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Fly me to the moon: memoirs of a space engineer



Courtesy photo.
In his recently completed memoir, author Tim Parker discusses his career in aerospace engineering.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

WARE – Writing a book isn’t exactly rocket science...unless you’re writing about rocket science.

In his recently completed memoir, local author Tim Parker discusses his lengthy career as a rocket scientist and aerospace engineer. Titled Touchdown, the memoir focuses heavily on Parker’s team that contributed to the development and construction of the space suits used in the 1969 Apollo 11 lunar landing.

The mission was the first ever spaceflight to successfully land astronauts on the moon. Throughout the preparation process, Parker and his team faced many challenges that had never been previously addressed.

“I listed a number of examples in my memoir on how we addressed new requirements as NASA learned more about the effects of cosmic rays, thermal extremes, and surviving in the vacuum/zero gravity of space. This needed to be done while keeping everything else on schedule for the next launch,” Parker

Please Read **PARKER**, page **A15**

STM approves bylaw addressing blight

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – With the passage of a special town meeting article last month, voters expressed continued support for the town’s goal to reduce blight.

By authorizing Article 23 at the Nov. 27 meeting, voters approved a new bylaw requiring vacant buildings to be registered with the town. Within 30 days of a building becoming vacant, the owner must register it with the town’s building inspector.

Officials are hopeful that the new bylaw will be a helpful first step in a comprehensive strategy to combat blight.

“I am grateful town meeting authorized a new bylaw to require the registration of vacant buildings,” said Town Administrator Thomas Gregory. “Vacant buildings, when not properly maintained, present a threat to public safety and detract from neighborhoods. This bylaw will be an important tool for the town in the larger strategy to reduce blighted conditions in the downtown area.”

The town has invested significant funding in the revitalization of the downtown corridor in recent years. But the newly paved roads and redesigned intersections are only the beginning of the overall process, officials said. The next step is to advance plans to address blight and work with owners of neglected properties.

The recently approved bylaw requires the owner of each vacant building to provide

several details to the building inspector, including the owner’s mailing address, phone number, and email address. A \$100 fee will be assessed to each owner registering a vacant building. The owners of buildings in the process of foreclosure will not be required to register until a foreclosure deed has been recorded and the building is vacant.

All owners of vacant buildings are responsible for maintaining their properties and ensuring safe and sanitary conditions. Failure to register a vacant building will result in a \$100 fine being assessed to the owner. Subsequent offenses will incur even steeper penalties.

Moreover, each vacant building must display the name and contact information for a local owner or representative. Once the building is sold, the owner must provide proof of sale or written notice of occupancy to the building inspector.

“This is an important piece in our strategy to battle blight. It allows the town to keep an inventory of vacant buildings and follow up with them,” said Selectman Tony Pepe.

Special town meeting voters also approved the lease proposal for the former Lake Street School building. Negotiations will now move forward with MHPI, Inc., and a local organization that plan to convert the school into a senior living facility.

All 28 special town meeting articles passed. The meeting was postponed from its original scheduled date of Nov. 15 due to snow.

Several businesses join together in new venue

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – Although many local entrepreneurs wind up moving to cities, Dylan Roy is determined to help keep small businesses going strong in town.

Roy and several other area business owners are renting spaces at 7 Mechanic St. Featuring artists, crafters, antiques specialists, and other entrepreneurs, the venue’s eclectic charm is attracting plenty of holiday season interest.

Roy’s antiques business, West of Worcester, joined 15 other enterprises in opening late last month

at the Mechanic Street storefront. Evinced by the name of his business, Roy is passionate about preserving the success of small businesses in small central Massachusetts towns. Though residents often head east to Worcester for their purchases, Roy urges them to think local first.

“It’s always been my dream to open up my own store in Spencer,” said Roy, a lifelong Spencer resident. “People often go toward Worcester for different things, but we really want to promote local products.”

Roy started out by making cre-

Please Read **BUSINESSES**, page **A5**



Spencer’s Dylan Roy recently opened a business in town.

Kevin Flanders photo.

Zoning for marijuana businesses only agenda at STM

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

EAST BROOKFIELD – Special town meeting voters will decide later this month whether to approve a zoning bylaw governing where recreational marijuana establishments could be located.

The town’s moratorium on retail pot proposals expires on Dec. 31. Prior to the expiration, officials hope to have a bylaw on the books that would allow for town control of retail marijuana siting. The bylaw does not affect medical marijuana; it would specifically regulate recreational operations and limit the

siting to commercial zones.

At the Dec. 17 special town meeting, voters will convene at 7:30 p.m. at town hall to deliberate on the only warrant item.

“We are not looking to ban retail sales. We just want to restrict it by special permit so we can have control

of where it is located in town,” said Selectman Theodore Boulay. “We don’t want to end up having this in residential areas. If this bylaw doesn’t pass, the location would be out of the town’s control as long as [the proposal] meets state requirements.”

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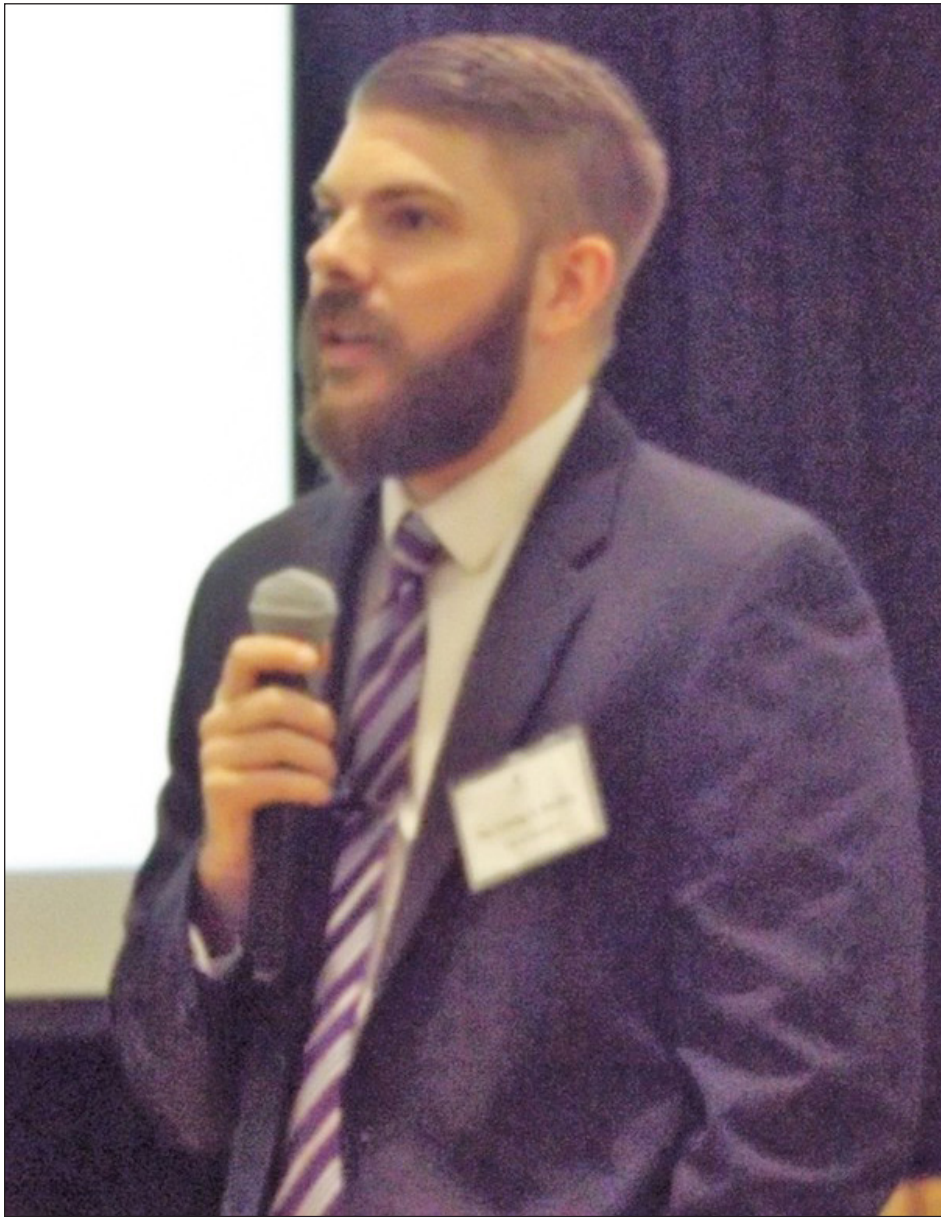
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Leadership requires emotional intelligence



Dr. Craig Bailey

BY GUS STEEVES
STONEBRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

To be effective, one thing leaders really need is a ruler.

Not the political kind, nor the measuring kind, but the idea kind.

As Craig Bailey told a dinner forum at Nichols last week, that word is an acronym for Recognize, Understand, Label, Express and Regulate, and it specifically refers to how to deal with something everyone has, but many don't deal with too well — emotions.

"The skills of one person can make

a difference in an organization," he noted, adding that leaders "set the tone, so their skills matter."

He later observed members of groups need to know their leaders "have those feelings and what you do when you have those feelings. It's not just about having your emotions on your sleeves all the time."

Emotional intelligence can be learned, even when we're no longer in preschool. The key is to recognize what we feel and where it might be coming from (within or outside the situation).

Emotions, he noted, can be responses to something that "doesn't have to be right in front of you," and are "characterized by a change" in thought, physical reaction, expression and/or behavior, often mediated by hormones and memories.

"We end up remembering things that have a lot of emotional significance to us," Bailey said. "If you're not doing things that are meaningful, you won't remember them."

Bailey, director of the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence, said good leaders are aware of their impact on others, astute judges of people without being judgmental, balance drive with sensitivity to needs of others, communicate well, and balance emotion and logic. People need to feel validated; when that doesn't happen, "it just shuts everything down."

"It can never be just about yourself. It's always a conversation with other people," he said.

To get an idea of how the roughly 25 participants thought about both leadership and what they wanted to feel in the workplace or similar organization, Bailey simply asked them. The responses were not surprising. Among the former, they said leaders need empathy, bring out the best in others, set things up so that "if you step out, others can carry on," and "have to have yourself squared away to help anybody else." Regarding the latter, they wanted a sense of pride and accomplishment, to be respected, connected, and productive, and feel, as one stated, the group is "a second family."

As we now do things, Bailey said, surveys in schools and workplaces tend not to have those things. Instead, students, teachers and workers are often feeling stressed, tired, bored and disrespected in various ways by a large margin.

"It's more a reflection of the society we live in," not just those settings, Bailey noted. He points back to childhood, arguing, "children today don't talk about emotions because we as a society don't talk about emotions. The students are just a reflection of us."

