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Veterans honored as annual breakfast



Kevin Flanders photos

The community attended an annual breakfast at the senior center last week to honor veterans. Several speakers take part in the event each year.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER – The community came together last week at the senior center to honor those who served their country and remember those who never made it home.

One of the senior center's most well-attended events of the year, the annual Veterans Day breakfast always draws an impressive crowd. With Veterans Day falling on a Sunday this year, the senior center opened its doors for the event on Nov. 8.

The program featured several speeches from local officials, a special ceremony honoring prisoners of war, and acknowledgements of each military branch. Settling in at their tables for breakfast, veterans were greeted by colorful thank-you cards and messages created by students.

For senior center director Rachele Cloutier and

her staff, the event is an important intergenerational opportunity to thank veterans for their service. The staff strives to include students of all ages each year to keep the tradition going and spread appreciation for veterans throughout the town.

Senator Michael Moore was also in attendance, as well as newly elected State Representative David LeBoeuf. Selectmen and community leaders from several town departments attended as well.

"This morning we celebrated the humble men and women who understand the call of duty, the meaning of honor, and the values of our nation," Moore said. "I am proud to honor our veterans and their families here in Leicester. We appreciate their service."

Several volunteers, many of them town officials and students, help with the cooking and serving

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Spencer plans first holiday craft fair

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – The season of giving is almost here, and residents will have an opportunity next month to contribute to several local causes.

Slated for Saturday, Dec. 1, Spencer's first annual holiday craft fair will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at town hall. Several vendors will adorn the rotunda with their wares, and proceeds from crafter rentals will support the town's Parks and Recreation Department.

"I thought it would be a great idea to have a craft fair to raise money for Parks and Rec. We are hoping for great support from the community," said event organizer Roberta Monette.

The event will also feature a raffle table to benefit the town's celebration committee, which helps decorate the downtown district and takes part in several other activities. Moreover, a giving tree will be set up in the Town Hall rotunda for guests to drop off mittens. All giving tree donations will be donated to the schools for local students to use during the winter months.

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DESE commissioner makes visit to high school

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – Hoping to reiterate to state leaders the urgent need for a renovated or new high school, district officials welcomed Commissioner Jeffrey Riley for a tour last week.

Riley, the newly hired commissioner of education for the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), visited David Prouty High School on Nov. 5. He was joined by Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District Superintendent Paul Haughey, Senator Anne Gobi, State Representative Donald Berthiaume, and several district principals and teachers.

During his tour of Prouty, Riley talked with students and teachers to learn about the myriad challenges presented by an aging building. Berthiaume and Gobi both attended Prouty when they were stu-

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Kevin Flanders photo.

Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Commissioner Jeffrey Riley, second right, talks with SEBRSD Superintendent Paul Haughey, right, and David Prouty High School teacher Keith Servant, left, during a recent tour of the school.

Gobi ready to serve once more

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

SPENCER — Senator Anne Gobi staved off a challenge from Republican Steven Hall last week to earn re-election to her third term.

Gobi once again successfully held the Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex District, capturing 55 percent of the votes. Despite her accomplishments and popularity in the district, Gobi focused on not taking any votes for granted this election season. After a busy campaign season, the hard work paid off at the Nov. 6 general

election.

"Serving as state senator is an honor, and I look forward to continuing partnerships and forming new partnerships to build on the successes and attain even more for our region," said Gobi, who lives in Spencer.

Gobi's campaign focused on continued momentum to combat the opioid crisis; support for high-speed east-west rail opportunities from Springfield to Boston; additional assistance for schools; promoting small businesses; and enhanced clean water infrastructure.

Gobi was thrilled to see many long-time supporters on the campaign trail and also new voters. It was encouraging for her to see young people heading to the polls in strong numbers on Election Day, and her hometown of Spencer once again helped propel her to victory.

In Spencer, Gobi topped Hall by a count of 2,670-1,819. She won all four precincts in town by at least 150 votes.

"No election is won without support. I am very grateful for the continued

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Strauss makes good showing but Berthiaume easily reelected

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – State Representative Donald Berthiaume cruised to a re-election victory last week, defeating Democratic challenger Jean Strauss.

Berthiaume's 60-40 victory was fueled by a strong showing in the Route 9 corridor towns, including his hometown of Spencer. Berthiaume earned 2,102 votes in Spencer (63 percent), with Strauss

receiving 1,254 votes. Berthiaume won in every town in the district, including a victory in Strauss's hometown of East Brookfield (665-345).

A Navy veteran, Berthiaume has dedicated several years to giving back to his communities and assisting residents in need. After eight years as a Spencer selectman, he was elected as a state representative in 2014.

"The job of a state representative

requires a large amount of support from the community, and I am grateful for their continued assistance," Berthiaume said. "I look forward to working with my constituents for the next two years."

For Berthiaume, re-election doesn't represent a personal victory but instead an opportunity to continue serving 5th Worcester District residents. With the election in the books, it's back to busi-

ness for Berthiaume as he focuses on several issues.

"I can't thank my supporters enough for all of their help over the last four years," he said.

For Strauss, a newcomer to the political arena, the campaign season was a positive experience that enabled her to connect with residents and learn about

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LeBoeuf rides blue wave to victory

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER – In a battle for the vacant 17th Worcester District state representative seat, Democrat David LeBoeuf easily dispatched Republican challenger Paul Fullen.

At age 29, LeBoeuf is one of the youngest state representatives in the Commonwealth. His 59-41 percent victory over fellow Worcester native Fullen was a surprise to some, but LeBoeuf's supporters were confident heading into the Nov. 6 election.

After LeBoeuf cruised past Democrats Stu Loosemore and Pamela Gemme in the September primary, his momentum continued to expand through the campaign season. Despite losing to Fullen in Leicester (2,467-2,049), LeBoeuf more than made up the difference in his hometown of Worcester. LeBoeuf dominated in Worcester, capturing over 68% of the votes (4,729-2,183).

The 17th Worcester District includes all of Leicester and portions of Worcester.

"I would like to thank all of our sup-

porters and voters who delivered this victory tonight," LeBoeuf stated following the election. "I am proud to be serving our communities in Leicester and Worcester."

LeBoeuf brought a determined campaign to Leicester and Worcester, knocking on countless doors and learning about residents' struggles. A lifelong Worcester resident, LeBoeuf has worked hard to improve his community at every stage of his life, even as a student. He got started in local leadership during high school, where

he organized classmates and helped secure funding for activities.

For the past decade he has worked in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors, with each experience deepening his knowledge of the issues faced by Leicester and Worcester residents. The 17th Worcester District presents a unique challenge in that it includes a small town and sections of a large city. Balancing the widely varying needs of all residents is a key, which was dis-

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The AARP Fraud Watch Network is: An Educator: Get real-time alerts about the latest scams, tips on how to spot them, and the inside scoop on how con artists think so you can outsmart them before they strike.

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Every November we celebrate Veterans Day and this year is especially meaningful as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day. In a shameful twist, scammers see honoring veterans as a perfect time to call across the country pretending to represent charities benefiting our nation's heroes. Scammers often use sound-alike names (or invent authentic "organizations") to solicit funds. Before donating, verify each charity by checking their names and reputations at give.org or www.charitynavigator.org. This Veteran's Day, we should be honoring our veterans, not lining the pockets of scammers who use their name so disrespectfully.

SCAM ALERT #2: Medicare Open Enrollment runs through Dec. 7th, and it's a banner time for Medicare fraud. Beware of ads that promise medical equipment covered 100% by Medicare. You may

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SCAM ALERT #4: With holiday season upon us, scammers have plenty of inroads to steal our money and event he gifts we send. Here are some ways to protect yourself: When shopping online, use well-known sites and type in the web address yourself, instead of clicking on a link. Buy gift cards online from the retailer or from the cashier, to avoid compromised cards that may be sitting on gift card racks. Require a delivery signature for packages to avoid the possibility of holiday packages being stolen from the recipient's doorstep. Visit aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork for more tips on enjoying a scam-free holiday season.

Be a fraud fighter! If you can spot a scam, you can stop a scam.

Report scams to local law enforcement. Contact the AARP Fraud Watch Network at www.aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork for more information on fraud prevention.

Nichols students launch programs to raise funds

DUDLEY — As Veterans Day approached, Nichols College marketing and leadership students launched a social media campaign for #GivingTuesday to create awareness of and raise money for The Warrior Connection, a Vermont-based non-profit organization that helps military veterans suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. On Nov. 1, also launched a month-long, social media-based fundraising and awareness challenge (#NC22Challenge) to benefit TWC.

Students of Nichols College Professor Priscila Alfaro-Barrantes, Ph.D., have partnered with TWC through a connection she has with the organization. She wanted her marketing students to learn how to apply social media concepts to an experiential activity, and for students in her LEAD 101 (Learning to Lead) course to apply what they have thus far learned this semester related to "servant leadership."

Entering its seventh year, #GivingTuesday is a global day of giving fueled by social media and collaboration. It's observed the Tuesday following Thanksgiving (Nov. 27) in the U.S. and kicks off the charitable season for many organizations, charities, and events across all social platforms — particularly Facebook and Twitter — when many are focused on holiday and end-of-year philanthropic giving.

During an Oct. 23 campus presentation on the #GivingTuesday campaign and #NC22Challenge, TWC Executive Director Aaron

Phillips — a Marine Corps veteran who personally experienced PTSD — spoke about TWC's mission and goals, and shared facts about PTSD. He explained he wants to scale the TWC program nationally to serve the affected population; keep services free for veterans and their families; engage donors and "vetrepreneurs"; and to raise \$150,000 by January.

"I really appreciate the opportunity to be here at Nichols College and to meet you all — the leaders of tomorrow," he said. "The Warrior Connection saves lives. We are not the solution, but we are absolutely part of the solution. So, I'm counting on your help, because our veterans deserve a bright future, and you all deserve a brighter future."

First-year student William Guglielmo, a finance major from Middlebury, CT, is one of Alfaro-Barrantes' students participating in the #GivingTuesday campaign. He explained why the campaign — and, especially, the cause — is important.

"The statistics of veterans with PTSD and their suicide rate are staggering," he said. "We need to change that. Even if we could just raise enough money to put one veteran into a TWC Retreat — a program that has a 100-percent success rate — we would possibly be saving a life. If we could put into perspective how that one veteran once put their life at risk for us, we should repay it to them by making our best effort to save theirs."

"From this class experience,

I have learned how to rally a group of people toward one collective goal," Guglielmo added. "When you realize how important a cause like this is, it inspires you to work harder to achieve your goals. Through this project at Nichols College, I'm learning how to lead a group toward a short-term goal that will result in eventually achieving a long-term goal. Also, I have learned different ways to get people not working on the project involved, through campaigning or marketing the project."

Brian Edmands, a first-year student majoring in sport management, shared concerning statistics: "Out of every 100 veterans, 11-20 have PTSD. Only about 25 percent of veterans who have PTSD get help. This results in losing 22 veterans every day due to suicide. If people can contribute to The Warrior Connection, they are able to give back to the people who have served our country and try to help save lives."

"Being able to look at how both classes are preparing for this project has been interesting. In marketing, we are learning to create our own social media campaign and are going to evaluate how the campaign went. With this project, I can learn real-world experiences when it comes to marketing campaigns and am able to see how they work," added Edmands, who is from Amesbury. "In LEAD, this project is creating opportunities to work as a group. To get ready for the project, we are assigning roles and discussing as a class. This is giving

me real-world experience with leadership and an opportunity to see what can work with a big group and what can't. All the experience that I am learning will help me with my future career."

In addition to the #GivingTuesday campaign, the students created the #NC22Challenge, which started Nov. 1 and runs through the month.

It consists of people doing 22 push-ups any way they can and donating \$22 or more to The Warrior Connection through

its website. The number 22 represents how many veterans commit suicide — every day. Along the lines of the "Ice Bucket Challenge for ALS," each challenge participant will post a video of themselves performing the challenge to social media and will then nominate three people to take on the challenge and also donate. Social media posts must be tagged with #NC22Challenge.

Students also explained the #NC22Challenge to the students, faculty, and staff, during their Oct. 23 presentation.

"My students think it would be great if all faculty have their classes do the #NC22Challenge during class on #GivingTuesday," said Alfaro-Barrantes. Nichols College is

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According to Bankrate.com as of 10/22/2018 the rate on a 30 year fixed loan was 4.82%. Which has continued to rise every month. The market still appears to be stabilizing which can be caused by interest rate changes as well as the rising inventory.

Today we have 2066 single family homes for sale in Worcester County which down from over 2200 just a few weeks ago but still higher compared to 6 months ago where we had 1534 single homes for sale. 12 months ago we had 1815 homes for sale which shows a more than 13.8% increase in inventory com-

pared to the same day 12 months ago. Which is a lower increase than last month which tells me we that our rise in inventory has not really continued since my last report but still much higher than last year. The average days on market is currently 104 days which is slightly higher again this month from last month. If we look at homes sold over



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past 12 months compared to the same time for the previous year there is a small increase in sales of 0.4% compared to 2.0% last month and a 6.2% increase in average sales price while it is taking 15.2% less time to sell the homes this year than last year in Worcester County. Just like the last couple months we still don't see the changed in the market showing up in the data besides the lower increase in amount of sales year over year.

As always, hire a professional that truly understands the economics of Real Estate and can guide you price your home correctly and market it properly to get the most money in the shortest amount of time. Since the market has been so hot for several years the need for that professional has not been as high as it is today. If you hire the right agent then you should net more money on your home than if you sold it without an agent. So make sure to do your due diligence and ask great questions when interviewing agents to sell your home.

Appreciation for legislative help



A big thank you is extended to Representative Donnie Berthiaume by Erika Hall of Keller Williams and Linda Laney of ERA key on behalf of MARRPAC (Massachusetts Association of Realtors, realtor political action committee.

The MARRPAC recently presented Berthiaume with the support of 24,000 members of the realtors community from the state of Massachusetts. His support of private property rights and increased housing production though going reform has been recognized by the MARRPAC.

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Erika Hall, Linda Laney and Rep. Donnie Berthiaume



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November 19
Community Connections hosts a parent/child playgroup from 10:00-11:30 am for infants through age 5. These free programs are provided by a grant through the Department of Early Education and Care.

Teen Mania meets on Mondays from 3:30-4:30 pm for anyone in grades 6-9.

November 20
Toddler story time meets from 10:00-10:45 am for ages 18-35 months and their caregivers.

Pre-K story time meets from 11:00 am-noon for children 3 years (by Sept 1st) to school age. November 21
Library will be open 10:00 am - 1:00 pm.

November 22
Library Closed (Happy Thanksgiving!)

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PEPPERMINT CHRISTMAS FAIR
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handcrafted gifts, baked goods, food, raffles, Christmas photos & more! 100% of proceeds to benefit Global One80.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT SPRINGFIELD—The Western New England University chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society welcomed close to 200 students at the University's annual induction ceremony which took place on October 19 in Rivers Memorial Hall. Shaylah Dorman of West Brookfield majoring in neuroscience; Jacob Fulmer of Spencer majoring in psychology; and Jacob Glass of Brookfield majoring in communication/media theory and production concentration.

BOOK DISCUSSION
Mark Your Calendar and Pick up a copy of the book today. The Book Discussion at the Richard Sugden Library, Spencer will be held on Dec. 10 from 11:00 am-noon. We will discuss the book: *The Rent Collector* by Cameron Wright. The Rent Collector is a story of hope, of one woman's journey to save her son and another woman's chance at redemption. It includes topics such as peo-

ple making their living scavenging recyclables from the trash in Cambodia, a bad-tempered rent collector who demands money, and a secret that will change the life of everyone. Books are available at Library's Main Desk. Light refreshments will be served. Sign up today!

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MIND OF A
CURIOUS
GIRL
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It was a feeling of heartache like I had never felt before. I was so distressed, worried, and exhausted that I was floating around in my own dark universe, like how a star must feel right before it dies and turns into a mass of nothingness. I knew that in an instant, everything I knew and loved could be gone.

It was nice that some of my family members came to the hospital, but their presence wouldn't make her better. It was thoughtful of the nurses to bring us coffee and breakfast, but their hospitality wouldn't take the tumor out of her brain. It was considerate of the doc-

tors to keep me updated, but their kindness wouldn't take away my nausea and intense feeling of complete and utter heartache.

After eight hours of anger, sadness, and frustration, I was allowed to see her. She looked weak, with some of her blonde hair missing on one side and stitches across her skull. I held back tears, she didn't deserve any of this and I wanted to take it all away from her.

"I think I can go home tomorrow," she slurred.

"We'll see, Mommy. You look beautiful."

She did. She always does. She's as pretty as the stars, as bright as the sun, and as strong as the wind.

I called the hospital over and over that night until they knew me by name.

"Hi, I want to check on my mom, Marie Sandoli. She had brain surgery earlier today."

"Of course, she's stable," said the anonymous voice on

the other end of the line.

"Thank-you."

click

I would let no more or less than an hour pass before I tried again, simultaneously wanting to ease my own mind and avoid annoying the nurses.

"Hi, I want to check on my mom again—"

"She's doing fine, Annie. It's ok, don't worry and get some sleep."

click

I really tried to fall asleep. My eyes rolled in the back of my head, but I was still conscious the whole time, thinking about how quickly it all happened.

Only a week earlier, everything seemed normal, except for the fact that Mommy wasn't responding to the multiple calls I made to her office. I heard her voicemail message over and over, thinking that maybe the number of times I called would somehow affect the outcome.

"Hi, you have reached the

office of Dr. Marie Sandoli at Auburn Youth and Family Services. I am unable to take your call at this time, but leave a message and I will get back to you shortly. Thank you."

beep

She always calls me back within an hour, but this day was different and I instantly knew something was wrong. Panicking, I kept saying to myself, "She never waits this long to return my calls, and I know she went to work today."

I called her husband, who told me that a few hours earlier she couldn't talk and the doctors were trying to figure out why. The most likely cause was a tumor, but they weren't sure yet.

I remember instantly sobbing hysterically, like someone had hit a switch in my mind that turned me insane. Thinking about my healthy, strong, intelligent mother with



Courtesy photo
Marie Sandoli and Annie Sandoli

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AREA HOLIDAY FAIRS

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 16

HOLIDAY CRAFT & BAKE SALE: On Friday, Nov. 16, 4:30-6:30 p.m., the annual Holiday Craft & Bake Sale sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary American Legion Post 41, 163 N Main Street (behind Subway), North Brookfield is scheduled. Homemade baked goods, local vendors, handcrafted items and a ticket auction.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 17

CRAFT FAIR: Saturday, Nov. 17 a Christmas Bazaar at Holy Trinity Church, 68 Lake St., Webster 9 am-2:00 pm, \$20 per table. To reserve a table call 508-943-0608 and leave a message or call Rita at 774-314-0927.

FUNDRAISING FAIR: Douglas Senior class of 2019 is holding Celebration Graduation and this includes a Holiday Marketplace Vendor Fair Nov. 17 at the Sokol Hall, 405 Main St., Douglas from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

HOLIDAY FAIR: Fraternal Order of Eagles, 59 Mill St., Southbridge will hold its annual Holiday Fair Saturday, Dec. 1 noon to 5 p.m. Vendors are being sought now: cost is \$15 per eight foot table plus one item donated for raffle. Contact Lynne Bertrand at (774) 230-1465 to secure your space.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 1

CHRISTMAS FAIR: The Golden Age Club of Charlton holds its Christmas Fair Saturday, Dec. 1 at the Charlton Senior Center, 37 Main St. 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Christmas items, handmade items, baked goods, raffles, and a white elephant sale. Luncheon includes homemade chowder, meatball grinders, peach shortcake and more!

CHRISTMAS FAIR: The Charlton Helping Hand Society Inc. will again host a Christmas Fair from 8 am to 2pm, Saturday, December 1 at The Dodge Chapel, 81 Hammond Hill Road, Charlton. All proceeds will benefit the group's charitable commitment to the Charlton community. The always popular "Gramma's Attic" will be offered and will be brimming with donations/bargains from our generous members. Cookies by the pound, crafts, raffles and so much more. We will be introducing "chapel" sauce, a homemade and delicious addition to the fair. Please join us, share the fun, the bargains and especially to..."HELP US TO HELP OTHERS."

LIBRARY FAIR: The 4th annual Library Holiday Craft & Gift Fair will be Saturday Dec. 1 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the Charlton Public Library, 40 Main St., Charlton. All proceeds benefit the Charlton Public Library

CHARLTON ANGEL FAIR: The Charlton City United Methodist Church will host a Christmas Fair with a theme of "Angels" from 9 am to 3 pm at 74 Stafford St. on Saturday, Dec. 1. Visitors to this warm and intimate fair will

find items for everyone. Grandma's Christmas Treasures, jewelry, plants, homemade wreaths, a silent auction, cookies, pies and much, much more! Coffee and donuts will be served from 9-11 a.m. followed by a lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The church is handicapped accessible and plenty of parking is available. Any questions call the church at (508) 248-7379.

FIFTH ANNUAL FESTIVAL: The 5th annual Winter Festival at East Brookfield Elementary, 410 E. Main St. is scheduled Saturday, Dec. 1, 9 AM-2PM. Pix with Santa \$20 for a package; food for purchase and Kid's Activity Room.

