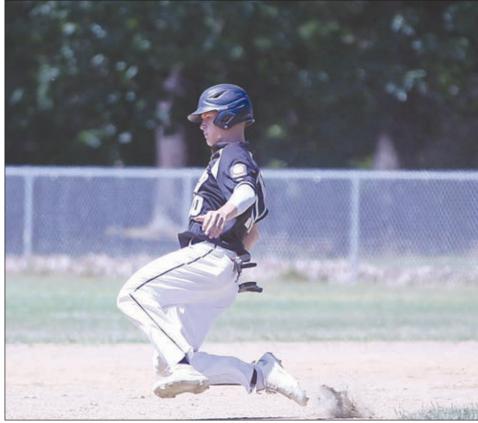
Cherry Valley's pitching and defense was fine, though, which has been the case for most of the season.

"Again today was flawless defense," said Stephens. "We just can't get the big hit. We never get the bounder down the line or the seeing-eye bloop.

Clutch hitting has also plagued Post 109, but they got it done in this one versus Cherry Valley.

"That's what we haven't been getting, the hits when we need them," Rosseel said. "We left a lot of people on base the games we lost.'

After two quick innings from the pitchers (Sturbridge's Tyler Stoever, Cherry Valley's Conor Scully), Post 109



Tucker Hetherman of Cherry Valley begins his slide into second base on a steal.

got to Scully with their three-run third. With two on and two outs, Brannon McMullen (2 for 4) singled past the shortstop's hole to score Mick Sullivan. Stoever then helped his cause with a two-run double down the third base line to plate Connor McCaffrey (2 for 4) and McMullen.

Post 443 scored its run in the bottom of the third on Tucker Hetherman's fielder's choice, which plated Tyrus

Stoever then worked out of jams in the fourth, fifth and seventh innings to finish off a complete game seven-hitter with two strikeouts and a walk on 84 pitches.

"Every time he's pitched this year he's pitched well," Rosseel said of Stoever. "He's our workhorse."

Sturbridge added an insurance run off Scully (complete game seven-hitter, three strikeouts, one walk) in the top of the seventh when Deven Kingman led off with a pinch-hit single. He then took second base on a sacrifice bunt, advanced to third on a passed ball and scored on McCaffrey's RBI groundout.

"That was his first Legion at-bat," Rosseel said of the 15-year-old Kingman. "He's a good player. He's going to be a player to watch.'



Nick Ethier photos

Cherry Valley pitcher Conor Scully features a high leg kick before delivering the ball to

### SPORTS BRIEFS

#### **Bay Path Golf Course** Results

Monday Night Ladies Robin Ingman and Kristen Kularski

Tuesday Afternoon Ladies A Flight: Paula Earle B Flight: Diana Gabelle C Flight: Earlene Lapierre

Dunny's Tavern — Week 8 First place: Tim Gilrein and Ralph Ballard

Second place: Rick Dunlop and Jerry Dufresne

Third place: Bob Henry and Roy DeWitte

Thursday Quota

First place: Stuart Brown and Jim Vasalofsky, +12 Second place: TL Waugh and

Tom Waugh, +11 Third place tie: Tom Emery and Dennis Trela, Mike Morgan and Paul Morrison, John Desimone and Matt Desimone, +8

Flexcon League

First place tie: Paul Harris and Chris Jyringi, Doug Gadaire and Jim Hemenway, +8

Third place: Steve Allain and Mark Smith, +6

#### Kettle Brook Golf Club — Kettle One League Week Nine Results

First place: Jack Lacroix and Jeff Wozniak, +10

Second place: Pat Gallant and Dan Henderson, +8

individual: High Henderson, +6

Closest to the pin on 12th hole: Ray Auger

#### Brannon McMullen

The Sturbridge American Legion Post 109 catcher batted 2 for 4 with an RBI during a 4-1 victory over Cherry Valley Post 443 on Saturday, June 25.

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### **SPORTS**

### Disc Golf Pro Tour descends on Leicester's Maple Hill

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m V}$ ibram Open is first stop in inaugural event



Before Maple Hill hosted the first event of the inaugural Pro Tour, players sharpened their skills at the prestigious disc golf course.

BY GREG BARLOW

LEICESTER — Maple Hill disc golf course owner Steve Dodge describes hosting and managing the inaugural Disc Golf Pro Tour as a "dream

'We started in 2004 with the intent of growing this into one of the premier events," added Dodge. "The fact that we're hosting the inaugural Pro Tour event sort of says, 'Hey guys, you made it.' We're really excited to host it — it's literally a dream come true."

Located at 132 Marshall Street in Leicester, 180 disc golf professionals (150 men and

countries and 39 states competed in the Vibram Open, the first stop in the first-ever Disc Golf Pro Tour, taking place over the course of four months and happening at five different iconic disc golf courses. The first stop of the groundbreaking tour took place from June 23-26 at Maple Hill. To view a full list of the athletes competing, visit www.pdga.com/tour/ event/24333.

"I've been coming to play Steve's event for years now, said three-time world champion professional disc golfer Nate Doss of Portland, Ore. "This is the first year of the Pro Tour,

here. As long as I feel confident in my throws, I feel like I have a chance. I've been fortunate enough to play in many different countries. The United States is still the premier place to play disc golf, and funny enough, Leicester, Mass. is home to one of the greatest courses."

"This is one of the most technical courses in the world," added professional disc golfer Don Smith of Santa Cruz, Cal. 'The best players in the world are here. I've been playing a long time, so if I get in the top 20, that's winning for me. Being here and being part of the first-ever Pro Tour event is what it's all about."

From the pool of players competing in the tournament, eight out of the top 10 ranked players across the world (from both the men's and women's bracket) traveled to Maple Hill to participate in the start of the Pro Tour.

Professionals who signed up to compete had to either perform well at one of the 20 qualifying tournaments taking place earlier this year or fit the criteria of the professional player ranking scale for a chance to win.

Upon the end of the Maple Hill segment of the tour, the series will continue at Legacy for the Silver Cup in Manitowoc, Wisc. from July 9-11 before departing to East Bethel, Minn. for the Majestic, lasting from July 29-31. The Pro Tour picks up in August from the 18-21 in Peoria, Ill. at the Ledgestone Open and continues in Smuggler's Notch, Vt. from Sept. 15-17 for the Green Mountain Championship. To

> follow the tour, visit ww.discgolfprotour.com/ venues/html.

The sole Pro Tour men's and women's winners will crowned champions on Sept. 17 in Vermont, where they will each be awarded with \$100,000.

Since establishing Maple Hill in 2004, Dodge has been active in the disc golf community, working toward revolutionizing the sport and growing its brand. In addition to serving his recent role as the Disc Golf Pro Tour Manager, Dodge is the Vibram Open tournament director and Vibram Disc Golf Manager, as Maple Hill has been renowned for hosting the Vibram Open Tournament each year before it became incorporated in the Pro Tour.

In doing so, Maple Hill has become a top-rated disc golf course, ranked 10th overall in the nation out of nearly 4,800 courses in the Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA). To view the rankings, visit www.dcoursereview.com/top ranked.php.

Maple Hill's reputation catches the attention of numerous professionals, who visit Central Mass. each year to compete in the Vibram Open. This eventually led to Dodge and Maple Hill being able to host the first stop of the Pro Tour series.

"The Pro Tour hopes to bring to light the fact that this is not only an amazing game that requires crazy athleticism, but it's also a game of culture and spirit, where we can all pull together and be happy to compete together," said Dodge.

Broadcasting the event was Smashbox.tv, who live streamed the event and will continue to cover the remainder of the Pro Tour through their website. To view live events or past coverage of the tournament, visit www.smashboxx.tv/.

Additionally, Udisc developed a phone application to conduct live statistics for each of the 180 competing athletes. The stats were also integrated into the broadcasting. This marked the first time live scoring was conducted for each of



Greg Barlow photos

A professional disc golf player warms up prior to the start of the inaugural Pro Tour, which started at Maple Hill in Leicester.



Maple Hill owner Steve Dodge.

the competing disc golf profes-

Spectators also enjoyed a full day of festivities, including a Velcro wall, bouncy house, disc and shirt dyeing, face painting and a Blue Orange Games activity area, along with family activities. Each activity featured one of the Pro Tour's partners, including Keen, Goal Zero, Nite Ize, Silipint, Zuca Cart, Darn Tough Socks and





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### Project Good Dog sees success in first year



Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis with representatives from Ellie's Pet Barn, who donated ten large breed kennel crates and dog beds during the first-year anniversary

and patience. In addition to helping make the dogs more adoptable, many inmates have described the program as providing them with increased focus as they prepare to

transition back into the community.

On June 10, program participants came together to celebrate a strong first year for Project Good Dog. The event took GOOD DOG continued from page 1

place at the Worcester County Jail, with many of the adopting families returning with their dogs. Among these canine guests was Jenna, who was saved from a Korean meat farm and now has a second chance with her new family.

the dogs 'Having here at our correctional facility for the past year has not only lifted the inmates' spirits, but it has also created a more upbeat atmosphere in the entire building," said Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis. "The reduction in the stress level and tension has also made a safer environment for our correctional staff as well."

Studies have shown that inmates who bond with animals while incarcerated have lower rates of re-offending and returning to jail, Evangelidis said. Moreover, dogs that receive consistent training prior to adoption are far more likely to thrive in their new homes which makes Project Good Dog the ultimate win-win situation.

In just one year of operation, the initiative placed twenty shelter dogs at the Worcester County Jail. Each of the dogs went on to a loving home after going through the program, including Remy (who found a home in Leicester), Cinder (Sturbridge), Walter (Oxford), and Hershey (Spencer).

"This program means a lot to these dogs because it gives them an opportunity to be adopted much faster," said Lindsay Doray, the adoption center manager at Second Chance Animal Shelter. "We get a lot of dogs that are either crazy and have no manners, or they come in and are scared to death. They never had the interaction they are able to get up here."

For the inmates, it's rewarding to see the dogs they trained receive a new "leash" on life in adoptive homes. In total, 26 inmates at the Worcester County Jail provided the dogs with immediate care and training, and over 300 inmates assigned to the work release building have had contact with the shelter dogs.

"While I feel like I was



Inmates from the Worcester County Jail help train Walker, a 10-month-old redbone coon-hound, who is currently in the Project Good Dog program and is available for adoption.

able to help my dog get better, it was him that helped me get better," said inmate and project good dog trainer, Richard Velazquez. "All those hours spent with him softened that part of me that had become calloused after so many years in prison - and it reminded me that caring about and helping others is an important part of being a member of humanity."

In yet another benefit of the program, the dogs are now changing lives in their forever homes. John and Annmarie Lapierre,

who adopted their oneyear-old Australian shepherd mix, Walter, in March, found their newest family member thanks to Project Good

"We fell in love with Walter immediately. He loves our two daughters and our cat. He's such a beautiful and loving dog, and he just wants to be friends with everyone," John Lapierre said.

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### Leicester officials to pursue 'green community' status

#### GREEN

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voters have denied the opportunity on three occasions at town meeting. However, with new state energy regulations and opportunities in place since the last vote, town officials are reexamining the benefits.

The Central Mass. Regional Planning Commission has also reached out to town officials to offer assistance with the process of going green.

"The Board authorized me to pursue a grant application for \$7,500 to have CMRPC assist the town in preparing an analysis to achieve all the requirements to becoming a green community, as well as marketing and outreach to residents so that we can provide them with information and have town meeting vote to adopt those requirements,' Mizikar said.