He didn't note why specifically, but several theories exist. Among them are ideas that our culture has become seriously divorced from Nature, with various studies showing that most people who have time walking or sitting among green trees, flowing water and the like experience demonstrable reductions in stress hormones. Other



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ideas have fingered the fact our culture and economy emphasize individualism and technology to an extreme when humanity is inherently a social species. Several theorists have noted all of these and other issues feed into each other.

Emotions, Bailey said, are based in biology.

"Your reaction [to something] is your body's way of telling you to pay attention to something," and those events can be positive or negative. In the brain, emotions are rooted in the amygdala, which is right next to and linked to the hippocampus, the area of memory formation.

Because they're so closely linked to basic survival needs, strong emotions tend to overrule the evolutionarily much more recent executive cortex, which is responsible for problem solving and logical decision making. But when we recognize that process in action, we can choose to step back and give ourselves the time to think about it, rather than just react. One way to put ourselves in a better mental state, Bailey suggested, is to take a moment to actually look at a photo (real or cell-phone) and remember whatever gives us joy. At the same time, we can help others by guiding them out of whatever the situation is that's stimulating them.

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Media employees unionize in western Massachusetts

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Employees of two publications in western Massachusetts have asked the Newspapers of New England to recognize them as the Pioneer Valley NewsGuild.

The Daily Hampshire Gazette and the weekly alternative Valley Advocate share ownership and a building in Northampton and are moving to solidify their status as a union as other papers have done.

Efforts to unionize in Northampton began last year when Gazette executive editor Jeff Good said he was fired for supporting equal pay for female employees though corporate officials say that wasn't the case. Publisher Michael Rifanburg has folded the Advocate into the features department of the Gazette and reduced staff, citing lower reader-

ship and tariffs on Canadian newsprint as factors for the moves.

"We're feeling the pinch," he said.

However, state Rep. Jim O'Day isn't buying it.

"Hopefully they'll let the process unfold in a democratic way," he said, adding, "I think whenever workers can come together, whether it's for better working conditions, greater wages, better hours, you name it, I think it's beneficial to those workers and their families."

Organizing into a union isn't as easy as it used to be, not since the Supreme Court delivered a blow to such efforts during the summer. If Newspapers of New England doesn't agree voluntarily to recognize the union, organizers will have to ask the National Labor Relations Board to distribute ballots to the 72 members. However, prior to that

ruling employees at the Los Angeles Times, Chicago Tribune and the New Yorker magazine had voted to unionize.

Newspapers of New England owns numerous publications including the locally regional Athol Daily News as well as the Concord Monitor and Greenfield Recorder.

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issues to find so they will find different ones. With this pre-inspection you could check the water quality and quantity if you have a well, radon in the air, and a pest inspection. This way if any issues came up you could resolve prior to listing for sale so the buyer feels better knowing that you did what was necessary to take care of your home and didn't defer maintenance. I would advise discussing this option with your Realtor to decide if this would be your best approach or not.

If you do not do a pre-inspection it is good to go through the house and look for obvious issues that could come up on an inspection. Some of these may

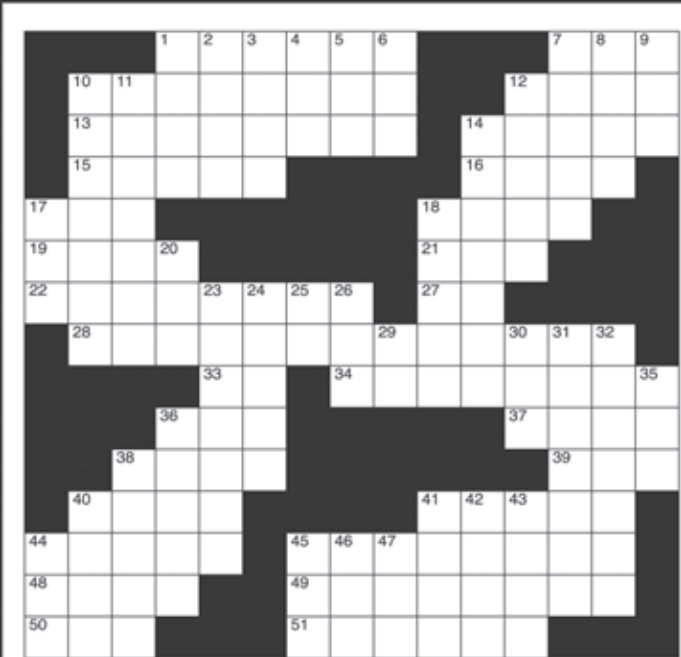
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Lack of caulking arounds baths and sinks. Proactively recaulk around sink and tub.
Garage door not reversing when eyes are walked past or tension is placed on door. Have the eyes and the stop reverse adjusted.
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I know there are many more but I think you get the point. Either hire an inspector or take a quick walk around your home with your realtor and have them make suggestions on things you should proactively do to ensure you don't have issue down the road.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Doctor's clothes
7. NYC ballplayer
10. Flying vessels
12. Created
13. Convert
14. WWII battle
15. A cravat with wide square ends
16. Month in the Jewish calendar
17. Value
18. Brews
19. Child's eating accessory
21. Arrived extinct
22. Of the sea
27. Potato state
28. Leading man
33. Blood type
34. Oppressed
36. "Much __ about nothing"
37. World's longest river
38. deGrom and Sale are two
39. Crafty
40. At all times
41. Twins great Hunter
44. Volcanic craters
45. Outpouring
48. Where a baby sleeps
49. Dancing a Brazilian dance
50. Unhealthy
51. Manufacturers

CLUES DOWN

1. Prevents harm to young
2. The Muse of history
3. Fascinated by
4. Unnilhexium
5. Honey maker
6. Soviet Socialist Republic
7. They hang out with papas
8. German river
9. Domain name
10. Type of chair
11. Fill someone with an urge
12. Sorceress
14. Unpleasant smell
17. Leg (slang)
18. Farewell
20. A life summary
23. Merchants
24. Southeastern Nigerians
25. Of I
26. Electronic countermeasures
29. Atomic #3 (abbr.)
30. A type of sister
31. Omission of a sound
32. Screaming
35. Ottoman title
36. Sour
38. Take advantage of
40. Nobleman
41. Cathode ray was one
42. Long, winding ridge
43. Muckraking journalist
44. Defunct phone company
45. Military telecommunications term (abbr.)
46. Supervises flying
47. Firearms manufacturer



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HOLIDAY BASKET FESTIVAL: Grace Episcopal Church, 270 Main St, Oxford will hold its annual Holiday Basket Festival on Saturday, Dec. 15 from 9 AM to 1 PM in the parish hall. Chances on Baskets will be \$1 each or 6 for \$5. A free ticket will be given for a donation of food, hats or gloves/mittens which will be given to the Oxford Food Shelf. In addition to Baskets, we will have Christmas hats and stockings which can be embroidered with a name for \$5. A hearty lunch will be available for \$5 as well as a bountiful bake table. Tours of our beautiful sanctuary on request. Contact Carol Upgard for more info at 508-987-5680.
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Christmas feasts ready for hilarity

Once again, Saint John Paul II Parish in Southbridge will be sponsoring its annual Medieval Christmas Feasts on the second weekend of December. The dinners, prepared by a professional caterer, feature entertainment from start to finish in the context of a late medieval castle banquet with singing, hanging of the greens, procession of the boar's head and flaming pudding. Of special interest is the court jester whose humor brings both laughter and joy to this holiday observance. Similar to a Renaissance Fair but in a sacred context, these dinners are sure to put you in the Christmas spirit!

The dinners take place all weekend, Friday, Dec. 7, Saturday Dec. 8 and Sunday, Dec. 9 at 6:00 p.m. each night. The site is the LaSalle Reception Center at Notre Dame Church, 444 Main St., Southbridge. The cost is \$30 per person with a group discount for a table of eight available. To purchase tickets, contact (508) 320-2583 or email Choir.jp2@gmail.com



The ladies of Medieval Feast.



This year's Feast cast at dress rehearsal.

Photos courtesy Gary Peck

Should you scrap your silver?

The short answer on whether you should scrap silver is that you usually shouldn't. I'll provide a brief history before discussing what to do with your silver.

The oldest silver artifacts were made in ancient Sumer around 4000 BC, according to Britannica. "The scarcity of silver, combined with its softness and malleability, precluded its use for making tools." However, those properties, along with its bright color and resistance to oxidation, made it desirable for ornamental pieces.

In Ancient Rome, it was used for plate ware, utensils, and ornamental work. Prior to the Middle Ages, gold was utilized more often, until after when silver became the primary metal in European metalwork. Silverwork continued to thrive during the Renaissance. During the 18th century, thin silver sheets were used to cover copper. This became known as "Sheffield plate," and made silver affordable for most people.

Before you decide what to do with your silver, you should determine whether you have sterling or silver plate. If you have silver flatware or hollow ware (teapots, serving bowls, etc.), check the bottom. Most American silver should be marked sterling. It may also be marked 925 because sterling silver is 92.5% silver. If silver were 100% it would be too malleable for flatware and hollow ware. You can also look for the word "plate." Silver plate, quadruple plate, Sheffield plate and EPNS indicate that there is just a small amount of silver. Except for exceptional pieces, most silver plate has little value.



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Other silver isn't as easy to identify. English silver hallmarks can be very complicated. There are different hallmarks for sterling and silver plate. According to the 925-1000.com website, there may be five hallmarks on a piece. The first is a standard mark which specifies the silver content. The next identifies the city, followed by a letter and the date. The last marks are duty and makers' marks.

Earlier American silver is also hallmarked. It may have the last name or initials of the silversmith. Much of the early silver is made of "coin silver." Coin silver is 90% silver which is the same amount that was in silver coins of the time. You can often find more info on the early American silversmiths. For instance, coins silver spoons marked Goddard may be from a Worcester silversmith.

Scrapping broken pieces may be fine. Sometimes a mixture of simply designed pieces may not have a value much above the scrap value. However, most sterling and coin silver by earlier silversmiths command prices above scrap value and shouldn't be scrapped. If you have a spoon by Paul Revere Jr., it can bring thousands of dollars. Coin silver teapots by other American silversmiths can also sell for thousands.

An average sterling silver flatware set can bring anywhere from \$500 into the low thousands. Prices vary depending on the maker and pattern. We sold a rare sterling flatware set, with scarce

serving pieces, for over \$15,000. Mid-century modern sterling pieces are among the mid-century pieces that are currently bringing strong prices. We sold a set of Georg Jensen sterling flatware for over \$4,000.

A rare George Jensen fish platter sold for \$120,000 at another auction house in 2011. You'd need something of similar quality to serve fish from a platter like that. A Martele sterling silver fish serving piece sold for \$2,700 in a 2013 auction.

I'll be at the Shrewsbury Historical Society on Dec. 12th at 7:00 PM for an antiques presentation. We are still making estate pickup and accepting quality consignments for our Jan. 31st live auction. See www.centralmassauctions.com for details on these and other upcoming events.