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CHRISTMAS FAIR: The First Congregational Church of Dudley, 135 Center Road Christmas Fair on Saturday, Dec. 1 between 10 AM and 4 PM. The fair will include Selfies with Santa, crafters & vendors, LBS Christmas and Gift Shop, handmade quilt drawing, Basket Drawings, baked goods table, Café and live entertainment. The building is handicap accessible. For more information visit our website-events at www.uccdudley.org.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TEA: The annual Christmas Tea at First Congregational Church, Oxford will be Saturday, Dec. 1. Doors open for tea & sweets at 9:30 am; luncheon selections served 10:30 am-2:30 pm. Fair featuring gift baskets, baked goods, Granny's Attic - Gently Used Treasures; Raffle Room; Book Nook; door prizes. Food selections include soup, entrée, desserts cart, specialty teas, coffee & hot chocolate

SANTA BREAKFAST & FAIR: Operation Graduation 2019 will be holding its annual breakfast and vendor fair at Oxford High School Saturday Dec. 1 8 a.m.-noon. Adults \$5, Children \$3 (3-12), children under 3 free. Pictures with Santa \$5 donation. Pancakes and sausage will be served, raffles, face painting, activities and goodies for the children. Vendor tables available \$25 per six foot table; \$5 per additional table. Email jbrescia@oxps.org for more info.

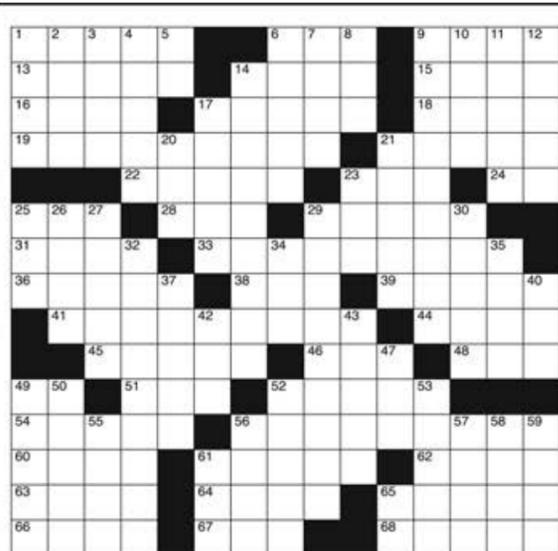
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SCOUT CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE: Auburn's Scouting Troop 101 will have Christmas wreaths, baskets, and logs on sale at the Auburn Post Office on Saturdays Dec. 1 and 8, from

9AM-noon. Help fund Scouting activities! For inquiries or pre-sale, call George (774-239-2240)

CRAFT FAIR: Need unique, one of a kind Christmas gifts? Look no further than the Holly Berry Fair at the Sturbridge Federated Church, 8 Maple

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CLUES ACROSS

- Type of toast
- Peter Griffin's daughter
- A group
- Ancient Greek unit of weight
- Small amounts
- Ready and ___
- Right
- Asian antelope
- Cambodian monetary unit
- Type of leather
- Secret clique
- Cabbage and cole are two
- Burmese ethnic group
- Empire State
- Be in debt
- Italian monk's title
- Asian plants
- Everyone has one
- One who can't sleep
- "Glengarry, Glen Ross" playwright
- Shock therapy
- Cavalry sword
- A must-have
- Type of fabric
- French composer
- A type of pen
- Snout
- One of the six noble gases
- Married woman
- Register formally (Brit.)
- Greek sorceress
- Depository library
- A tightknit group
- Ancient units of measurement
- He was Batman
- Dry or withered
- Margosa tree
- Tables (Span.)
- Large jug
- Make a mistake
- Puerto Rican genre of music "La ___"

CLUES DOWN

- Insect drawn to flame
- A Spanish river
- Reduce (Brit. sp.)
- Wish well
- Robots are an example
- Young women
- The tip
- Young women's association
- One who is suspicious
- A child's apron
- Not dirty
- Fightin' Irish football coach
- People from Taiwan
- Harry Belafonte's daughter
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- Cereal plants
- Respectful address
- Unit of electrical resistance
- Used to managing without
- Type of chair
- London footballers
- Vaccine developer
- 10 meters
- Type of story: ___ fi
- Covering on birds' beaks
- Small freshwater fish
- Confederate soldier
- Female sibling
- Belgian city
- An electrically charged atom
- A way to entertain
- Regenerate
- Highly flammable liquid
- Mark
- Not good
- Eloquent Roman orator
- Absence of difficulty
- Kazakhstan district
- Plateau
- Midway between northeast and east
- Military policeman

Holiday play planned at Gateway

Gateway Players Theatre, Inc. will present "It's a Wonderful Life, a live radio play" by Joe Landry on Friday Nov. 30, Saturday Dec. 1 and Sunday Dec. 2. Performances will be at Fellowship Hall of Elm Street Congregational Church in Southbridge. Friday and Saturday shows are at 7:30 pm, the Sunday performance is at 2 pm. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$13 for under 18 and over 60. Tickets are available by calling 508-764-4531 or online at www.brownpapertickets.com.

This beloved American holiday classic comes to captivating life as a live 1940s radio broadcast. With the help of an ensemble that brings a few dozen characters to the stage, the story of idealistic George Bailey unfolds as he considers ending his life one fateful Christmas Eve. The 14 member cast will act out multiple roles. There will even be some interesting commercials and sound effects.

The cast includes Billy Bolster, Helen Churchill, Jeff Coggins, Ryan Drago, Courtney Gallipeau, Andy Grinnan, Madeline Grinnan, Angie Grove, Stephen Jean, John Kennedy, Gwen O'Brien, Joe Sawyer, Michael Swanson and Samson Zilic.

Mary Gahagan is directing, with Barbara Day as producer and Erin Morin as stage manager. Pam Soper is responsible for costumes and Cynthia Keane will do set and lights. David Corkum is light designer and photographer, with Chris McTigue responsible for house refreshments.

This timeless story is a reminder of the power of hope, love and family and is especially meaningful at this time of year. As we plunge into the bustling holiday season, take the time to join our "radio studio" audience for a fun and meaningful time.

This production will conclude Gateway's 43 season.



Annual craft fair shows off talents

WEST BROOKFIELD – Local crafters have many choices each weekend leading up to the holiday season, which often leads to some difficult decisions on where to go. But whenever West Brookfield Elementary School holds its annual craft fair, the decision for vendors is always an easy one.

On Nov. 3, the fair once again drew a large crowd eager to get started on holiday shopping. Several activities took place during the event, and all proceeds will benefit the school.



Kevin Flanders photos.
Niki Smith, of North Brookfield, gets some help from her 10-year-old daughter Rebecca.



Melinda Czub, of West Brookfield, with her 7-year-old daughter Isla.



Janice Dunham, of Ware, welcomes guests to her kitchen.



Emma Landine, age 10, of New Braintree, shows off an eclectic line of products.



Students from Granby make the trip to WBES for the fair.

Bay Path nursing announces faculty

Superintendent Director John Lafleche, is pleased to announce two new hires to the Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy faculty. Lindsay Guertin, BSN, RN as full-time faculty and Amy Grniet, MSN, RN as part-time faculty.

Gretheline Bolandrina, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN academy director, welcomed the two new faculty members at the start of the current academic year, bringing with them fresh viewpoints and new expertise in nursing education. Below are mini-bios of each faculty member

listing their “vitals” including degrees, work experience, and other noteworthy factoids.

Guertin of Spencer comes to Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy from Overlook Masonic Health Center, and she previously taught at the Quaboag Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center, where she was in the long-term care, Alzheimer’s, and rehabilitation units continuing education since 2010. Guertin earned her bachelor’s degree, major in nursing at the Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, CT and

an Associate in Science degree, also major in nursing at Becker College in Worcester.

Guertin worked with Night Nurse, Inc. in Framingham as a pediatric triage nurse.

When asked what excites you about the learning environment at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy, Guertin said the learning environment at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy provides a positive atmosphere for the students and the instructors. The instructors are readily available and approach-

able. The facilities offer everything you need to teach/learn effectively about nursing. It’s a great program that I am happy to be a part of!

Grniet of North Oxford comes to Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy from Oxford public schools as health educator in alcohol/drug abuse, nutrition, mental health, safety/injury prevention, high risk behaviors, crisis/emergency preparedness, EpiPen administration and with the Barton Center for Diabetes as a diabetes nurse educator and intake.

Grniet earned her Master of Science in nursing – nurse educator from Worcester State University, graduating with Honors and inducted to the Sigma Theta Tau. She received her Bachelor of Science in nursing at Fitchburg State University and her Associates degree in nursing from Mount Wachusett Community College in Gardner.

Other than her professional licensure as a nurse, Grniet holds professional licensure with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. She was a volunteer CCD teacher from 2007 to 2016 for the Catholic Diocese, Worcester County.

When asked what excites you about the learning environment at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy Grniet said, “I’m so excited to be a member of the learning environment at Bay Path PN Academy. The atmosphere is challenging, yet nurturing, as the staff strives to build trust and develop confident nurses of the future. It is such an honor to be involved in a student’s journey to becoming a nurse and I’m thrilled to be a part of it.”

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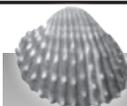
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New student reps at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy!



David Macharia and Kindra Gould

CHARLTON — Practical nursing students Kindra Gould of Oxford and David Macharia of Worcester were voted as student representatives for the PN class of 2019. The student representatives are an important part of the Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy Faculty Organization. Their main responsibility is to be a link between practical nursing faculty,

staff, and the students, and to contribute to Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy activities and projects. Gould and Macharia represent the students of PN Class of 2019 on the advisory board and steering committee. PNFO meets every second Tuesday of the month and the advisory board meets twice a year in March and September. Bay Path Practical

Nursing Academy offers a 40-week, (10-month), full-time, Monday through Friday, evening program. The program begins mid-August and is completed in late June. Graduates receive a practical nursing certificate and are eligible to take the NCLEX-PN licensure exam. Visit us online at www.bay-path.net

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UNICEF Club: promoting mental health awareness



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Members of the 2018 UNICEF Club.

CHARLTON — On Oct. 2 the UNICEF Club at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy held their monthly meeting with activities coinciding with Mental Health Awareness Week (Oct. 7-13). UNICEF Club Chair Alicia Kerr of Charlton led the discussion on the ongoing mental health problems and raising awareness that UNICEF is now providing mental health services in the communities. According to the website, "UNICEF, with the support of partners, is working to fill this crucial data gap by developing a methodological framework for the development of tools for data collection on adolescent's mental health, well-being, risk factors and access to mental health support or treatment among adolescent."

While relatively new and a work in progress, raising awareness is a helpful way to assist programs get off the ground.

During Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy's UNICEF Club meeting, Kerr presented the video "She Writes on Herself with Love" to the PN Class of 2019. The video educates on the program that the protagonist now runs to help those battling mental health, addiction and self-harm.

Kerr stated, "I was happy to educate my classmates regarding Mental Health Awareness Day. I feel it is an important topic that is sometimes kept quiet because of the stigma a mental health diagnosis carries. I believe it was viewed by my fellow classmates as a topic they may use in their up and coming nursing career."

Ashley Rivera of Webster, UNICEF Club co-chair added, "I am grateful to be part of such an amazing group with significant goals for a very important cause. I look forward to many opportunities to make a difference in the lives of people we support."

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EDITORIAL

Remembrance of things past...

With a grateful nod to Proust, whose line we have stolen as our title, we acknowledge the day we have observed this past week.

One thing Americans have been, for the most part, is very good at realizing others have done much to secure the freedoms most of us take for granted. There have been instances when gratitude hasn't been part of the recognition, such as the poor reception for the soldiers, sailors and airmen who returned from seeing action in Vietnam.

There were equally poor reception for some in previous wars too, those who had fought for the "wrong side" during the Civil War were equally maligned in many instances and in many places.

After risking their very lives, now they faced humiliation and anger.

The veterans of certain other, more 'popular' wars met with better treatment of course for the most part. Those who came home 100 years ago, from the Great War, the War to End All Wars (unfortunately, it did not), were hailed as heroes. This is what we are actually memorializing on Nov. 11; the armistice was recognized and finalized at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. Ending World War I.

Though that was the official end it, of course, did not end there. Politics continued to seethe in Europe and a mere 25 odd years later Germany and its allies had risen again, and were once again marching on neighbors; thus beginning World War II.

This, again, was considered a righteous war and those who fought were honored, are honored, as the Greatest Generation. Recognized as the heroes they are, fighting for world freedom against oppression.

Things haven't been so clear cut since.

The age of the shadow war began. When the wars were fought as puppets. We fought in Vietnam against Vietnamese citizens; but we were really waging war against Chinese Communism.

We fought tiny wars, sometimes in secret, in small countries in South America, on islands and in the Middle East, choosing to support dictators and leaders who would seem to support the positions our own politicians wanted at that time.

And a few years later might very well be fighting in the same country again to topple that same dictator.

Our wars aren't nearly so cut and dried any longer. Our allies aren't nearly so open and obvious.

But our heroes haven't changed. They are still there. They are still working and struggling to support what they believe is expected of them as representatives of our country. They are soldiering on as it were.

And we must, as the citizens they are protecting, remember that.

Because while we can celebrate, honor and appreciate the veterans we recognize from those "great" wars; we must not ever forget those in the throes right now.

On average, returning service people have been committing suicide at a rate of 22 per day. That is a horrifying number. To us, that means they feel unseen and unknown.

We can't let that happen.

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VIEWPOINT

OPINION AND COMMENTARY FROM SPENCER, LEICESTER AND THE BROOKFIELDS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bagg: Blue Wave

To the Editor:

While many a casual observer would see the 2018 midterms as a split decision, it was a blue wave. The problem is that the deck is stacked against Democrats. Let's not forget that Hillary earned 2.1 million more votes from Americans than Trump.

Some of this is historical vestiges such as the Senate which awards representation based on land mass and not people, and not even equal landmasses at that. The landmasses which need equal representation are based on historical unequal boundaries as arbitrary as the whim of a king (Pennsylvania), antebellum politics (Maine), the Civil War (West Virginia), or power-politics (the Dakotas). The Senate is not equal; California has 69x more people than Wyoming but the same number of senators. The Senate doesn't represent America or Americans; it represents a majority of the historical land boundaries. There is no rhyme or reason; the state lines are largely arbitrary. In 2018, 40.5 million Americans cast their ballots for Democratic Senators while 31.5 million cast their votes for Republicans representing an 8% point lead yet the Republicans are gaining a likely 3 seats and will have 54/100 seats. An 8% lead is not enough for Democrats to win the Senate. Based on the voting patterns and partisanship in America today they would need to have ~12% lead to take control. That doesn't seem fair to me.

For the House, Republicans have done a superb job of gerrymandering based on their 2010 wave. House districts are drawn by state legislatures and racist hatred towards Barack Obama put strong Republican majorities and super-majorities in many states which lead to 2011's scheduled redistricting to be the worst yet. Republicans starting around

2010 decided that if cheating was the only way they could win, then so be it. In 2018 Democrats won 55.7 million votes compared to 48.8 million for Republicans, or a 6.5% lead, so they should have 231 seats. But alas, they only have 227 because of Gerrymandering. They do have control, and Gerrymandering only nips around the edges.

The Democrats did win several governorships (I think 8) which is very important for the upcoming 2020 redistricting. Unfortunately gerrymandering is not as effective against Republicans - it works to crack and pack clustered populations whereas Republicans are distributed throughout land masses better. The math just allows R's to do it more effectively than D's.

Then there is the voter suppression and shenanigans. Voter ID laws nip around the edges. "Exact match" criteria on names disenfranchises far more minorities than whites. Not supplying power cords to polling places for the voting machines is a gem. Not supplying enough voting machines and making the lines hours long in minority districts is sweet. I love the southern states that permanently bar convicted felons from voting for life even after their sentence is served. That means 10% of FL couldn't vote and 20% of Florida Blacks. We think of FL as a swing state but it isn't...

This election was a YUUGE win for Democrats. Unfortunately structural unfairness in our system has led to a split government. It is important that all of us know how Americans really feel. Americans never supported Trump or his agenda, and in 2018 they repeated that!

FRED BAGG
SPENCER

AL 138: Hosting celebration

To the Editor:

The American Legion is turning 100, and American Legion Post 138 in Spencer is planning a Grand Celebration to honor the event!

The American Legion traces its roots to March 15-17, 1919, in Paris, France, in the aftermath of World War I. The American Legion was federally chartered on Sept. 16, 1919, and quickly became an influential force at the national, state and local levels, dedicated to service to veterans, strong national defense, youth and patriotism. Veterans still serving America.

A year after it was formed, The American Legion had chartered more than 5,400 local posts that continue to operate today. Since then it has grown to more than 13,000 posts around the world, and more than 2.2 million war-time-veteran members. Throughout its first century, The American Legion built a legacy on such accomplishments as leading the way to create U.S. Flag Code, helping start the Veterans Administration, drafting and getting passed the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944 - the GI Bill - which transformed America in the second half of the 20th century, and helping veterans receive benefits for health-care conditions based on their

honorable service, including acceptance of Agent Orange exposure as service-connected.

Today, The American Legion has nearly 3,000 accredited service officers worldwide who assist veterans with their benefits claims and other concerns.

"The American Legion Family is excited to share both the legacy and the vision of our organization," Post 138 Commander James Letendre said, "We've done a lot of good, and intend to keep doing it for a second century."

On June 15th, 2019, in celebration of the auspicious milestone of The American Legion's Centennial, Spencer Post 138 is hosting a day long event, beginning with a Grand Parade through town, followed by a family fun day at the Spencer Fairgrounds with military displays, live music and entertainment, games and competitions, vendor booths, food vendors, and much, much more! The event is open to the public. Free admission and parking.

For information please contact: Scott 774-239-6162 or Jerry 774-200-3202.

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Blais: praising God brings unity

To the Editor:

The Bible is the Word of God consisting of 66 books by different evangelist and Psalms is one of those books consisting of 150 chapters and I am sharing with you Psalm 67 by David. David through God had the perception and faith to warn us about future events. David speaks of the fulfillment of the great commission that is ordained of God that takes place through Jesus in Matthew 28: 18-20 when Jesus commanded that the gospel, God's Word [Bible] be taken to all Nations.

We today who are Christian believers, are the new evangelist called by Jesus who is our redeemer, Savior to share the good news of salvation and praise God Jesus for our redemption and share the gospel, God's Word so that others will come, will believe and accept Jesus.

God chose the psalmist David yesterday to share with the people of his time and us today to share God's love and redemption would be known to the people, Nations of this world causing pagans to take notice and receive God's grace and many bless-

ings accepting and praising God, Jesus, accepting God's truth and righteousness, Jesus. God sent Jesus to die for all people so that all the people would live for God and be blessed with God's love, redemptive love so that the lost [pagans] might seek Jesus truth, salvation, grace, guidance towards salvation.

God is the Father, creator of all Nations, and through the psalmist David and us today, whoever will receive Jesus in their hearts as the Savior; will be blessed by God. [Galatians 3: 14, & 4: 6]

The psalmist David is teaching that when we receive, accept Jesus in our heart God richly blesses us and pours out on His people His love and empowers our lives to live for God, Jesus. We need to daily praise God, Jesus for God's redeeming love on us through Jesus.

The choice is yours, ours. God bless America!

ROLAND BLAIS
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Leaving your job? What should you do with your 401(k)?



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You've got a powerful retirement savings vehicle in your 401(k) plan, which offers various investment

options and the chance to accumulate tax-deferred earnings.

But if you leave your job before you retire, what should you do with your 401(k)?

You have several choices — and it's important that you understand them, because your decision can greatly affect the resources you'll ultimately have available during your retirement years.

Here are the main options for dealing with your 401(k) from a previous employer:

You could leave the money in the company's plan. Not all companies offer this option, but many do. If you like the investment choices available in your plan, leaving the money alone may not be a bad idea — you know where your money is going, and you can still benefit from potential tax-deferred growth. On the other hand, since you won't be employed by the company, you might find it harder to keep up with changes to your 401(k), such as when investment options are added or dropped. Also, you no longer will receive your employer's matching contribution, if one had been offered.

You could move the money into your new employer's plan. If your new employer has a 401(k) and allows transfers, you could roll the money from your old plan into the new one. This might be an attractive option if you like the investment options offered in your new employer's plan. And it will give you a head start in building resources in the new plan.

You could roll the money into an IRA. You may find several advantages to rolling your 401(k) into an IRA. First, your money will still have the potential to grow on a tax-deferred basis. Second, you can put your funds in virtually any investment you choose — stocks, bonds, mutual funds, government securities, certificates of deposit and others — so you can build a mix of investments appropriate for your goals and risk tolerance. Third, if you own multiple 401(k) accounts, you might benefit from consolidating them into a single IRA, making it easier to allocate and monitor your retirement assets. Plus, with a consolidated account, you may find it easier to track your withdrawals, when it's time to start taking them.

If you do decide to move your 401(k) to an IRA, make sure to request a direct rollover. The money will be sent directly to the institution that holds the IRA and no taxes will be withheld.

You could cash out your plan. If you cash out your plan, your company likely will pay you 80% of your account value, withholding the rest for federal taxes. And if you're younger than 59-1/2, you also may face a 10% penalty tax. Furthermore, you'll have lost a key source of your retirement income. Of course, if you absolutely need the money, it's there for you.

Before making any moves with your 401(k), consult with your tax and financial professionals. You worked hard to build your 401(k) — so you'll want to do all you can to keep it working hard for you.

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America's wrecking ball...and rebuilding

On Worcester's Park Avenue in Worcester, stands the stately building of the globally recognized American Antiquarian Society. Founded in 1812 the Society has not just functioned as a careful protector of documents belonging the early history of the United States; it also serves as a place of learning about early American history, culture, and values

Located across the Park Ave. resides Worcester Polytechnic Institute one our areas dozen great and good universities. Likewise, it sits close to internationally recognized centers of cultural, bio-technology, medical, and advanced manufacturing excellence.

We live in an old region. Based on sound traditional values and innovative and hard working immigrant contributions, our area has generally flourished and contributed much good. Now Worcester, still grounded in strong values and assisted by new migrants, has again regenerated. We have become, in many areas, major global players. Even more, we provide to and depend on the world both for markets and human resources.

Recently, the Antiquarian Society, responding to need and opportunity, began the expansion of its National Historic Landmark building. This involves glass walled modernization. Members and supporters hope, it will make the Society an even more valuable contributor to our city, America, and the world.