CMRPC officials are eager to see more towns save some green by going green. This year, 19 towns were added to the list of green communities. bringing the total number of Bay State towns in the green

"The CMRPC staff has experience assisting many municipalities with the designation process," wrote Danielle Mucciarone, the principal planner for CMRPC, in a letter to Mizikar. "We look forward to working with you to help your town reduce energy and save money.'

potential designation could provide an opportunity for Leicester to receive up to \$500,000 in grants from the state to use for energy improvements throughout Mizikar added.

For Board of Selectmen Chairman Doug Belanger and his colleagues, the opportunities that could arise from going green are worth exploring fur-

"Even though it has been rejected in the past, I think quite a few of the objections have been addressed," Belanger said. "As a board, we always want to look for every available resource we can possibly find. We asked Kevin to get more specifics on this and bring them back to us."

If the Board supports another bid for going green, the question could eventually be placed on the town meeting warrant again. If Leicester moves forward with the process, it could also receive assistance from the CMRPC in drafting an application.

After receiving insufficient

state aid for yet another year, town officials are leaving no stone unturned in terms of potential funding options.

"I support researching every avenue that could possibly help us," Belanger added. "The town is always looking to explore new opportunities.'

To learn more about the DOER Green Communities initiative, visit www.mass.gov/

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### Spencer Rescue Squad signs three-year contract

#### RESCUE

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non-transports and generate no reve-

To help defray costs arising throughout the year, the rescue squad holds a membership drive each year. This year's drive will begin in about a week, with subscription mailings to be sent out to Spencer families. For a \$60 fee each year, more than 1,100 member families receive several benefits each year.

For example, the SRES exempts members' spouses and their legal dependents listed and residing in the same household from any out-of-pocket expenses for emergency ambulance services provided during the membership year. Moreover, the organization will waive any co-pays or deductibles after billing the member's insurance provider. If they do not have insurance coverage, the SRES will waive the entire cost of

Membership runs from July 1 through June 30 of the following year.

The organization is also pleased to announce that it has forged a cooperative agreement with Leicester's ambulance service to provide a trial joint service for second ambulance coverage from June through September of this

As part of this agreement, a second ambulance is being staffed to provide backup for both towns during the peak daytime eight-hour shift. Spencer provides the ambulance and crew four days per week, while Leicester provides coverage on the remaining three days. When the primary ambulances from Spencer or Leicester respond to a call, the second ambulance advances to the town line, ready for a response in either community.

"Residents may have noticed either

the Spencer or Leicester ambulance sitting at the old courthouse across from the Spencer Country Inn from time to time," George added. "If this trial cooperative venture proves to be beneficial to each town, it may be continued or even expanded beyond the end of September."

SRES paramedics have an average of 12-15 years of experience. The staff includes former flight paramedics for Boston MedFlight, experienced current Worcester EMS medics, and RN/paramedics. The staff is looking forward to continuing their services in Spencer, George said.

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### Brookfields launch various summer reading programs crafts, performances, and stamped at the library

#### **SUMMER READING**

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levels. Special prizes, including two tickets to West Springfield's Big E fair, will be awarded by drawing from a pool of children who read at least one book during the pro-

A highlight of the Haston Library summer reading program will be a performance by two-time Parents' Choice Awardwinning recording artist, Roger Tincknell, who will play for the children on July 27 from 3-4 p.m.

To sign up for the summer reading program, call 508-867-0208.

Merriam-Gilbert Public Library in West Brookfield, meanwhile, is celebrating a major milestone for its summer reading program. For the first time, the library will host a summer program for teens in addition to its regular children's offer-

The summer reading program at Merriam-Gilbert Library runs for six weeks, from July 5 through Aug. 11. Several events and activities will be held, including weekly

a book club for children.

"We will be having bi-weekly yoga and movie nights for teens, as well as a tie-dye shirt program and a glass pendant workshop for teens," said library director Katie Marsh. "Teens can also take home reading logs that they can fill out for

Registration for the teen program began on June 22, while registration for the children's program starts on Tuesday, July 5 at 4:30 p.m. All participation, including programs, events, and raffles, is free to the public.

of the Attendees Merrick Public Library summer reading program in Brookfield will enjoy a two-for-one special this year, as the library is teaming up with Brookfield Elementary School for a reading challenge. The same reading chart that was sent home with BES students will be

available at the library. And this program isn't just for youngsters. Library officials are encouraging teens and adults to join the fun as well; once you complete your chart, simply get it

and receive a special prize. Student participants will also have the opportunity to attend a Paw Sox game as a special prize.

To contact the Merrick Public Library, call 508-867-6339, or visit www. merrickpubliclibrary.

Brookfield Library also has a busy summer slate. In July, special events will take place every Thursday from 2-3 p.m. Offerings include animal adventures, jump rope jamboree team, a visit from a magician, and backyard fun and games. Story time programs for kids ages 3-5 will take place on Thursdays from 10:30-11:15 a.m.

The East Brookfield Library's summer reading program is funded by the Friends of the Library, East Brookfield Cultural Council, and Boston Bruins hockey.

For more information on events at East Brookfield Library, call 508-867-7928.

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### NEWS BRIEFS

#### **HUB International New England announces new employees**

SPENCER — HUB International New England, LLC today announced the hiring of two new employees; Aimee Goddard and Pamela Famulari in the Spencer office. Cheryl Lavallee, and her daughter Tonya, have recently relocated to South Carolina and wanted to make sure that the business remained in good hands and was not left to just anyone.

One of the two new hires is Aimee Goddard, and she is excited to be back in her home town of Spencer, as she joins HUB as Vice President/Branch

Manager. Aimee brings more than 20 years of insurance industry experience where she has managed several offices and large numbers of employees. Aimee has received numerous team builder and customer service awards. She currently serves as Secretary on the Leicester Little League Board.

The other new employee is Pamela "Pam" Famulari, Personal Lines Account Manager. Pam had previously held the position of Personal Lines Account Manager at an insurance agency in Warren, for the past ten years. Her extensive background in the auto, home, boat, mobile home and renters policies makes her a true expert in her field. She is also very active in the Warren Community, serving at the Warren Community Elementary School PTO President and volunteers on several of the town's youth athletic associa-

Candy Donahue, Michelle McCabe and Melanie Geotis, who have been at this location for many years, will remain as Account Managers.

"Our goal is to make sure that each and every customer is exceedingly delighted with our service," says Timm Marini, a President of HUB International New England. "The customer is always our number one priority. In an intimate town like Spencer, everybody seems to be connected to each

other, and that's a good thing. We are the same way too, so it's nice and is especially true with the two new employees that have joined the agency. HUB, as a whole, has received a warm welcome from the community which we are grateful for."





Pamela Famulari

### State awards \$8.5M in workforce training grants

#### WORKFORCE

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and help train current employees for new positions.'

For companies like Vibram USA, it's imperative to constantly train workers and prepare them for future challenges. A manufacturer of high performance shoe soles, Five Fingers athletic shoes, and even outdoor products, the leaders of Vibram USA understand the importance of remaining on the cutting edge of innovation. They also recognize the need to continue helping their employees advance.

"We are always looking to find new ways to use our technologies and develop our workforce," said Vibram USA president and CEO Michael Gionfriddo. "With the support of the Workforce Training Fund program, Vibram can continue to focus on improving the skills of our workforce and developing the future leaders of our company."

In total, Vibram USA

Lt. Governor Karyn Polito addresses Vibram USA employees and local legislators during a conference.

was awarded \$106,710 to train 98 workers. Seven additional jobs are projected to be available at the company by 2018. Meanwhile, Dienes Corporation, of Spencer, was awarded \$64,260 to train 36 workers as part of the Workforce Training Fund disbursement.

state-awarded

grants are also an integral tool in assisting Massachusetts businesses in becoming more competitive by investing in the skills of their workers. Moving forward, the Workforce Training Fund will serve as a vital resource to thousands of workers seeking to advance their skills to

achieve promotional opportunities and higher wages.

"Our administration is focused on meeting the needs of employers in Massachusetts by aligning workforce training, economic development and education," Polito added. "One of the first things we discovered

upon coming into office is that a lot of states, including Massachusetts, were facing a workforce skills gap. Our goal is to continue finding ways to close that gap.'

Local legislators have been impressed by the commitment the Baker-Polito Administration has shown to businesses throughout the state. And the companies selected to receive these latest grant funds couldn't be more deserving, they said.

"The people who work here bring commitment and passion every day," Gobi said of Vibram USA's employees. "There are great things happening at all of the places receiving these funds."

The Workforce Training Fund provides individual grants up to \$250,000 to companies of any size in Massachusetts to pay for training over a two-year period. Grants are awarded to cover initiatives that upgrade workers' skills, increase productivity, and enhance the competitiveness of businesses. Grants are matched by each of the award recip-

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#### **SWEET SUMMERTIME**

The weather has been heating up, and so has the Merrick Public Library's schedule. There are plenty of exciting upcoming events for guests of all ages at the library in Brookfield.

Musical story hour sessions with Renee Coro will take place on July 6, 13, 20, 27, as well as on Aug. 3 and 10. The program runs from 11:15-noon. Meanwhile, the library reminds guests about its increasingly popular coloring programs for both kids and adults. Drop in to receive more information on these programs.

The library is also teaming up with Brookfield Elementary School for a special summer reading challenge. For more information about library events, call 508-867-6339.

**CONCERTS ON THE COMMON** 

West Brookfield has announced its

Concerts on the Common schedule for the summer. A special Independence Day performance will be provided by Dan Gabel and the Abletones on July 4.

Additional performers will include Slow Grass (July 13); Basic Blues (July 20); Eddie Forman Orchestra (July 27); The Otters (Aug. 3); and Good to be King (Aug. 19).

All concerts will take place from 7-9 p.m. Bring chairs, blankets, and, of course, bug spray.

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Wednesday, July 6: Chicken Murphy, season potatoes, beets, vanilla mousse, pumpernickel bread

Thursday, July 7: Salisbury Steak, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, fresh fruit, 100 percent whole wheat

Friday, July 8: Vegetable cheese bake, Roman vegetables, baked apples, French bread

#### LEICESTER SENIOR CENTER

The Leicester Senior Center, 40 Winslow Ave., Leicester, is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch is served at noontime, Monday through Friday for a nominal meal donation of \$2.50. Reservations must be made 48 hours in advance by calling Elder Services of Worcester Area at 508-852-3205.

In addition to many "Special Events," the senior center also offers many activities that are repeated each week and are open to all.

• Mondays — 9 a.m., Art with Genevieve; 10 a.m., Zumba Gold; 11 a.m., Yoga; 1:15 p.m., Line Dancing

Tuesdays — 11:30 a.m., Golden Needles; 1 p.m., Exercise Club; 6:30 p.m., Fiber Group

• Wednesdays — 1 p.m., Balance

• Thursdays — 10 a.m., Cribbage; 11 a.m., Yoga; 12:45 p.m., Bingo

• Fridays — 10:30 a.m., Tai Chi; 1 p.m., Chair Yoga by Jessica

Saturdays — 7 p.m., Pitch Party

#### **UPCOMING TRIPS**

Call Joan Wall at 508-892-3967 for more information and reservation.

• Plymouth Getaway Tour: See Plymouth, cruise the Pilgrim Belle and lunch at the Hearth & Kettle. Thursday, July 7, at 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$79.

 Gloucester Lobster Cruise & buffet. Thursday, Aug. 11, at 9 a.m. Cost is \$89.