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ative signs and selling them at craft fairs, but his fascination with antiques inspired him to expand his vision. A foray into furniture refurbishment helped add a new dimension to his talents, and before long he began acquiring antiques from yard sales, estate sales, and online sources.

Roy knew he was taking a risk upon quitting his job this year and fully investing in his business, but he embraced the opportunity to pursue his passion. The other business owners at 7 Mechanic St. have similar stories, many of them previously struggling to gain exposure for their products. Craft fairs provide much-needed infusions of cash for local artists and entrepreneurs, but they are seasonal and vary widely in attendance. Roy and his colleagues knew they would never reach their full potential as business owners if they focused only on fairs.

"I felt like I was ready to make this leap. It's exciting to be part of a community of likeminded people," Roy told the New Leader. "Customers can come to this one building and support many local businesses."

Roy has mainly utilized word of mouth and social media to spread the news about his business. Because the building isn't on Route 9, business owners know they won't be able to rely on

drivers spotting the venue as they pass through town. They'll have to be creative on social media and personal websites, but they are up for the challenge.

For Roy, it's exciting that business owners can easily promote each other in the building and support their fellow entrepreneurs in a collaborative community. And rather than drive across town, customers can walk a few feet and find themselves in the next business. Moreover, the cozy, openly spaced layout allows guests to feel like they're in a craft fair environment conducive to browsing.

"I was looking for a long time, and I felt like this was the right fit," Roy said of the building, which previously served as an antiques store.

Roy's business has the following hours: Thursday-Friday (11 a.m. to 5 p.m.); Saturday (9-5); Sunday (9-3). The business will be open year-round.

When he isn't preparing vintage and salvaged items for his business, Roy is always acquiring new pieces from various sources. Some of his most interesting finds over the years include books dating back to the 1840s and a World War II fighter jet plane antenna.

"I love finding new lives for items that could be forgotten or thrown away. It's a lot of fun," Roy said

For more information about West of Worcester, check out Roy's Facebook and Instagram pages.

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GRADE 8

High Honors: Auburn: Ryan Mechery; Shrewsbury: Sabrina Williams; and Worcester: Kwame Asare, Keziah Danso

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GRADE 9

High Honors: Auburn: Claudia Symonick; Hudson: Benjamin Kushi; Millville

: Isabelle DiCecco; Oxford: Benjamin Duval, Dominic Porcelli; Rochdale: Elizabeth Socha; Spencer: Makenna Barrows; Webster : Anna Richardson; Worcester: Kylie Barbour, Serena Kim, Sanaa May, Terrence O'Connor, Jaiden Shekoni, Marcy Suarez

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GRADE 10

High Honors: North Oxford: Danielle Frasco; Oxford: Julianna Warman; Shrewsbury: Frances Fernandez; Spencer: Adam Scannell; West Boylston: Cadence Dimen; Worcester: Carissa England, Elizabeth Galeriu, Raigan Gregoire, Alexandra Selvitelli, Olivia Spokis

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GRADE 12

High Honors: Cherry Valley: Panda Lin; Milford: Kaycee Conover; North Grafton: Abaigeal Carroll; Rutland: Catherine Dinsdale; Shrewsbury: Elizabeth Fernandez, Jax Kou, Varun Nathan, Sam Zhao; Whitinsville: Michael Wickstrom; Worcester: Dyson Barbour, Cyndi Le, Leila Liu, Charlotte Liu, Amy Shon, Peter Wang, Alexandra Ward, Francis Xu.

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CHRISTMAS CANTATA:

On Saturday, Dec. 15th, at 7:00 p.m. the First Congregational Church of Leicester, One Washburn Square, will host the Christian Community Choir as they present the Cantata “EVERLASTING LIGHT” created by Claire Cloninger and Mark Hayes. Kathleen Hosterman of East Brookfield Baptist Church will conduct singers from several area churches. All are welcome. Admission is free and refreshments will be served following the performance.

GARDEN CLUB MEETS

The Spencer Garden Club will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 11 at 1:00 in Howe Village for the Christmas party. Bread and soups will be provided. Don't forget your gift for the nursing home. Bring a gift for the swap also.

CONCERT

Free! “HARP BEAT” concert on Tuesday, Dec. 18 at 11 a.m. at Senior Living at Prouty, 195 Main St., Spencer. (Please arrive no earlier than 10:45). Call 617-431-4937 to reserve a seat and for questions regarding parking. Enjoy wonderful inspirational, holiday and original music on harp and guitar by Gilda Horgan and Mike Amadeo. Beverages served.

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CHARLTON — James P. Chabot of MassHire Worcester Career Center announced the awarding of a \$5,000 in training grant for Bay Path RVTHS Practical Nursing Academy student David Macharia of Worcester. Training grant funds encourage economic growth in the state and allows investment in additional training for healthcare workforce.

“We’re thankful for the support of the MassHire Worcester Career Center,” said Bay Path RVTHS practical nursing academy director Gretheline Bolandrina MSN Ed, RN, CRRN. “Mr. Chabot have been incredibly helpful in assisting our practical nursing students. The grant will not only help our nursing students through the 10 months of rigorous training, but also ensure that they stay motivated and inspired to give their best. We are producing world class, real world ready LPNs right here in Massachusetts.”

The Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development, and Commonwealth Corporation encourage businesses to address workforce training needs. Interested parties are encouraged to visit www.commcorp.org/wtfp to learn more.

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. The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy is fully approved by the: Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services Department of Public Health Board of Registration in Nursing 239 Causeway Street Boston, MA 02114 617-973-0800 www.mass.gov/dph/boards/rn The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy is accredited by the: Council on Occupational Education 840 Roswell Road Building 300, Suite 325 Atlanta, GA 30350 Telephone: 800-917-2081 www.council.org. Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School is fully accredited by the: New England Association of Schools and Colleges 209 Burlington Rd, Suite 201 Bedford, MA, 01730-1433 781-271-0022 www.neasc.org

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Toys for Joy continues its drive

To the Editor:

The following is a summary of the donations to date for the East Brookfield/Brookfield Toys for Joy program.

If you are a family in need, know a family in need or are interested in adopting a family, please contact Debbie Morgan 508-341-3205. Unwrapped toys can be left at the Memorial Town Complex in East Brookfield, East Brookfield Fire Station, Brookfield Fire Station or Library. Monetary donations can be mailed to Toys for Joy, PO Box 575, East Brookfield, MA 01515. This program supports both Brookfield & East Brookfield families.

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To the Editor:

I know that this is “Monday morning quarterbacking”, but it is curious to the family of officer Richard McEvoy that, it appears, none of the family members were notified of the dedication of the new memorial at the police station in Spencer. He has two living siblings, one that, I am sure would have attended. He also has several nieces and nephews, some who would have defi-

nitely attended.

Many of the family only learned about it when it was published in your paper the following week.

It would have been a great opportunity for the family members to honor their brother, uncle and remember him and learn about him (for the younger ones.)

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Why are we still asking if Black Lives Matter or All Lives Matter?

Recently, I shared an image on Facebook of a white man wearing a Black Lives Matter shirt and holding a handmade sign that read, “Privilege is when you think something is not a problem because it’s not a problem to you personally.”



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SANDOLI

Instantly, I started receiving messages and comments telling me about how wrong I am, something I naively wasn’t expecting because my intention was just to share a positive message that would make people think a little harder about human rights. Yet in the blink of an eye, they found the need to make it negative and instantly convinced me to talk more about why I persist in saying Black Lives Matter rather than All Lives Matter even though I am white.

It is because I recognize that I am a privileged young woman who has to actively remind myself that I am a privileged young woman in order to see problems that exist for other humans even though those problems may not directly apply to me. In all truthfulness, I don’t always think about the people who are starving because I never need to worry about where my next meal will come from, but that does not change the fact that others are hungry. I often don’t recognize the pain people suffer from sickness because I am healthy and have access to doctors and medicine, but that

does not change the fact that people all over the world are suffering from fatal illnesses or a lack of medical assistance. I don’t have the need to worry about how I will be treated because of the color of my skin, but that does not change the fact that minorities across the country are still being discriminated against, criminalized, and even killed just because they were not born white.

Black Lives Matter is a movement that exists because too many people are not able to recognize very real and important problems that do not personally affect them. White people are not omitted from the campaign because their lives don’t matter, which is a shallow and unresearched claim, but because white people have always been so included throughout history that we are known for excluding others. Black Lives Matter is a response to the corruption, inequality, and legal racism that has been going on in this country for centuries, a problem that is, in fact, every citizen’s problem whether you are the one fearing for your life or not because the United States is advertised as a free and equal nation. Years of injustice isn’t something that disappears within a few decades, and the least we can do is take responsibility for the past and recognize that human

beings have been hurt and are still hurting.

No one is arguing against the idea that all human lives matter because that goes without saying, and being insulted by a movement that is fighting to make sure that all people are treated equally by focusing on including a historically excluded group of people is unjustifiable. The movement is a powerful, nationwide response to a form of oppression that has not yet gone away, and the proof lives on with memories of the nearly 800 black individuals who were killed by law enforcement officers between 2015 and 2017. Although black people only make up 13 percent of the total population according to the U.S. Census Bureau, they accounted for 23% of all those killed by police in 2017. Out of that percentage, 19 were unarmed compared to the 25 white people that were unarmed, a number that is way too close considering that white people make up 61 percent of the total population.

The United States of America has never been a colorblind nation, and white people do not get to decide that we suddenly no longer see race by asserting that All Lives Matter because we were the ones who made the decision to see it in the first place. This phrase eradicates a lengthy and intense history of systemic inequality and racism that included years of slavery, lynching, and abuse followed by decades of marching, rioting, and sit-ins.



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I just hope that a continuation of this conversation will help more people see Black Lives Matter as the form of inclusion that it was intended to be rather than the exclusion it as judged as next time they see it written on a shirt or mentioned on the news, because one person’s inclusion does not automatically have to mean another’s exclusion and past actions based on the belief that it does are exactly the reason why this issue was created in the first place.

What does it really mean to be patriotic?



BEYOND
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Patriotism has been on a lot of people’s minds lately. French President Emanuel Macron recently criticized President Trump and other world leaders for their “us versus them” view of patriotism.

“By putting our own interests first,” he said, “with no regard for others, we erase the very thing that a nation holds dearest, and the thing that keeps it alive: its moral values.”

Meanwhile, just ahead of the midterm elections, The New York Times noted that two clashing visions of patriotism were heading to the polls. President Trump and Republicans saw patriotism as “conspicuous displays of

respect for the traditional expressions of America — the flag, the military, the Pledge of Allegiance.” Democrats, by contrast, saw it as protecting the norms and institutions of our democracy.

I don’t entirely buy this distinction, at least when it comes to partisan labels. I’ve known plenty of Democrats who consider it patriotic to honor the flag, the military, and the Pledge. And I’ve known a lot of Republicans who value our democratic traditions. The vast majority of Americans consider themselves patriots — even if, as Gallup found in June, less than half of poll respondents considered themselves “extremely proud” to be American. This was the first time this has happened in almost two decades of polling on the question.