Now, imagine if instead of building upon what already exists, the Society's president and his allies decided to take

a wrecking ball to the building, its collections and institutional knowledge. Also imagine, that they did this in the name of making the Society "great again;" however it is recognized as already great. Also imagine that, the president and his corrupt cronies had no real plans.

Members and supporters, who valued the Antiquarian Society would, no doubt, take action to prevent and protect.

Now move to reality and the White House. The president and supporters, with no good plan and ego, personal gain, and protection in mind have taken a wrecking ball to the foundations of American democracy. In the past few weeks, we have witnessed the;

- use of outright Presidential bigotry and lie upon lie to win votes,
- mobilization of our military for a phantom immigrant "invasion",
- suppression of American voters, and unproven allegations of voter fraud
- removal of the Attorney General and probably illegal appointment of a biased acting successor,
- continuing attacks on the fact based free press, and
- a series of potential and deadly attacks on Jewish people, African Americans, and Democratic politicians and supporters.

Add to this the damaging cruelty taking place because of continuing separation and incarceration of young immigrant children.

With their words, we see that some

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writers on these opinion pages support the wrecking ball and bigoted approaches.

Our right of center Republican Party has seen itself almost replaced by the Trump "Nationalist" party. Now our country lacks a fully functioning, traditional values based conservative party.

Borrowing the words of European Democracy specialist Daniel Ziblatt, with the replacement of the Republican Party, we have lost the "hinge of democracy." He sees established left of center parties, with their future orientation and embrace of diversity, representing "progressive" change. He says we need for an offsetting conservative party oriented towards ensuring stability of long standing institutions, beliefs, norms and values.

He further says that "conservative parties have repeatedly struggled to confront radical right wing forces that pose challenges to democracy."

Ziblatt also indicates that over time, our Republican party has lost control over:

- selection of candidates,
- financing of campaigns, and
- mobilization of grass roots activists.

Unlike French conservatives who refused to endorse a right wing bigot, Republicans embraced Trump. However, once in office Trump demonized traditional Republicans so much that almost all national candidates lost primary elections or "choose" to retire.

As a result, we have a democracy in crisis. According to Ziblatt, this situ-

ation has little to do with Democrats. Rather the cause rests with the disintegration, of our "hinge", the Republican Party.

In the run-up to the 2018 large numbers of moderate to deeply conservative commentators, similar to the French, advocated voting against Trump "Nationalists."

The actual 2018 election, energized liberals, moderates and conservatives and moved the needle partly away from these Nationalists. The high point of this movement may lie with the change of party control in Congress. This puts checks and balances on the Trumps.

The needle also moved in state and local elections. A good example presents itself in the Leicester and Worcester 17th House District. Here, after the retirement of a traditional Republican, a progressive clearly defeated a Trump Nationalist.

Now comes the harder part. This, according to Ziblatt requires both "forbearance and tolerance." We need to maintain a liberal-moderate-conservative anti-Trump Nationalist coalition and space for a traditional "Republican" re-emergence.

We in Massachusetts already do this well. At national level two local Congressional representatives, and now committee chairs, McGovern (Rules) and Neal (Ways and Means) mostly behind the scenes-will play a critical national role in this process. Much rests on their shoulders. Let us hope they have learned the lessons we "Bay Staters" practice.

America is on the brink of a nervous breakdown



FREEDOM WATCH

JOHN WHITEHEAD

"As nightfall does not come at once, neither does oppression. In both instances, there is a twilight when everything remains seemingly unchanged. And it is in such twilight that we all must be most aware of change in the air - however slight - lest we become unwitting victims of the darkness." Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas

Yet another shooting. Yet another smear of ugliness, hatred and violence. Yet another ratcheting up of the calls for the government to clamp down on the citizenry by imposing more costly security measures without any real benefit, more militarized police, more surveillance, more widespread mental health screening of the general population, more threat assessments and behavioral sensing warnings,

more gun control measures, more surveillance cameras with facial recognition capabilities, more "See Something, Say Something" programs aimed at turning Americans into snitches and spies, more metal detectors and whole-body imaging devices at so-called soft targets, more roaming squads of militarized police empowered to do more stop-and-frisk searches, more fusion centers to centralize and disseminate information to law enforcement agencies, and more government monitoring of what Americans say and do, where they go, what they buy and how they spend their time.

All of these measures play into the government's hands.

All of these measures add up to more government power, less real security and far less freedom.

As we have learned the hard way, the phantom promise of safety in exchange for restricted or regulated liberty is a false, misguided doctrine that has no basis in the truth.

Things are falling apart. When things start to fall apart or implode, ask yourself: who stands to benefit? In most cases, it's the govern-

ment that stands to benefit by amassing greater powers at the citizenry's expense.

Unfortunately, the government's answer to civil unrest and societal violence, as always, will lead us further down the road we've travelled since 9/11 towards totalitarianism and away from freedom.

With alarming regularity, the nation is being subjected to a spate of violence that not only terrorizes the public but also destabilizes the country's fragile ecosystem, and gives the government greater justifications to crack down, lock down, and institute even more authoritarian policies for the so-called sake of national security without many objections from the citizenry.

Clearly, America is being pushed to the brink of a national nervous breakdown.

This breakdown—trig-

gered by polarizing circus politics, media-fed mass hysteria, racism, classism, xenophobia, militarization and militarism (the selling of war and violence as entertainment), a sense of hopelessness and powerlessness in the face of growing government corruption and brutality, and a growing economic divide that has much of the population struggling to get by—is manifesting itself in madness, mayhem and an utter disregard for the very principles and liberties that have kept us out of the clutches of totalitarianism for so long.

Yet there is a method to this madness.

Remember, authoritarian regimes begin with incremental steps. Overcriminalization, surveillance of innocent citizens, imprisonment for nonviolent — victimless — crimes, etc. Bit by bit, the citizenry finds its freedoms being curtailed and undermined for the sake of national security. And slowly the populace begins to submit.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Har-Yarok: rule of law

To the Editor:
Rep. Donnie Berthiaume and Rep. Peter Durant have blocked me from their public Facebook pages in what I believe is an unconstitutional attempt to restrict free speech. Their pages are public, except I have been individually and specifically blocked. This is illegal. It is time for these Republicans to respect RULE OF LAW.

Last year a federal judge ruled that elected officials could not block people, critics, from following them on Twitter nor could their comments be blocked. It was the most prominent in a series of rulings finding that access to public figures on social media is a constitutional right.

"The suppression of critical commentary regarding elected officials is the quintessential form of viewpoint discrimination against which the First Amendment guards," Judge James Cacheris wrote in a case involving a supervisor in Fairfax County, VA.

Earlier this year a federal judge in New York City ruled against President Trump in favor of several plaintiffs who had been blocked on Twitter by the President for being critical of him. Judge Naomi Reice Buchwald said in her ruling that Trump is violating the U.S. Constitution by preventing certain Americans from viewing his tweets on @realDonaldTrump. The social media platform, Buchwald said, is a "designated public forum" from which Trump cannot exclude individual plaintiffs. She rejected an argument by the Justice Department that the president had a right to block Twitter followers because of his "associational freedoms."

"This case requires us to consider whether a public official may, consistent with the First Amendment, 'block'

a person from his Twitter account in response to the political views that person has expressed, and whether the analysis differs because that public official is the President of the United States," Buchwald said in her opinion. "The answer to both questions is no."

The ACLU has sent letters to lawmakers around the country warning them about the need to keep their accounts open to the public. They must accept that First Amendment rights are protected on social media — not just free speech, but the right to petition to redress grievances.

On Rep. Durant's page I engaged in a lively discussion, mostly with Dana George Reed in response to a highly partisan and somewhat bizarre celebratory post regarding Kavanaugh's confirmation. I feel I had good points, was respectful, and some days later I was blocked for posting critical comments. On Rep. Berthiaume's page I left comments that were very specifically critical of his voting record.

Reps. Berthiaume and Durant are clearly not the President, but they are public officials, and they do run public forums on Facebook which anyone (unless specifically and individually are blocked), can post. Their blocking me because I am critical of them is unconstitutional. I like to think the best of people, so I hope they were not aware of this and will unblock me immediately. If they don't I will elevate this to the ACLU and Massachusetts House Committee on Ethics. It is time to hold our elected officials accountable, and respect RULE OF LAW.

Omar Har-Yarok
East Brookfield

Friday's Child



Jordan, Age: 11
I like to tell jokes!

Jordan is a happy and personable boy of Haitian descent. He is always smiling and saying "hi!" Jordan enjoys playing outside, building with Legos, playing cards, telling jokes and making others laugh. Jordan reports he would like to be a professional athlete or a police officer when he grows up.

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No one speaks up for those being targeted.

No one resists these minor acts of oppression.

No one recognizes the indoctrination into tyranny for what it is.

Historically this failure to speak truth to power has resulted in whole populations being conditioned to tolerate unspoken cruelty toward their fellow human beings, a bystander syndrome in which people remain silent and disengaged — mere onlookers — in the face of abject horrors and injustice.

Time has insulated us from the violence perpetrated by past regimes in their pursuit of power: the crucifixion and slaughter of innocents by the Romans, the torture of the Inquisition, the atrocities of the Nazis, the butchery of the Fascists, the bloodshed by the Communists, and the cold-blooded war machines run by the military industrial complex.

We can disassociate from such violence.

We can convince ourselves that we are somehow different from the victims of government abuse.

We can continue to spout empty campaign rhetoric about how great America is, despite the evidence to the contrary.

We can avoid responsibility for holding the government accountable.

We can zip our lips and bind our hands and shut our eyes.

In other words, we can continue to exist in a state of denial.

Whatever we do or don't do, it won't change the facts: the nation is imploding, and our republic is being pushed ever closer to martial law.

As Vann R. Newkirk II writes for the Atlantic:

Trumpism demands that violence be solved by local militarization: increased security at schools, the arming of teachers, and now, the adoption of guns in places intended quite literally to be sanctuaries from the scourges of the world. Taken altogether, what Trumpism seems to intend is the creation—or perhaps the expansion — of the machinery of a police state...

In facing what appears to be a rising tide of violence — a tide that Trump himself elevates and encourages — the prescription of arms merely capitulates to the demands of that bloodshed. The purpose of political violence and terrorism is not necessarily to eliminate or even always to create body counts, but to disempower people, to spread the contagion of fear, to splinter communities into self-preserving bunkers, and to invalidate the very idea that a common destiny is even possible. Mandates to arm people accelerate this process. They inherently promote the idea that society cannot reduce the global level

of harm, and promote the authoritarian impulses of people seeking order.

Where Newkirk misses the point is by placing the blame squarely on the Trump Administration.

This shift towards totalitarianism and martial law started long before Trump, set in motion by powers-that-be that see the government as a means to an end: power and profit.

As Paul Craig Roberts, former Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, recognized years ago, "Adolf Hitler is alive and well in the United States, and he is fast rising to power."

Roberts was not comparing Trump to Hitler, as so many today are wont to do. Rather, he was comparing the American Police State to the Nazi Third Reich, which is a far more apt comparison.

After all, U.S. government agencies — the FBI, CIA and the military — have fully embraced many of the Nazi's well-honed policing tactics and have used them repeatedly against American citizens for years now.

Indeed, with every passing day, the United States government borrows yet another leaf from Nazi Germany's playbook: Secret police. Secret courts. Secret government agencies. Surveillance. Censorship. Intimidation. Harassment. Torture. Brutality. Widespread corruption. Entrapment. Indoctrination. Indefinite detention.

These are not tactics used by constitutional republics, where the rule of law and the rights of the citizenry reign supreme. Rather, they are the hallmarks of authoritarian regimes, where the only law that counts comes in the form of heavy-handed, unilateral dictates from a supreme ruler who uses a secret police to control the populace.

The empowerment of the Gestapo, Germany's secret police, tracked with the rise of the Nazi regime in much the same way that the rise of the American police state corresponds to the decline of freedom in America.

How did the Gestapo become the terror of the Third Reich?

It did so by creating a sophisticated surveillance and law enforcement system that relied for its success on the cooperation of the military, the police, the intelligence community, neighborhood watchdogs, government workers for the post office and railroads, ordinary civil servants, and a nation of snitches inclined to report "rumors, deviant behavior, or even just loose talk."

In other words, ordinary citizens working with government agents helped create the monster that became Nazi Germany. Writing for the New York Times, Barry Ewen paints a particularly chilling portrait of how an entire nation becomes complicit in its own downfall by looking the other way:

In what may be his most provocative

statement, [author Eric A.] Johnson says that "most Germans may not even have realized until very late in the war, if ever, that they were living in a vile dictatorship." This is not to say that they were unaware of the Holocaust; Johnson demonstrates that millions of Germans must have known at least some of the truth. But, he concludes, "a tacit Faustian bargain was struck between the regime and the citizenry." The government looked the other way when petty crimes were being committed. Ordinary Germans looked the other way when Jews were being rounded up and murdered; they abetted one of the greatest crimes of the 20th century not through active collaboration but through passivity, denial and indifference.

Much like the German people, "we the people" have become passive, polarized, gullible, easily manipulated, and lacking in critical thinking skills. Distracted by entertainment spectacles, politics and screen devices, we too are complicit, silent partners in creating a police state similar to the terror practiced by former regimes.

Can the Fourth Reich happen here? It's already happening right under our noses. Much like the German people, "we the people" are all too inclined to "look the other way."

In our state of passivity, denial and indifference, here are some of the looming problems we're ignoring:

Our government is massively in debt. Currently, the national debt is somewhere in the vicinity of \$21 trillion. Approximately half of our debt is owned by foreign countries, namely China, Japan and Saudi Arabia.

Our education system is abysmal. Despite the fact that we spend more than most of the world on education, we rank 36th in the world when it comes to math, reading and science, far below most of our Asian counterparts. Even so, we continue to insist on standardized programs such as Common Core, which teach students to be test-takers rather than thinkers.

Our homes provide little protection against government intrusions. Police agencies, already empowered to crash through your door if they suspect you're up to no good, now have radar devices that allow them to "see" through the walls of our homes.

Our prisons, housing the largest number of inmates in the world and still growing, have become money-making enterprises for private corporations that rely on the inmates for cheap labor.

We are no longer a representative republic. The U.S. has become a corporate oligarchy. As a recent academic survey indicates, our elected officials, especially those in the nation's capital, represent the interests of the rich and powerful rather than the average citizen.

We've got the most expensive, least effective health care system in the world compared to other western, industrialized nations.

The air pollution levels are dangerously high for almost half of the U.S. population, putting Americans at greater risk of premature death, aggravated asthma, difficulty breathing and future cardiovascular problems.

Despite outlandish amounts of money being spent on the nation's "infrastructure," there are more than 63,000 bridges — one out of every 10 bridges in the country — in urgent need of repair. Some of these bridges are used 250 million times a day by trucks, school buses, passenger cars and other vehicles.

Americans know little to nothing about their rights or how the government is supposed to operate. This includes educators and politicians. For example, 27 percent of elected officials cannot name even one right or freedom guaranteed by the First Amendment, while 54 percent do not know the Constitution gives Congress the power to declare war.

Nearly one out of every three American children live in poverty, ranking us among the worst in the developed world.

Patrolled by police, our schools have become little more than quasi-prisons in which kids as young as age 4 are being handcuffed for "acting up," subjected to body searches and lockdowns, and suspended for childish behavior.

We're no longer innocent until proven guilty. In our present surveillance state, that burden of proof has now been shifted so that we are all suspects to be spied on, searched, scanned, frisked, monitored, tracked and treated as if we're potentially guilty of some wrongdoing.

Parents, no longer viewed as having an inherent right to raise their children as they see fit, are increasingly being arrested for letting their kids walk to the playground alone, or play outside alone. Similarly, parents who challenge a doctor's finding or request a second opinion regarding their children's health care needs are being charged with medical child abuse and, in a growing number of cases, losing custody of their children to the government.

Private property means little at a time when SWAT teams and other government agents can invade your home, break down your doors, kill your dog, wound or kill you, damage your furnishings and terrorize your family. Likewise, if government officials can fine and arrest you for growing vegetables in your front yard, praying with friends in your living room, installing solar panels on your roof, and raising chickens in your backyard, you're no longer the owner of your property.

Court rulings undermining the Fourth Amendment and justifying invasive strip searches have left us powerless against police empowered to forcefully draw our blood, forcibly take our DNA, strip search us, and probe us intimately. Accounts are on the rise of

individuals — men and women alike — being subjected to what is essentially government-sanctioned rape by police in the course of "routine" traffic stops.

Americans can no longer rely on the courts to mete out justice. The courts were established to intervene and protect the people against the government and its agents when they overstep their bounds. Yet the courts increasingly march in lockstep with the police state, while concerning themselves primarily with advancing the government's agenda, no matter how unjust or unconstitutional.

Americans have no protection against police abuse. It is no longer unusual to hear about incidents in which police shoot unarmed individuals first and ask questions later. What is increasingly common, however, is the news that the officers involved in these incidents get off with little more than a slap on the hands.

If there is any absolute maxim by which the federal government seems to operate, it is that the American taxpayer always gets ripped off. This is true, whether you're talking about taxpayers being forced to fund high-priced weaponry that will be used against us, endless wars that do little for our safety or our freedoms, or bloated government agencies such as the National Security Agency with its secret budgets, covert agendas and clandestine activities. Rubbing salt in the wound, even monetary awards in lawsuits against government officials who are found guilty of wrongdoing are paid with taxpayer funds.

Americans are powerless in the face of militarized police. In early America, government agents were not permitted to enter one's home without permission or in a deceitful manner. And citizens could resist arrest when a police officer tried to restrain them without proper justification or a warrant. Daring to dispute a warrant with a police official today who is armed with high-tech military weapons would be nothing short of suicidal. Moreover, as police forces across the country continue to be transformed into extensions of the military, Americans are finding their once-peaceful communities transformed into military outposts, complete with tanks, weaponry, and other equipment designed for the battlefield.

Now these are not problems that you can just throw money at, as most politicians are inclined to do.

These are problems that will continue to plague our nation — and be conveniently ignored by politicians — unless and until Americans wake up to the fact that we're the only ones who can change things.

We're caught in a vicious cycle right now between terror and fear and distraction and hate and partisan politics and an inescapable longing for a time when life was simpler and people were kinder and the government was less of a monster.

Our prolonged exposure to the American police state is not helping.

As always, the solution to most problems must start locally, in our homes, in our neighborhoods, and in our communities.

We've got to refrain from the toxic vs. them rhetoric that is consuming the nation.

We've got to work harder to build bridges, instead of burning them to the ground.

We've got to learn to stop bottling up dissent and disagreeable ideas and learn how to work through our disagreements without violence.

We've got to de-militarize our police and lower the levels of violence here and abroad, whether it's violence we export to other countries, violence we glorify in entertainment, or violence we revel in when it's leveled at our so-called enemies, politically or otherwise.

For starters, we'll need to actually pay attention to what's going on around us, and I don't mean by turning on the TV news. That will get you nowhere. It's a mere distraction from what is really going on. In other words, if you're watching, that means you're not doing. It's time to get active.

Pay attention to what your local city councils are enacting.

Pay attention to what your school officials are teaching and not teaching.

Pay attention to whom your elected officials are giving access and currying favor.

Most of all, stop acting like it really matters whether you vote for a Republican or Democrat, because in the grand scheme of things, it really doesn't.

While you're at it, start acting like citizens who expect the government to work for them, rather than the other way around. While that bloated beast called the federal government may not listen to you without a great deal of activism and effort brought to bear, you can have a great — and more immediate — impact on your local governing bodies.

This will mean gathering together with your friends and neighbors and, for example, forcing your local city council to start opposing state and federal programs that are ripping you off. And if need be, your local city council can refuse to abide by the dictates that continue to flow from Washington, DC. In other words, nullify everything the government does that is illegitimate, egregious or blatantly unconstitutional.

Finally, remember that when you strip away all of the things that serve to divide us, we're no different underneath: we all bleed red, and we all suffer when violence becomes the government's calling card.

Unless we can learn to live together as brothers and sisters and fellow citizens, we will perish as tools and prisoners of the American police state.

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CRAFT FAIR

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Monette has extensive experience in organizing craft fairs, beginning years ago when she helped set up David Prouty High School art fairs. She has since moved on to teach art at Brimfield Elementary School, but she and her husband, Selectman Warren Monette, are always looking for ways to give back in Spencer.

"We are looking forward to having a great event. People can

help out in many ways by attending this fair," Monette added.

Richard Sugden Public Library got involved in organizing efforts as well. Library officials will offer beverages and light snacks during the event, and there will also be plenty of activities for kids. These include a special mailbox where kids can write letters to Santa Claus and send them out. Additionally, volunteers will dress up as reindeer and greet youngsters.

For Monette, it will be exciting to see guests celebrate the holi-

day season while giving back to their community.

"The library has been very supportive of this event, and we can't wait for the fair," Monette said.

As of Nov. 11, nearly 40 vendors had already signed up. They will sell everything from clothing items to jewelry, offering plenty of opportunities for residents to cross off items from their Christmas lists. Guests can also support the local artists who are scheduled to attend the fair.

VETERANS

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of breakfast each year. Senior center staff members thank everyone who attended and volunteered to make the event memorable for all veterans and their families.

Looking ahead, the senior center has several events planned throughout the holiday season. Cloutier is excited about a Nov. 29 program that will feature Senator Moore serving dinner for over 100 individuals. Also, a Nov. 30 pasta dinner at the senior center will be followed by a tree lighting ceremony outside.

The senior center is located at 40 Winslow Ave. For more information about upcoming programs, call 508-892-7016.



Veterans received letters and cards written by local students.

BERTHIAUME

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the struggles they are facing. A longtime videographer and storyteller, Strauss was inspired to run for office after assisting residents in several capacities throughout her career.