Ogunquit Play House for "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" and a lobster bake or BBQ chicken at Foster's,

Thursday, Sept. 8, at 9 a.m. Cost is \$139. • Foxwoods Casino: Friday, Oct. 21, at

8 a.m. Cost is \$24.

• Pigeon Forge & The Smoky Mountains Show Trip (6 nights - 7 days) 6 breakfasts & 4 dinners. See the Titanic, 3 dinner shows, 1 evening show, one morning show, and more. Sunday-Saturday, Oct. 2-8. Cost is \$560, including tips.

· Indian Head Christmas Tour in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. Incudes buffet, welcome cocktail reception and open bar and Christmas show. Thursday, Nov. 10 at 8:30 a.m. Cost is

#### NORTH BROOKFIELD SENIOR CENTER

#### ONGOING ACTIVITIES

Daily: Open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Coffee available all day. Pitch and Cribbage all day until closing. Jigsaw table open. Puzzles available to take home.

· Monday: Line Dancing with J.P. (9:30 a.m.), Bingo (12:45-2:15 p.m.), free refreshments following last call.

Tuesday: Hannaford Bread Distribution (9:10 a.m.), Blood Pressure Clinic (10:30-11:30 a.m.) Center Café open for home cooked lunch. See menu for details.

• Wednesday: Corner Cafe: (9:15 a.m.), Free specialty coffee & baked goodies; Queen's Knitting Group (9:45 a.m.), Center Café open for home cooked lunch. See menu for details.

• Thursday: Breakfast with Bill (9 a.m.), Community Yoga (2:15 p.m.)

• Friday: Funday Fridays — See calendar above for special events

#### WEST BROOKFIELD SENIOR **CENTER**

The following is a schedule of events at the West Brookfield Senior Center:

 Mondays: 9 a.m., Walking Group; 11:30 a.m., Lunch; 1:30 p.m., Yoga (drop

• Tuesday: 9:30 a.m., Wii; 11:30 a.m., Lunch; 12:30 p.m., Busy Bees knit and

 Wednesday: 9 a.m., Walking Group; 10 a.m., Veteran Agent Office Hours; 10 a.m., Blood Pressure (second Wednesday of month); 11:30 a.m., Lunch; 12:30 p.m., Pitch.

• Thursday: 8:30 a.m., Tai Chi; 11:30 a.m., Lunch; 1 p.m., Genealogy (second Thursday).

Friday: 9 a.m., Walking Group; 10 a.m., Coffee Hour (third Friday of month); 11:30 a.m., Lunch; 12:45 p.m., Duplicate Bridge.

#### SPENCER SENIOR CENTER

The Spencer Council on Aging activities at the Spencer Senior Center. The senior center is open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Free Blood Pressure Clinic on the last Thursday of the month at 11:30 a.m.

Free wellness clinic on the second Thursday of the month for Spencer residents only.

· Monday: 9:30 a.m., Cribbage, cost is \$1

• Tuesday: 9:30 a.m., Yoga (13-week session), \$15 for resident \$20 non-residents; 10:30 a.m. Exercise (13-week session), \$15 for residents \$20 for non residents; 11:30 a.m. Lunch (48 hours notice required); 1 p.m., Bingo.

· Wednesday: 9:30 a.m., Computer instruction by appointment, free; 11 a.m., Tai Chi (13-week session) \$10 for residents, \$15 for non residents; 12:30 p.m., Line Dancing (13-week session), \$10 for residents, \$15 for non residents: 1:30 p.m., Beginners Line Dancing (13week session), \$10 for residents, \$15 for non-residents.

• Thursday: 9:30 a.m., Yoga, no fee if enrolled in Tuesday class; 10:30 a.m., Exercise, no fee if enrolled in Tuesday class; 11:30 a.m., Lunch (48 hour notice); 1 p.m., Bingo.

#### **BROOKFIELD COUNCIL ON AGING**

Members of the Council on Aging will not be meeting during the months of July and August but will resume meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 13, at 10:30 a.m. at the Brookfield Congregational Church. Anyone needing to contact the Council before then, please call Barbara Clancy at 508-867-6043. Brookfield Seniors do not meet in July or August but will resume monthly meetings on Tuesday, Sept. 13, at 11:30 a.m. downstairs in the Congregational Church meeting hall.

Tai Chi will continue throughout the summer months every Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. In the Brookfield Town Hall. It is one of the best ways to keep your body flexible, by loosening and stretching your muscles and joints. Please come and try it! You are also invited to the West Brookfield Senior Center every Thursday morning at 8:30 a.m. for Tai Chi there. Please join us!

Foot Clinic: The Foot Clinic continues to be held once a month at the Brookfield Town Hall, although the date and times vary. The July clinic meets on Tuesday, July 19, at 1:30 p.m. To participate, please call Rikki LaMonda at 508-867-4578 to make an appointment. Leave a message if necessary.

Medi Car: the Medi Car is available for doctor appointments (there and back). Please call 508-867-1407 at the W. Brookfield Senior Center.

Brookfield Food Pantry: Open Wednesdays and Saturdays at 9:30 to 11 a.m. in the basement of St. Mary's Church, located at the rear of the building off Howard St. The library is also a drop off point for donations to the Brookfield Food Pantry.

Laptops at Library: Laptops from the C.O.A. are available for use by Seniors at the Merrick Public Library during open hours.

#### EAST BROOKFIELD SENIOR **CENTER**

Would you like a day of fun? Come on down to the East Brookfield Senior Center! It is opened at 9:30 a.m. for a free coffee and muffin, lots of friendly conversation and laughs.

We need your participation and ideas. Enjoy a card game, cribbage, coloring in an adult coloring book or do a puzzle. Do you prefer knitting, crocheting or embroidery? Bring it down and share patterns. Would you like to do some creative writing or memoirs? You could also learn a new game. Try it - you might like it.

Opened first, third and fourth Thursday of each month from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. A Tri-Valley lunch is available for \$3 (call Ginny Allen at 508-867-2741 for reservations). A terrific home cooked luncheon is available for \$4 the fourth Thursday of each month (call Judy Shute at 508-867-9224).

### Tips to plant in a pot for patio or porch



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There are many reasons to plant a vegetable garden, among them the security of knowing where the food you bring to the table comes from. The current economy, coupled with food safety issues, has contributed to a renewed interest in backyard gardening. Make that back porch, patio, and windowsill gardening.

For those who don't have room to plant a sprawling plot, container gardens fit the bill. From whiskey barrels to plastic buckets, plants are sprouting up on back decks, front porches, and even on balconies. Many vegetables grow successfully when contained in pots. Benefits include the ability to position the pots to increase growing condition, and a reduced risk of pest inva-

Crop Pickings: Luckily, some of the best loved vegetables are appropriate for container gardening. Crops that do well include tomatoes, lettuce, peppers, cucumbers, beans, as well as, carrots, cabbage, peas, beans, beets, cauliflower and broccoli. In addition, there are many varieties of dwarf vegetables that are specially bred to grow well in containers.

Once you've decided which

plants to pot up, there are a few general rules to follow to ensure thriving container

Container Choices: The size of the container depends upon the crop that will be grown. Typically most vegetables can thrive as long as there is enough space for proper root development. Shallow rooted crops such as lettuce, peppers, radishes, and herbs require a space at least six inches in diameter with an eight inch soil depth. Tomatoes, cucumbers, squash and beans grow well in deeper buckets, such as five gallon buckets, half whiskey barrels, and deep patio

Bushel baskets, half barrels, wooden tubs, or large pressed paper containers are ideal for growing tomatoes, squash, pole beans, and cucumbers. Note that container plants do best when transplanted from seedlings into the container, allowing for a hardening off period.

Select Soil: The perfect planting material for containers should provide quick and steady drainage with enough water retention to keep the roots moist. Some gardeners suggest a traditional soil mix, others prefer a soil free potting mix that offers a lightweight medium that is free from soil borne diseases. A good rule of thumb is to mix equal parts of sand, garden soil and peat moss. This mixture may be heated in a low oven for an hour to kill any weeds, insects or bacteria.

Water Well: Proper watering is essential for a successful container garden, due to the fact their root system is restricted. Usually once a day is sufficient, but keep mind containers are much apt to dry out in hot weather, causing the plant to produce poorly or worse. Also, avoid soaking the leaves when watering, as wet foliage encourages disease. And make sure the pot is equipped with proper drainage. Inadequate drainage will cause the mix to become water logged, and the plants will be deprived of necessary oxygen.

Placement: Proper Placement is important, since growing vegetables need at least five hours of direct sunlight each day. Flowering and root vegetables need even more sun. Check the requirements of each variety you are growing. Since the container garden offers mobility, moving a pot to ensure it receives sufficient sunlight is a valuable advan-

Couture: Container plants encourage creativity. A handsome garden pot or two on the patio adds ambiance and beauty to an outdoor space. A row of trellised pole bean pots can serve as a decorative barrier along a deck or balcony. And a window box of lettuce, radishes and peppers, not only offers lush greenery, but handy salad pickings at your finger-

Rx for Container Gardening: While container gardening is typically user friendly, with less risk of insect invasion or disease, the gardening method is not foolproof. The University Maine Cooperative

Extension offers the following suggestions for treating common container garden prob-

Symptoms: Plants tall, spindly, and unproductive. Cause: Insufficient light.

Cure: Move container to area receiving more light. Reduce feeding intervals.

Symptoms: Plants yellowing from bottom, lack vigor, poor Cause: Excessive water.

Cure: Reduce watering intervals; Check for good drainage.

Symptoms: Plants wilt although sufficient water is present. Cause: Poor drainage and

aeration. Cure: Use mix containing higher percent organic matter;

increase number of holes for drainage.

Symptoms: Marginal burning of leaf edges. Cause: High salts.

Cure: Leach container with tap water at regular intervals.

Symptoms: Plants stunted in growth; sickly, purplish color. Cause: Low temperature or low phosphate. Cure: Relocate container to

warmer area. Increase phosphate level in base solution.

Symptoms: Holes in leaves,

leaves distorted in shape. Cause: Insects

Cure: Hand pick or use insecticidal spray.

Symptoms: Plant leaves with spots; dead dried areas, or powdery or rusty areas.

Cause: Plant Diseases

Cure: Remove diseased areas here observed Call your Extension Office or bring in a leaf for diagnosis.

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### Should I worry about the curb appeal of my home?



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I think curb appeal is one of the most important things to focus on.

Many of the things you can do to improve curb appeal is minimal in cost. The one thing to think about is that most buyers have already made a

decision that they want your home before they drive up to the house based on the pictures they see online. Especially relocation buyers who come out for a weekend to buy a home and are just trying to verify what they saw online is the same in

The best way to know how to improve your curb appeal is either by having a real estate agent give you some suggestions or hire a professional stager to help you with ideas to spruce up the front of your home. That 1st picture that shows up online will either pique the buyers interest to see more or turn them off completely. Pretend you are a buyer next time you drive up to your home and look at what they would be looking for. Walk the way they would walk to the house most likely to the front door. If you see peeling paint scrape and paint it. Could you mulch the front flowerbeds and weed them or install flowerbeds? Is the front of the house dirty and could benefit from a power washing? When they get to the front door they will probably stand there a while, while the agent is opening the

door. Does the trim around the front door need to be painting or are there cobwebs on the front porch. That first minute or two are very crucial. The most important thing to remember is that people buy homes based on emotion, not intellect. Intellectually, we know we could power wash the house and paint the trim and weed the flowerbeds easily but emotionally when those are already done for us it gives us a feeling that these people really love their home and take care of it and it gives you a feeling of ease and comfort.