The two broad strands outlined by The Times inarguably exist. We all remember the naval hero Stephen Decatur’s famous toast in 1816, “Our country, right or wrong.” And

Senator Carl Schurz’s amendment a half-century later: “My country, right or wrong — if right, to be kept right, if wrong, to be set right.” We may criticize our country, in other words, but this is not motivated by malice. It’s motivated by special affection and a belief that a great country can be made greater.

“There is nothing wrong with America that cannot be cured by what is right with America,” President Clinton argued, laying out a vision of patriotism that is not about symbols, but about building on a nation’s intangible strengths.

I buy that. I believe that patriotism means getting on with the serious business of improving our country. It means that we strive to ensure that we live up to our pledge of liberty and justice for all. In this formulation, patriotism is best expressed not in parades or speeches or exhortations or conspicuous displays, but in what we do.

Perhaps the most persuasive description I’ve heard on this

score was Adlai Stevenson’s.

“True patriotism is not manifested in short, frenzied bursts of emotion,” he said. “It is the tranquil, steady dedication of a lifetime.”

Stevenson hit the nail square on the head. So much of our national discussion of patriotism is about military heroes. This is important, but it’s an incomplete view of love of country. I’d argue that we encounter patriotism at all levels of American life. The teacher in the classroom, the parents who raise their children to be good citizens, the clerk who keeps town records and helps people vote, the ordinary working person who goes about her tasks with dedication and proficiency — patriotism can be found everywhere in our communities, among all kinds of people who pursue their lives with the good of the country at heart.

We have inherited a magnificent political legacy, a set of customs and traditions and, yes, moral values that give ordinary people the tools and

power to improve life for themselves and succeeding generations.

Patriotism lies in our efforts to enlarge that legacy so that it applies to all citizens. It means we defend civil liberties, the right to dissent, and the equality before the law of all Americans. And it means that upholding our core values — tolerance, mutual respect, the right of everyone to be heard, the belief that in pursuing our own lives and interests we all are capable of contributing to the vibrancy of our democracy — is every bit as patriotic as placing our hand over our heart while reciting the Pledge.

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Homemade holiday gifts: high in creativity, short on cash

The holidays are here, and if you’re scrambling to find the perfect present on a budget, you’re not alone. Before you run out to search a token present from picked over department store leftovers, or recharge a chain store gift card, read on. This year’s gift giving philosophy is all about back to basics and a homemade touch can make the difference between a dull or dazzling present. Read on for some new and old gift ideas that represent some of my favorites!

Festive Guest Soaps: These fragrant soaps are a nod to nostalgic soaps from days of yore. Fancy, yet practical, these impressive soaps make the perfect hostess present. Or add a few to a basket along with a pair of coordinating hand towels for a sensational gift set.

Ingredients: glycerin bar soap (available at dollar stores); dried flowers such as lavender, chamomile, etc.; dried herbs or herbal tea bags; essential oils.

Instructions: Cut glycerin soap bars into chunks and melt in a double boiler or (carefully) in the microwave. Stir until melted. Skim off any top residue that may form. Gently stir in dried flowers and herbs. Pour melted glycerin into soap or candle molds. When thoroughly cool, remove soap from mold. Embellish for gift giving by wrapping a grosgrain ribbon once around the soap, securing with a floral sticker. Or wrap in tissue paper and tie off with ribbon.

Homemade glycerin soaps are fantastic bath gift items for family members too. Chop unscented glycerin soap bars and melt.

For men: toss in a little white sand for an effective abrasive hand soap that’s ideal for the workshop.

For women: the addition of poppy

seeds, oatmeal or coffee grounds makes an excellent exfoliant soap.

For kids: Poke a plastic bug or other small safe toy surprise in the soap before setting.

Gourmet Condiment Basket: Fancy imported mustards and gourmet vinegars can be costly. All you need are some inexpensive ingredients and a few embellishments to conjure up a gift basket worthy of the fussiest of cooks! Mix up a couple of small jars of flavored mustard and add a tall decanter of vinegar for a complete gift.



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Base Mustard Recipe

This base recipe uses the addition of ingredients (posted below) to prepare various gourmet mustards. Makes one cup.

Ingredients: Three ounces of brown or yellow mustard seeds; one quarter cup brown sugar; one teaspoon salt; one teaspoon cracked pepper; one teaspoon turmeric; seven eighths of a cup wine or white vinegar.

Instructions: In a blender, mix together mustard seeds, sugar, salt, pepper and turmeric. Add the vinegar one

tablespoon at a time to form a coarse paste. Let mixture rest for about 15 minutes. Add the additional gourmet ingredient flavors below. Spoon into a tightly capped jar. Label jar with mustard name. Make up a gift tag with instructions to allow mustard to cure for two weeks before serving.

Gourmet Blend Additions (add to one cup base recipe)

Clove Spice Mustard: add one teaspoon of cloves; Tarragon Mustard: add a pinch of cloves and one teaspoon tarragon; Horseradish Mustard: add up to one tablespoon of grated horseradish;

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EDITORIAL

Loss of a statesman

Whether you are a registered voter affiliated with a party; or whether you try really, really hard not to be involved with politics at all, you have to know the world has lost a true gentleman this week.

George Herbert Walker Bush was, for the most part, a soft spoken man... with a spine of steel. He chose not to put himself in the blinding spotlight and take credit for much of what was indeed his own work. He believed in those who worked with him; and gave equal credit to those around him.

His modest adage was that no single person was ever wholly responsible either for triumph or failure.

And he didn't just talk his talk, he lived it.

He nearly lost his election bid because people didn't "get" his demeanor. Time magazine called him a "wimp."

He proved them wrong.

His style was different, there wasn't bluster in his speech and mannerisms. There was honesty, and sincerity.

And while he didn't agree with everyone around him, even among those on his side, in his own party and his advisors; he handled any controversy calmly and quietly. Presenting himself and any rancor with a level headedness we could surely use now.

He was a diplomat.

He was a number cruncher.

He understood tactics and strategy.

He was a veteran.

He was a devoted husband and father.

He was a successful business man.

He was a friend, a good friend to many, staying friends with old Navy buddies, with college friends, with fellow politicians his entire life.

He may be the last of dying breed; an honest politician who understood compromise; understood human nature; and understood nothing gets done without both sides willing to talk and to sacrifice a bit.

And he understood we are all in this together. There is no "us" and "them"; we are one country.


If for no other reason than to honor his memory, we should attempt to act like it for a month or two.

He would understand that; and probably laugh at us all from Barbara's side; where he most assuredly is now; at peace.

Goodbye Mr. President.

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VIEWPOINT

OPINION AND COMMENTARY FROM SPENCER, LEICESTER AND THE BROOKFIELDS

Donations on track for Toys for Kids

As we enter into the holiday season, Spencer Toys for Kids will be doing an update on the sponsorships for the annual drive.

Monetary donations may be sent to: Spencer Toys for Kids, PO Box 186, Spencer, MA 01562.

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	Shane Burdett & Sherry Richmond	\$40

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Take advantage of tax diversification



FINANCIAL FOCUS
JEFF BURDICK

As an investor, you will have access to accounts that are taxed differently from one another. And it's possible you could benefit from tax diversification by owning accounts in these three categories:

Tax-deferred – Tax-deferred accounts include the traditional IRA and a 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. When you invest in tax-deferred vehicles, your money can grow faster than if it were placed in an account on which you paid taxes every year. You also may get a tax deduction for contributions you make today. When you start taking withdrawals from these tax-deferred accounts, typically during retirement, the money is usually taxed at your ordinary income tax rate.

Taxable – Taxable investments are those held in a standard brokerage account, outside your IRA or 401(k). While you can put virtually all types of investments into a taxable account, you may want to focus on those considered to be most tax-efficient. So, you could include individual stocks that you plan to hold, rather than actively trade, because you will not get taxed on the capital gains until you sell. You also might consider mutual funds that do little trading and generate fewer capital gain distributions. This is important not only in terms of controlling taxes, but also because the taxes on these distributions can reduce your investments' real rate of return.

Tax-free – When you invest in a Roth IRA/Roth 401(k), you don't get an immediate tax deduction, but your earnings, as well as your withdrawals, are tax-free, provided you do not start taking withdrawals until you're 59 ½ and you have had your account at least five years. (However, income restrictions do apply to Roth IRAs.)

So, given the difference in how taxes are treated in these accounts, how can you choose where to put your money? For example, when would you contribute to a Roth IRA or Roth 401(k), rather than a traditional, tax-deferred IRA or 401(k)? If you are in a high tax rate now and expect it to be lower in retirement, a traditional IRA may make more sense, as you potentially get a sizable benefit from the tax deduction. But if you are in a lower tax rate now, you have most of your retirement investments in tax-deferred accounts, and/or you can afford to forego the immediate tax deduction, you might find that the Roth IRA/Roth 401(k), with its tax-free withdrawals and earnings, ultimately will make more sense for you. But since no one can predict where tax rates will go in the future, having money in different types of accounts – i.e., tax diversification – can be beneficial.

If you only focus on traditional, tax-deferred accounts, you could end up with larger tax bills than you anticipated when you retire and start tapping into these accounts, particularly when you must start taking withdrawals – called "required minimum distributions" – when you reach 70 ½. By having money in accounts with different tax treatments, you may have more flexibility in structuring your withdrawals during retirement, based on your year-to-year tax situation.

There's no formula for achieving an ideal tax diversification. You'll want to consider your own needs and circumstances in choosing the right mix of taxable, tax-deferred and tax-free accounts. Ultimately, taxes should not drive all your investment decisions – but they should not be ignored, either.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dubois: season of Jesus' Mass

This is a sacred season that began 2,000 years ago when Jesus Christ, our lord and savior was born. Jesus was the only son of God and the virgin Mary. Jesus came to save us, and in December we celebrate his birth. An angel declared to the shepherds tending their flocks, "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord," he said. There in Bethlehem, Mary and Joseph held in their hands the Son of God, the light of the world, and through Him the promise of eternal salvation.

No matter one's faith or beliefs – truth, falsehoods, or ignorance, the Christmas seasons reflects all that is best in the American spirit. We ask God to watch over this nation's heroes and to shed His almighty grace upon our nation, and we pray that America's light will shine more brightly and stronger than ever.

We readily refer to our country as a Christian nation and there are even Supreme Court rulings that refer to us as a "Christian nation" and a "Christian people". I am disturbed both that we have people who attack the Christmas season and Christmas

spirit, but also that we have people willing to write about it and put their name to it. The opponents of Christmas are un-American and they need to be saved.