After visiting thousands of area homes this summer and fall, Strauss thanks residents for welcoming her and sharing their stories.

"I congratulate incumbent Rep. Donald Berthiaume and wish him and his family the best," Strauss said. "Running for state rep. in the Worcester 5th this campaign season was an education and a joy. I met so many amazing people within the district, and it was a privilege to work alongside them, from knocking on thousands of doors, to discussing hopes and concerns for the future."

Though she hasn't determined what her next goal will be, Strauss pledges to remain active in

local politics and assist residents through new opportunities.

"I am not done, and I will look forward to finding ways to serve our eleven towns with this very energized group of citizens, including considering another run," Strauss said.

Looking ahead, Berthiaume's major focuses include continuing to combat the opioid crisis, helping to secure increased funding for schools, and finding new ways to assist seniors in need. In addition to his work on Beacon Hill, he also finds the time to stay active in his communities and lead several maintenance projects. His recent efforts include building a snack shack at East Brookfield's Connie Mack Field and taking part in projects at area senior centers, in addition to running Spencer's annual Halloween party and Parade of Lights.

According to Spencer Town Clerk Laura Torti, voter turnout was 58% for the Nov. 6 election (4,566 votes cast).



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SPORTS

Champions again: Blackstone Valley Tech tops Leicester for second straight year



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Leicester's Bryce Gosselin brings the runner-up trophy from the Central Mass. Division 7 championship game back to his teammates.



Quarterback Dan Mero of Leicester looks to make a pass down the field as Blackstone Valley Tech defender Nick Reed bears down on him.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

WORCESTER — The Blackstone Valley Tech (BVT) varsity football team won its second straight Central Mass. Division 7 Championship on Saturday, Nov. 10, humbling Leicester High for the second time, 35-3. The seeds of the third ranked Beavers' roll to title No. 2 came from the unlikelyst of sources: the Millbury High Woolies.

"I feel like that set the tone for the rest of the season. It showed us that we can't just come out thinking that we're going to roll every team and go back to

the Super Bowl," said BVT junior running back JD Antaya, who rushed for 134 yards and scored four touchdowns against the Wolverines. "That's not how it is. We've got to go out there and play hard and play our game. The Millbury game was the biggest wakeup call we had all season."

Millbury defeated the Beavers in Week 1, 13-7 in overtime. Since then, Valley Tech has ripped off nine straight wins, including a 40-12 victory over this very same Leicester team (ranked fourth in the tournament) in Week 3.

"After the first week of the season

the players policed themselves. They got together and to a man they all said the same thing: 'This is not happening again,'" BVT head coach Jim Archibald said. "I'm just so proud of them and so happy for them."

With a second straight Division 7 title safely tucked away, the Beavers advanced to the Division 7 State Semifinals, where it plays Western Mass. champion Wahconah Regional at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 17 at Westfield State University. The Beavers defeated the Warriors, 21-18, in this game last year, before going on to lose the Division 7 state title game, 22-16, to Mashpee High in a game played at Gillette Stadium.

With a chilled-to-the-bone crowd at Foley Stadium's Commerce Bank Field looking on, the 5-foot-9, 170-pound Antaya scored rushing touchdowns of 12, 21 and 23 yards and also returned an interception 55 yards for a pick-six score.

"They kept going back to the hitch," said Antaya, explaining his interception return for a touchdown, which came with 9:23 left in the game and extended the Beavers' lead to 28-3. "They got me on that hitch a couple of times, so on that play I thought it might be another hitch and it was and I just went for it, stepped in front of the receiver, intercepted the ball and raced all the way to the end zone."

Blackstone Valley Tech led at all the stops, 6-3 after the first quarter, 14-3 at halftime and 20-3 after three quarters. The Beavers dominated many phases of the game, but none as impressively as the way they controlled the offensive and defensive lines.

With four players carrying the ball 31 times, BVT rolled up 239 yards on the ground and the aforementioned three Antaya rushing scores. Defensively, the Beavers limited to Wolverines to 55 rushing yards on 21 attempts and just 134 yards of total offense.

"We pride ourselves on the attitude, the mentality, that we're going to win

the game up front," Archibald said. "We put it on those guys all week. We tell them when we need the big yards we're going to ride them and we expect them to deliver. Leicester gave us some trouble early and Al Richards, our line coach, and I made an adjustment early in the second quarter and that allowed us to open up some holes up front."

"It was a total team effort," Archibald continued. "Everybody had a hand in this. It's a credit to our kids and our coaches and our program. This is what we've been working for since January."

The only points 6-4 Leicester managed to put on the board came off a 22-yard field goal by Nolan Power on the final play of the first quarter. Trailing 6-0, the Wolverines had a chance to not only tie the game, but take the lead, thanks to a first-and-goal situation at the BVT 8-yard line.

The Beavers' defense held strong, however, and Leicester was forced to bring out Power, who split the uprights and pulled his team to within three, 6-3.

"They outplayed us up front on both sides of the line," Leicester head coach Tim Griffiths said. "We didn't look good, but we didn't expect them to dominate us as much as they did. We knew going in that there was no margin of error for us. We knew we'd have to play our best to beat them and we didn't. They're a very good, very tough team. Coach Archibald does a nice job."

Griffiths said the fact that the Wolverines were even playing for the Central Mass. title for a second year in a row was a tribute to his team's resiliency.

"We were 1-3 and 21 points down at halftime to Millbury and we played for a Central Mass. Championship on Saturday," Griffiths said. "Our kids have lots of character. Saturday's loss is certainly not a reflection of what these kids achieved. We're pretty happy. From where we were to where we ended up, it was a nice little ride."

"One of my assistant coaches told the team after the game, 'it's pretty amazing to even have the chance to be on this bus ride home from the Division 7 championship game because of where we were,' and I totally agree with that," Griffiths concluded.



Leicester's Bryce Gosselin takes the handoff in the backfield and looks for room to run the football.



Tristan Scola of Leicester beats the Blackstone Valley Tech defense down the field for a long reception.

POSTSEASON SCOREBOARD

Monday, Nov. 5
Central Mass. Division 4 Boys' Soccer Quarterfinals
(1) Sutton 5, (8) Leicester 0 — The Wolverines couldn't hang with the top seeded Sammies, who advanced all the way to the district championship game. Leicester finished its year with a record of 12-8.
(2) Hopedale 4, (10) Quaboag 1 — Having already scored one upset in tournament play, the Cougars couldn't do it again in a season-ending loss to the Blue Raiders. Quaboag's record wound up 8-10-2.

Central Mass. Division 3 Girls' Soccer Quarterfinals
(3) Oakmont 2, (11) Leicester 1 (OT) — The Wolverines nearly pulled off a big upset against the Spartans, but it wasn't to be as they fell in overtime. Leicester finished with a record of 8-8-4.

Central Mass. Division 4 Girls' Soccer Quarterfinals
(1) Millbury 4, (8) Quaboag 0 — The top-ranked Woolies were too much for the Cougars, whose record wound up being 8-8-4.

SPORTS

Nashoba, weather conditions share the load while defeating Tantasqua, 28-0



Mathew S. Plamondon photos

Liam Gore (38) and Kyle Boone of Tantasqua combine to bring down Nashoba's Brenden Lee at the line of scrimmage.



Tantasqua's Sebastian O'Leary maneuvers around his own blocker for some extra yardage.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

WORCESTER — In addition to having to battle a very good, very tough Nashoba Regional varsity football team, Tantasqua Regional found itself battling another very formidable foe during its Central Mass. Division 4 Championship Game on Nov. 10 at Commerce Bank Field at Foley Stadium — Mother Nature.

The third ranked Warriors did OK against the top seeded Chieftains. But, against Mother Nature, not so much. Tantasqua committed four turnovers in the game, one more than Nashoba, and had one of its four punts — the best of the lot, actually — blown back by a fierce wind, resulting in it being a one-yard gain on

the play. The Warriors also turned the ball over on downs three times, opting to go for a first down rather than trying to punt the ball into a driving wind.

What it all added up to for the Warriors was a disappointing 28-0 loss to the Chieftains. Nashoba advanced to the Division 4 State Semifinals versus Western Mass. representative Gloucester High.

“Those were some tough conditions to play in,” said Jon Hargis, Tantasqua’s second-year head coach. “The sun was tough and the wind was blowing the ball over the place, too. [Nashoba] even had trouble throwing the ball. We tried to punt in the third quarter and a gust of wind took it. We got a nice punt off and it gets caught up in the wind and it ends

up being a one-yard punt and landing at our own five-yard line.

“The weather conditions made it a hard game to call because you didn’t know if a 50 mile-an-hour wind was going to come along at the wrong time,” Hargis continued. “We tried a couple of passes and the ball blew backward and the same thing happened on a couple of option pitches that we tried. The weather definitely had an impact. It was tough to get any kind of rhythm going.”

Adding insult to injury in the game was the fact that senior Sean Farland, the Warriors’ quarterback, suffered a right ankle injury on Tantasqua’s third offensive series. The senior returned to action later in the game, but he wasn’t the same.

“Having Sean Farland go down hurt us a lot, especially offensively,” Hargis said.

Farland finished with 27 yards rushing on six carries, but only ran the ball twice following the injury, gaining one yard on the two plays. Farland also attempted eight passes, completing three, all to Sebastian O’Leary, for 26 yards.

“Sean getting twisted up on that third drive kind of changed what we wanted to call and how we wanted to call them,” said Hargis.

Nashoba led 14-0 at halftime, thanks to a pair of second quarter scores. Chieftains’ senior running back Alex Childs made it 7-0 with 3:51 before halftime on a one-yard plunge and quarterback Sam Bolinsky doubled the score to 14-0 with 1:29 remaining before intermission on a 27-yard



Sean Farland of Tantasqua stands tall in the pocket while facing pressure from the Nashoba defense.



Tantasqua's Liam Gore snags the ball out of the air downfield.

scoring scramble.

Nashoba increased its lead to 21-0 in the third quarter on another one-yard plunge by Childs (14 carries, 74 yards). The Chieftains upped their lead to 28-0 on a 15-yard scoring strike from Bolinsky to Jon Foney with 3:54 left in the game. Bolinsky finished the game 9 of 19 passing for 106 yards. He also gained 22 yards on rushing attempts.

Seven freshmen and sophomores were in Tantasqua’s starting lineup against Nashoba and some played on both offense and defense. Hargis thought the magnitude of the game may have affected some of his players.

“Playing under the bright lights; we talked about that all week,” Hargis said. “I told the

kids this game was going to come down to who could handle the pressure the best and who stayed composed the most. Some of our youth is just not at this stage yet and it showed on some things. This is a pretty big playoff game to be involved in. But, we’re a young team. We’re going to be back here. There’s no need for us to hang our heads. Nashoba is a good team.”

Following the game Hargis had already shifted his focus to Shepherd Hill Regional (4-6), Tantasqua’s (7-3) Thanksgiving Day opponent.

“We’ve got one more game, against Shepherd Hill, and

we’re going to put all of our time and effort into that game and go out and try to beat them again,” Hargis said. “Beating them last year was big for our program. It set the tone for this season. The kids used that win as motivation and really worked hard in the off-season. We’re standing here, after the Division 4 Championship game because of that win, so we can’t underestimate the importance of coming out and playing well on Thanksgiving against Shepherd Hill.”

Tantasqua Braves win Super Bowl, cap undefeated season



Courtesy photo

The Tantasqua Braves' eighth grade football team is the American Youth Football Super Bowl champions, finishing off a perfect 11-0 season in the process.

The Tantasqua Braves' eighth grade American Youth Football team has won the Super Bowl, capping off an undefeated season, and they did it in style. The Braves took the championship, played Sunday, Nov. 11 at Grafton High, by a 55-20 final over the Northborough-Southborough T-Hawks. Tantasqua's record finished at 11-0.

ATHLETE of the WEEK

Tantasqua Braves

The eighth grade American Youth Football team recently won the Super Bowl over Northborough-Southborough, 55-20. The Braves finished off an undefeated season at 11-0.

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SPORTS

Locals shine at Central Mass. Cross-Country Championships



Nick Ethier photos

Leicester's Emily Moughan took home a 20th place finish in the Central Mass. Division 2 Cross-Country Championship meet.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

WESTFIELD — Although run on a Western Mass. course due to poor ground conditions, the Central Mass. Division 1 and 2 Cross-Country Championships found a home this year at Stanley Park. On Saturday, Nov. 10, the Division 2 athletes raced, and the Division 1 runners competed the following day.

First up was the Division 2 girls' race, and leading the charge among local Stonebridge Press affiliated schools was Whitinsville Christian freshman Molly Lashley. She traversed the 5k course in 19:01, losing only to the Littleton High twins of Sarah and Kaitlyn Roffman. Although Littleton, Parker Charter and the Bromfield School were the three teams advancing to the All-State meet, the top-10 individuals outside of those teams also moved on. That included Lashley and the Douglas High duo of Keely Mungeam (15th place overall, 19:55) and Emma Wall (16th place, 20:03). Narrowly missing out on qualifying individually were Blackstone



Tantasqua's boys' cross-country team awaits the start of the Central Mass. Division 1 championship.

Valley Tech's Lauren Flynn (18th, 20:04), Leicester High's Emily Moughan (20th, 20:16), Whitinsville Christian's Hadley Koeman (22nd, 20:27) and Valley Tech's Madison Gannon (26th, 20:45).

Blackstone Valley Tech finished in eighth place as a team, followed by Uxbridge High (ninth), Whitinsville Christian (12th), Douglas (13th), Leicester (20th) and Bartlett High (26th).

Whitinsville Christian continued to impress in the Division 2 boys' race, as sophomore Joseph Thumann took home the crown. He won the meet in a time of 16:03.

"Those kids work very, very hard in the offseason and they're both very committed," Crusaders' head coach Chris Vander Baan said of both Lashley and Thumann. "They both have great teammates and push them every day in practice."

Due to the All-States date being listed as Sunday, Nov. 18 back at Stanley Park — as of press time — the Whitinsville Christian duo of Lashley and Thumann won't be able to compete due to school rules.

Uxbridge slipped into third place in the team standings,

so they have all qualified for All-States. Contributing runners included Colin Caso (15th place, 17:14), Ryan Semle (16th, 17:16), Stephen Sanches (23rd, 17:35), Aidan Ross (36th, 17:56) and Thomas Burke (51st, 18:12).

"It was our first time for the boys to ever qualify to go to All-State in the school's history," said Spartans' head coach Walter Berkowicz. "In '05 when I was coaching the boys finished fourth, so we were one slot out. From the inside looking out I knew if everyone had a great day we had a shot."

Whitinsville Christian followed with a fifth place team finish, and after that was Blackstone Valley Tech (seventh), Bartlett (27th), Quaboag Regional (28th), Auburn High (29th) and Leicester (31st).

The Division 1 girls' meet opened up the day on Nov. 11 and Shepherd Hill Regional made it look easy in winning the team title for the second straight year. Rebekah James (second place, 18:26), Emma Sullivan (sixth, 19:41), Christina Gunsalus (eighth, 19:50), Emma Whitehead (20th, 20:43) and Sam Zannotti (21st, 20:44) were the contributors.

"That was the goal — the goal



Tyler Jovik of Quaboag placed 84th in the Central Mass. Division 2 race to lead the Cougars.



Jordan Lapierre of Tantasqua's 73rd place finish led the Warriors in the Central Mass. Division 1 Cross-Country Championship meet.

to win districts and run well at states," Rams' head coach Nicole Fossas said of checking the first goal off the list. "This is the first time we've ever won it back-to-back."

All five contributing runners finishing so tight in the standings made all the difference in the world for Fossas, as well as the performance of her sixth finisher, Anna Thomas, who placed 23rd in 20:49.

"My four, five and six were all right together and my sixth girl — she's a freshman — closed that gap with four and five, so that was huge."

James nearly won the race, but was edged by Algonquin Regional's in under a second.

"Tess is a great runner, they've been running neck-and-neck all year," Fossas explained, as Reyes won at the Twilight meet, while James won at the League Meet.

Tantasqua Regional finished 14th as a team, with Jordan Lapierre leading the way in 73rd place (24:09).

The Division 1 boys' race closed out the weekend, and Shepherd Hill's Brian Belmonte advanced to All-States with a third place finish, clocking in at 16:34. Teammate



Armando Chung of Tantasqua hustles toward the finish line en route to a 67th place finish in the district meet.

Henry Weiland also advanced to All-States with an eighth place finish (16:43). The Rams finished fifth as a team and Tantasqua Regional, led by Armando Chung's 67th place finish (18:50), took 13th.

Warriors fall at hands of 'really good team' in Marlborough



Nick Ethier photos

Tantasqua's Ethan Eroh races past a Marlborough defender and toward the loose ball.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

MARLBOROUGH — The Marlborough High boys' varsity soccer team didn't produce many scoring chances versus Tantasqua Regional in a Central Mass. Division 1 Tournament Semifinal — played Thursday, Nov. 8 at the Whitcomb Turf Field — but the second ranked Panthers made the most of their opportunities. Marlborough scored on its first four legitimate threats to win a 4-0 decision over the sixth seeded Warriors.

"They're a really good team and they cashed in on all their opportunities," Tantasqua head coach Matt Guertin said regarding the Panthers, who improved to 15-2-3 with the win. "Whoever won tonight between Wachusett and Leominster [in the other

Tournament Semifinal], that's going to be a heck of a game."

That game was won by the top-ranked Mountaineers. Then, in the district championship game, played Sunday, Nov. 11, Wachusett emerged victorious, 4-2.

The Warriors finished with a record of 18-3, losing only to Wachusett, Marlborough and Ludlow High, who won the Western Mass. Division 1 bracket. Wachusett and Ludlow were set to meet in a State Semifinal after press time.

Looking back on the season that was, Guertin was proud of his team.

"I thought this one was special with the group of guys that we had because a lot of them I had as freshmen on the varsity team," he explained. "From preseason there was something

special about these guys. They played hard every game."

Against Marlborough, it just wasn't in the cards as the Panthers scored in the game's third minute and never looked back from there. Edson Doirian had the goal, with Andre Faria assisting.

"We made the initial save and then the ball bounced; it looked like it was going out of bounds, but it bounced in the goal," Guertin said. "It may have deflated us a little bit and we played hard for a long time but they squeezed one in right before halftime."

The goal before halftime, in the 33rd minute, made it 2-0 at the break. Faria rifled a shot into the net after receiving a feed from Renato Rezende.

Marlborough then added second half goals in the 45th and 49th minutes to account for the 4-0 final. Pedro Pinho (Rezende assist) and Faria (Pinho assist) had the scoring tallies.

Tantasqua nearly put one on the board with eight minutes to play when Aiden Casinghino fed Able Lidonde with a pass in stride, but the Panthers' keeper made a strong save to preserve the shutout.

Nonetheless, it was a groundbreaking season for the Warriors. After losing in first round or quarterfinal round play in each of the previous four seasons — all being Tantasqua's first playoff game in the given year — the Warriors rattled off a pair of district wins to get to Marlborough. Tantasqua defeated No. 11 Grafton High in the first round, 3-0, and upset No. 3 St. John's High in the quarterfinals, 1-0.

"I'm proud of these guys, it was special. They played their hearts out," concluded Guertin.



Hunter Ramsland of Tantasqua watches as he clears the ball down the field.



Tantasqua's Tyler Rodrigues keeps his head up and surveys the field while maintaining possession of the ball.

SPORTS

Cougars denied return trip to District Final, losing to Oakmont in semis

GRAFTON — For the past two seasons the Quaboag Regional varsity field hockey team has reached the Central Mass. Division 2 final, only to lose to Oakmont Regional in the title game.

This year, the Cougars and Spartans got matched up again — this time in the semifinals. The game, played

at Grafton High's Richard Egsegian Memorial Field on Thursday, Nov. 8, produced a similar result. No. 4 Oakmont got the better of top seeded Quaboag, 2-0.

The Spartans then won the district championship for a third straight year, defeating No. 7 Uxbridge High, 4-1, back at Egsegian Field on Saturday, Nov. 10.

The Cougars finished the year with a record of 15-3-3.

Quaboag was able to reach the semifinals by playing and beating No. 8 Lunenburg High, 3-0, in the quarter-final round back on Monday, Nov. 5.



Jason Mckay photos

A multitude of Quaboag defenders surround an attacking Oakmont player.



Carly Duff of Quaboag stick-handles the ball in preparation of passing it down the field.



Quaboag's Emily Flourey plays the ball while in the open field.



Quaboag's Vanessa Ricci watches as the ball comes her way.



Quaboag's Darian Shepherd attempts to keep the ball away from an Oakmont defender.

SPORTS BRIEFS

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Also anyone (students or non-students) can purchase Gold, Silver and Bronze Season Passes at a lower discounted price through our Club. All eight week and season passes must be ordered through the Wachusett website by Nov. 30 for these lower discounted prices. For more information on how to order, please contact Dick Lisi at (508) 410-1332 or at lisirichard15@yahoo.com.

Softball pitching lessons coming to Southbridge Community Center

Softball pitching lessons will be available at the Southbridge Community Center (152 Chestnut Street) on Sunday mornings from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. They started Oct. 21 and run through Feb. 24, 2019. Team and league discounts are available for three pitchers or more. Pitchers must bring a catcher (no fee) that can be a parent, teammate, etc. Please contact Bill Rahall (wlah@yahoo.com 860-576-3440) for more details. Clark University pitching coach Steve Genese will be on hand at the lessons.

Worcester State University to hold baseball clinics

Worcester State Baseball Indoor Clinics are now held in the \$52 million gymnasium and wellness center. The second floor multipurpose gym allows for live practices with plenty of storage for the six indoor mounds, bats and balls, etc. Hitters will use the double-barrel cages on the first floor. Here kids will bunt/bat off the Hack Attack pitching machines (uses real balls; speed adjusted for ages), hit close-range BP, use soft toss nets, tees, and utilize slow-motion video analysis.