When your home goes on the market for sale you are entering a beauty competition so you want to look your best and beat all the competition and have your home be the one that wins first place so you can get the first place trophy, which is an offer on your home.

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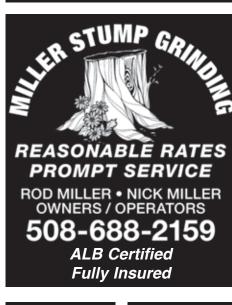


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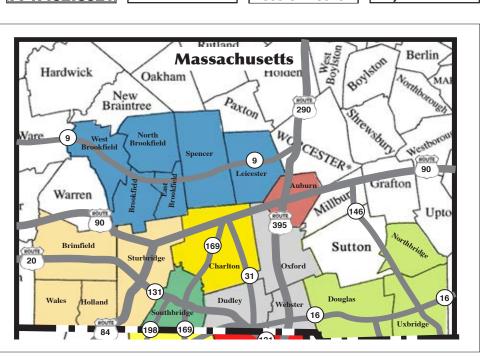
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#### LEICESTER POLICE **DEPARTMENT**

8:20 a.m.: Stafford St, Ambulance Call,

Transported to Hospital

12:44 p.m.: Pine St & Cricklewood Dr., Disabled MV, Towed 4:31 p.m.: South St Ext, Ambulance

Call, Transported to Hospital

6:18 p.m.: Main St & Shady Ln, MV Stop, Citation issued

12:30 a.m.: South Main St, Shoplifting, Citation Issued

11:19 a.m.: Clark St & Huntoon Memorial Hwy, Accident MV NO PI, Report Taken

1:42 p.m.: Warren Ave, Ambulance Call, Transported to Hospital

3:15 p.m.: Winslow Ave, Water/Sewer Problem, Referred to other agency 4:11 p.m.: Main St, MV Stop, Citation

4:57 p.m.: Soojians Dr, Larceny,

Report Taken

7:32 p.m.: Main St, MV Stop, Citation

Issued

June 17 12:19 a.m.: Manville St & Earle St, Suspicious Person, MV Towed

1:36 a.m.: Mill St, Rachel Lynn Desaulniers, 33, 3 Woodside Ter., Apt. 1, Auburn, was charged with possession of Class E drug, fail to appear upon cognizance.

1:07 p.m.: Hyland Ave, Ambulance Call, Transported to Hospital 4:42 p.m.: Stafford St, MV Stop,

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June 18

2:30 a.m.: Stafford St, Ambulance Call, Transported to Hospital

10:47 a.m.: Church St, Steven L Whitemore, 48, 18 Park St North Brookfield Ma, OP MV with Subsq OFF License Suspended, Arrest

2:54 p.m.: Main St, Ambulance Call, Transported to Hospital

5:07 p.m.: Main St, James Herminyo Brueno, 27, 359 E Main St East Brookfield, Straight Warrant, Arrest 7:22 p.m.: Main St, Kyle T Bow, 22,

74 Reservoir St Apt 2 Cherry Valley, Unlicensed OP of MV, Arrest 8:56 p.m.: Mayflower Rd, Fireworks

Complaint, Arrest 9:02 p.m.: Pleasant St, Gunshots,

Unfounded June 19

1:29 a.m.: Main ST, MV Stop, Citation

4:42 a.m.: Craig St, Ambulance Call,

Transported to Hospital

8:29 a.m.: Huntoon Memorial Hwy, MV Accident no PI, Report Taken

2:26 p.m.: Henshaw St, Ambulance Call, Transported to Hospital

4:56 p.m.: Pine St & Parker St, MV Accident no PI, Report Taken

11:11 p.m.: Olney St, Ambulance Call, Transported to Hospital

8:15 p.m.: Soojians Dr, MV Stop, Citation Issued

8:34 p.m.: Main St, MV Stop, Citation

Issued 9:05 p.m.: Main St, MV Stop, Eric D Pelletier, 22, 57 Lakeshore Dr Spencer, OP MV with Suspended License, MV not meeting RMV Safety Standards,

June 21

Vehicle Towed

4:58 a.m.: South Main St, Daniel S Brunell, 42, 111 Salisbury St Worcester, Possess to distribute Class B (Adderall) Drug, Investigated

9:51 a.m.: South Main St, Ambulance Call, Transported to Hospital

5:30 p.m.: Main St, MV Stop, Citation Issued

9:17 p.m.: Boyd St, Ambulance Call, Transported to Hospital

June 22

5:45 a.m.: South Main St, Patrick Ingham Mullens, 23, 197 S Spencer Rd Spencer, Failure to appear upon recognizance, Arrest

10 a.m.: Main St, Accident MV no PI, Vehicle Towed

4:43 p.m.: Stafford Sy, MV Stop, Towed

9:36 p.m.: Main St & Town Beach Rd, MV Stop, Citation Issued

5:42 a.m.: Main St, Erratic Operator, Citation Issued

#### **SPENCER POLICE DEPARTMENT**

June 15

Diego Cunha, 29, 46 Church St Spencer, Warrant Arrest

Angela Zona, 32, 45 Church St Spencer, 4 Warrant Arrest

June 16

Robert Daniels III, 27, 41 Borkum St Spencer, Shoplifting concealed merchandise, Fugitive from justice, possession Class B w/intent to distribute,

Kevin J McGee, 39, 9 Main Ave Spencer, Warrant arrest

June 18

Ashley Lafond, 22, 106 Paxton Rd Spencer, operating motor vehicle under influence of liquor, fail to drive in right lane, arrest

June 19 Michael Lobo, 33, 4 Wall St Spencer, Trespassing, disorderly person, disturbing the peace, arrest

Michael Lobo, 33, 4 Wall St Spencer,

Trespassing, arrest

### More summer recipes

Not only are we a family that needs to watch everything we put into our bodies, but my husband has a slew of health problems, I have battled obesity my entire life, and while my kids are healthy right now, they are still at risk for health problems due to our wonderful

So going food shopping and making meals is always a challenge in this house. I am a former Gastric Bypass patient (who still struggles) who needs a diet based on mostly protein. Lucky for me, I love beans, legumes, meat, eggs, dairy, and soy. My husband is a diabetic with IBS and chronic pancreatitis. While he as well loves all things protein packed, he has to be very careful with dark leafy greens, beans are a death wish for him, and he has to have limited fat in every meal. This leaves us with a bland home diet. On top of those restrictions, my husband went to culinary school and was a chef. So we know what we are missing. He has a sweet tooth and I have more of a savory tooth. Oh yeah, I am also allergic to everything in the onion family, and my toddler won't eat anything we make unless it is a peanut butter sandwich. Needless to say, meals in this house are very chaotic and tough to plan.

With all these restrictions we have had to get very creative, especially on weeks we are scrounging the pantry to make a balanced meal. So I have come up with some go-to recipes that are quick and easy and absolutely delicious, best part? They are not bad for you

Carrot Breakfast Muffins:

1 1/2 c. Whole Wheat Flour 1 tsp. Baking Soda

1 tsp. Cinnamon 1/2 tsp. Salt

2 c. Grated Carrots

1 c. Unsweetened Applesauce 1 c. Raisins (soaked to recon-

stitute) 1/2 c. honey

1 stick margarine (or 1/2 c. coconut oil)

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Mix well, and taste the batter to see if there is anything else you may need to add. I know baking should always be done by the recipe and to the T but I rely more on my taste buds than a recipe.

Bake at 350 for about 20 minutes. Let cool, and Enjoy!

Egg Drop Soup:

This is such a yummy quick lunch, it takes no time at all, and costs mere pocket change to make.

1 container of low sodium Chicken Broth

2 eggs

Soy sauce (to taste) Optional: frozen peas, mush-

rooms, carrots, etc...

Cook broth with chosen veggies over medium heat until veggies are cooked through. In a separate bowl scramble eggs, and while soup is at a slow simmer use a fork to drizzle the egg into the soup. Using fork mix around, simmer for 5 minutes, season with soy sauce to taste, and enjoy!

Chicken Veggie Pasta:

Choose a pasta that has a low carb index. There is one particular one I love in a black box, the family actually loves it too. We aren't big fans of the whole wheat ones, but if you cant find a low carb pasta, whole wheat or high fiber ones work well

Box of Pasta 1/2 lb. boneless & skinless chicken breast, sliced into strips or 1in cubes

1 summer squash

1 zucchini

1 can of seasoned artichoke hearts

13 oz. bag of sun dried toma-

1/2 jar pine nuts

1 jar pesto sauce (or make your own!)

Cook chicken and set aside. Cook pasta and transfer to a large bowl. Sautee up the squash and zucchini, only cook until edges are soft, keep inside firm. Add in artichokes and sun dried tomatoes. Mix chicken in with pasta and season as you like with salt and pepper. Add in your pesto to the pan of veggies. Stir and continue heating until desired consistency on the veggies. Pour veggies and sauce over pasta. If there is

too much sauce let stand for 5

minutes, sauce will thicken. If

it is too dry ad a touch of milk.

Enjoy!

Please write in and share your thoughts! As always, take what you want from what we discuss as advice or information, share with me your favorite tip or recipe and join me on our next edition of "Mom in Motion." E-mail me your thoughts and tips at jill@stonebridgepress. com.

### What contemporary collectibles could become valuable?

Predicting whether the items vou collect will rise in value is like deciding which stock will perform well. There are no guarantees, but there are some rules of thumb that may help.

By looking at which antiques and collectibles are now valuable we can hope to gain insights on what may sell well in the future. As I've watched prices in the industry for the last quarter century. I've seen positive and negative changes. We'll start with the bad news. With some exceptions, furniture, glassware, china and glassware prices have dropped and continue to fall. On a more positive note, I didn't sell any gold jewelry at my live

auctions unless it was antique when I first began running auctions over 15 years ago. Since gold prices have risen we sell more modern gold jewelry now. We always sold sterling silver flatware but the values have shot up from our early years.

There are other things that may



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increase in value. For example, people buy toys and store them away with the hope that they will become more valuable. Character toys related to a popular movie or television are popular with collectors. For example, Star Wars toys from the 1980's can sometimes bring hundreds or even thousands of dollars. Toys of characters that played smaller roles in the shows may often be worth more than those who were the stars. They were purchased and produced in smaller quantities. Keep in mind that collectors pay a premium for items in the origi-

nal box or package that are unopened. Even having the hole intact on a package where it would have hung

on a rack can increase the value. I mentioned in a previous column that I had taken antique courses with George Michael. He suggested buying wares hand crafted by artisans. You will own a one of a kind item instead of something mass produced. If you find an artisan whose work is already in demand there is a possibility that their works will increase in value. Whether you collect paintings, art glass, pottery or other hand crafted works there are quality works now being made by contemporary artists. You can search the web for up-and-coming artists and their works. You just might find something by the next Andy Warhol.

On a recent trip I purchased an Iitala glass, "Helsinki" bird. It has some things that may make it worth more in the future. It is designed by Oiva Toikka and hand blown. The birds are sold in only one store in Helsinki. Finland. It is part of a limited edition of 200. I didn't buy this as an investment though. I have no plans to sell it. I followed the common advice for collectors to "buy what you like". It won't matter if it rises or drops in price if you enjoy what you buy.

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#### Legislators announce community development block grants

BOSTON — Sen. Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer), Rep. Todd M. Smola (R-Warren), and Rep. Donald R. Berthiaume Jr. (R-Spencer) have announced multiple Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program awards to area

· Hardwick has received a \$796,836 grant for infrastructure improvements to Prospect and Broad Streets, municipal building accessibility improvement design, and domestic violence prevention services.