The birth of Jesus Christ should not make us uncomfortable or offended. Jesus came to testify to God's truth and save humanity. That's something to celebrate. If you're looking for peace and hope this time of year, you won't find it in snowflakes, silver bells, or sleigh rides. It's found 2,000 years ago, lying in a manger. That's why we celebrate this time of year. If you take Christ out of Christmas, you take away the very reason to celebrate.

This is a beautiful time and year and we need to spread the Joy, carol in front of your Scroogey neighbor's house, only patronize business that wish you a Merry Christmas, boycott generic "Holiday" merchandise, buy gifts for everybody in your life in honor of St. Nicholas, and make sure Santa Claus visits your children. Jesus is watching us and we will all be judged by how we and our neighbors celebrate and honor his miraculous birth.

CHRIS DUBOIS
SPENCER

Graham: tradition matters

To the Editor:

I can't believe how many local authors in this paper have the nerve to rail against Christmas. I am proud to be an American and Christmas is an American tradition. Non-believers or non-celebrators of Christmas can either get with the program or stay out of the public square until after New Year's. "The Holidays" refers to Christmas and New Year's, and NOTHING else. Since New Year's is such a minor holiday I say we discontinue any mention of the "Holidays" and focus on Christmas, since that is what not only the vast majority of America cares about, it is nearly all of what the greater Spencer metropolitan area cares about.

There are five churches in North Brookfield. There are three in Brookfield, three in West Brookfield, two in Brookfield, six in Spencer, and I count 12 in Leicester. How many synagogues? Zero. How many mosques? Zero. This area is an area of Christians, we enjoy wishing each other a Merry Christmas, and we want to be wished a Merry Christmas. Anybody who is offended should find a new place to live. We should not be swayed by a few outliers who take offense in our happiness. Christmas is our tradition, and tradition matters.

In other news, we should respect the tradition of respecting the office of the president of the United States. I

hate reading in this paper week after week about people bashing our dear leader, duly elected president, and leader of the free world. Trump is the first president in my memory is putting AMERICA FIRST and liberals hate it! Trump is keeping the invasion and infestation of the caravan on the SOUTHERN side of the U.S. border – where they belong! Trump scrapped NAFTA and negotiated a better USMCA.

On the Russia front, it is really time to pardon Manafort and Cohen. They have taken one for the team and we, as Republicans, should leave nobody on the battlefield. Now that the Russia collusion is a proven lie, when do the trials for treason begin? We need to re-establish the tradition of respecting the authority of the president.

While scrolling through Trump's twitter feed I was touched once again by tradition. On behalf of Melania and the Trump family they wished as all a very MERRY CHRISTMAS, referred to this as the Christmas season, and showed a picture of a CHRISTMAS tree.

Tradition matters. Support our President. Support the future Space Force. Support our troops. God Bless America, and no place else!

GEORGE GRAHAM
NORTH BROOKFIELD

Ledoux: what the holidays stand for

To the Editor:

During the holy season of Christmas and Hanukkah it is quite sad to observe so many who have no idea what these holy days mean; and the peace and joy one can receive if they are observed in a truly spiritual way. These holy days reflect all that is good and reject feelings of hatred, gluttony and lust; vices that are so prevalent in our secular society.

To find peace and joy during this time of the year one must forget past grievances and reconcile with family, friends and neighbors. It is also important not to get involved in the false temporary glitter presented by tantalizing and embellished advertis-

ing sending us on a buying spree and into debt.

Visits to the sick and help to the truly needy, there are always those who are less fortunate than we are, should be done not only at this time of the year but also throughout the entire year.

Let's learn the true meaning of these holy days and spread the good news of the peace and joy they bring.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a Happy New Year filled with goodness, peace, and joy to all!

JOSEPH A. LEDOUX
SPENCER

DON'T MISS A BEAT

CHECK OUT THE SPORTS ACTION!



This November was different

While keenly aware of the importance of our state and national elections this year, I've been pre-occupied with thoughts and memories of an honest and courageous young man who I knew much later in his life and earlier in mine. He was my grandfather, Frank A. Reed.

Born in Worcester in 1896 to George A. and Ella Frances (Webber) Reed, Grampa had a rough start to life. A doctor told his parents that his bowed legs would need to be broken and reset to correct the deformity. George was a Worcester blacksmith who, feeling this treatment rather harsh for such a young lad, devised two leg braces that he had Frank wear for an extended period of time. It worked! At six feet in his adult height, Frank stood "carpenter straight" the rest of his life.

The Reeds lived at 39 Beaconsfield Road in Worcester, an address that no longer exists, but is imprinted on his World War I ID tag. He was one of the first youngsters to attend the then-new Tatnuck Grade School, built around 1900 and still serving Worcester's West Side neighborhood today! When Frank was just 5, his father (my Great Grandfather), George, died of cancer. He was not even 40. My grandmother told us that Grampa didn't remember very much about his father except receiving a painful spanking from him, the infraction for which he couldn't even remember. Frank attended grade school, but only up through the third grade in order to go out and work; to help support his family, including his mother and his three sisters: Ethel, Faye and Grace. One of his later jobs as a young man was driving the teams of fire horses from the Tatnuck Fire Station up into West Tatnuck towards Paxton, to give them the regular workout they required. Frank was well behaved, dependable and quick with mathematics considering his limited formal schooling. He grew up fast and learned valuable skills in mechanics and carpentry, working with many older men skilled in these trades. Having been raised in a Puritan home with four females, he was an uncommonly neat and methodical craftsman. One of his teenaged buddies kidded him that he'll make an excellent housewife someday! As his grandson, I learned early his home and workshop creed for living: "A place for everything,

and everything (back) in its place!" and "Measure twice and cut just once."

November 11th was the 100th anniversary of the original Armistice Day ceasing that "Great War to end all wars," in 1918. Frank Arthur Reed entered World War I in the U.S. Army as a mechanic, ranked Private with the 26th Yankee Division, Defensive Sector.

At age 21-22, as listed on his medal, he served in Europe at some of the worst battles of that war: Champagne-Marne, Aisne-Marne, St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne. He was seriously wounded over there with nerve gas and nearly died. As his health slowly improved, and the War came to an end, he received word that his mother, Ella, had died back in Worcester. He was devastated and almost decided to stay overseas, but he eventually returned and met my grandmother, his wife Irene. They married in 1920 and raised their family in both Paxton and Worcester. My grandfather served as the First Commander of Paxton Post 306, American Legion, from 1931-32.

In 1973 at age 11, I remember standing in my grandparent's kitchen in Paxton, summoned there by my father. My grandfather came over to me and handed me his WW1 helmet and said "Dana, I want you to have this, as something to remember me by."

He never spoke a word about what he saw and endured over there, to any of us in the family. Grampa died at age 79, in 1975, taking those unshared stories to the grave with him. It was only in more recent years reading about the First World War that I came to realize the absolute hell and horror he witnessed and was subjected to — as a "mechanic" at the scene, especially the slow unrelenting pace into the Argonne Forest.

As important as elections are, and they are, this November, I was consumed with both a very personal and strong sense of gratitude and the debt all Americans owe these generations who went before us becoming real men and women by their late teens and early 20s. May God make their memories and sacrifices eternal here, that we will never forget the dear price paid for liberty and freedom, nor take same for granted. Thank you, Grampa, for largely not bringing the war home with you, and instead being a good son, brother, husband, father and grandfather.

Do we truly listen to each other?

Do we truly listen to each other? Or are we so afraid that our opinion could change that we decide to ignore what the other person is saying and focus on how we are right and how they are wrong. I say we, because I include myself in this. For those who don't know me I am a guy who loves to talk

more than truly listen. I recognized that I needed to work on becoming an active listener myself before I could say something to others.

While on this journey of recognizing that I wasn't a truly active listener, especially to those who didn't agree with my opinion, I came to the realization, thanks to social media, that most people were only focusing on their own opinions instead of hearing from the opposition and I believe that this needs to stop. I again ask the question "Do we truly listen to each other?"

We like to do everything in our power to not truly listen to any opposition. We focus on things such as how redundant the person is in their words. We go so far to even start name calling when we run out of things to say to protect our opinion(s). We forget that the other person we are talking to is a human being that has feelings. Again I say, this needs to stop. For some strange reason we think that it is unacceptable for us to have a healthy conversation where we end it with us leaving with the opposing person's opinion in our thought process. Instead we focus on leaving the conversation with the satisfactory of not having anything changed in our own thoughts.

I know that some who are reading this are thinking "wow is he ignorant on what a debate is." No, I am not being ignorant about the fact that when we have healthy debates on certain topics, such as Brett Kavanaugh, or the debate on abortion, etc., that we are trying to change the other person's mind on a topic, all I am saying is that we focus on winning more than the fact that we are talking to another human who has thoughts and feelings. We have become a nation of "narrow minded people" and it is tearing our

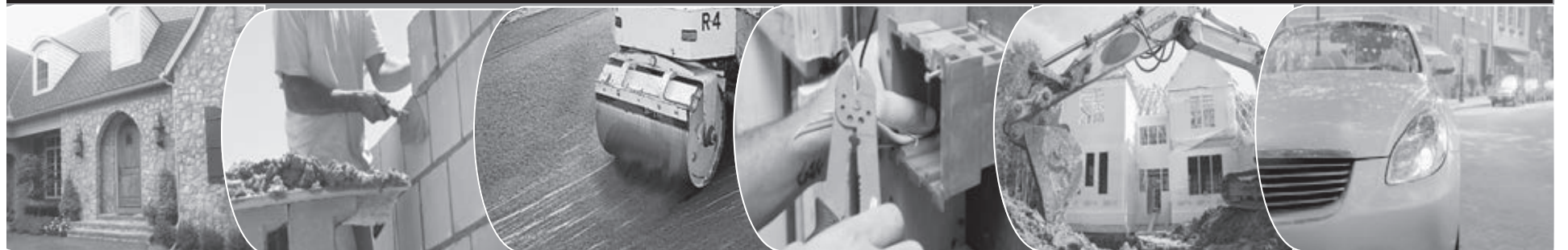
society apart. Look around for yourself and you will see it. I believe that it is time for us to realize that we need to start being active listeners.

An example of this is the #MeToo movement. You as a person may disagree with what either the accuser of the accused person is saying, but shouldn't we give them a chance to be heard? What if you were the person who was the accuser or the accused? Wouldn't you like the chance to be heard before everyone made a decision against you before you had the chance to speak? The sexual assault victims need to be heard but the accused assaulter also needs to be heard as well before a decision can be made. I know I would want to be heard and I believe that most of you who are reading this would agree and would want to be heard as well.

How do we truly listen to each other? It's more than just being quiet and repeating what the person you are listening to just said. Instead we should start off by putting away distractions, such as our phones, and we should actually make eye contact with the person that we are talking to. We should be asking questions when we don't understand something that was said. When we do oppose a thought instead of attacking the person verbally, we can state our opinion in a way that doesn't turn the conversation into a yelling match. So yes, that means that before we speak we need to actually think about what we are going to say. Here are a couple of questions that I ask myself that may help you. The first is "Does this edify or encourage the person to keep sharing their opinion with me?" and the second thought is "Does this need to be said right now?" These questions help me, and I hope they help you discern what to say and when to say your thought or opinion.