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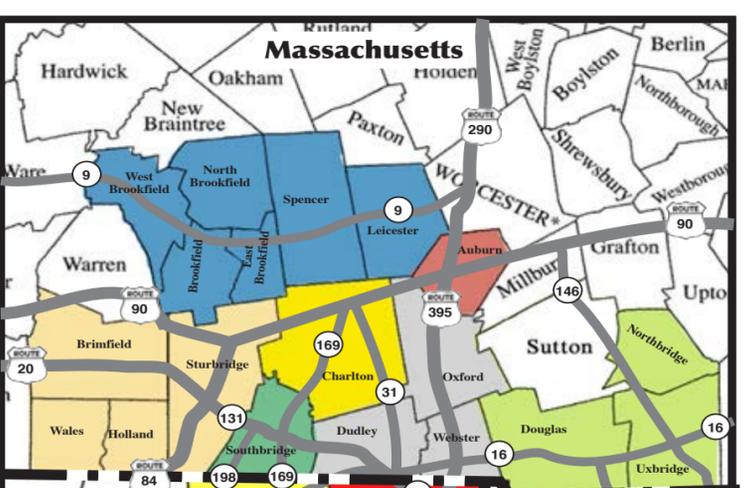
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GOBI

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support I have received from the fantastic group of people who volunteer to help with campaign efforts," added Gobi, who first became a state senator in 2014.

Hall, a Sturbridge resident who leads skilled nursing facilities, mounted a strong campaign against a veteran senator but fell short in several Route 9 towns.

"This has been an amazing experience, but unfortunately we did not pull off a win," Hall wrote on his Facebook campaign page following the election. "I want to thank everyone who stood by me and supported me throughout this journey."

Looking ahead, a major focus for Gobi is continuing to support the region's small businesses. Among other projects, she will place an emphasis on mill revitalization, promoting local manufacturers, assisting with closing the skills gap, and workforce training.

She will also work to continue fighting the opioid crisis. As a member of a Senate task force, she has met multiple people who have struggled with

addiction or endured the losses of friends and loved ones. Gobi hopes to help strengthen consumer protection laws to hold corporations responsible for their role in the opioid epidemic. She and other local legislators will also strive to provide continued resources to first responders and increase treatment beds.

Like State Representative Donald Berthiaume and other area legislators, Gobi recognizes the need for all community leaders to do more to help seniors. Many local seniors have told her about their struggles, and she is determined to provide help.

"We can always do more to assist seniors," Gobi said during the New Leader's pre-election profile series. "They are the backbone of our towns, and within a short time all of our towns will have more people over 60 than under. I am so grateful for the work and assistance given at our senior centers."

The Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex District includes the following towns: Brimfield, Brookfield, Charlton, East Brookfield, Holland, North Brookfield, Spencer, Sturbridge, Wales, West Brookfield, and Winchendon, among several others.

LEBOEUF

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played by outgoing State Representative Kate Campanale (R-Leicester).

With LeBoeuf's election, the 17th Worcester District returns to Democratic control.

"I got into this race last year not because I saw an opportunity – I saw a need," LeBoeuf said during the New Leader's pre-election feature series. "I saw a need for a representative who fundamentally believes everyone, regardless of where they live, deserves to have their issues understood and their concerns fought for at the State House."

Serving as an interim staff assistant in the Worcester city manager's office during his college years, LeBoeuf volunteered as an advocate for survivors of domestic violence. He also directed the Initiative for Engaged Citizenship, a nonprofit organization focused on voter education, healthcare access, and several other issues.

In public service, LeBoeuf helped run successful re-election campaigns

for Jim O'Day and Harriette Chandler in 2012 and 2014, respectively. He then worked for the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative, a quasi-public economic development agency.

Most recently, LeBoeuf helped small business owners during his time with the Initiative for a Competitive Inner City, a national nonprofit based in Boston. Moreover, he served as the board president of the NeighborWorks Home Ownership Center of Central Mass., which helps families facing foreclosure stay in their homes.

Now LeBoeuf is looking forward to serving the entire 17th Worcester District.

"I'm humbled to be your next state Representative, and I am honored to receive the support of so many voters in our district," LeBoeuf told the New Leader following the election. "I can't wait to get to work, and I'm looking forward to being there for our communities, not just when it's convenient but when you need me the most."

Fullen, a Worcester firefighter, could not be reached for comment by press time on the election results.

SANDOLI

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a tumor trespassing in the territory of her beautiful mind was too much for me to handle.

Mommy has always been my everything. My best friend, role model, support system, teacher, and favorite human. Thinking about losing her only made me more hysterical and nauseas. I called my best friends, they listened to me cry and they cried too. I called my dad, who got on a train to Boston to calm me down and take care of me because I was stuck in my tiny Cambridge apartment with the flu and pink eye.

I told myself, "If she dies, I want to die too," and I meant it.

When she called me later that day, I swore her voice was the best sound I had ever heard.

"Mommy," I answered. "What's going on?"

"Hi, Baby Love, I'm fine. It's just a little tumor thing, they'll just take it out and I'll be fine."

That's her, downplaying her pain to make sure no one has to worry about her. It didn't work on me at all. When she hung up, I felt just as scared as before. Because they were keeping her overnight, I knew it was worse than she said. She had probably had a seizure, and whether or not the tumor was cancerous was still unknown.

Well, turns out it was.

The doctors weren't confident that they could remove the entire tumor because it was wrapped around the speech center of her brain. Mommy has one of those voices that should always be heard because it has made a difference since the day she was born, and no tumor had the right to take that away from the world.

They scheduled her surgery right away, knowing that it was a life or death situation.

"I haven't told her that I love her enough," I thought. "I haven't been the best daughter. I've been impatient. I haven't done everything I possibly could for her."

The day of her surgery, I woke up with a knot in my stomach. My aunt told me not show her how sad and scared I felt, so I held it all in as best I could. She cried when we got to the hospital, clutching her prayer shawl, and I so badly wanted to cry too.

Mommy spent the first hour of surgery preparation arguing with the nurses, desperately trying to gain control of a situation that was out of her control, out of my control, and out of my family's control. I held back sobs and tears as I

hugged her for the last time before her surgery, but as they wheeled her away it all came out.

Days of fear and sadness hit the hospital floor in the form of my salty tears. One of the nurses hugged me for a while, then passed me to my aunt's arms so she could go back to work. No one in my family knew what to say to me. Nothing could be said.

It was the longest eight hours of my life followed by the longest night of my life. I've never felt so protective of another human, maybe because another human has never been so protective of me.

The day after her surgery, I went to visit her as early as I could. Her head was wrapped in gauze and there was blood in her hair and around her stitches. My aunt tried to wash it off with a damp cloth so she wouldn't see it.

Mommy spoke slowly. Her voice sounded like an echo in a deep cave, with me on one side and her on the other.

"I'm coming home tomorrow," she insisted, again without the nurse's approval.

"We'll see how you're doing."

I only understand her stubbornness so easily because I inherited it. I hugged her, I held her hand, I watched her try to eat and drink, but I couldn't reach her. It took a while until I could.

It has been almost two years since the day Mommy wasn't answering my calls, the day the nurses wheeled her off into the operating room, and the day she spoke warily as my aunt washed her head. She has been through six months of radiation, a year of chemotherapy, and hundreds of moments of frustration with her own mind as she gains complete control of it again.

But not even two years after the doctors were panicking because the brain tumor took up so much space in her beautiful head, they can barely see it.

Mommy will never be cancer free, but she is herself again, working more hours a week than any human ever should and touching more lives than an entire city of people ever could. Her life expectancy hasn't changed, her memory is miraculously intact, and her intelligence is as strong as ever.

My hope is that every person who reads this takes a step back and puts life's small inconveniences into perspective, because in the blink of an eye, they can become so overwhelmingly trivial. What matters to me most, this Thanksgiving and every other day of the year, is that I have her beside me, something I will never take for granted. She is my stars, my sun, my wind, and what I will always be most thankful for.

DESE

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dents, and many of the same pieces of equipment used then are still in service today.

"I graduated in 1980, and we used a lot of this equipment back then," Gobi told Riley during a visit to the science labs.

Students and teachers do their best each year to maximize educational opportunities despite the school's structural drawbacks, but they often wonder what it would be like to attend a modernized facility.

For Haughey and his team, the most important goal for the next year is continuing to advance the district's proposal seeking state assistance. To move forward, the district must be accepted into the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) feasibility study process. If accepted, the study would determine whether a renovation or a new building would be the best course of action.

On Aug. 16, MSBA staff members and senior architects took part in an extensive tour of the high school, examining the physical condition of the building and all major operational systems. Additional items were also reviewed, including capacity issues; design factors; maintenance programs; and all deficiencies listed by district officials.

The Aug. 16 site visit was one of the first steps in a process that will culminate with the district applying for MSBA funding. A site review does not represent MSBA approval of the project, but instead satisfies an early requirement of the overall due diligence process.

"The MSBA has been an excellent partner. They are very resourceful and supportive," said Haughey, who has met multiple times with state officials.

During the Nov. 5 tour, district officials reaffirmed to Commissioner Riley the importance of addressing the aging building. Not only are academic opportunities hindered by an outdated facility, but extracurricular activities are also affected. While Riley visited the cramped gymnasium, students described the challenges associated with multiple teams trying to utilize the small space. Because the gym lacks a track, indoor athletes sometimes have to run in the hallways to warm up while other teams use the gym.

But despite the building's deficien-

cies, Riley was impressed with the students and staff he met at Prouty. They make the most of their opportunities each year, continuing to expand AP programs and introduce new technologies. The school's innovation lab was recently opened in the former woodshop, and locker rooms were renovated as well.

Riley also got a feel for the tight-knit DPHS community during his visit. Students and staff were eager to take time to familiarize him with programs, and he even visited the classroom of the late Philip Delongchamp. One of the most beloved educators to ever teach at Prouty, Delongchamp's memory has been honored with several items left on the desks of his classroom.

"He dedicated his life to teaching," DPHS Principal Elizabeth York said of Delongchamp, who spent over 40 years in education. "He remembered every single student's birthday. He even got to know students who weren't in his class."

Delongchamp's passion for education is embodied by several other Prouty teachers, many of whom Commissioner Riley met. English teacher Nancy Gingras joined him on the tour, and math teacher Keith Servant described how his AP statistics course continues to expand in enrollment.

"It was a great opportunity to host the commissioner. It enabled him to see the wonderful things that happen each and every day at David Prouty High School," Servant said. "He spent some of his time in the science labs, auditorium, and gymnasium, as these parts of our building could use some 21st century upgrades."

Teachers and administrators thanked Riley for taking the time to visit the school. Haughey also thanked students for providing a glimpse into daily life at Prouty.

"We are very excited to tour Commissioner Riley and his team through our district,

especially David Prouty High School," Haughey said before the event. "We hope to have time with the commissioner to celebrate our amazing faculty and staff in a way that allows our student body to highlight the exceptional work taking place within our regional schools and the communities we serve."

Looking ahead, school officials are calling on the state to provide long-awaited assistance. District leaders will learn more about the next steps in the MSBA process early next year.

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POLICE REPORTS

Spencer Police Department

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

Wednesday, October 31

12:38-1:01 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:04 a.m.: officer wanted (North Brookfield Road), police escort requested; 1:05 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:09 a.m.: animal complaint (North Brookfield Road), bear in driveway; 3:50 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 11:23 a.m.: medical/general (Wall Street); 11:53 a.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), cane found; 12:37 p.m.: 911 call (Chickering Road), spoken to; 12:39 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 1:58 p.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), dog found; 2:30 p.m.: sex offender registration (West Main Street), assisted; 2:40 p.m.: animal complaint (West Main Street), spoken to; 2:57 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 3:10 p.m.: juvenile matter (Mechanic Street), 4 yo found on doorstep; 3:15 p.m.: disturbance (Maple Street), roommate dispute; 3:36 p.m.: medical/general (Mercury Drive); 3:53 p.m.: animal complaint (Meadow Road), spoken to; 3:56 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), req 209A info; 4:10 p.m.: disabled mv (Browning Pond Road), assisted; 4:21 p.m.: fire alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 4:51 p.m.: medical/general (Ash Street); 5:19 p.m.: officer wanted (Old Farm Road), spoken to; 5:34 p.m.: intelligence (West Main Street), spoken to; 5:40 p.m.: medical/general (Wall Street); 5:46 p.m.: officer wanted (Bixby Road), re: stolen bike; 5:47 p.m.: DPW call (Greenville Street), low wires; 6:43 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), harassment; 7:38 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), welfare check; 7:49 p.m.: residential alarm (Browning Pond Road), services rendered; 7:55 p.m.: suspicious activity (Main Street), spoken to; 8:22 p.m.: building checked, secure; 9:23 p.m.: medical/general (Northwest Road); 9:55 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 11:05 p.m.: commercial alarm (West Main Street), spoken to; 11:46 p.m.: building checked, secure; 11:52 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 11:59 p.m.: building checked, secure.

Thursday, November 1

12:04-2:23 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 7:21 a.m.: lost/found (Old Farm Road), phone lost; 7:46 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 7:59 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 8:16 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no service; 8:39 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 9:24 a.m.: officer wanted (Church Street), spoken to; 11:27 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), escort requested; 11:48 a.m.: fire alarm (Cherry Street), services rendered; 12:10 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 12:52 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 1:13 p.m.: intelligence (Main Street), spoken to; 1:20 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), spoken to; 2:59 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), North Brookfield PD bolo; 3:01 p.m.: mv complaint (Smithville Road), mv speeding; 3:05 p.m.: officer wanted (Elm Street), assisted; 3:20 p.m.: officer wanted (Chestnut Street), tx back up; 3:21 p.m.: 209A service (Adams Street); 3:36 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 3:52 p.m.: officer wanted (Bixby Road), assisted; 4:16 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 5:44 p.m.: parking complaint (Cherry Street), services rendered; 5:59 p.m.: mv complaint (North Spencer Road), erratic operation; 6:07 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operation; 6:12 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Bixby Road), misdial; 6:18 p.m.: disturbance (Bixby Road), gunshots heard; 6:32 p.m.: suspicious activity (West Main Street), services rendered; 6:47 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 7:09 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Church Street), misdial; 7:21 p.m.: 911 call (Adams Street), accidental; 7:55-7:56 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:09 p.m.: mv stop (Lincoln Street); 8:49-9:08 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:08 p.m.: animal complaint (Buteau Road), bears in area; 9:13 p.m.: medical/general (Church Street); 11:18-11:55 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.

Friday, November 2

12:15-2:19 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:52 a.m.: medical/general (Condon Drive); 3:18-3:19 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:45 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 7:42 a.m.: 911 call (Bixby Road), misdial; 9:32 a.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), assisted; 9:39-9:57 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 10:23 a.m.: animal complaint (Greenville Street), carcass in roadway; 10:36 a.m.: building checked, secure; 10:39 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village Road); 10:40 a.m.:

medical/general (High Street); 11:07 a.m.: officer wanted (Elm Street), welfare check; 11:18 a.m.: officer wanted (Spring Street), threat; 11:32 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), assisted; 1:43 p.m.: building checked, secure; 2:56 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), Harrington CT down; 3:10 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Brown Street), accidental; 3:23 p.m.: residential alarm (Pine Acres), services rendered; 3:34 p.m.: disturbance (South Spencer Road), threats; 4:04 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 4:42 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 6:31 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village Road); 7:38 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), services rendered; 7:50 p.m.: mv stop (West Main Street); 7:55-8:07 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:06 p.m.: suspicious activity (Smithville Road), spoken to; 9:45 p.m.: building checked, secure; 10:42 p.m.: entire incident redacted from police log.

Sunday, November 4

12:39 a.m.: building checked, secure; 12:50 a.m.: suspicious mv (Candlewood Drive), spoken to; 1:04 a.m.: parking violation (High Street), citation issued; 1:32 a.m.: residential alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 1:47-3:15 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 4:18 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 7:50 a.m.: medical/general (Condon Drive); 8:12 a.m.: animal complaint (Northwest Road), loose dog; 8:40 a.m.: building checked, secure; 11:12 a.m.: officer wanted (Langevin Street), juvenile matter; 11:35 a.m.: mv lockout (Meadow Road), assisted; 12:00 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), hangup; 12:34 p.m.: medical/general (Garrette Lane); 1:30 p.m.: medical/general (Brooks Pond Road); 2:58 p.m.: animal complaint (West Main Street), loose dog; 3:12 p.m.: juvenile matter (West Main Street), spoken to; 3:13 p.m.: mv complaint (North Spencer Road), erratic operation; 3:26 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), no service; 4:25 p.m.: medical/general (Prospect Street); 4:52-5:23 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 5:52 p.m.: accident (Meadow Road), report taken; 6:00 p.m.: officer wanted (Browning Pond Road), spoken to; 10:10-11:58 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.

Monday, November 5

12:09-1:08 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:17 a.m.: mv repossession (Summit Street), assisted; 11:04 a.m.: 209A service (Ash Street); 11:13 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no service; 11:19 a.m.: mv lockout (Main Street), assisted; 11:37 a.m.: medical/general (Wire Village Road); 12:33 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no service; 1:46 p.m.: 911 call (Main Street), no service; 2:07 p.m.: 209A service (West Main Street); 2:53 p.m.: animal complaint (R. Jones Road), services rendered; 4:04 p.m.: accident (Pleasant Street), report taken; 4:06 p.m.: 911 call (Paxton Road), accidental; 4:22 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 4:37 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street), lift assist; 4:40 p.m.: parking violation (High Street), citation issued; 5:10 p.m.: medical/general (Chestnut Street); 5:54 p.m.: accident (West Main Street), report taken; 6:15 p.m.: medical/sudden death (Muzzy Street); 6:56 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (Lakeshore Drive), services rendered; 6:57 p.m.: residential alarm (Bacon Hill Road), services rendered; 8:43 p.m.: parking complaint (Church Street), services rendered; 9:56 p.m.: mv repossession (Mechanic Street), assisted; 11:05 p.m.: entire incident redacted from police log.

Tuesday, November 6

1:35 a.m.: medical/general (Pleasant Street); 1:57-2:47 a.m.: building checked, secure; 2:54 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 3:07-3:19 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 5:44 a.m.: medical/sudden death (Mechanic Street); 7:28 a.m.: citizen complaint (Main Street), crossing guard is stopping traffic; 8:42 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (South Spencer Road), no service; 8:55 a.m.: accident (East Charlton Road), mv vs deer; 9:30 a.m.: accident (Main Street), spoken to; 10:18 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Main Street), no service; 10:25 a.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), raccoon in dumpster; 12:05 p.m.: 209A service (Maple Street); 12:08 p.m.: 209A service (Langevin Street); 12:36 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Northwest Road), no service; 2:07 p.m.: disabled mv (West Main Street), services rendered; 2:42 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), harassment by ex; 3:10 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; 3:27 p.m.: multiple LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 3:42 p.m.: disturbance (Olde Main Street), customer dispute; 4:13 p.m.: accident (Church Street), spoken to; 4:59 p.m.: accident (Main Street), spoken to; 5:35 p.m.: medical/overdose (Chestnut Street); 5:55 p.m.: residential alarm (R. Jones Road), services rendered; 6:13 p.m.: medical/general (Walnut Street); 6:20 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), hang up; 6:28 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 6:32 p.m.: residential alarm (Paxton Road), services rendered; 7:16 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), poss. pedestrian vs mv; 7:18 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), Facebook complaint; 7:32 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), hang up; 7:45 p.m.: medical/general (Old East Charlton Road); 7:45 p.m.: mv lockout (Main Street), assisted; 7:52 p.m.: residential alarm (R. Jones Road), services

rendered; 8:03 p.m.: entire incident redacted from police log; 8:17 p.m.: juvenile matter (Sullivan Street), spoken to; 10:12 p.m.: spills/chemical/fuel (Elm Street), services rendered; 11:40-11:51 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.

Leicester Police Department

Thursday, November 1

2:47 a.m.: parking complaint (Washburn Square), no police response noted; 6:54 a.m.: officer wanted (South Main Street), no police response noted; 7:35 a.m.: fire/CO detector (Stafford Street), services rendered; 9:35 a.m.: parking complaint (Washburn Square), services rendered; 10:03 a.m.: ambulance (Redfield Road), transported; 11:13 a.m.: parking complaint (Main Street), spoken to; 11:18 a.m.: investigation (Washburn Square), services rendered; 11:35 a.m.: welfare check (South Main Street), transported to hospital; 3:02 p.m.: accident (Main Street), mv towed; 3:25 p.m.: mutual aid (Cemetery Road), services rendered; 3:27 p.m.: illegal dumping (Moosehill Road), services rendered; 4:38 p.m.: ambulance (Autumn Lane), services rendered; 5:12 p.m.: suspicious mv (Paxton Street), gone on arrival; 5:43 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), services rendered; 5:56 p.m.: investigation (Soojians Drive), services rendered; 6:14 p.m.: summons service (Pleasant Street), unable to serve; 7:02 p.m.: suspicious activity (Tobin Road), spoken to; 8:37 p.m.: suspicious mv (Mulberry Street), spoken to; 9:11 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 9:45 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 10:33 p.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street), services rendered.