• Palmer has received \$807,862 infrastructure improvements to Stewart Street, housing rehabilitation assistance for four housing units, as well as funding to support financial literacy and domestic violence prevention services.

• Ware has received \$800,000 for infrastructure improvements to Prospect Street, design services for Bank and Spring Street improvements, and for domestic violence prevention services.

Warren, Hardwick, and Ware received a joint award of \$724,000 for School Street neighborhood design, housing rehabilitation assistance for fourteen housing units, and for support services related to adult education, community health, and domestic violence prevention.

"Improving the quality of life in our communities is something that these towns continue to do," said Gobi. "I am glad to support their efforts and I thank them for the hard work they put into securing these highly sought after funds."

"This is great news for the community," said Smola. "These funds will assist Palmer, Ware and Warren with a number or priorities ranging from infrastructure and housing projects to domestic violence preven-

"Congratulations to these four towns on receiving these grants," said Berthiaume. "This funding will allow these communities to complete much needed

infrastructure improvements." The funding was announced today at the State House by the Baker-Polito Administration and legislators. In all 34 Community Development Block Grants were awarded to a total of 57 cities and towns across the Commonwealth.

The Community Development Block Grant program is a federally funded, competitive grant program designed to help small cities and towns meet a broad range of community development needs. Assistance is provided to qualifying cities and towns for housing, community, and economic development projects that assist low- and moderate income residents.

Courtesy photo From left, VFW Post 7556 members William (Bill) Wall and Bruce Wylie in Rochdale center with poppies.

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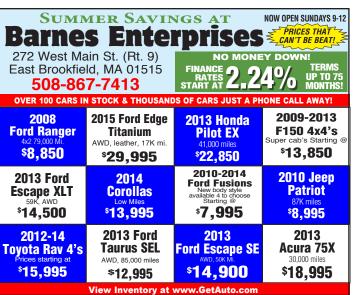


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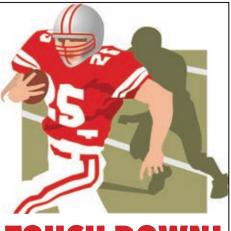
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WEST BROOKFIELD — Lisa Jean Berthiaume, 43, died Tuesday, June 21, at the Lahey Clinic, after a brief illness.

She is survived by her children Thomas Hubbard, Joeylynn Berthiaume, and Melissa J. Hubbard, all of West Brookfield, her parents Victor P. and Linda L (Berthiaume) Parent of Charlton, and her maternal grandmother Jean Spinner of Florida, three grandchildren Ryan Ward, Aubree Hubbard, and Mya Hubbard. She also leaves her brother Richard Berthiaume of Missouri, and a sister Barbara Graham of Belchertown, and

her uncle Michael Spinner, of North Grosvenordale, Conn.

Lisa was born in Southbridge, July 22, 1972, and lived most all her life in West Brookfield. She was a homemaker who loved her family, especially her grandchildren, playing cards and pool, and she enjoyed crocheting.

Calling hours will be held on Friday, July 1, from 5-7 p.m., at Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy St., Southbridge, MA 01550. Burial will be private. Sansoucy Funeral Home, Southbridge.

### Frieda E. Levesque, 86



WORCESTER Frieda E. (Rosenquist) Levesque, 86, of Greenwood St. died Wednesday, June 22 in the Life Care Center of Auburn after an illness.

husband Her Gerard F. Levesque

died in 2012.

She leaves four sons; Paul Levesque and his companion Donna of Worcester, Scott Levesque and his wife Cathy of Marion, Thomas Levesque of Worcester and Donald Levesque and his wife Sherri of Lakeland, Fla., two daughters; Linda Drohan of Millbury and Gayle Leroi and her wife Kay Loudon of Ludlow, 11 grandchildren; Mark, Brian, Adam, Kayla, Rebecca, Kelleigh, Holly, Michael, Jeremy, Jason & Tiffany, 4 great-grandchildren;

Jazmyne, Tiana, Parker & Aubree, and four step-grandchildren; Thomas, David, Felicity & Devin.

Frieda was born in Leicester, daughter of Frederick and Dorothy (Freeman) Rosenquist. She was an inspector at Wright Machine in West Warren for many years before retiring. She enjoyed jigsaw puzzles and was an avid bingo player.

At Frieda's request funeral services and burial in Worcester County Memorial Park, Paxton will be private at the convenience of the family. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Nazareth Home for Boys, 77 Mulberry Street, Leicester, MA 01524. Morin Funeral Home, 1131 Main Street, Leicester is directing funeral arrangements.

Visit www.morinfuneralhomes.com.

#### Rev. Virginia Anne Coulter, 74



LEXINGTON, S.C. -Rev. Virginia Anne (Ringgard) Coulter, went to be with her Lord and Savior on June 25, at the age of

Virginia was born in Worcester, MA. While a resident of

East Brookfield and Spencer, she was an American Red Cross First Aid and Swimming Instructor for many of the surrounding communities. She proudly operated the Virginia Ringgard Dance Studio in Spencer, MA for 15 years. She was an active member of the East Brookfield Baptist Church; serving as choir director, youth minister, librarian and the overseer of the church's building expansion in 1979-80.

In 1980, she moved with her family to Shelbyville, Ind., where she was an active member of Fenns Community Church. Virginia and her husband were active in the leadership for Lay Renewal Ministries located in St. Louis, Mo., coordinating lay renewal and leadership events for area churches in the States of Ohio, Indiana, Michigan and Illinois. In 1995, they continued following God's leading; opening the New Life Christian Resource Center in Shelbyville, Ind. This Christian outreach held a Christian Book Store, a Church and a Teen Drop-in Center. The next phase of ministry started in 2003, when she, along with her husband were called to help lead The Missionary Church International in Columbia, S.C., with whom she became an ordained minister. Two years later they moved to Cayce, S.C., where she became even more active in the leadership of The Missionary Church International, hosting many regional and annual conferences.

Virginia is survived by her husband, Bishop Robert John Coulter, of almost 54 years; four of her children - Charlene, Lori-Anne Weller and husband Bill, Patricia, and Robert (Rob); five grandchildren - Christopher Weller, Melissa Weller, Robert (Bobby) Coulter, Brienna Coulter, and Hannah Coulter. In addition she is survived by her sister Elvira and husband Carl Nelson, and her sister-in-law Anne and husband Richard King.

She was preceded in death by her daughter Sherry Porter, her sister Louise and husband Peter Mich, her brother Edward Ringgard and wife Sally, and her brother George

A Celebration of Life service will be held Saturday, July 2, at Barr Price Funeral Home, 609 Northwood Road, Lexington, S.C. Viewing hours will be from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.; followed by the celebration service at 12 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Missionary Church International, P.O. Box 1761, Columbia, SC 29202, in her memory, so that TMCI many continue to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the world.

### Todd Michael Sansoucy, 50



DUDLEY — Todd Michael Sansoucy, 50, of Ramshorn Road, passed peacefully at his home on Tuesday, June 21, lovingly surrounded by his fam-

Todd leaves his wife, Kimberly A. (Heath) Sansoucy, whom he loved for over 27 years and married Oct. 10, 1997. He also leaves his children, Jack and Olivia Sansoucy, both at home; his mother, Mary (Spielman) Sansoucy of

Dudley; three aunts, Mona Sansoucy, and her fiancé, Barry Stell, of Spencer, Sally, wife of Robert LePain, of East Dennis, and Ellen, wife of Robert Roy, of Taos, N.M.; five cousins, Stephanie, wife of Martin MacNeely, of Marstons Mills, Gregory Kalis and his wife, Charice, of Southbridge, Jenna, wife of Chris Federer, of Walpole, Emily Gaudet of Thompson, Conn., and Ben Gaudet of Spencer, and many dear

friends. Todd was predeceased by his father, C. Michael Sansoucy, who died April

Todd was born Aug. 7, 1965, in Southbridge, and grew up in Sturbridge before moving to Dudley as a teenager. He graduated from Shepherd Hill Regional High School in 1984 and attended Cape Cod Community College. He worked for Verizon for 30

years, retiring in 2015 due to illness.

Todd coached Dudley Youth Basketball and Little League, enjoyed golfing, riding his Harley, being part of his Relay For Life team, "What the Dickens?!" and in his younger years was passionate about showing Morgan horses and trail riding. His love for his wife, children, mother, family and friends was immense. Todd and Kim cherished their quiet family times, together. His love for his children beamed. He enjoyed riding Trials motorcycles with Jack and was moved to hear Olivia sing and watch her dance. Todd was a proud member of the Southbridge Lions Club since 2006. He served on their Scholarship Committee and participated in many fundraising events. He was honored to be named Lion of the Year in 2013. Todd was once again honored in 2014 when Gov. Deval Patrick signed a proclamation into law setting apart the last Tuesday in May as "Southbridge Lions Club Bow Ties for Esophageal Cancer Awareness Day."

"And Down Goes Cancer."

Todd's funeral was Tuesday, June 8 with a Mass at Notre Dame 446 Main Street, Southbridge. Calling hours were Monday, June 27, at the church. Burial will be private.

Flowers are acceptable, or memorial donations may be made to the Adam Bullen Memorial Foundation, 24 Charlton Street, Oxford, MA 01540.

#### Irene Celeste Pierpont, 67

LEICESTER — Irene Celeste (Keyes) Pierpont, 67, died Sunday, June 19, in the UMass Memorial Medical Center, University Campus.

She is survived by her husband, Ronald E. Pierpont, of Douglas; a son, Aaron E. Pierpont, of Douglas, a brother, John F. Keyes, Jr., of Putnam, Conn.; two sisters, Martha Adams, of Douglas, and Jacqueline Fairbanks, of Fitchburg, and a granddaughter, Alana J. Pierpont.

Mrs. Pierpont was born in Worcester, Jan. 18, 1949, a daughter of John F. and Dorothea (Perkins) Keyes. She grew up in Worcester, and lived in Sutton for

many years before moving to Leicester six years ago. She was a graduate of Worcester South High School and Quinsigamond Community College.

A registered nurse, Mrs. Pierpont worked at Westborough State Hospital until retiring in 2004.

She was a talented crafter, and enjoyed origami, sewing, making pottery, and calligraphy.

At her request, there will be no Funeral Services. Memorial donations may be made to the ASPCA. To leave the family a condolence, please visit www.carrfuneralhome.com.

#### Josephine M. Powers, 95

NORTH BROOKFIELD — Josephine M. Powers, went to be with her Lord on Friday, June 10.

She was born in Worcester on July 4, 1920.

She was predeceased by her parents, brother Frank Galgowski and her husband Thomas Powers.

Jo is survived by her sister Jane Recko and niece Susan Recko Key of San Antonio, Texas. The family sincerely wishes to thank Marilyn Caron and family for years of loyalty, care and friendship. Many blessings to the staff and nurses at Overlook Masonic Health Center, 3rd floor. Christine Auger, "You were her angel."

A graveside service was held on Saturday, June 25, in St. Cemetery in North Brookfield.

Donations may be made in her name to the second Chance Animal Shelter, PO Box 136, E. Brookfield, MA 01515.

Pillsbury Funeral Home, 44 Gilbert St., North Brookfield is directing arrangements.

### News Briefs

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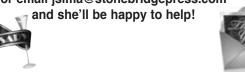
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#### Friday, July 1

Movie Nights on the Common! Bring a blanket and join us every Thursday night this summer! Weather permitting, we will be showing a new movie each week, starting at duck!