We need to start listening to each other, not only to better ourselves, but also to better our towns, cities, states, and our country as a whole. So I end with this question, "Do you truly listen?"

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Families are staying chill aboard the Frosty's Winter Wonderland float.

Kevin Flanders photos



Brothers Grant Cusson age 2, and Hunter Cusson age 7, of Spencer, get ready for the parade.



Members of local Girl Scout troops are bundled up and eager for a fun night.



Brodie Davis, left, and his brother, Hunter Davis, of Spencer, pose in front of a classic truck lit up for the occasion.



Several beloved characters stopped by Spencer to say hello before riding on the Building Blocks Play Center float.



As always, trucks and fire engines were illuminated by the dozen for their journey down Route 9.



Danika Rhodes, left, and Ainsley Poulin, of Auburn, show off their festive outfits.



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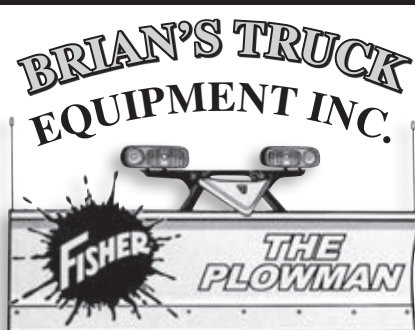
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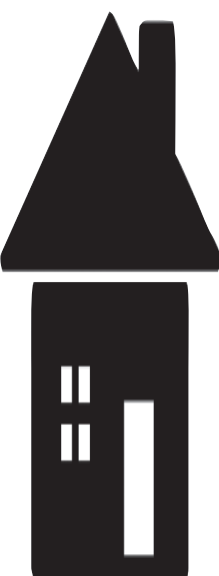
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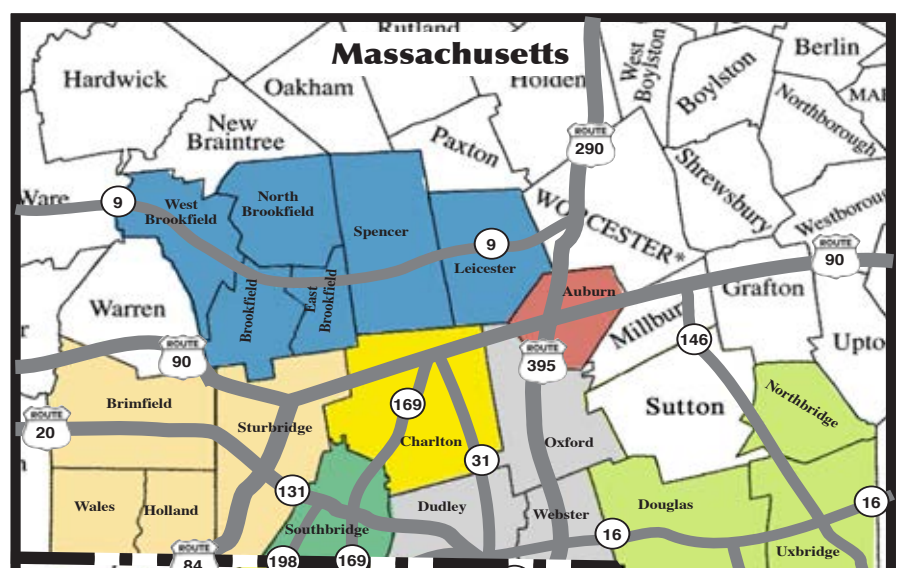
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SPORTS

Coaching carousel creates three local basketball changes at David Prouty, Tantasqua

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

The latest version of Webster’s online dictionary tells us that the definition of symmetry is the beauty of form arising from balanced proportions. A practical example of the word, from a high school basketball standpoint, is what’s going on this year at Tantasqua and David Prouty regional high schools.

Both schools have hired new boys’ varsity basketball coaches. Tantasqua Regional hired Scott Dion, a longtime math teacher at the school, while David Prouty hired Patrick O’Connor, a 2008 graduate of the school.

When Dion was hired at Tantasqua it created the vacancy at David Prouty, which O’Connor filled. Both coaches referred to their new positions as the “ideal coaching job.”

But wait, there’s more to how intricately the pair is intertwined; O’Connor played for Dion his senior year — and for Dion’s father, Al, the three years before that — and last year served as Scott Dion’s assistant coach.



In Scott Dion’s first year as head coach at Tantasqua Regional, the team will be led by eight seniors, including quad-captains (from left) Jackson Hall, Jeremiah Dingui, Chase Freeland and Hayden Peterson.

Dion had to leave David Prouty, where he has coached for many years, for O’Connor to have an opportunity to apply for the position he’s thought about holding since he was in the seventh grade. In addition, Dion was able to leave David Prouty with a clean conscience knowing that O’Connor had a legitimate shot of replacing him as the Panthers’ head coach.

“Things did work out well for both of us; it was a matter of good timing,” said Scott Dion, a 1992 graduate of David Prouty. “This job opened up five years ago, before coach [Tom] O’Neil got it and I was teaching at Tantasqua and coaching at Prouty and I didn’t apply for it because at that time in my life I wasn’t ready to leave David Prouty. I wasn’t ready to make the move. Now, things in my life have changed.

“Two of my children are now in high school [at Quaboag Regional] so this is closer and more convenient for me, which makes it easier for me to go watch them play,” continued Dion, whose daughters Brooke (a sophomore) and Paige (an eighth grader) play for the Cougars, while the youngest of Scott and Jill Dion’s three children, Emma, is in fifth grade and is also an up-and-coming basketball player. “I just felt that it was the right time; I’m ready to embark on this journey.”

Even though he didn’t know it at the time, O’Connor has been preparing

himself to be the David Prouty varsity boys’ basketball coach since he was a youngster.

“I started going to David Prouty basketball games when I was in the fifth grade. I went to the first game of the season that year and I was hooked,” said O’Connor, who was the North Brookfield varsity boys’ basketball coach before assisting Dion at Prouty last winter. “From that point, I went to every single David Prouty basketball game until I graduated.

“Even though we had no family members on the team, my mother and father took me to every Prouty game — at home, on the road, it didn’t matter — I went to all of them,” O’Connor added. “I used to say to my friends, ‘for eight years I didn’t miss a single David Prouty game.’”

O’Connor has great affection for the Dions and all they taught him about the game of basketball during his formative years.

“The Dions taught me how to be a coach. Scott went from being my high school basketball coach to being one of my best friends,” O’Connor said. “This is my dream job. I have a lot of fond memories playing basketball here for the Dions. Being the varsity boys’ basketball coach at David Prouty is very special to me.”

David Prouty has a new varsity girls’ basketball coach on the sidelines this year as well.

Johanna Annunziata, who played for three years at Auburn High before transferring to the Miller School in Charlottesville, Va., takes over a Panthers’ girls’ program that has struggled in recent years. The 26-year-old English teacher at Nipmuc Regional — where she spent time as the junior var-



Ken Powers photos

David Prouty has a pair of new varsity basketball coaches in Patrick O’Connor, who will lead the boys’ team, and Johanna Annunziata, who will guide the girls’ squad.

sity girls’ soccer and girls’ basketball coach — is up for the challenge.

“These girls are the most coachable girls I’ve ever had in all my years of coaching, whether it was in AAU basketball or high school, or the year I spent as a college assistant,” Annunziata said. “They absorb everything. They are very eager to learn, which I find very exciting.

“I think coaching young female athletes is way bigger than the game of basketball,” Annunziata continued. “There’s so much confidence and character building that goes into it. The big picture benefits I received from my coaches are the things I want to pass on. I always remember little things my coaches taught me — eye contact, body language, things like that. It’s the kind of stuff in the moment that makes a player wonder, ‘why is this important for the game?’ But, later on down the road, when you’re in a job interview or applying for college, you see why those things are important.”

Punishing defense fuels Blackstone Valley Tech to State Championship



Mathew S. Plamondon photos

Blackstone Valley Tech head coach Jim Archibald and the team captains celebrate with the State Championship trophy after defeating St. Mary’s of Lynn, 18-0, for the Division 7 crown.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

Editor’s Note: Blackstone Valley Tech defeated the local team from Bay Path Regional, 42-0, back on Oct. 12.

FOXBOROUGH — The old adage “defense wins championships” proved to be true for the Blackstone Valley Tech varsity football team, as the Beavers won regular season, sectional and state games by way of the ‘D’ en route to a second straight appearance at Gillette Stadium for the Division 7 State Championship Super Bowl.

The Beavers lost to Mashpee High

last season, 22-16, but avenged that setback by pitching a shutout this time versus St. Mary’s High of Lynn, 18-0, on Saturday, Dec. 1.

Valley Tech finished its season 11-1 while the Beavers’ defense allowed an average of just 6.25 points against per game.

“Anthony Landini, our defensive coordinator, prepares these kids better than anybody,” said Valley Tech head coach Jim Archibald. “He knows what the other team’s doing before they do it.”

That appeared to be the case versus the Spartans, as St. Mary’s could only muster a single first down and 27 yards of offense in the first half while the Beavers took a 12-0 lead. The Spartans finished with only 75 yards and six first downs. In comparison, BVT accumulated 285 yards and 15 first downs.

“Our defense, we came to play today,” said cornerback JD Antaya. “We knew that St. Mary’s was a smash-mouth football team and that’s what we wanted. We wanted to be a smash-mouth football team playing another smash-mouth football team.”

Antaya came away with a second quarter interception of quarterback Derek O’Leary.

“They ran the same play one time in the first quarter, so they lined up in the same formation. I decided I was going to stay there because they threw it to the same person,” Antaya said of his pick.

Antaya — who doubles as a tailback — also scored the Beavers’ first touchdown when he scampered into the end zone from two yards out with 4:04 remaining in the first quarter. That gave BVT a 6-0 lead when the point after kick was blocked.

“It’s another field, but now I can say I have a touchdown at Gillette,” said Antaya, who finished with 69 yards rushing on seven carries.

Quarterback Scott Mackay got into the scoring action in the second quar-

ter — following a 47-yard run by Antaya — when he bootlegged out to his left and raced into the end zone untouched with 59 seconds to play before the half. The snap came on a fourth-and-goal from the 1 and Mackay made a nice fake to Aidan Fitzgerald, who was lined up behind decoy fullback Ethan Blake, a 270-pounder.

Mackay said that Archibald called the play at the perfect time.

“He saw that the defense kept collapsing in and just trusted me to boot out with it and it’d be open,” said Mackay.

Blackstone Valley Tech took a 12-0 lead into the locker rooms and added to it with 4:07 to go in the third quarter. There, Mackay called his own number — again from a yard out — and ran up the gut for the touchdown.