Friday, November 2

1:21 a.m.: assist other PD (Stafford Street), services rendered; 2:18 a.m.: ambulance (Washburn Square), transported; 8:27 a.m.: ambulance (Rawson Street), transported; 9:59 a.m.: assist citizen (Mulberry Street), services rendered; 11:36 a.m.: investigation (South Main Street), services rendered; 1:22 p.m.: investigation (Grove Street, Spencer), report taken; 2:37 p.m.: mv stop (Marshall Street), services rendered; 4:13 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Washburn Square), no police response noted; 4:55 p.m.: assist citizen (Peter Salem Road), spoken to; 5:11 p.m.: suspicious activity (Main Street), unfounded; 5:29 p.m.: parking complaint (Washburn Square), services rendered; 5:44 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 6:02 p.m.: suspicious mv (Memorial School Drive), investigated; 6:46 p.m.: ambulance (Conway Drive), transported; 7:13 p.m.: parking complaint (Washburn Square), written warning; 7:34 p.m.: erratic operation (Stafford Street), unable to locate; 7:51 p.m.: assist citizen (Stafford Street), transported; 8:04 p.m.: threats (Woodland Road), spoken to; 8:06 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 8:22 p.m.: erratic operation (Stafford Street), services rendered; 8:54 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 9:10 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 9:19 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 9:36 p.m.: suspicious mv (Stafford Street), spoken to; 10:01 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), verbal warning.

Saturday, November 3

1:55 a.m.: entire incident redacted from police log; 9:18 a.m.: keep the peace (Main Street), services rendered; 9:46 a.m.: animal complaint (South Main Street), services rendered; 9:58 a.m.: disabled mv (Newfield Street), report taken; 12:18 p.m.: mutual aid (Main Street), no police response noted; 1:38 p.m.: assist citizen (Soojians Drive), services rendered; 1:42 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), services rendered; 3:23 p.m.: debris in road (Whittemore Street), services rendered; 3:54 p.m.: summons service (Pleasant Street), unable to serve; 4:03 p.m.: summons service (River Street), served; 4:22 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 4:26 p.m.: summons service (Watch Street), unable to serve; 4:52 p.m.: hazardous conditions (Auburn Street), services rendered; 5:03 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Pleasant Street), spoken to; 5:06 p.m.: suspicious activity (Mannville Street), services rendered; 5:10 p.m.: suspicious activity (Main Street), spoken to; 5:44 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 6:13 p.m.: b&e/past (Marshall Street), report taken; 6:53 p.m.: welfare check (Main Street), spoken to; 7:00 p.m.: gunshots heard (King Street), unfounded; 7:04 p.m.: welfare check (Soojians Drive), unfounded; 8:07 p.m.: suspicious activity (Green Street), spoken to; 9:50 p.m.: suspicious mv (Mulberry Street), spoken to; 9:52 p.m.: animal complaint (Clark Street), spoken to; 9:55 p.m.: investigation (South Main Street), services rendered; 10:23 p.m.: suspicious mv (Waite Street), unfounded.

Sunday, November 4

1:08 a.m.: disturbance (Auburn Street), services rendered; 11:35 a.m.: assist citizen (Earle Street); 12:46 p.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), verbal warning; 1:13 p.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street), transported; 1:44 p.m.: ambulance (Brown Street), transported; 2:56 p.m.: animal complaint (South Main Street), services rendered; 6:13 p.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street), transported; 5:15 p.m.: lost/found (South Main

Street), no police response noted; 7:21 p.m.: erratic operation (Main Street), verbal warning; 7:47 p.m.: ambulance (Autumn Lane), services rendered; 10:48 p.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive), report taken; 11:16 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning.

Monday, November 5

7:07 a.m.: suspicious mv (Mannville Street), investigated; 10:25 a.m.: summons service (Patricks Drive), served; 11:54 a.m.: suspicious mv (Church Place), services rendered; 1:20 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 2:15 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 3:58 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street), spoken to; 4:34 p.m.: accident (Main Street), assisted; 4:53 p.m.: entire incident redacted from police log; 5:14 p.m.: ambulance (Waite Street), transported; 5:39 p.m.: assist motorist (Main Street); 6:17 p.m.: illegal dumping (South Main Street), assisted.

Tuesday, November 6

1:58 a.m.: ambulance (Henshaw Street), transported; 6:16 a.m.: officer wanted (Washburn Square), no police response noted; 6:45 a.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street), transported; 8:34 a.m.: erratic operation (Mulberry Street), peace restored; 8:40 a.m.: investigation (Winslow Avenue), services rendered; 11:00 a.m.: entire incident redacted from police log; 12:23 p.m.: assist other PD (Main Street), unable to locate; 1:03 p.m.: officer wanted (Soojians Drive), spoken to; 1:06 p.m.: lockout (Grove Street), services rendered; 1:27 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 1:44 p.m.: assist other PD (Main Street), services rendered; 3:15 p.m.: fraud (Soojians Drive), name and address redacted from police log, shoplifting by asportation, larceny under \$1200 by false pretense, investigated; 3:33 p.m.: animal complaint (Massasoit Drive), services rendered; 3:55 p.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), name and address redacted from police log, unlicensed operation, citation issued; 4:40 p.m.: mv stop (Mannville Street), verbal warning; 4:53 p.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), name and address redacted from police log, uninsured mv, op w/ revoked registration, citation issued; 6:30 p.m.: mutual aid (Lakeview Drive, Spencer), transported to hospital; 6:41 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), spoken to; 7:53 p.m.: structure fire (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 8:28 p.m.: investigation (Soojians Drive), spoken to; 8:40 p.m.: ambulance (Sabina Circle), transported; 9:04 p.m.: suspicious activity (Main Street), spoken to; 10:03 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), complaint application issued.

Wednesday, November 7

12:17 a.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), spoken to; 12:27 a.m.: suspicious person (Main Street), no police response noted; 1:05 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), citation issued; 6:58 a.m.: erratic operation (Stafford Street), no police response noted; 7:56 a.m.: suspicious mv (South Main Street), services rendered; 9:21 a.m.: parking complaint (Soojians Drive), spoken to; 10:17 a.m.: ambulance (Paxton Street), transported; 12:39 p.m.: disturbance (Collier Avenue), transported to hospital; 12:52 p.m.: fire/odor of gas (Winslow Avenue), services rendered; 12:55 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 1:16 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street), services rendered; 1:19 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street), services rendered; 1:26 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street), services rendered; 1:39 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 1:54 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street), services rendered; 2:22 p.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive), report taken; 2:25 p.m.: assist other PD (Main Street, Oxford), services rendered; 3:59 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 4:01 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 4:08 p.m.: investigation (Soojians Drive), no police response noted; 4:12 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 4:19 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 4:37 p.m.: investigation (South Main Street), verbal warning; 5:09 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 5:17 p.m.: suspicious mv (Stafford Street), spoken to; 5:34 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 5:46 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), no police response noted; 5:58 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 6:03 p.m.: ambulance (Moosehill Road), transported; 6:04 p.m.: ambulance (Stafford Street), transported; 7:12 p.m.: mv stop (River Street), written warning; 7:49 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), spoken to; 7:56 p.m.: erratic operation (Marshall Street), unable to locate; 8:07 p.m.: arrest warrant service (Rawson Street), unable to serve; 8:20 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), mv towed; 8:29 p.m.: entire incident redacted from police log; 8:57 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), mv towed; 9:10 p.m.: suspicious person (Main Street), spoken to; 9:36 p.m.: suspicious mv (Stafford Street), unable to locate; 9:41 p.m.: mv stop (Mill Street), no police response noted; 9:49 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 10:26 p.m.: welfare check (Stafford Street), no police response noted.

Street), services rendered; 11:40-11:51 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.



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Angelo, M. Tuccio, 79



DUDLEY – Angelo M. Tuccio, 79, died Monday, November 5, 2018 in the Life Care Center of Auburn after a period of declining health.

He leaves his wife of 50 years, Rose M. (Bonnello) Tuccio; 3 sons, Angelo M. Tuccio II and his wife Patricia, and Raymond Cohen and his wife Anita, all of Daytona Beach, FL, and Brett Cohen of Suffield, CT; 7 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; 2 brothers, Matthew Tuccio of Wells, Maine and Richard Tuccio of Worcester; a sister Maryann Zona, of Brookfield; nephews and nieces.

He was born and raised in Worcester, a son of Jeremiah and Rose (Principe) Tuccio and moved to Dudley at the time of his marriage. He was a high

school graduate. He was a United States Marine Corps veteran and also served in the United States Army Reserves.

Mr. Tuccio work as a mason for Worcester Local Union #107 for many years, retiring in 2001. He helped build the Auburn Mall and Shepherd Hill Regional High School. He enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Visiting hours were held on Saturday, November 10, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM in the Sitkowski & Malboeuf Funeral home, 340 School Street, Webster, with the Webster-Dudley Veterans Council performing military honors at 2:45 PM in the funeral home. www.sitkowski-malboeuf.com



SOUTHBRIDGE – Betty S. (Snyder) Stevens, 93, formerly of Paige Hill in Southbridge, died Monday, November 5, 2018, at Harrington Memorial Hospital in Southbridge. She was predeceased by

her husband of 53 years, George C. Stevens of Southbridge who died in 2000. She is survived by four daughters, Marsha S. Poirier of Southbridge, Janet S. Iacobucci of Dover, NH, Susan J. L'Ecuyer and her husband Paul of Brookfield, and Barbara A. Stevens of Waltham; her brother, Richard A. Snyder of Colchester, CT; eight grandchildren, John Choquette, Gabrielle Anthoine, Brendan Poirier, Tighe Poirier, Devon Poirier, Jason Iacobucci, Justin Iacobucci, and Jena Sinkewich; eight great-grandchildren, Sophia, Sheala, Ava, Nolan, Riley, Anna, Alyson, and Emily; and many nephews and nieces. She was predeceased by a brother, Warren F. Snyder; a sister, Shirley E. Snyder; and two sons-in-law, Arthur Poirier and Joseph Iacobucci. She was born in Oxford,

daughter of the late Frederick D. and Harriet M. (Marsh) Snyder, and lived in Oxford before moving to Southbridge many years ago. She graduated from Oxford High School.

Mrs. Stevens was a customer service associate at Sears and Roebuck in Southbridge for 10 years. Previously, she spent time at home raising her family and worked at Paul Revere Insurance in her early years. She was a volunteer at Harrington Memorial Hospital and was an election worker for many years. She was a loyal New England sports fan and an avid Bentley Women's Basketball fan. Most of all she enjoyed spending time with her family.

Calling hours were Thursday, November 8, 2018, from 9:30 – 11 a.m. at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. Remembrances by her family were Thursday at 11 a.m. at the conclusion of calling hours. Burial followed at North Cemetery in Oxford. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 309 Waverly Oaks Rd., Waltham, MA 02452. paradisfuneralhome.com

Catherine A. Driscoll, 63



S P E N C E R - Catherine A. (Smith) Driscoll, 63, of Muzzy St., died suddenly Monday, Nov. 5 after being stricken ill at home.

She leaves her husband of 44 years, James R. Driscoll, Jr., her sons James R. Driscoll, III and his wife Katie of Hanover and Patrick J. Driscoll of Boston, two brothers Thomas Smith and his wife Beverly and Joseph Smith and his wife Candace all of Spencer, three sisters Nancy Burdett and her husband Robert, Cynthia Hayes and her husband Mark and Patricia Brazeau and her husband Paul all of Spencer, three grandchildren Maeve, Mara and James R. Driscoll, IV, several nieces and nephews.

Cathy was born in Worcester, the daughter of Joseph B. and Ann (Small) Smith and later graduated from David

Prouty High School in 1972.

She was a receptionist at Interstate Transmissions for the past three years. She previously was employed at the College of the Holy Cross for 20 years.

Cathy was an active member of Mary, Queen of the Rosary Parish with monthly dinners, and worked on the annual bazaar. She had a compassionate love of family, her husband, her sons and especially her grandchildren.

Her funeral was held on Saturday, Nov 10, from the J.HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer with a Mass at 10 a.m. in Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 7 Church St., Spencer. Burial followed in Mary, Queen of the Rosary Cemetery, Spencer. Calling hours were Friday, Nov. 9 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made the Mary, Queen of the Rosary Food Pantry, 60 Maple St., Spencer, Ma. 01562 www.morinfuneralhomes.com

Gaylord "Gary" J. Rheume, 78



SOUTHBRIDGE- Gaylord "Gary" J. Rheume, 78, of Main St., passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 6th, in the Baystate Wing Hospital, Palmer, after an illness.

He leaves his beloved wife of 28 years, Bernice P. (Mominee) Rheume; his son, Armond Rheume of Southbridge; a daughter, Becky Savoie of Charlton; a step son, Robert Manthorne and his wife Luanne of Woodstock, CT; three step daughters, Corrina Tiberii of Brimfield, Robin Frazier of Southbridge and Becky Hoffer and her husband James of Brookfield; a sister, Marie Juiliano of Texas; twelve grandchildren, eight great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Gary was predeceased by two brothers, Armond Rheume and Timothy Rheume; and three sisters, Beverly Offit, Janet Vaillancourt and Laurie Johnston.

He was born in Malone, NY the son of

John and Ernestine (Lamitie) Rheume. Gary served honorably in the United States Marines. He worked for 40 years as a lens maker for the American Optical Co., in Southbridge retiring many years ago. Gary was a member of St. Mary's church. He was an avid reader and loved movies. Gary enjoyed vacationing with his wife in Newport, RI as well as long walks. His true love was his family and he cherished getting together and spending time with all of them.

Calling hours for Gary were held on Tuesday, Nov. 13th, from 5:00 to 7:00pm in the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge with a funeral service in the funeral home at 7:00pm. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association 309 Waverley Oaks Rd, Waltham, MA 02452.

www.morrillfuneralhome.com



Maybell P. "May" Gagne, 93



E A S T B R O O K F I E L D - Maybell P. "May" (Harper) Gagne, 93, of E.Brookfield, died Friday, Nov. 9 at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester.

She was the wife of Henry J. Gagne, Sr. who died in 2002. She leaves her granddaughters; Robin M. Gagne of E. Brookfield, Jamie L. Gilman and her husband Wade of Templeton, eight great grandchildren; Amanda George and her husband Christiaan of E.Brookfield with whom she lived, Keyonzia and Hannah Gagne-Lamoureux, Morgan and Dylan Gagne-Letendre, Tristan, Ava and Logan Gilman, three great great grandchildren; Landon, Mason and William, her sister Shirley Whitcomb of Spencer and several nephews and nieces. She is predeceased by her son Henry J. Gagne, Jr. in 2013 and her siblings; Edward Harper, Helen Roy, Marjorie Holmgren, Muriel Wilson and Kathleen Whitcomb.

May worked as a clerk in the Deli Dept. at the former Hodes Supermarket in Spencer for many years.

Born in E.Brookfield, she was the daughter of Aldie and Almira (Gonyer) Harper.

May always had a friendly smile, a warm home and a bite to share with friends and family. She enjoyed hosting large extended family and friend gatherings, listening to music, reminiscing with her beloved photo albums, gardening and watching the sunset over the water.

Her funeral was held on Wednesday, Nov. 14th. from the J.HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer with a funeral Mass at 10 a.m. in OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CHURCH, 7 Church St., SPENCER. Burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery, E.Brookfield. Calling hours were held on Tuesday, Nov. 13 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be to the American Lung Assoc., 1 Abbey Lane, Middleboro, MA 02346. www.morinfuneralhomes.com

Richard J Blair, 83

UXBRIDGE – Richard Joseph Blair, 83, passed peacefully on November 3, 2018 at the home of his son David.

Born in Uxbridge, MA the youngest son of Henry and Alice (Croteau) Blair. Being number 8 of 12 children, Richard quit school at a young age, working at a bowling alley and factories, eventually joining the Army motor pool, later working for Ford Motor and, Tupperware, Risdon, Tredegar, and Nypro as a Plastic Injection Technician.

Moving to North Carolina in 1992, continuing working until his retirement in 2005. After which he enjoyed rafting, hiking the Appalachian trails, golfing, and playing pool. Taking painting lessons at Alamance Community College, he continued painting for many years.

He leaves his sons, Todd and Scott of Burlington, NC. and David of Uxbridge. Daughters Elaine

Zona of Brookfield, and Lisa Grignon of Whitinsville. Step children Robert Baca and Betty Sushchik. Only surviving sister Patricia McGee of Douglas, grandchildren, great grandchildren, many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his wife Theresa (Bourassa) Blair in 1996.

A Celebration of Life is planned for April 6, 2019.



Peter A. Lacroix, 72



SPENCER- Peter A. Lacroix, 72, of 4 Main St., formerly of Brookfield and Southbridge, died Sunday, Nov. 11 at UMASS Memorial Hospital in Worcester after a long illness.

He leaves his wife of 51 years, Jane L. (Boisjolie) Lacroix, his daughters Jennifer L. McNally and her husband Dan of Webster, NY, and Jessica A. Splaine and her husband Ronald of Derry, NH., four grandchildren; Jeffrey Splaine of Derry, NH., Matthew and Michael McNally of Webster, NY and Katie Lamoureux of Worcester, a great granddaughter; Mackenzie, several nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his brothers; Roger and Richard Lacroix.

Pete was a machinist and die maker at A & M Tool & Die of Southbridge where he worked for 37 years, retiring in 2012. An avid golfer, Pete played

golf with the A & M Tool golf league at Heritage Country Club in Charlton for many years. He was a former member of St. Mary's Church in Brookfield where he was a lector, and most currently a member of Mary, Queen of the Rosary Parish.

Born in Worcester, he was the son of Stephen A. and Aline (Goddard) Lacroix and later graduated from Worcester Boys Trade School where he was class valedictorian.

The funeral was held on Thursday, Nov. 15 from the J.HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer with a Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. in Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 7 Church St., Spencer. Burial followed in Mary, Queen of

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In the December 21st issue, we invite you to place a memorial for your loved ones not with us this Christmas in the Spencer New Leader

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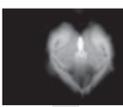
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Catching late season browns...and watch out for deer

Jeff Peck and his two sons Hunter and Logan recently returned from an awesome fishing trip on Lake Ontario. They were fishing close to the famous Salmon River. The trio landed 24 fish, and this huge brown trout as shown in this week's picture. The huge male brown trout with a hooked jaw, was a great fish to catch for the Peck family. Any angler would be proud of catching a huge fish like that!!! It is still not too late to plan a fishing trip to Lake Ontario.

A number of years ago this writer and a couple of buddies caught similar brown trout at Lake Ontario in the Sodus Bay area. The largest was 21 pounds. Brown trout and steelhead are caught throughout the winter months on the Salmon River.

Local deer hunters are starting to harvest some impressive deer, and the next two weeks should see a lot of hunters bringing home venison. Local drivers are warned about the possibility of having a car deer collision during early morning and evening hours. As the rutting season becomes more active, bucks will be chasing does to breed, which will often have them crossing back roads and highways. Car deer collisions will spike during the next two weeks! Stay alert and drive safe!! Local deer hunter Noel Rabidor har-

vested a nice four point buck this past week with his compound bow. Nice job!!

If you own a boat and motor, for many it is time to put it into storage for the winter months. Proper care in winterizing your outboard motor requires very little effort and can save you a big chunk of change in the spring. Fogging the cylinders of the motor can be done by simply removing the spark plugs and spraying a liberal amount of fogging oil into each cylinder. Replace the sparkplugs and wires. I like to start the motor for a few seconds and then shut it down. I spray a light coating of W-D40 on the electrical wires.

Draining your lower unit and replacing new oil is another easy task. New this year is a product called "Shake Away" that will deter mice from building nest in your motor. It is made for keeping mice from your home, so it should work on your outboard motor and lawn mowers. Using poisons around your home is dangerous if you have pets, as mice like to store food in many places. Covering your boat with a good tarp is very important, keeping ice out of your boat for the winter months.

I like to build a wooden frame and then cover the boat. It is a lot cheaper than having it shrink wrapped every year. Be sure to grease all of the



Courtesy photos
Jeff Peck and his sons landed this very large brown trout during a recent trip.

trailer wheels and spray a good amount of penetrating oil on all of the wheel nuts.

Whitinsville Fish & Game Club will hold their famous Roast Beef Dinner on Nov. 17 at the club house on White Court in Douglas. The tickets sell out fast so it would be wise to call the club to reserve your tickets.

This past week a good friend of mine passed away, and will be missed by all that knew him. Steve Mercure of Uxbridge was a great angler that caught many species of fish in his life time. He loved fishing at Lake Ontario with his friends, and had made his last trip to New York

with some of his friends last year, although he had failing health.

Steve and this writer fished together many times over the years, and he was considered the Tautog Champ of saltwater by all that knew him. His secret was using circle hooks when fishing for the hard fighting fish. Steve loved his family and often went fishing with his wife and family. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his family and many friends. He will be sadly missed!

This week's second picture shows Steve with a tautog he caught this past spring while fishing with this writer. We all have great memories of our time together. Rest



Tautog caught by the champ, the late Steve Mercure.

in Peace.

& Keep Them Rods Bending!!

Take A Kid Fishing

CALENDAR

Month of November

SOCKS FOR VETERANS: For the month of November East Brookfield Cub Scouts are asking for donations of clean, unused socks, all varieties. Wool, cotton or blends; men, women and children's sizes are needed. Socks can be dropped off at Lamoureux Ford, North Brookfield Savings Bank, East Brookfield Public Library, Howe Lumber and at EB Flatts.

Friday November 16



Ad Libs by June

We have early deadlines for the issue of 11/23. The newspapers will be delivered on Wednesday, 11/21 in order to get into the home before the Thanksgiving Holiday. Advertising deadline is Thursday, 11/15 at 2 pm for ads in the first section of the paper (including Dining & Tis the Season); Real Estate deadline is Friday 11/16 noon; Section B deadline is Monday 10 am. Please contact me with any questions about these deadlines.

THIS THE SEASON TO SHOP LOCAL begins this week! Please check it out on Page 2 of Section A. It's running for five weeks so there's still time to get on this shop local page. Here you'll find ads from Cadillacs to Yoga and everything in between. Shop local this holiday season and tell these businesses you saw their ad in the Spencer New Leader!