"Star Wars: The Force July 1: Awakens"

July 7: "Minions"

July 14: "The Goonies" July 28: "The Avengers" Aug. 4: "Raisers of the Lost Ark"

Aug. 10: "Ferris Bueller's Day Off"

All movies will be shown in a family friendly edited version.

#### Monday, July 4

REGION

All S.C.M. Elderbus offices will be closed on Monday, July 4, to observe Independence Day.

#### Saturday, July 16

**BROOKFIELD** 

Join the Opacum Land Trust and the Chicopee 4 Rivers Watershed Council as we embark on the Quaboag River for a fun paddle in the height of summer. Come and expect the unexpected! The paddle will occur on Saturday, July 16 at 10 a.m., with a rain date scheduled for Sunday, July 17 at 10 a.m. in case of inclement weather. We will leave from White's Landing, located at 7 Fiskdale Road, Rt. 148 in Brookfield. Feel free to bring your own boat - boats will available free of charge to participants as a courtesy from the folks at White's Landing, but we are asking that you RSVP by July 8th to reserve a boat. We will explore 10 points of interest along the Quaboag River, including breeding grounds for the American Bittern and historic Native American encampments used for summer hunting and fishing, as we make our way to Quaboag Pond in East Brookfield and back. Participants can also learn more about C4RWC's watershed efforts. We will have a picnic lunch after we return to White's Landing, so feel free to bring food and friends!



Welcome July! We've had such a nice stretch of beautiful weather (writing this on Monday; but it's New England, things can change in an instant). Wouldn't mind having some rain at night to water the grass and flowers, but in comparison to the rest of the country, we've been so

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#### Monday, July 25

**BROOKFIELD** 

Brookfield Congregational Church Vacation Bible School will be held July 25-29, 9 a.m. to noon for ages 4 years or older. There will be an adult Bible study held for parents between 10:30-11:30 a.m. Nursery care will be available. Registration forms are available in the church office (508-867-6262) or you may sign up the first day of VBS. This year's VBS theme is "Egypt: Joseph's Journey from Prison

#### ONGOING EVENTS

**SPENCER** 

First Congregational Church, 207 Main Street, Spencer. Economy Shop Hours for January. Open Every Wednesday 8 a.m. to noon. Thursday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday 8 a.m. to noon.

#### NORTH BROOKFIELD

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 Brookfield. 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.

The North Brookfield Historical Society Museum will be open from 9 a.m. to noon on the first and third Saturdays of the month through October. Special appointments will be arranged whenever possible. For details and updates, please visit http:// northbrookfieldhistoricalsociety. wordpress.com.

#### WARREN

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).

#### **RUTLAND**

Senior Exercises Classes are held every Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Rutland Community Center, Glenwood Road, Rutland. 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.

#### **SPENCER**

Bingo at the Knights of Columbus, 10 Meadow Road, Spencer every Thursday. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. The first game starts at 6:30 p.m. Along with our regular games we feature two winner take all games, two 50/50 games and two progressive jackpot games with payout's 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.

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 please visit www. vnacarenetwork.org or call 888-663-3688, ext. 5603.

#### EAST BROOKFIELD

The East Brookfield Baptist Church invites all senior citizens (ladies and gentlemen) 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. This will be followed by a time of fellowship and games concluding with a devotional just before 2 p.m. Reservations are encouraged. Call 508-



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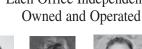
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WEBSTER LAKE - 14 Bates Crossing! South Pond! East Expo – Beautiful Sunrises! Expansive Water Views! 11,000' Level Lot! 6 Rm Colonial! 10x46 Porch! Open Flr Plan! 3 Bdrms! 2nd Flr Master w/Cathedrals, Master Bath! 2 Baths! A/C! Garage! \$559,900.00



THOMPSON – 7 Fairway Dr! 7 Rm Colonial Pick Your Colors! SS Applianced Granite Kit w/Breakfast Bar! Open Flr Plan! Spacious Din & Liv Rms! 1st Flr Office/Den! Hrdwd Flrs! Master w/Cathedral Ceiling! Master Bath w Dual Sinks, Whirlpool, Separate Shower! 3 Bdrms! 2.5 Baths! 2 Car Garage! LP Gas Hea



SOUTHBRIDGE - 32 Glenview Ave. Custom 6 Rm Contemp! Open Kit & Din Area w/Cathedrals & Skylight! Liv Rm w/Pellet Stove, Slider to Deck! 1st Fir Master w/Private Deck! 3 Bdrms! 2
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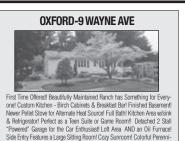




#### **DUDLEY - 14 JAYBEE AVE**

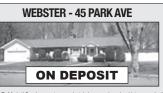
Spacious raised ranch! Open layout floor plan! Hardwoods throughout! Fireplaced living room! Double deck w / hot tub! Lower deck has french doors from fireplaced family room! Applianced kitchen! Lower level family room w / fireplace! 2 Car garage! And New Price \$235,000.

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located & close to elementary school. Granite tace front, well maintained, nicely landscaped, private, fenced in back yard with in-ground pool, screen room, and RV pad with electricity. Recent updates include roof & Buderus heating system with Megastore hot water storage, Formal entry to large living room with ston 2 car garage & much more \$



hood with large manicured yard and privacy galore! Sit out on your screened in porch on those warm summer nights and look out at the fruit trees and gardens! Open floor plan as so much to offeer! Front to back living room has a lovely fireplace and pellet stove included. Fully applianced kitchen is open to back der and attached garage offers added storage!



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WEBSTER LAKE - NEW LISTING: PANORAMIC VIEWS OF WEBSTER LAKE Great South Facing Location, 62' prime lakefront, large deep lot 10,4895f, flagstone & concrete patics, full concrete walkewy at waster's edge, door, tenging walls & stonework, privacy lence, storage shed, recently paved drive, plenty offstreet parking in driveway & area at roadside, spacious, Year-round, 2 story cape home, 4 Brit (no 1st Irly, 2 full BAs, Harvey replacement windows, 6 year+/- young roof.

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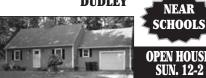
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**DUDLEY** 

#### **DUDLEY**



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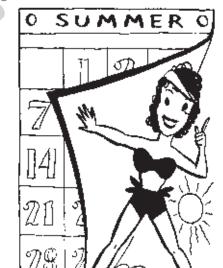
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### NEWS BRIEF

#### Moore, Fattman secure higher education amendments in budget

BOSTON — In addition to supporting increased investments to public colleges and universities in Massachusetts, Sen. Michael O. Moore (D-Millbury) and Sen. Ryan C. Fattman (R-Webster) advocated for two important higher education amendments to the Fiscal Year 2017 (FY17) state budget that were unanimously adopted by the Senate.

The first amendment would establish a Special Commission to review higher education salaries and benefits. The amendment was filed in response to a series of investigative articles published earlier this year that highlighted funding practices for salaries, paid leave and other benefits provided to college and university leaders. The efforts of the Special Commission will compliment an internal review currently being completed by the Department of Higher Education (DHE).

"I am proud to support the estab-

lishment of a Special Commission to review the possible inappropriate use of hard-earned tax and tuition dollars," said Moore, who serves as Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Higher Education. "With the cost of attending colleges and universities at an all-time high, it is imperative to ensure that our students are not victims of fiscal irresponsibility."

"With the rise of student tuition, and the burdensome weight of student debt increasing, it is imperative that we have a Special Commission to look into where our tuition dollars go. As a millennial with student debt, I know firsthand how hard it is to juggle debt after graduation. We need to understand where tuition fees are going, and ensure that there is no wasteful spending on any front," said Fattman. "This Special Commission will benefit all members of the state, and hopefully will give us insight on where our dollars are going.'

The Commission would include representatives from the public higher education sector, and from a wide array of stakeholders and experts including the DHE, University of Massachusetts, Massachusetts Society of Certified Public Accountants, students, parents and the Massachusetts Office of Financial Assistance.

With a reporting deadline of March 1, 2017, the Commission would be charged with investigating higher education expenditures including employee-issued credit cards, expense accounts, vacation and sick time policies for management, salaries, bonuses, and stipends for management and professors. The Commission would also be responsible for reviewing job descriptions of management positions, and the profits and endowments of each institution.

The second amendment secured by Moore and Fattman would provide financial assistance for children of public servants killed in the line of duty. In particular, the amendment establishes a public service scholarship program for children of public employees and veterans who are killed in the line of duty. The scholarship program will cover the cost of tuition and fees at Massachusetts public or independent higher education institutions.

'Our public employees and veterans make sacrifices for our communities and the nation on a daily basis," said

Moore. "While nothing can replace a loved one, we have an obligation to assist the families of our fallen heroes who have made the ultimate sacrifice. This amendment shows our gratitude by assisting the families at the worst time of their lives."

The loss of anyone in the line of duty is tragic. It not only impacts the communities where these brave individuals have served, but most importantly it affects their families. It is the very least the state can do to help the families of our fallen heroes. I am very proud to have co-sponsored this bill and I hope it makes an impact on the families of these brave men and women," said Fattman.

Before reaching the Governor's desk, the FY17 budget will go before a Conference Committee comprised of six legislators to resolve differences between versions of the budget passed by the Senate and House of Representatives. The budget may be tracked by visiting the Legislature's website, www.malegislature.gov.

### **LEGALS**

#### **LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE'S SALE** OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Ronald F. Travers to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting solely as a nominee for Bank of America, N.A., dated June 12, 2009 and recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 44407, Page 378 of which mortgage Bank of America, N.A., successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP f/k/a Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. to Bank of America, N.A., successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP f/k/a Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP dated September 21, 2011 recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 47903, Page 142, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 48 Church Street, Spencer, MA 01562 will be sold at a Public Auction at 3:00PM on July 18, 2016, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

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Terms of the Sale: Cash, cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable in cash or by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 321 Billerica Road, Suite 210, Chelmsford, MA 01824-4100 or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

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For mortgagor's title see deed record-44407, Page 376.

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Road, Spencer, MA.

Mary McLaughlin, Chairwoman

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June 17, 2016, June 24, 2016, July 1, 2016

June 17, 2016 June 24, 2016 July 1, 2016

> Notice of Public Hearing -**Planning Board**

The Spencer Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, July 19, 2016 in McCourt Social Hall of Memorial Town Hall, 157 Main Street, Spencer, MA, on the following item(s) starting at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as can be heard:

Subdivision **Modifications** Applicant: ZPT Energy Solutions, LLC, Owner: James Laney. Location: Holmes Street/ Sunset Lane, Spencer Assessor's Map R28/24-35. The applicant is requesting revisions to the approved subdivision, originally approved in 2006, including the elimination of the dead-end cul-de-sac on Sunset Lane. The property is located within the suburban residential zoning district.

Interested Parties may review these applications at the Office of Development & Inspectional Services in Memorial Town Hall during regular business hours.

July 1, 2016 July 8, 2016

#### 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:

Brian Kennen has filed a Request for Determination of Applicability with the Spencer Conservation Commission to loam and seed area next to driveway located at 7 Debbie Drive, Spencer, MA.

Stanley Kuchinski has filed a Request for Determination of Applicability with the Spencer Conservation Commission to install an on-ground solar array located at 44 Buteau Road, Spencer,

Carmela Szklarz has filed a Notice of Intent with the Spencer Conservation Commission to replace the septic system located at 40 Thompson Pond Road, Spencer, MA.