“He makes good decisions with the football,” Archibald said of Mackay, who rushed 16 times for 96 yards and the two scores. “He was a little disappointed last year when [senior quarterback] Reece [Hendriks] came back from injury and he got benched. I told him to stay the course and he’ll get his chance. I’m so proud of him and everything he stands for. He made huge play after huge play today.”

“It was definitely motivating,” added Mackay of not being able to take the field at Gillette as a starter last year. “I just took it one step at a time. [Archibald] knew I wasn’t exactly ready and Reece was more ready, but this year I was ready for the challenge and we came through.”

Mackay’s second touchdown made it 18-0 and the Beavers’ defense held serve from there. They preserved the shutout with a fourth down stop near their own goal line as time was winding down on the fourth quarter clock.

Once the final whistle sounded a Super Bowl worthy celebration ensued, which was followed by Blackstone Valley Tech receiving its State Championship trophy.



JD Antaya of Blackstone Valley Tech comes away with an interception on a ball intended for St. Mary’s Eni Falayi.

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ATHLETE of the WEEK

Johanna Annunziata, Patrick O’Connor, Scott Dion

Good luck goes out to three local high school varsity basketball coaches starting new jobs. Annunziata and O’Connor are the new girls’ and boys’ coaches at David Prouty Regional, respectively, while Dion takes over the boys’ job at Tantasqua Regional.

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Upon arrival, Trooper Ilya Toumilovich discovered that a 21-year-old man from Franklin operating a 2014 Toyota Corolla lost control of the vehicle and struck a 2015 Honda CRV, that was traveling in the opposite direction. The collision resulted in fatal injuries of the passenger of the Toyota Corolla, a 21-year-old New Bedford woman identified as Annabelle M. Rosemond.

The driver of the Honda CRV, a 51-year-old woman and a passenger, an 89-year-old man, both of Ware, were transported by ambulance with serious injuries to UMass Worcester.

The driver of the Toyota was also transported with serious injuries to UMass Worcester.

Preliminary investigation has revealed that speed is believed to be a factor.

The remaining facts and circumstances of the crash are currently under investigation by troopers from the Brookfield Barracks. Troop C Headquarters, State Police Crime Scene Services Section (CSSS), State Police Collision Analysis Reconstruction Section (CARS), Oakham Police Department, Oakham Fire Department, Barre Police Department, and Massachusetts Office of the Chief Medical Examiner all assisted on scene.

No further information is currently available. This crash remains under investigation.

In case you missed it

"Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything." – George Bernard Shaw

Last Friday, in the hope that no one would notice in the mayhem of Black Friday sales, the Trump administration dropped a 1,600-page report on climate change which was drafted by 13 federal agencies and more than 300 leading scientists. So, in my very small way, I'm hoping my little essay will thwart the hopes of the administration and draw your attention to the National Climate Assessment released by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration after 2½ years of study.

Naturally, President Trump declared before jumping into Marine One on his way to address a gathering of his cult followers in Mississippi: "I don't believe it."

The following day, Sarah Huckabee Sanders, who does an impressive job portraying a presidential hand-puppet, declared the report is "not based on fact."

Nothing less, I guess, should be expected from an administration led by someone who has declared climate change to be a hoax perpetrated on a naïve world by those inscrutable Chinese.

Well, since President Trump wouldn't recognize the truth if it weighed eight tons and plummeted



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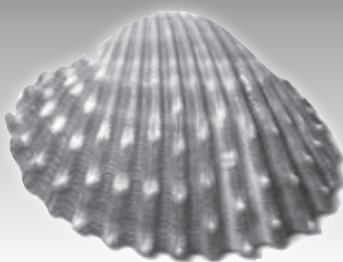
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Also of concern for the northeast, rising temperatures and wetter winters will likely lead to increasing populations of ticks carrying Lyme disease and mosquitoes carrying Triple-E and West Nile Virus.

As for the rest of the country, the report notes that the amount of acreage charred by California wildfires each year has doubled since 1985. If mankind fails to significantly stem the release of greenhouse gases, the amount of acreage burned

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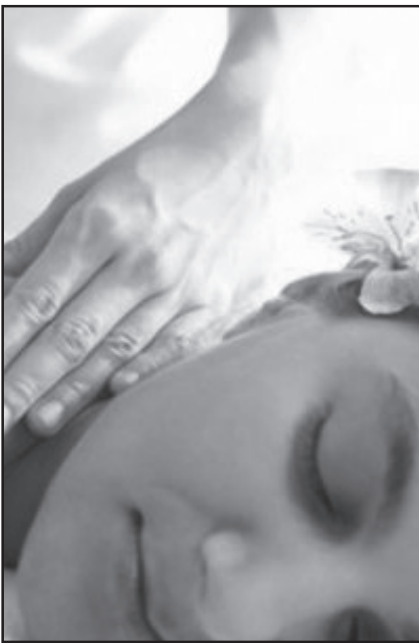


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Craft fair offers unique possibilities

SPENCER – First-time craft fairs often struggle to find success, especially during a holiday season saturated with fairs and festivals throughout the area. But thanks to the preparation work of event organizer Roberta Monette and local volunteers, Spencer’s first annual holiday craft fair at Town Hall was a major success. Town hall was packed throughout the day for the Dec. 1 festival, and vendors were so successful that they are already eager to sign up for next year’s event. The fair also featured food and kids’ activities, serving as a fun prelude to the town’s annual Parade of Lights held later that night. Proceeds from raffles and other events benefited several town departments and organizations.



Kevin Flanders photos.
After spending a few years making creative products, East Brookfield's Dan Shannon is eager to attend more fairs in the area.



Ann Burbank, of Leominster, is a seasoned veteran of many craft fairs. She was impressed with the first-time success in Spencer.



Kristi Nagle, of Oakham, spends the day with her 9-year-old daughter Autumn.



Roxanne Jackson displays several crafty creations.



Alex Bolduc, of Oxford, left, and Amanda Buccigliaglia, of Oakham, greet guests.



Madison Natale, age 10, of Spencer, shows off her Christmas colors.



Residents stopped by the giving tree throughout the day to help families in need.



Worcester's Michelle Sargent, left, and Lisa Bostic, of Chelmsford, are excited for a fun day of crafting.



Cousins Melissa Peck, of Spencer, left, and Debra Goudreau, of Dudley, are making craft fairs a family business.



Samantha and Bob Gray, of Sterling, greet guests at town hall.

Deer hunting yielded prolific harvest in state

The first week of the Massachusetts shotgun deer season had a lot of deer being checked in at the Webster checking station located at Bob's Archery & Pro Shop. My brother Ken and I stopped in at the checking station around 1:00 p-m Saturday, and was told that more than 100 deer were checked in during the week, and they were still coming in when we left. We spoke with Central District wildlife biologist Michael Morley from Mass Fish & Wildlife and asked him about some of the deer checked in during the week.

He state that the largest buck was 186 pounds and many of the deer were in great shape. One bystander asked about the tick problem, and if the deer were carrying a lot of them this year. They did not seem to be as bad as last year, and in fact some of

the deer had very few or none that could be detected during the quick survey.

Mike and his associate were also asked about the possible changes coming in 2020, in reference to the change in bag limits for wild turkey. Hunters could have a two bird limit in the spring, which could be taken on the same day, and still have a tag for the fall season, if the proposals are passed. We all know how tough it is to get hunting regulations changed in Massachusetts so we will just need to wait for the Fish & Wildlife board to act on their new proposals.

Local anglers are getting their ice fishing gear in order for the first ice. First ice is always dangerous and always has some one falling through



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thin ice on local ponds and lakes. Only seasoned anglers should be navigating first ice using an ice chisel after each step, to insure their safety. Two inches of good black ice can hold

a single angler but three inches or more is necessary for more than two people. Snow ice needs to be a couple of inches thicker, and snowmobiles and other ice machines need at least five inches to insure their safety. Snowmobile operators need to use extreme caution when navigating over frozen ice. Every year lives are lost to snowmobilers failing to use good judgment, prior to crossing over frozen bodies of water. Don't be one of them!!

The Massachusetts pheasant season is now closed, but local bird hunters got a few extra birds stocked in local covers prior to Thanksgiving week. Due to substantial rainfall, some regularly stocked areas were flooded, and it was necessary to avoid the areas. Those birds were transported to local areas like West Hill and Voss Farm in Uxbridge. More than 40 birds were released in both

areas prior to the holiday week.

Black bear numbers continue to increase locally, and made their presence known this year. Numerous sightings in back yards by area residents had many resident feeling uneasy knowing that they had this large animal roaming in their back yard. Fortunately, no serious encounters were reported.

Local residents can also expect to see numerous deer in their back yard this year, due to the short supply of acorns. They will have their eye on some of the expensive ornamental bushes, and any other thing that can satisfy their appetite.

Shopping for the sportsmen in your family can be very easy if you buy them a gift certificate to their favorite sporting goods store. Trying to shop for sportsmen is very hard. A hunting and fishing license is another great gift. It is best to set aside purchasing a pet for a Christmas present. It is best to wait till spring. The Holidays are too hectic, and it is not fair to the pet.

Take A Kid fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!



Courtesy photo

Ardent rabbit hunters from a field trial in Sutton a few years ago.

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The proposed bylaw is supported by both selectmen and the Planning Board. Its appearance on the special town meeting warrant represents the end of a long process that began with two public hearings back in January. A collaboration between multiple officials and boards ensued, with several months dedicated to securing additional input, conducting research, and drafting the bylaw.

"We analyzed all of the input we received from residents and then studied retail marijuana bylaws in other towns to set a foundation for what we wanted," said Planning Board Chairman Mark Violette. "After that, we refined the language with town counsel. It has been a very detailed process."

Complicating an already laborious process were new regulations unveiled throughout the past year by the state's Cannabis Control Commission. Proceeding cautiously in its implementation of recreational marijuana and approval of retailers, the state revised its regulations in increments throughout the year.

"This has been a moving target as

new regulations were created. We incorporated all of those new definitions into our bylaw," Violette added.

Even though the state regulation process has often been ambiguous, town officials have worked hard to educate residents on the situation. In addition to the two public hearings in January, officials have regularly made themselves available to answer questions from residents and business owners.

Most recently, residents received additional information on the proposed zoning bylaw during a Nov. 14 public hearing that included the Finance Committee, Zoning Board, selectmen, and the police department.

"Throughout this process we have done our best to keep people informed and make sure everything is open and transparent," Boulay said. "It's a very confusing issue, and we want to make sure people have the information they need."

If the bylaw is approved, a recreational marijuana establishment in town would require a special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals. The bylaw also outlines several other requirements of the special permit.

For more information about the bylaw and the special town meeting, visit www.EastBrookfieldMa.us.

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told the New Leader.

The memoir also highlights Parker's accomplishments in the years following the lunar landing. When he was still just 26 years old, he gave an international press conference on his involvement in the first lunar landing preparations. In recognition of his work, he received the Apollo Achievement Award and was also photographed for the World Book Encyclopedia's aerospace and engineering section.