Welcome to a brand new business in Leicester who is advertising on this Shop Local page. **SALON SUPERIOR** is a beautiful new salon located at 1497 Main Street, Route 9 in Leicester. It's the new building with the handicapped accessible ramp in the front. I was able to tour this beautiful new building last week and was very impressed! The salon is owned by Brittnee (Smith) German who is very excited about her new business venture, although she's been a hair stylist professional for many years. Just some of the services being offered are all hair services for women, men (including beard trims), young adults, and children, coloring including foils, ombre, balayage, and hair painting, straightening, perms, waxing, luxury services, bridal services, and more! Stop by and pick up their menu of services, and welcome Brittnee and her staff to Leicester! See the ad for details on their upcoming **OPEN HOUSE** on Sunday, December 2 from noon-4 pm. Call 508-892-5525 to make your appointment today!

There is still time to order your pies, breads, cheesecakes, pastries, cookies, hostess sandwich platters, etc., from **FIVE LOAVES CAFE & BAKERY** for Thanksgiving! Deadline to order is November 19th! Stop by 13 Mechanic Street, Spencer, or call 508-885-3760 today!

Save the date for an annual event in Spencer. **LADIES NIGHT** at **CORMIER JEWELERS** and **ART Gallery** is coming up on Thursday, November 29 from 5:30-7:30. See their ad this week on the front of the Express with all the details, and information about their Black Friday/Small Business Saturday promotions Nov. 23 & Nov. 24, and **LADIES & GENT'S NIGHT** on December 13! Mark your calendars for these special events!

Have a great week!

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HOLIDAY CRAFT & BAKE SALE: On Friday, Nov. 16, 4:30-6:30 p.m., the annual Holiday Craft & Bake Sale sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary American Legion Post 41, 163 N Main Street (behind Subway), North Brookfield is scheduled. Homemade baked goods, local vendors, handcrafted items and a ticket auction.

Saturday November 17

HARVEST DINNER: Harvest Dinner; Saturday Nov. 17th 6:00 PM at the North Brookfield Senior Center; ham with raisin sauce, mashed potatoes, harvest vegetables, rolls, beverage, assorted pastries. Adults: \$10/Children; \$5. Call: 508-867-0220 for tickets. 50/50 raffle; Door prize; entertainment. Take out available

Sunday November 18

ANNUAL PITCH PARTY: The Leicester Lions Club Thanksgiving Pitch Party Sunday, Nov. 18, Leicester Senior Center, 40 Winslow Ave., Leicester beginning at 1:30 P.M. \$4 plus a non-perishable food item Prizes for top 8 scores Proceeds to Benefit Lions Charities and the Leicester Community.

Monday November 19

WORLD WAR I in recognition of the 100th anniversary of World War I's completion, the Leicester Senior Center, 40 Winslow Ave., will hold a special historical program. At 7 p.m. Steve Hooper will describe the life and career of Marion McCune Rice, a nurse during World War I. An informational film will be shown for about 30 minutes, followed by discussion and questions from guests. The program is free to the public, and refreshments will be served following the presentation.

Wednesday November 28

LEICESTER WOMEN'S CLUB: Leicester Women's Club annual Food Auction and also a Silent Auction is Wednesday Nov. 28 at 5:30 p.m. at Leicester Country Club. Cost for meal is \$18. Please call Maureen Whitney by Friday Nov. 23 at 508-864-6871. If you have an item for the Silent Auction call Carol Ellis for pick up/drop off at 508-769-9770. Guests are always welcome.

Thursday November 29

LEICESTER TURKEY DINNER: On Thursday, Nov. 29 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Leicester Senior Center, 40 Winslow Ave., Sen. Michael O. Moore hosts his annual Turkey Dinner. Stop by for the annual 'Turkey Dinner' for area seniors, the event is free and open to local senior residents. Interested attendees are requested to RSVP to the local Senior Center no later than one week prior to the event.

Saturday December 1

FIFTH ANNUAL FESTIVAL: The 5th annual Winter Festival at East Brookfield Elementary, 410 E. Main St. is scheduled Saturday, Dec. 1, 9 AM-2PM. Pix with Santa \$20 for a package; food for purchase and Kid's Activity Room.

PEPPERMINT CHRISTMAS FAIR: Quaboag Valley Baptist Church, 175 Fiskdale Road, Brookfield is holding its 8th annual Peppermint Christmas Vendor & Craft Fair on Saturday, Dec. 1st from 9 am until 2:30 pm. Lots of vendors, handcrafted gifts, baked goods, food, raffles, Christmas photos & more! 100% of proceeds to benefit Global One80.

CRAFT FAIR: Tis the season for crafters and lovers of locally made products. On Saturday, Dec. 1, the Leicester High School Art Club will hold its 16th annual holiday craft fair 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the school. Admission is free to the public. Crafters will feature jewelry, knitted items, wreaths, floral items, greeting cards, candles, stained glass products, gift baskets, homemade soaps, and much more. The snow date is Sunday, Dec. 2.

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NEW LISTING

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NEW LISTING

WEBSTER - 35 Spring St! 5 Rm Ranch on Quiet Side Street! Walk into the 3 Seasons Rm w/Tile Flr, Ceiling Fan & Slides to Deck! Cabinet Packed Eat-in Kit! Spacious Liv Rm w/Hrdwds! 3 Bdrms! Finished Lower Level w/Tile Flr, 10' Bar w/Drop Lights! Vinyl Siding! Replacement Windows! **\$249,900.00**



SOLD

WEBSTER - 24 Emerald Ave! 2 Family! 55 Rms! 2,800 sq ft! Each w/3 Bed-in-Kit w/Pantry, Fam Rm, Liv Rm, 2 1/2 Bdrms! Washer/Dryer Hookups! Hrdwd Flrs! 2 Car Detached Garage! Insulated Windows! Newer Furnaces! Incredible Flat Yard! Lead Certificates! Well Maintained! **\$239,900.00**



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THOMPSON - Quaddick Lake! 52 Breaults Landing! Western Exposure - Beautiful Sunsets! Huge Level Lot/Lawn to the Water - 38 Acres! Open Floor Plan! 45 Room Ranch! 2 Bdrms! 1.5 Baths! Applianced & Furnished! Ideal 2nd Home or Yr Round! LP Gas Heat & HWI Generator! **\$229,900.00**



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THOMPSON - 48 Smith St! 2 Family! 3/8 Rooms! 14 Bedrooms! 1/1 Baths! Major Rehab 2005 - Roof, Gutter & Downspouts, Vinyl Siding, Windows, Entry Doors! 2018 Electric Heat Conversion! Gas Hot Water! Off Street Parking! Garage! Town Services! **\$139,900.00**



ON DEPOSIT

NEW LISTING

WEBSTER - 5 Chestnut St! 6 Rm Ranch, 3 Bdrms, Remodeled Bath, Finished Lower Level! Corner Lot! Frplc Liv Rm w/Cathedral, Hrdwd Flr, French Drs to 16x24 Deck! Din Rm w/Hrdwds! Remodeled Kit w/Cherry Cabinets & SS Appliances! Solar Hot Water! 1 Yr Old Roof! A/V Pool! Shed! **\$269,900.00**



SOLD

AUBURN - 9 Lorna Dr! 2680' Split Entry! Applianced Oak Eat-in Isl Kit w/Corian Counters! Spacious Liv Rm w/Hrdwds! Sun Rm Cathedral to Trex Deck! 3 Bdrms w/Hrdwds! Frplc Fam Rm! 2 Full Baths! 4th Bdrm/Office! Laundry! C/Air & Vac! Professionally Landscaped, 46 Acre Lot! 2 Car Garage! **\$389,900.00**



NEW LISTING

WEBSTER - 21 Spring St! 6 Rm Ranch! Eat-in Applianced Kit w/Mahogany Cabinets & Tile Flr! Liv Rm w/Carpet over Hrdwd! 3 Bdrms w/Hrdwds! Master w/Walk-in Closet! Full Tile Bath! 14X40' Fam/Game Rm! 2nd Bathrm w/Laundry! Workshop! Utility Rm! 2 Z Oil Heat! C/Air! 2 Car Garage! Porch! Don't Miss Out! **\$219,900.00**



SOLD

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



SOLD

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



NEW LISTING

SUTTON - 30 Jones Rd! 9 Room 2,156' Colonial! 5.31 Acres of Privacy! Long Circular Drive! New Granite Kitchen! Dining, Living & Fireplace Family Rooms w/Hardwood Floors! Year Round Sunroom w/2 Skylights! 3 Bedrooms! 2 1/2 Master w/Master Bath! 2.5 Bathrooms Total! 12x43 Season Porch w/3 Skylights! Expandable Attic! Wraparound Deck! 2 Car Garage! Central Air! Generator! Super Easy Access to Rte 146! **\$464,900.00**



DOUGLAS WATERFRONT! 36 Cedar St! Badluck Pond (110Acres) aka Cedar Lake or Laurel Lake! Western Expo - Beautiful Sunsets! 2.74 Acres! 633' Waterfront! 471' Road Front! Beautiful Private Setting! Huge 28X96', 2,688' Custom 6 Rm Cedar Ranch w/Hrdwd Flrs Throughout! Spectacular, Open Din Rm & Great Rm w/Stone Frplc, Soaring Beamed Cedar Cathedral Ceiling, 6 Sky Lights, Recessed Lighting, 1/2 Bath & 3 Sliders to 96' Lake Facing Screened Porch! Custom Kit w/2 Skylights, Recessed Lighting, Slider to Porch, Wall Oven & Center Island w/Tripplc Bow Sink, Cooktop & Dishwasher! Mud Rm Entry w/2 Dble Closets, Tile Flr, Door to Kit & Door to Full Bath! 2 Lake Facing Bdrms w/Walk-in Closets, Skylights & Sliders to Porch! Full Tile Bath w/Separate Shower & Whirlpool Bath w/Door to Master & Hall! Office w/Dble Closet! 2.5 Baths Total! Cedar Lined Closets! Full Basement! Plus 36X72' 2 Story Heated Boat House/Garage/Work Shop w/Half Bath! Upper Level 5 Rm Caretaker/In-Law Apartment w/2 Full Baths! 5 Full + 2 1/2 Half Baths Total! One of a Kind Waterfront Home! **\$599,900.00**



SHREWSBURY - 747 Grafton St! 8 Rm Cape! 5 Acres off Route 20! Great Business Location! Home Needs Total Rehab! 1st Fr Consists of Eat-in Kitchen w/Built-in Hutch! Large Liv Rm! Master Bdrm w/Closet! Office! Full Bath! 2nd Fr Has 4 Bdrms w/Closets! Vinyl Windows! **\$198,500.00**



DUDLEY - 9 Progress Ave! 6 Rm Cape! Move In Ready! Applianced Eat-in Kit! Din & Liv Rms w/Hrdwds! 1st Fr Master w/Hrdwds & 2 Dble Closets & Ceiling Fan! 3 Season Porch! 1/2 Bath w/Laundry! 2nd Fr w/2 Bdrms w/Hrdwds & a Full Bath! 2013 AC & Recent Vanities & New Toilets! 2013 AC & Recent Vanities & New Toilets! 2013 AC & Recent Vanities & New Toilets! Quick Close Possible! **\$244,900.00**



SOLD

WEBSTER LAKE - 54 West Pt Rd! North Pond - Killdeer Isl - West Expo - Beautiful Lake Views & Sunsets! 2002 Built 6+ Rm Colonial! Ideal 2nd Home or Yr Rd Living! Applianced Kit w/Center Isl! Lake Facing Din Rm w/Panoramic Water Views & Recent Wood Frplc Lake Facing Liv Rm w/LP Gas Frplc, Recent Wood Fr & French Door to Deck! 1st Fr Laundry & Hall Bath! 2nd Fr w/3 Spacious Bdrms! Lake Facing Master Suite w/Fantastic Lake Views, Frplc, French Dr to its Deck, Dressing/Office Area & Full Bath w/Whirlpool Tub! 2nd Full Bath off the Hall! Huge Lake Facing Walk-out Lower Level w/Gas Stove & Slider to Stone Patio is Ready for "Finishing"! Additional Lakeside Deck! Dock! **\$559,900.00**



WEBSTER LAKE - 209 Beacon Park! 1280' Townhouse! 5 Rooms! Spectacular Sandy Beach! Fantastic Lakeside Pool! Applianced Kitchen! Carpeted Dining Rm & Fireplace Living Rooms! 2 Spacious Bedrooms! Master Bath! 2.5 Updated Tile Baths! Central Air! Garage! **\$239,000.00**



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



WEBSTER LAKE - 7 Point Pleasant Ave! Panoramic Lake Views! Eastern Expo! Super Sunsets! 9,000' Level! 2,300' Custom Contemp Colonial! Built 2015! Like New! Open Fr Plan! Custom Granite Kit w/Island, Stainless Appliances, Gas Range, Soft Close Cabinets & Recessed Lights & Ceiling Fan! Dining Area w/Custom Ceiling! Full Bath w/Granite Vanity & Custom Tile Shower! Laundry Rm! "Wood Look" Tile Floors throughout the First Floor! 2nd Fr Features 3 Comfortable Bdrms w/Being Waterfront! Lake Facing Master w/Slider to Deck, Hrdwds, Recessed Lighting, Walk-in Closet & Bdrm Access! Lake Facing Bdrm w/Hrdwds, Dble Closet & Door to Deck! 3rd Bdrm w/Hrdwds & Dble Closet! Full Bath w/Dble Granite Vanity & Tile Flr! C/Air! Gas Heat! 2x6/2 2 Story Detached Garage! Deck! Get Packing! **\$789,900.00**



WEBSTER LAKE - 15 South Point! Waterfront Lot! Middle Pond - Panoramic Views! Conservation Approval! Build Your Dream! 100+ of Shoreline! 53.94' Road Frontage! Land Area 8,147! Town Services Available! 2 Docks! Lots on Webster Lake a Rarity, Don't let this Slip by without Your Consideration! **\$199,900.00**



WEBSTER LAKE - 812 Beacon Park! WATERVIEW! 1,280' 5 Rm Townhouse! Lake Facing! Recently Remodeled! Galley Kit! Frpld Liv Rm w/8" Smart TV & Hrdwds! Master Bath w/Recent Skylight! 2.5 Tile Baths w/Recent Vanities & New Toilets! 2013 AC & Recent Vanities & New Toilets! Pool! Sandy Beach! **\$284,900.00**



WEBSTER LAKE - 12 Kenneth Ave! South Pond! 5 Rm Ranch! 80' Waterfront! Completely Remodeled! 10 Yrs Ago! Kraftmaid Cabinet Kit w/Island & Silstone Counters! Bamboo Wood Flrs Throughout! Open Fr Plan! Composite Deck! Lake Facing Master! 2 Bdrms! Full Bath! Fam Rm! **\$399,900.00**



SOLD

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



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



WEBSTER LAKE - 810 Beacon Park! 5 Rms, 1,100' Garden Unit! Fantastic Lake Views! 2 Bdrms! Master Bath! 2 Full Baths! Brand New Heat & AC Unit! Applianced! Din Rm w/Bay Window! Large Opened Patio & Manicured Courtyard! Garage! Lakeside Pool! Sandy Beach! Best Seat for July 4th Fireworks! **\$259,900.00**



WEBSTER LAKE - 104 Treasure Island! 1,974' Townhouse! Oak Cabinet Kit w/Breakfast Counter! Formal Din Rm! Frplc Liv Rm! Screened Porch! 1st Fr Master w/Walk-in Closet & Bath! 2.5 Baths! 2nd Level w/2nd Master Bdrm & Bath! Recent C/Air! Attached Garage! 2 Boat Slips! Heated Pool! Sandy Beach! **\$324,900.00**



WEBSTER LAKE - 602 Treasure Isl! Townhouse! 6 Rm! 1,874' Hrdwd Floors! Applianced Granite Kit! Open Fr Plan! 2 Bdrms! Master Bath w/Whirlpool Tub, Separate Shower & Bidet! 3 Baths! Frpld Fam Rm! C/Air! Gas Heat! Trex Deck! Recent Windows/Doors! Garage! 2 Boat Slips! Heated Pool, Sandy Beach! **\$334,900.00**



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NEW PRICE

WEBSTER LAKE - 202 Killdeer Island Rd! Panoramic View of North Pond! Natural Sandy Shoreline! Complete Rebuild Since 2002! Custom Center Island Applianced Granite Kitchen w/Walk-in Pantry, Recessed Lighting, Hardwoods & 1/2 Bath! Open Floor Plan! Dining Rm w/Window Seat, 2 Closets & Hardwoods! 10X19 Lake Facing Living Rm w/Hardwoods & 2 Sliders to Deck w/Recent Awning! Upstairs to 4 Bedrooms or 3 Plus Office! Lake Facing Master w/Cathedral Ceiling, Walk-in Closet & Master Bath w/Tile Floor, Huge Corner Shower w/Seat, Double Linen Closet! Full Hall Bath! Halfway Laundry Closet! Lake Facing Walk-out Lower Level Family Room, 2 Sliders to Patio! Full Bath! 3.5 Baths Total! 4 Zone Heat & 2 Zone C/Air only 2 Years Old! Start Packing! **\$629,900.00**



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<p>WEBSTER - 100 THOMPSON RD</p> <p>SORRY, SOLD!</p> <p>Very Attractive 1700 sq ft stone face Cape! Attached 13' x 22' Garage. Fireplace front living room! Large Kitchen with ample amount of cabinets. 1st floor master bedroom. 2 large bedrooms on the 2nd floor. 1/2 bath on the first floor, full bath on the 2nd floor. Natural Gas baseboard Heat! Vinyl Siding! Town water and sewer. Nice level lot, with mature shrubs. Very private rear yard. \$140,000</p>	<p>WEBSTER - 104 THOMPSON RD</p> <p>SORRY, SOLD!</p> <p>1+ acre of nicely manicured lawn with a well maintained 2 Family! Many improvements! 2 & 3 bedroom apartments! Oil heat! Large 24' x 30' garage! Mini 15' x 30' stone barn \$325,000</p>	<p>WEBSTER - 7 HICKORY LN</p> <p>New Listing Warm and Inviting, This Lovely Ranch Sits on A Beautifully Landscaped Yard Nestled in A Very Quiet, Wanting Neighborhood. This 3 Bedroom 1.5 Bath Home Has So Much To Offer!! Fully Applianced Eat in Kitchen, Newly Carpeted Living Room and These Cozy and Comfortable Bedrooms All on One Floor. Walk Down To The Lower Level To The Open And Spacious Family Room With Pellet Stove! \$259,000</p>	<p>THOMPSON, CT - 359 E. THOMPSON RD</p> <p>ON DEPOSIT</p> <p>Very Interesting property, to a home owner or developer. 47 +/- Acres! Home is a 1300 sq ft ranch with a barn. The home consist of 3 bedrooms, and 1-1/2 bath, basement, farmers porch and 1 car garage. Much of the land is cleared. This property has 300' +/- of road frontage on East Thompson Rd, and road frontage on the entire length of pavement on Roy Rd. Rectangular in shape greater than 1300' wide X over 1600' deep. Needs TLC! \$300,000</p>	<p>WEBSTER - 6 BROOKSIDE AVE</p> <p>Beautiful 4 bedroom Colonial, new granite counter, stainless appliance kitchen. Dining room and large living room, hardwood through out the first level, 3 seasoned porch for added living area. Over sized master with double closets, and 3 additional bedrooms. Finished basement with pellet stove. Outside, a patio and above ground pool. New Price \$279,000</p>
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<p>OPEN HOUSE SAT. 11-1</p>  <p>Southbridge: Coffee house Financing Class/ Open House, 4 bedroom, 2 baths, inground pool, 1/2 acre lot. Learn about "0" down-payment programs and view this home 153 Highland St ~ \$274,900</p>	<p>OPEN HOUSE SUN. 11-1</p>  <p>Dudley: A mini-estate with privacy, character, updates and a 2 story barn, 6.7 acres. Great opportunity in Dudley low taxes, great location. View and cherry cabinets kitchen, 3.5 baths, DR, Family rm, 4 BR, 7 Dudley Oxford Rd ~ \$449,500</p>		



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The White/Cook Team:
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TAX CLASSIFICATION HEARING TOWN OF BROOKFIELD

In accordance with Chapter 369 of the Acts of 1982, the Brookfield Board of Selectmen will hold a Classification Hearing on Tuesday, December 4, 2017, at 6:30 PM, at the Brookfield Town Hall, 6 Central Street, Brookfield, Mass in the first floor Banquet Hall to determine the residential factor for the Town of Brookfield to be used in setting the tax rate for Fiscal Year 2019. Linda M. Lincoln, Chair
Clarence M. Snyder III, Vice-Chair
Beth L. Coughlin, Clerk
Board of Selectmen
November 16, 2018

ADVERTISEMENT: REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS Town of Spencer Cherry, Wall, Lloyd Dyer Streets Improvement Project

The Town of Spencer has been awarded funds from the FY 2018 Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development Block Grant Program. Professional engineering services are needed for the infrastructure improvement project on Cherry and Wall Streets, and Lloyd Dyer Drive. The Phase I engineering services sought shall include site survey, wetland flagging at the drainage outfalls, site base plan development, and identification of any and all required easements, environmental permitting, preliminary design plans, final design

plans and specifications, preparation of bid document and opinion of construction costs. In the event project construction funding is procured in the future, the engineer shall provide Phase II services including bidding assistance, construction administration, and resident engineering services. The estimated future construction cost for these streets is approximately \$1,023,000. A more detailed Request for Qualifications (RFQ) is available at the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, 60 Congress Street, Springfield, MA 01104, (413) 781-6045, from 9 AM to 5 PM. The RFQ will be available from the date of this notice until the due date specified below, at the address above or in digital format via email by request from Mary Mazik at mmazik@pvpc.org. Parties requesting the RFQ electronically are strongly encouraged to verify that their email request has been received. PVPC is not responsible for any requests that are not received. The Town of Spencer, awarding and contracting authority, reserves the right to reject any and all proposals if it is deemed in the best interests of the TOWN to do so. **Completed proposals are to be submitted no later than 3:00 PM, Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, 60 Congress Street – 1st Floor, Springfield, MA 01104-3419.**
November 16, 2018

(SEAL) COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT 18 SM 004940 ORDER OF NOTICE

TO: **The Heirs, Devisees or Legal Representatives of the Estate of John Dunn, Sr. Jeffrey John Dunn John Dunn, Jr. Joseph Dunn Kathleen Dunn** and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. App. § 3901 *et seq.*: **Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper** claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Spencer, numbered 126 East Charlton Road, given by **John Dunn, Sr.** to "MERS", **Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., a separate corporation that is acting solely as nominee for Taylor, Bean & Whitaker Mortgage Corp., "Lender"; its successors and assigns,** dated May 5, 2005, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 36291, Page 359, and now held by Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before DEC 10 2018 or you may be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act. Witness, **JUDITH C. CUTLER**, Chief Justice of this Court on OCT 25 2018
Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
November 16, 2018

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MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Steven H. Rafer and Ellen Rafer to Bank of America, N.A., dated March 13, 2008 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 42726, Page 204, subsequently assigned to Federal National Mortgage Association by Bank of America, N.A. by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 52059, Page 96 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 12:00 PM on November 23, 2018 at 12 Oak Lane and Parcel U35-29, Spencer, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

The land referred to in this policy is situated in the State of MA, County of WORCESTER, City of SPENCER and described as follows: THE LAND IN SPENCER, WORCESTER COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS, BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: PARCEL 1 A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND WITH THE BUILDINGS THEREON LOCATED ON THE SOUTHERLY SHORE OF THOMPSON POND IN THAT PART OF SPENCER, KNOWN AS NORTH SPENCER, WORCESTER COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS, BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE MOST EASTERLY CORNER OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED PREMISES SAID POINT OF BEING IN THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE OF A RIGHT OF WAY KNOWN AS OAK LANE;

THENCE NORTH 44 DEG 20' WEST BY LOT NO. 8 ON A PLAN HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO, ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE (135) FEET TO SAID THOMPSON ROAD; THENCE WESTERLY BY THOMPSON POND, FIFTY-SIX (56) FEET TO LOT NO. 10 ON SAID PLAN;

THENCE SOUTH 44 DEG 20' EAST BY LOT NO. 10 ON SAID PLAN ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-NINE (159) FEET TO SAID OAK LANE; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY BY SAID OAK LANE, FIFTY (50) FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

BEING LOT NO. 9 ON A PLAN OF SAIN HUSAY PARK, SPENCER, MASS., DATED AUGUST 28, 1940 DRAWN BY S. G. ATHERTON, C.E. AND COPIES FROM PLAN DRAWN BY E. A. CHAMBERLAIN.