Alan Stanwick has filed a Notice of Intent with the Spencer Conservation Commission to replace existing house, install a well, construct a driveway, and replace existing stone wall located at

59 Wilson Avenue, Spencer, MA. The Town of Spencer Highway Department has filed a Notice of Intent with the Spencer Conservation Commission to construct storm water improvements located on Charlton

The Town of Spencer Highway Department has filed a Notice of Intent with the Spencer Conservation Commission to replace the culvert located on Charlton Road, Spencer,

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 13, 2016, 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 July 1, 2016

**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. WO16P1865EA

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Estate of: Francis P Sumner

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed

Date of Death: 05/04/2016

Rebecca M. Sumner of Holland MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that:

Rebecca M Sumner of Holland MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/12/2016. 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 distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court. Date: June 15, 2016

Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate July 1, 2016

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

June 21, 2016 The North Brookfield Planning Board will hold two public hearings and the regular monthly meeting on Wednesday July 20, 2016 at the Senior Center, 29 Forest Street, North Brookfield.

The regular scheduled monthly meeting will be at 7pm. The first hearing will be heard at 7:30pm on the application of ZPT Energy Solutions LLC, 309 East County Road, Rutland MA to consider a variance under Section VI.F of the zoning bylaws (commercial solar energy bylaw) to allow construction in an R-66 district of a 1.5 MW Photovoltaic array at Lot #13 Birch Hill Road owned by Jason Hinerth. The applicant is seeking a variance on the setback and natural buffer. A copy of tha plan, application and map are on file at the office of the Town Clerk, 215 North Main Street, North Brookfield.

The second hearing will be held at 8pm, it is a continuation of the recessed hearing of 6/15/16 to hear the final discussions on the decision for 52 West Brookfield Road for ZPT Energy Solutions LLC, 309 East County Road, Rutland, MA. Decision to consider a solar array facility at said location in an R-66 district owned by Paula Hinerth,

trustee. The applicant is looking for a variance on the buffer setback and natural buffer. A copy of the plan, application and map are on file at the office of the Town Clerk, 215 North Main Street, North Brookfield. Stephen Cummings

Chairman July 1, 2016 July 8, 2016

#### NOTICE OF TIER CLASSIFICATION SAINT JOSEPH'S ABBEY 167 NORTH SPENCER ROAD SPENCER, MASSACHUSETTS **DEP RELEASE TRACKING** NUMBER: 2-19550

A release of oil and/or hazardous materials has occurred at this location, which is a disposal site as defined by M.G.L. c. 21E, § 2 and Massachusetts Contingency Plan, 310 CMR 40.0000. To evaluate the release, a Phase I Initial Site Investigation was performed pursuant to 310 CMR 40.0480. The site has been classified as Tier II pursuant to 310 CMR 40.0500. On June 25, 2016, Cistercian Abbey of Spencer, Inc., filed a Tier II Classification Submittal with the Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP). To obtain more information on this disposal site, please contact Mr. David Foss, LSP, Wilcox & Barton, Inc., at (603) 369-4190 x523. The Tier Classification Submittal and the disposal site file can be viewed at MassDEP website using Release Tracking Number (RTN) 2-19550 at <a href="http://public.dep.state.">http://public.dep.state.</a> ma.us/SearchableSites2/Search.aspx or at the MassDEP Central Regional Office, 8 New Bond Street, Worcester, MA 01606, (508) 792-7650. Additional public involvement opportunities are available under 310 CMR 40.1403(9)

310 CMR 40.1404. July 1, 2016

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts** The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court Worcester Division** 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508) 831-2000 Docket No. WO16P1998EA **Estate of:** 

**INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE** To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Steven M. Regula

James M. Evans

Date Of Death: May 20, 2016

of Cromwell CT a Will has been admitted to informal

probate. Steven M. Regula of Cromwell CT has been informally appointed as the

Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

July 1, 2016

#### NEWS BRIEF

#### Roadside drug testing amendment adopted

BOSTON — During the Fiscal Year 2017 (FY17) Senate budget debate, Sen. Michael O. Moore (D-Millbury) announced that the Senate adopted an amendment regarding roadside testing for drivers under the influence of drugs.

The Moore-sponsored amendment, which passed unanimously, would establish a Special Commission to study roadside tests administered for drug-impaired motorists. Moore, who traveled to Colorado as part of a legislative fact-finding mission earlier this year, learned from public safety officials in Colorado about concerns with the lack of roadside drug testing procedures.

This amendment is critical to establishing a viable procedure that identifies when a driver is legally impaired by drug use," said Moore, who serves as Vice Chair of the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security. "The lack of a current procedure, and the possibility of a recreational marijuana ballot initiative passing this November, heightens the importance of establishing a uniform procedure."

The Commission would include representatives from the criminal justice sector. and from a wide array of public safety agencies including the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, Supreme Judicial Court, Office of the Attorney General, State Police, and the Massachusetts Bar Association.

With a reporting deadline of October 1, 2016, the Commission would be charged with investigating the feasibility of developing an established impairment level for the active drug in marijuana known as tetrahydrocannabinol. The Commission would also be responsible for studying drug evaluation programs, expert training,

Before reaching the Governor's desk, the FY17 budget will go before a Conference Committee comprised of six legislators to resolve differences between versions of the budget passed by the Senate and House of Representatives. The budget may be

#### Country Bank awards \$30K in scholarships to local students

WARE — Officials at Country Bank are pleased to announce the presentation of 15 scholarships in the amount of \$2,000 each, to area high school seniors. The newly formed Country Bank for Higher Education Scholarship was offered to graduating students within the region. The recipients needed to demonstrate a commitment to their communities through volunteerism and leadership by submitting an essay

We are so pleased with the response we received for our new scholarship format," stated Shelley Regin, Senior Vice President, Marketing at Country Bank. "Each applicant had a unique perspective on their involvement in helping others, from taking the lead on building a playground, feeding the homeless on Christmas Eve and developing a summer STEM program for under privileged kids. We were so inspired by the great work these students are doing in their communities and

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- Olivia Murray, Palmer High School
- Brittany Como, Shepherd Hill Regional High School
- Emily Rusack, Shepherd Hill Regional High School
- Olivia Kiritsis, Shepherd Hill Regional High School

and other matters related to operating a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs.

tracked by visiting the Legislature's website, www.malegislature.gov.

outlining their experiences.

how they are making a difference in the lives of others.

- · Dong Liang Dzindolet, Leicester High School
- Caleb Carr, MA Academy of Math & Science
- · Sarah Springer, Minnechaug Regional High School

- · Serena Sandoval, Palmer High School
- Alexis Nason, Quaboag Regional High School
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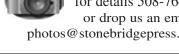
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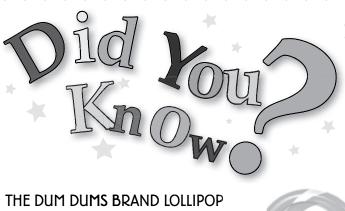
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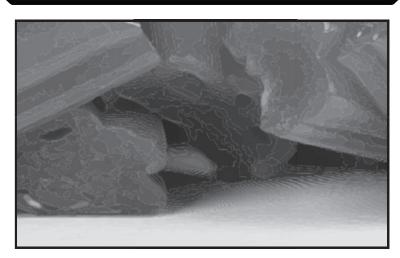
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### FOOD

### Reinventing The Rules Of Old-School BBQ



Bacon Cheeseburgers with Kentucky Bourbon Sauce can bring a delicious blend of BBQ styles to your next cookout.

One of the top trends in barbecue today is the movement toward more individual expression.

"It used to be that barbecue styles were determined by regions, but in our Internetconnected, melting-pot nation,

those regional styles are evolving," explained Jamie Purviance, chef and author of the new for 2016 "Weber's New American Barbecue." "Younger grillers are blending old-school methods with fresh flavors to come up with unexpected food riffs, including

Boston Bacon Fatties and Baby Back Ribs with Blueberry-Chipotle Barbecue Sauce."

For example, Purviance's Bacon Cheeseburgers with Kentucky Bourbon Sauce can add some new-school excitement to your next backyard barbecue.

#### **BACON CHEESEBURGERS** WITH KENTUCKY **BOURBON SAUCE**

#### Serves 4

Prep time: 20 minutes, plus about 35 minutes for the sauce Grilling time: 8 to 10 minutes Special equipment: 2 large handfuls hickory or mesquite wood chips

2 teaspoons vegetable oil 2 slices bacon, cut into ½-inch-wide strips

1 yellow onion, about 5 ounces, finely chopped 1 garlic clove, minced

½ cup bourbon 1 cup ketchup

½ cup water

3 tablespoons cider vinegar 3 tablespoons unsulfured molasses (not blackstrap)

2 tablespoons dark steak

1 tablespoon spicy brown mustard

1 teaspoon liquid smoke ½ teaspoon hot pepper sauce 8 slices bacon

1½ pounds ground chuck (80 percent lean)

1 teaspoon kosher salt

½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper 4 ounces smoked cheddar

cheese, grated 4 hamburger buns, split 4 leaves romaine lettuce,

shredded 8 slices ripe tomato

Soak the wood chips in water for at least 30 minutes. In a heavy, medium saucepan over medium heat on the stove, warm the oil. Add the bacon strips and fry until browned and crisp, 3 to 5 minutes. Using a slotted spoon, transfer the bacon to paper towels to drain and cool, leaving the drippings in the saucepan. Add the onion to the saucepan, reduce the heat to medium-low, and cook until soft and golden brown, 8 to 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Stir in the garlic and cook

until fragrant, about 1 minute. Add the bourbon, increase the heat to medium-high, and boil to reduce slightly, about 1 minute. Add the remaining sauce ingredients and bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Reduce the heat to low and simmer, uncovered, until the mixture thickens and is reduced to about 2 cups, about 20 minutes, stirring occasionally. Turn off the heat and stir in the fried and cooled bacon. Cover and keep warm. Meanwhile, in a skillet over medium heat on the stove, fry the eight bacon slices until browned and crisp, 8 to 10 minutes, turning occasionally. Transfer the bacon to paper towels to drain. Mix the ground chuck, salt and pepper, and then gently form four patties of equal size, each about 3/4 inch thick. With your thumb or the back of a spoon, make a shallow indentation about 1 inch wide in the center of the patties to prevent them from forming a dome as they cook. Refrigerate the patties until ready to grill. Prepare the grill for direct cooking over medium-high heat (about 400° F). Drain and add the wood chips to the charcoal or to the smoker box of a gas grill, following manufacturer's instructions, and close the lid. When smoke appears, grill the patties over direct medium-high heat, with the lid closed, until cooked to medium doneness (160° F), 8 to 10 minutes, turning once. During the last minute of grilling time, place one-quarter of the cheese on each patty to melt, and toast the buns, cut side down, over direct heat. Build each burger on a bun with lettuce, tomato slices, a patty, bacon slices and sauce.

Learn More For further facts, tips and recipes, visit www.weber.com/ cookbooks.

Serve warm.

### Summer Of Cider Presented by Angry Orchard

#### (NAPS)

Invitations to your barbecues will get a warm welcome with these sensational sliders and a refreshing Angry Orchard hard cider to go with them.

Celebrated Chef Kevin Gillespie is taking the classic burger up a notch with Angry Orchard Crisp Apple. Hard cider adds sweetness to balance the spicy tangy notes of this summertime favorite.