ALSO GRANTING A RIGHT OF WAY OVER THE SAID OAK LANE NORTHEASTERLY TO THE OLD COUNTY ROAD, SAID RIGHT OF WAY BEING TWENTY (20) FEET IN WIDTH, TO BE USED IN COMMON WITH OTHERS.

PARCEL 2

A CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED ON THE EASTERLY SIDE OF OAK LANE, IN THAT PART OF SPENCER KNOWN AS NORTH SPENCER, WORCESTER COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS, BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOW, TO WIT: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWESTERLY CORNER OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED PREMISES IN THE SAID EASTERLY LINE OF OAK LANE:

THENCE SOUTH 44 DEG 20' EAST, NINETY (90') FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH 34 DEG 21' WEST, FIFTY-ONE (51') FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 44 DEG 20' WEST, ONE HUNDRED (100') FEET TO A POINT IN THE SAID EASTERLY LINE OF SAID OAK LANE;

THENCE NORTH 45 DEG 40' EAST BY THE SAID EASTERLY LINE OF OAK LANE, FIFTY (50') FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. BEING LOT NO. 44 AS SHOWN ON A PLAN OF LAND IN SPENCER, MASS, OWNED BY MAURICE BARSKY, DATED JULY 16, 1951 DRAWN BY JOSEPH SWARTZ, C.E. AND CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 4,750 SQUARE FEET, SAID PARCEL 2 IS CONVEYED SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS AND RESERVATIONS AS SET FORTH IN A DEED DATED JANUARY 7, 1997 AND RECORDED AT SAID REGISTRY IN BOOK 18553. PAGE 215.

BEING ALL AND THE SAME LANDS AND PREMISES CONVEYED TO STEVEN H. RAFER, MIRIAM M. RAFER AND REBECCA S. RAFER AS J/T/W/R/S BY STEVEN H. RAFER IN A DEED EXECUTED 5/16/2000 AND RECORDED 5/23/2000 IN BOOK

22610, PAGE 074 OF THE WORCESTER COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS LAND RECORDS. BEING ALL AND THE SAME LANDS AND PREMISES CONVEYED TO STEVEN H. RAFER BY GAIL CLOCK IN A DEED EXECUTED 10/27/1997 AND RECORDED 3/13/1998 IN BOOK 19708, PAGE 44 OF THE WORCESTER COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS LAND RECORDS. APN U35/37 AND U35/29 WITH THE APPURTENANCES THERETO. APN: U35/37

The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, encroachments, building and zoning laws, liens, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession, and attorney's fees and costs.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. **TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.**

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae)

Present Holder of said Mortgage,

By Its Attorneys,

ORLANS PC

PO Box 540540

Waltham, MA 02454

Phone: (781) 790-7800

15-011860

November 2, 2018

November 9, 2018

November 16, 2018

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Jeremy J. Kuszpa and Carrie L. Kuszpa to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Sherwood Mortgage Group, Inc, its successors and assigns, dated October 28, 2005 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 37681, Page 37, subsequently assigned to Ditech Financial LLC by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Sherwood Mortgage Group, Inc, its successors and assigns by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 56077, Page 15, subsequently assigned to New Residential Mortgage LLC by Ditech Financial LLC by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 57648, Page 48, subsequently assigned to Ditech Financial LLC by New Residential Mortgage LLC by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 58363, Page 221 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 AM on November 30, 2018 at 113 Charlton Road, Spencer, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

The land with the buildings thereon situated in Spencer, Worcester County, Massachusetts, on the Easterly side of Maple Street, with building thereon, bounded and described as follows: TRACT I: Beginning at the Northwesterly corner thereof, in the Easterly line of said street at a point 10.27 feet North of a Worcester County Highway Bound at Station 170 and 19.10; THENCE S 84°15' 55" E., 110.46 feet to an iron pin; THENCE S. 5° 44' 05" W., at right angles to the preceding course, about 100.0 feet to an iron pipe; THENCE N. 84° 15' 55" W., parallel with the first course, about 100.0 feet to said street; THENCE Northerly by said street about 100.2 feet to the place of beginning. Containing about 10,004.75 square feet of land Subject to condition as mentioned in a deed from Myron H. Sibley to Leo F. McMullen et ux, dated April 28, 1952, and recorded in Book

3424, Page 346. TRACT II: Beginning at the northwesterly corner thereof, it being the northeasterly corner of the other land of the grantors; THENCE S. 86° 03' E., 100 feet to an iron pin, said course being by land of Louis Durant et ux; THENCE S. 6° 06' W., by land, now or formerly of Myron W. Sibley, 106.06 feet to an iron pin; THENCE N. 84° 16' W., 40.0 feet by other land of said Sibley to an iron pin and thence by the same course, 60.0 feet by land, now or formerly of Norman S. Kenward to the southeasterly corner of said other land of the grantors; THENCE N. 6° 08' E., by said other land of the grantors 103.14 feet to the point of beginning Containing about 10,530 square feet of land TRACT III: A parcel of land situated in said Spencer on the easterly side of Charlton Road, Route 31, and described as follows: Beginning at the northwesterly corner thereof, it being the southwesterly corner of land of Hamelin and in the easterly line of Route 31; THENCE S. 84° 16" E. by said Hamelin land 159.1 feet to other land now or formerly of Myron H. Sibley at the westerly line of the New England Tel. And Tel. right of way; THENCE S 11° 09' W. by said Sibley land 20.4 feet to a point; THENCE N. 84° 16' W. by said land of the Grantors 155.2 feet to a point on the westerly boundary of Grantors land; THENCE N 5° 44' 05" E. by Route 31, 20.0 feet to point of beginning. Containing about 3163 square feet more or less. Land in Spencer as shown on plan recorded in Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 370, Plan 84

The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, encroachments, building and zoning laws, liens, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession, and attorney's fees and costs.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. **TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.**

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

Ditech Financial LLC

Present Holder of said Mortgage,

By Its Attorneys,

ORLANS PC

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Waltham, MA 02454

Phone: (781) 790-7800

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November 9, 2018

November 16, 2108

November 23, 2018

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Lisa S. Worthington and Mark J. Worthington to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Taylor, Bean & Whitaker Mortgage Corporation, dated May 24, 2006 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 39148, Page 138, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Taylor, Bean & Whitaker Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns to Wells Fargo Bank, NA dated May 25, 2012 and recorded with said Registry on May 31, 2012 at Book 49060, Page 361 and by assignment from Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. to Specialized Loan Servicing LLC dated September 16, 2016 and recorded with said Registry on September 21, 2016 at Book 56001, Page 160, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 1:00 p.m. on December 5, 2018, on the mortgaged premises located at 24 Oakland Drive, Spencer, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, TO WIT:

The land in Spencer, Massachusetts consisting two parcels of land bounded and described as follows: PARCEL I

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

PARCEL II

The land in Spencer situated on or near Sugden Lake and being Lot 37 as shown on the above mentioned plan. TOGETHER with the right to use the common ways and community beach and park as shown on said plan and the right to use in common with others entitled thereto an right of way from the public highway to the granted premises.

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

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

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

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING LLC

Present holder of said mortgage

By its Attorneys,

HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.

150 California Street

Newton, MA 02458

(617) 558-0500

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November 9, 2018

November 16, 2018

November 23, 2018

Town of West Brookfield Zoning Board of Appeals

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the West Brookfield Town Hall, to act on an application for a Special Permit for Quirk Wire Company, property owned by DPQ Realty, LLC, for the property located at 146 East Main Street, West Brookfield. The applicant wishes to build an addition to the pre-existing nonconforming structure to be attached to the current building resulting in no increase of nonconformity to frontage requirements, not meeting current setback requirements for the zoning at the above property in Rural Residential District requires a special permit as per section, -1.5 Nonconformity, 1.52 Nonconforming Structures (a) (et al) and 4 Dimensional Requirements, 4.2 Schedule of Dimensional Requirements (Rural Residential) (et al). The public is invited to attend.

Renee Adams White
Clerk

November 9, 2018

November 16, 2018

Town of West Brookfield Zoning Board of Appeals

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the West Brookfield Town Hall, to act on an application for a Special Permit for ASD Cronin MA Solar LLC, property owned by James Evan Turner, for the property located at 0 Off Cronin Road, West Brookfield. The applicant wishes to build a solar farm for off premise use. In Rural Residential District requires a special permit as per section, -3. Use Regulations, 3.28 Ground-Mounted Solar Energy Facilities (Non-Residential) (new bylaw amendment) (et al). The public is invited to attend.

Renee Adams White
Clerk

November 9, 2018

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Even though turkey may be synonymous with Thanksgiving, hosts and hostesses should not shy away from serving something different. In fact, turkey may not even have been on the menu for the first Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving dates back to New England in November 1621, when newly arrived Pilgrims and the Wampanoag Indians gathered for an autumn harvest celebration. It's reported that pilgrims went on a "fowling" mission in preparation for the three-day feast. Although wild turkey was plentiful in the region, ducks, geese, passenger pigeons, and swans were commonly consumed. Historians at Smithsonian say documents refer to wildfowl and venison as foods appearing at the first Thanksgiving, but turkey was not mentioned.



Thanksgiving goose? This may have been a more likely option at the first Thanksgiving than the turkey enjoyed today.

Home chefs can take a cue from those first pilgrims and choose less traditional offerings this Thanksgiving. The following are some ideas that are reminiscent of the first Thanksgiving.

- If the flavor is more palatable, don't hesitate to select another bird to grace the Thanksgiving

table, such as a goose or even a chicken. Some people find turkey meat to be too dry, despite all of the different preparation methods. Chicken or goose may be more well-received and just as versatile.

- Don't overlook the possibility of serving fish and other sea-

food. Colonists and the Wampanoag probably ate eel, lobster, clams, and mussels. Fish can be dried, smoked and preserved.

- Replace wheat-based recipes with those made from cornmeal, as maize was more likely available during colonial time than wheat.

- Forests provided chestnuts, beechnuts and walnuts, so a platter of nuts paired with cheese or fruit also can make a welcome addition to the table. Nuts also can be ground and used in baked goods or flavoring for Thanksgiving desserts.

- Pumpkin and squash were plentiful in colonial

times, and this is why these gourds are often included in Thanksgiving meals and decor. The flesh of a pumpkin or squash can be turned into casseroles or used to make quiche.

- A traditional Thanksgiving meal for the early settlers would not have included potatoes. White potatoes originated in South America and sweet potatoes in the Caribbean. At the time of the first Thanksgiving, these would not yet have been introduced, as white potato patches in North America were not established in the region until 1719, according to the potato resource Potato Goodness.

- Because colonists did not have wheat flour and butter to make flaky tart crusts, pumpkin pie was not on the first Thanksgiving menu. In lieu of pumpkin pie, hosts can experiment with moist loaf breads or muffins made with pumpkin.

The average Thanksgiving dinner table today looks quite different from the one the Wampanoag Indians and Pilgrims gathered around centuries ago. Families can stick closer to history and tailor their meals for a touch of something different this year.

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When you sit down to a holiday feast this year, you may not be thinking about the global financial markets that helped land the meal on your table. The ingredients in your favorite stuffing, the butter in those mashed potatoes and even the gasoline in the car that got your relatives to your door, all cost something. What goes into determining these prices?

Long before your dinner, each ingredient traveled along a global supply chain that started with producers, continued with processors and ultimately ended at the supermarket or the gas station. The prices of commodities like food and oil are impacted by this journey.

It often starts with the farmer and, like all business owners, farmers must turn a profit. Unpredictable events, such as severe weather, swings in global demand and reductions in available farmland, can negatively impact that profit. To mitigate these risks, farmers and others in the supply chain come to the futures marketplace. Here, the price of a commodity like corn can be locked in with binding contracts known as futures. So even if bad weather hits or disease hurts livestock populations, a farmer already knows what the selling

price of his product, and can plan for it.

Futures can help prices become more stable, which means consumers see relative consistency when they buy groceries. So, when you made your trip to the grocery store to prepare your holiday table, the futures industry was already in motion.

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Benefit from nutritious turkey even after Thanksgiving



Turkey is low in fat and full of protein and other nutrients, making it a worthy addition to your diet no matter the time of year.

If turkey is not normally on your lunch or dinner menu, come the holiday season it's bound to show up in abundance. As soon as the weather cools and the crispness of late autumn is in the air, thoughts turn to more hearty meals, and of course, the fall pièce de résistance: Thanksgiving dinner.

Turkey takes center stage on many Thanksgiving dinner tables, even though history suggests it likely wasn't served at the first Thanksgiving. Despite this historical discrepancy, turkey and all the trimmings continue to be traditional fare for big holiday dinners.

Much more than just delicious and filling, turkey boasts many nutritional benefits, making

it a worthwhile addition to your diet regardless of the season.

- Protein: Turkey is often overshadowed by other meats in refrigerated display cases, but it remains an excellent source of protein in a low-fat package. A typical 3.4- to four-ounce serving of skinless turkey breast (about the size of a deck of cards) contains around 30 grams of protein, providing about 65 percent of the average person's recommended daily allotment of protein. Protein helps the body feel full and serves many essential functions in the body. Proteins regulate the entry of nutrients through cell walls, help the body grow and help it to generate antibodies that fight against illness.

- Low-fat: A serving of

turkey is only 161 calories and contains just four grams of fat, which is low in saturated fat.

- B-vitamin benefits: Turkey is an excellent source of B vitamins, including B3, B6 and B12. Having enough B3, also known as niacin, is important for overall health, and higher levels of niacin can improve cholesterol levels and lower a person's risk for cardiovascular disease. B6 is also called pyridoxine. It's involved in the process of making certain neurotransmitters, including serotonin and norepinephrine, which transmit signals in the brain. Important for neurological health, B12 helps decrease levels of homocysteine, which can contribute to cognitive decline.

- Immune system effects: People may not know turkey contains selenium, which is key to healthy thyroid function. It also helps boost the immune system by playing a role in the body's antioxidant defense system. Selenium may help eliminate free radicals in the body that would otherwise contribute to cancer risk.

- Relaxation: Many people are aware of turkey's ability to induce feelings of relaxation, particularly when eaten in abundance at the Thanksgiving dinner table. Turkey contains the amino acid tryptophan, which plays a role in triggering production of serotonin. Serotonin can induce feelings of relaxation and sleepiness.

Turkey is lean, full of essential nutrients and low in saturated fat, making it a worthy addition to your diet no matter what time of year it happens to be.

THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving Day Quiz

It is once again time to talk turkey, stuffing and all of the trimmings. Thanksgiving is celebrated in both Canada and the United States with similar parades and fanfare. Thanksgiving is a time to be thankful for the blessings in one's life and enjoy the company of family and friends during a special meal.

Although people celebrate Thanksgiving each and every year, they may not be aware of some of its interesting history. Test your knowledge of gobblers and general trivia with this quiz.

1. Despite competing historical claims, the story most people associate with the first American Thanksgiving took place in a colony in this modern-day state?
 a. Pennsylvania
 b. New Jersey
 c. Massachusetts
 d. Delaware

2. Thanksgiving Day is celebrated on which day of the week in Canada?
 a. Monday
 b. Tuesday
 c. Wednesday
 d. Thursday

3. Pilgrims from Europe associated with Thanksgiving are purported to have sailed across the Atlantic to reach North America on which ship?
 a. Daisy
 b. Mayflower
 c. Santa Maria
 d. Roseflower



4. Which tribe of Native Americans taught Pilgrims how to cultivate the land, contributing to the first Thanksgiving?
 a. Algonquin
 b. Lenape
 c. Shoshone
 d. Wampanoag

5. Fossil evidence shows that turkeys roamed the Americas how long ago?
 a. 10 million years ago

b. 15 million years ago
 c. 20 million years ago
 d. 25 million years ago

6. Three different deboned types of poultry go into this Thanksgiving meal alternative?
 a. Orange duck
 b. Turducken
 c. Turkey chowmein
 d. Chixturck

7. In what year did Congress make

Thanksgiving an official national holiday in the United States?

a. 1932
 b. 1939
 c. 1941
 d. 1946

8. Twenty percent of the overall consumption of this type of fruit is done on Thanksgiving.

a. apples
 b. cranberries
 c. cherries

d. grapes

9. The first Canadian Thanksgiving was a welcome-home celebration for Sir Martin Frobisher when he returned to which area of the country?

a. Albert
 b. Manitoba
 c. British Columbia
 d. Newfoundland

10. Canadians

sometimes call the Thanksgiving holiday in the United States by this name to distinguish it from their own Thanksgiving celebration.

a. Yanksgiving
 b. Amerigiving
 c. Turmerica
 d. USthanks

Answers: 1. c 2. a 3. b 4. d 5. a 6. b 7. c 8. b 9. d 10. a

How to host an eco-conscious holiday event

Many families anticipate holiday gatherings for months. Such gatherings bring together friends and family members who may not see one another much throughout the year.

Food tends to be plentiful at holiday gatherings, so it should come as no surprise that the holiday season generates a good deal of waste. In addition, energy consumption is high during the holiday season. The United States Environmental Protection

Agency says household waste generally increases by 25 percent between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day — equalling about 1 million extra tons of waste. The Worldwatch Institute states that the same period of time generates three times as much food waste as other times of the year.

Making the holiday season more sustainable does not mean families must give up their cherished traditions. Here are several tips to help

make your holiday celebrations a bit more eco-friendly.

- Cut down on packaging. When shopping, seek items that are minimally packaged or shop at retailers that offer package-free products. Packaging accounts for a considerable portion of the trash that ends up in landfills. Shopping at local stores and craft fairs can help you avoid too much plastic packaging.

- Decorate with efficient products. Making a home look festive is part of many families' holiday celebrations. Opt for LED holiday lights, which last longer and use a fraction of the energy of traditional lights. Use soy or beeswax candles and incorporate as many natural items, such as fresh evergreen boughs, branches and berries, as you can find in your decorations.

- Shop smart. Shop at food stores that stock local products so foods do not have to travel great distances to reach your table. Take advantage of local farm stands and other vendors that pop up in the autumn. Remember to bring reusable shopping bags with you on any shopping excursions so you can reduce your reliance on paper and plastic bags.

- Reduce food waste. People often cook extra food for the holidays out of fear of not having enough for guests. But leftovers often end up going to waste. Use planners to determine how much food to cook for the number of guests you will be having. Keep portion sizes healthy by selecting smaller dinner plates and providing foods that are hearty and will fill guests quickly, such as rich proteins and complex carbohydrates. When the meal is done, promptly wrap up leftovers so they don't spoil.

- Use reusable dishes. Avoid paper and plastic dishes, instead opting for ones that can be used again and again. Take out your fine china or a festively patterned service set to use. Keep the dishwasher empty so that you can load it up with dirty dishes and run a full load to save even more energy.

- Reuse gift wrapping and accessories. Save wrapping paper and other decorative paper products to use as gift wrap at a later date. Keep a container full of bows and ribbons that are still in good condition as well. Gift bags can often be used several times before they begin to exhibit signs of wear and tear.



Reusable bags, local foods and recyclable gift wrap are just a few of the many ways to make the holiday season more eco-friendly.

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