**CHEDDAR BACON BURGER SLIDERS WITH** ANGRY ORCHARD **BARBECUE SAUCE** & CHARRED JALAPEÑO RELISH

#### Makes 8 sliders

**BBQ Sauce:** 2 teaspoons ground black pepper 6 cloves of garlic, minced 1 dried bay leaf ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon 2 tablespoons hot chili powder 3/4 cup packed light-brown sugar 2 cups Angry Orchard Crisp Apple 3 cups apple-cider vinegar 1 12-ounce can tomato puree

½ cup molasses ½ teaspoon liquid

smoke 2 tablespoons kosher



Great-tasting sliders and hard cider can add zest to your next barbecue.

#### Relish:

8 ea jalapeño peppers 1 cup pickled jalapeño pepper slices 1 tablespoon Angry Orchard Crisp Apple 1 clove garlic, chopped 1/4 cup sweet onion, chopped

1 teaspoon finely ground black pepper 2 teaspoons minced cilantro

1 teaspoon lime juice

**Burgers:** 12 oz ground beef chuck 12 oz ground smoked bacon 8 oz shredded sharp cheddar cheese Salt and pepper to

8 ea buns, toasted

For the barbecue sauce, combine all ingredients in a small saucepan. Bring mixture to a boil and reduce to low. Cook 30 minutes, then cool to room temperature. Remove bay leaf and discard. Blend with an immersion blender to smooth.

For the relish, char the raw jalapeños on all sides directly over an open gas burner or in a very hot cast-iron pan. Place charred peppers in a bowl, cover with plastic wrap, and cool to room temperature. Slip off charred skins, discarding stem and seeds. Place roasted peppers in food processor along with all other relish ingredients. Pulse for a coarse, salsalike texture. Remove and Heat grill to medi-

um-high heat. ground beef, bacon and cheese and portion the mixture out into 8 equal balls. Smash balls down to ½-inch thickness and season the outsides with salt and pepper. Place the burgers on the grill and cook until the cheese begins to melt from the meat, approximately 2 minutes a side. Baste the burgers with the barbecue sauce, then remove from the grill and let burgers rest 2 minutes before serving. Top burgers with spoonful of jalapeño relish and extra barbecue sauce on the side.

Hard cider is a refreshing alternative to beer and wine and is a versatile ingredient for a variety of warm weather dishes. Angry Orchard's summer seasonal cider style, Summer Honey, is bright and apple-forward, made with wildflower honey for a subtle sweetness. Both Summer Honey and Crisp Apple are available in cans (as well as bottles), so you can easily flip a burger with one hand and hold your cider in the other.

For more recipes and cider facts, visit www. AngryOrchard.com, www.Facebook.com/ AngryOrchard and www.Twitter.com/ AngryOrchard.

### 100 Bite-Size Summer Moments: Family Fun Made Simple

(NAPS)

As a parent, life is chaotic. Some days can feel like a race to get through, but when we slow down and savor a joyful moment of simplicity, we never regret it. Positive memories that involve lively activities and healthful foods, like blueberries, can set kids on a positive path, instilling shared memories and good choices to last a lifetime.

To make this summer unforgettable, the Blueberry Council is sharing 100 Bite-Size Summer Moments—simple, enjoyable, wholesome and delicious things to do as a family. Here are 25 "bites," or ideas for things to do together to kick off the summer. You can find detailed recipes and blueberry farm locations, plus new Bite-Size ideas every two weeks now-August, at littlebluedy namos.com:

•Slow it down on your nature walk—take pics of the coolest and weirdest things you see, then look them up when you get

•Pick your own blueberries at a nearby farm—make something fun or eat 'em fresh!

•Pack up paper and art supplies for a trip to the local zoo and draw the animals you like best. Can you say arts and giraffes?

•Punch up your lunch with a family picnic! Everyone gets to choose or make one thing he or she likes the most.

•Stir up an adults-only beverage with Blueberry Moscow Mules. The occasion? Life.

•Establish a "no-phone zone" at meals. Replace texting with talking! What did YOU learn/do today?

 Host a recipe swap party with friends. Discover healthy, fun snacks for kids AND the latest gossip. #WinWin.

•Try your hand at funshaped pancakes. Not artistically inclined? Everyone can make a delicious smiley face out of blueberries!

•Challenge kids to make their own recipes using only ingredients already at home. (It's not lazy, it's resourceful!)

•Shop together for exotic new fruits or veggies to try—like star fruit or artichokes—and find recipes to use them.

•Preserve the taste of summer with homemade blueberry jam. Your future self will be grate-

•Go for gold with your own Summer Olympics at the pool with races, relays and other games.

 Make each member of the family a "Wellness Wednesday" jar to drop in activity and healthy food ideas. Every Wednesday,

pick one from each jar and let the wellness wash over you.

•Plant blueberry bushes on your property. The environment and vour family will thank you!

·Give your kids' roadside stand an edge with bright blueberry lemonade.

•Get ready for long car trips and beach vacays with a neighborhood book swap. •Got picky eaters?

Entice them with a buildyour-own-smoothie bar full of fruits/veggies. Plan a neighborhood

"progressive playdate," moving from house to house to enjoy different "play stations."

•Rally the kids for a local playground/park cleanup day.

·Clear space for a serious dance floor. Rock the house with a Zumba party or try out the funniest moves you can find on YouTube.

Hit your local blueberry festival for tasty treats and activities.

•Make a friend's day with a surprise letter! Fill the envelope with fun paper gifts like a handmade bookmark, stickers or confetti-and don't forget to decorate the envelope!

•Practice "Muffin Tin Math"; with toddlers, letting them count and categorize healthy snacks in muffin tins or ice cube

•Take turns storytelling-each person contributes one sentence at a time. Write down or record for lasting family memories.

•Chill out with some guilt-free, homemade ice pops with frozen fruit. Here's how:

RED, WHITE AND **BLUEBERRY POPSICLES** 

Makes 4

1 cup vanilla yogurt 1 cup frozen blueberries, thawed

1 cup diced watermelon 4 popsicle sticks and

In a blender, add blueberries and 5 tablespoons yogurt; puree until smooth. Divide blueberry mixture among the ice pop molds, filling them about 1/8 of the way. Freeze 1–2 hours. Add a layer of 2 tablespoons yogurt on top of frozen blueberry layer to each ice pop mold. Freeze 1 hour until almost completely frozen. In the meantime, puree watermelon and 1 tablespoon yogurt in a blender. When the yogurt layer is almost completely frozen, add watermelon mixture to form top layer

of the ice pops. Push in

the pop handles. Freeze



Positive memories of family activities and healthful foods such as blueberries, as in these Red, White and Blueberry Popsicles, can set kids on a positive path toward good choices that last a lifetime.

another 1-2 hours.

Keep this list handy for inspiration and adventure, marking off each one as you live it, and

find more ideas from the U.S. Highbush Blueberry Council at www.littlebluedynamos.com/ BiteSizeSummer.

### Peanuts And Peanut Butter Can Reduce Diabetes Risk



Peanuts and peanut butter are rich in healthful plant protein.

Enjoying a peanut butter sandwich at lunch or snacking on a handful of peanuts won't just fill you up. It'll also reduce your diabetes risk, according to a new Harvard School of Public Health study published in the American Journal of Epidemiology.

The study is the first to compare the long-term effects of eating animal protein versus plant protein on type 2 diabetes risk.

Over 200,000 participants, followed for 20 years, showed that those who ate diets high in plant protein reduced their type 2 diabetes risk by 9 percent. Alternatively, those who ate diets high in animal protein increased their risk by 13 per-

According to the study, "whole grains, peanuts and peanut butter were the most commonly consumed major food sources of vegetable protein." In fact, peanuts and peanut butter are among the most popular plant proteins eaten in the United States today.

Peanuts contain about eight grams of protein, more than any other nut. They're also a good source of fiber and essential nutrients. Unlike animal protein, which can be high in cholesterol and saturated fat, peanut protein is cholesterol-free and high in healthy fats. This nutritious package supports heart health, weight management and diabetes prevention.

Researchers also looked at peanuts and peanut butter sperifically and their effect on diabetes risk. When one serving of peanuts or peanut butter was swapped for one serving of deli meat, diabetes risk decreased by 21 percent. Swapping peanuts for refined grains or potatoes resulted in a 7 to 16 percent diabetes risk reduction.

This study provides new evidence that increasing plant protein, particularly peanuts and peanut butter, can greatly improve health, especially when substituted for meats and refined carbohydrates.

Since most households already keep peanut butter on hand, incorporating more plantbased eating into your diet can be very easy.

#### PEANUT BUTTER & STRAWBERRY **QUESADILLAS**

Makes 2 quesadillas 2 (8-inch) whole-wheat flour

tortillas

4 tablespoons creamy peanut butter

1/8 teaspoon cinnamon

1 cup strawberries, hulled and sliced

Combine the peanut butter and cinnamon in a bowl. Spread half of the peanut butter over the tortilla. Arrange half of the strawberries over half of the tortilla. Fold the top half over the strawberries to form a half circle. Repeat for the second quesadilla. Cook quesadillas in skillet over medium-low heat, turning once, until lightly browned and heated through (6-8 minutes). Transfer to a cutting board, let cool, then cut each into thirds.

Learn More

For more recipes and health facts, visit www.peanutpower.

### **Delicious Drinks**



This pretty, pink Watermelon Margarita makes a refreshing accompaniment to relaxing on the patio.

(NAPS)

Fruit can be a great way to add color and flavor to any drink recipe. For example, give lemonades a pink twist with watermelon and strawberry. Or add blackberries and blueberries to an iced tea for a refreshing flair. Adult beverages can also benefit from a fruity mix-up, with margaritas leading the way. The natural tartness of lime and tequila counter well with the sweetness of fresh fruits to create a smooth cocktail for enjoying outdoors.

For example, On the Border Mexican Grill & Cantina has re-introduced its own patio star—the Watermelon Margarita. Crisp and cool, it's available only during the warm-weather months when watermelons are the most ripe. Chopped, sliced and pureed in-house daily, watermelon is paired with a wide selection of tequilas, and the restaurants are filled with people enjoying the deliciously pink drink.

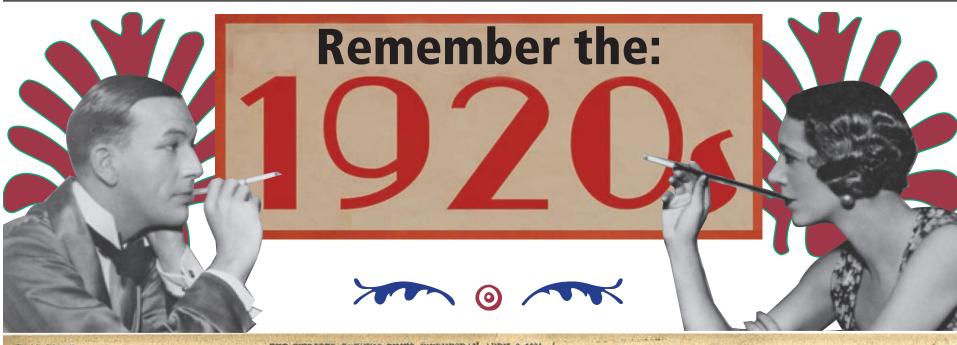
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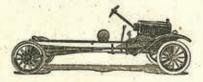
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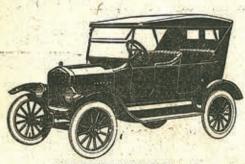
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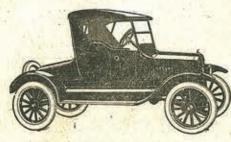
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