Now an author of mystery and romance novels, Parker enjoys looking back on a serpentine career that sounds more like the plot of one of his novels. After his work on the Apollo 11 team, Parker helped develop materials, designs and processes that were used in conventional manufacturing.

Reflecting on where it all began, Parker is fascinated by how everything fell into place.

"Becoming an aerospace engineer or rocket scientist wasn't in my long-term game plan

because neither term or position really existed at the time," added Parker, who majored in chemical engineering in college. "Working on the evolution of military and aerospace products in research and development was thrilling when I stumbled into it by answering an advertisement. The initial objective was to make a decent living for my family, but it was invigorating on a daily basis."

Growing up on a farm in rural western Massachusetts, Parker knows he never would have succeeded in the pressure-packed space race of the 1960s if not for his ability to solve problems and manage challenges. Throughout the 1960s, when the space race between the U.S. and Russia was in full flight, time was the constant opponent for Parker's team. Determined to meet President John F. Kennedy's goal of landing a man on the moon and returning him safely to Earth by the end of the decade, the pressure on the entire space program was immense.

And as a member of the team entrusted with designing the suits that would keep astronauts

Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin safe in space, Parker felt the full weight of high expectations.

"Working at high speed to solve one problem and jump to the next one with inadequate funding and time was gratifying and a lot of fun," Parker recalled. "Building teams to meet seemingly impossible goals in short intervals was an extremely rewarding experience."

For Parker, who has written mystery novels Wispa and Missing in Switzerland, the transition from fiction to memoir writing brought unique challenges. Now that the memoir is complete, he is eager to return to familiar territory.

"Trying to remember the details of exactly what I did 50 years ago to write the memoir wasn't easy, but there was nobody else to do it. Now I can get back to writing mystery novels," Parker said.

Parker hopes his memoir will be released sometime next year, which represents the 50th anniversary of the first lunar landing. To learn more about the author, visit www.TimParkerNovels.wordpress.com.

VINE

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in the Sierra Nevada mountains could triple during the last three decades of this century.

The beautiful and temperate Pacific Northwest, says the report compiled by experts who know the subject, will see wilder bouts of severe weather, including extended drought, large wildfires, heatwaves, massive algae blooms, and periods of torrential rains.

Increasing temperature extremes in the Midwest will lead to significant crop failures, leading to shortages that will result in increased prices here in the U.S. and an increased likelihood of famine – due to decreasing U.S. agricultural exports – in other parts of the world.

Unchecked climate change could, by the end of the century, result in a 10 percent depletion in the U.S. economy, according to the report.

The change in climate, the report stresses, is due in large part to the activities of humankind. We broke it; we need to do what we can to fix it. It's pretty simple – for most thinking people, that is. But President Trump, if he's known for anything, is certainly known for a lack of thoughtfulness.

Hopefully, whoever follows him into the White House will act quickly to reverse his disastrous environmental policies. If not, well...we're screwed. Or should I say our children and grandchildren are screwed. They are the reason we need to act now, but the president and his cult followers just don't give a damn. If it's not going to affect them personally it's not worth worrying about.

Aggressively addressing the problem may have its cost but, as President John F. Kennedy – a real president – said: "There are risks and costs to action. But they are far less than the long-range risks of comfortable inaction."

TRAINOR

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Hot Garlic Mustard: add one dried chili pepper and one garlic clove.

Note: Small jelly canning jars are ideal for packaging gift mustards. You can fill two jars with this one cup recipe. Use your computer to make up unique labels.

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Scented Home Décor Medallions: These fragrant air fresheners make a fashion statement! They can be hung on a doorknob, in a closet or all around the house. These can be made with candy or candle molds as well as soap molds.

Materials: Plaster of Paris; pearly craft paint; essential oil; soap or candle molds; ribbon

Instructions: Mix plaster according to directions on package and pour into

molds. Each medallion requires two identical molds. When completely dry, remove from molds. Using a pearl or enamel, paint front and sides of each form as desired. Leave a small area at the top of each mold unpainted. Apply a finish coat over paint. When dry, apply several drops of essential oil to the top of medallion. The unpainted area is porous and fragrance will be absorbed by the medallion. Cut a loop of ribbon and glue to the back of one mold. Glue the molds together back to back, securing carefully with a vise if necessary to press seams together. When dry and secure, suspend wherever a fresh scent is desired.

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Heirloom Tea Spoons: Vintage silverplate spoons coated with candy provide a sentimental sweet treat for tea drinkers. Silver plated spoons are inexpensive and readily available at flea markets or antique shops. Wrap a few of

these stirrers in cellophane and tie with a ribbon. To sweeten the deal, present a matching set of spoons along with a selection of loose tea.

Ingredients: Approximately 35 pieces hard candy, crushed (lemon and cinnamon are great with tea); two tablespoons corn syrup.

Directions: Line a cookie sheet with wax paper and spray with cooking spray. In a heavy saucepan combine crushed candies and corn syrup. Melt over low heat stirring frequently. Spoon candy into bowl of each spoon. Place spoons on cookie sheet with handles on rims to make spoons level. Allow to harden.

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Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

Your tips can win you a great dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send

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

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

POLICE REPORTS

Spencer Police Department

Editor's Note: The information contained in this police log was obtained through public documents kept by the police department, and is considered to be the account of the police. All subjects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21
12:07-12:18 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:20 a.m.: medical/general (Lyford Road); 12:22 a.m.: parking violation (Adams Street), citation issued; 1:53-2:19 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 4:14 a.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 8:02 a.m.: officer wanted (Maple Street), spoken to; 9:04 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 9:57 a.m.: 209A service (West Main Street); 11:03 a.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 12:43 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), stolen laundry; 12:45 p.m.: animal complaint (Briarcliff Lane), stray cat; 1:19 p.m.: mv stop (Wilson Street); 1:52 p.m.: attempt to commit a crime (Main Street), fraudulent use of c/c; 1:55 p.m.: medical/general (Chestnut Street); 2:22 p.m.: 209A service (West Main Street); 3:02 p.m.: suspicious mv (Temple Street), spoken to; 4:07 p.m.: fire alarm (Main Street), CO detector; 4:15 p.m.: juvenile matter (Sullivan Street), spoken to; 4:15 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), wrong number; 4:15 p.m.: chemical/fuel spill (West Main Street), gas spill; 4:22 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 4:23 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), bearded dragon stolen; 4:32 p.m.: harassment prevention violation (Mechanic Street), spoken to; 4:45 p.m.: juvenile matter (Donnelly Road), assist DCF; 6:50 p.m.: juvenile matter (Borkum Road), spoken to; 7:31 p.m.: animal complaint (G.H. Wilson Road), dog left in cold; 7:59 p.m.: medical/general (Cherry Street); 8:06 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), assisted; 8:15 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:17 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 8:34 p.m.: disturbance (Hastings Road), services rendered; 9:03-9:05 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:22 p.m.: medical/general (Thompson Pond Road); 9:47 p.m.: disabled mv (North Spencer Road), assisted; 10:13 p.m.: disabled mv (Donnelly Road), assisted; 10:33 p.m.: officer wanted (Laurel Lane), spoken to; 10:45 p.m.: commercial alarm (West Main Street), services rendered; 11:11 p.m.: officer wanted (North Spencer Road), assault.

NOVEMBER 22
12:27-2:12 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:16 a.m.: officer wanted (Prouty Street), apt. lockout; 2:22 a.m.: building checked, secure; 7:50 a.m.: medical/general (Paxton Road), lift assist; 8:26 a.m.: 911 call (Pope Street), accidental; 8:47 a.m.: DPW call (Charron Street), road hazard; 11:04 a.m.: vandalism (Ash Street), mvs egged; 11:06 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), assisted; 12:07 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), no service; 12:14 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), hang up; 12:17 p.m.: medical/general (Paxton Road), lift assist; 12:21 p.m.: 911 call (Lambs Grove), child w/phone; 12:25 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), child w/phone; 1:46 p.m.: officer wanted (Maple Street), neighbor dispute; 2:41 p.m.: 209A service (West Main Street); 3:36 p.m.: disturbance (Route 49), domestic dispute; 3:47 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Oxford PD bolo; 5:48 p.m.: accident (Mechanic Street), spoken to; 6:26 p.m.: 911 all (West Main Street), erratic operation; 7:42 p.m.: disturbance (Cherry Street), domestic dispute; 7:48 p.m.: 911 call (North Brookfield Road), misdial; 7:59 p.m.: commercial alarm (West Main Street), services rendered; 8:26 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no service; 8:55 p.m.: disturbance (Langevin Street), unwanted party; 9:04 p.m.: school alarm (Ash Street), services rendered; 11:19 p.m.: school alarm (Ash Street), services rendered.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23
12:09 a.m.: disturbance (Bixby Road), noise complaint; 12:14 a.m.: building checked, secure; 1:18 a.m.: fire alarm (Donnelly Road), CO detector; 1:37 a.m.: building checked, secure; 1:45 a.m.: school alarm (Ash Street), services rendered; 2:14-2:39 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:46 a.m.: DPW call (Ash Street), icy conditions; 9:25 a.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 9:33 a.m.: officer wanted (Highland Street), scam phone call; 9:54 a.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 10:58 p.m.: parking complaint (Main Street), spoken to; 11:35 a.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 11:51 a.m.: medical/general (Lewalsen Lane); 12:17 a.m.: fire alarms (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 1:05 p.m.: medical/general (Tom Casey Road); 1:28 p.m.: animal complaint (Howe Village Road), dog bite; 1:46 p.m.: fire alarm (Howe Village Road), services rendered; 2:22 p.m.: DPW call (Elm Street), icy sidewalk; 2:48 p.m.: accident (South Spencer Road), report taken; 2:55 p.m.: DPW call (High Street), icy conditions; 3:04 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), misdial; 3:12 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 3:20 p.m.: 209A service (Main Street); 3:59

p.m.: suspicious activity (Chestnut Street), unruly customer; 4:49 p.m.: 911 call (Bixby Road), child w/phone; 5:31 p.m.: medical/general (Cherry Street); 6:06 p.m.: DPW call (Charron Street), icy conditions; 7:24 p.m.: accident (Charlton Street), deer vs mv; 8:37 p.m.: suspicious mv (Sherwood Drive), spoken to.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24
12:28-1:26 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:31 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 1:56-2:40 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:48 a.m.: officer wanted (Hebert Road), spoken to; 3:17 a.m.: building checked, secure; 5:28 a.m.: entire incident redacted from police log; 6:56 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 7:15 a.m.: DPW call (South Spencer Road), txr station issue; 7:34 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 8:16 a.m.: medical/general (Condon Drive); 8:23 a.m.: medical/general (Smithville Road), lift assist; 8:56 a.m.: building checked, secure; 10:58 a.m.: 911 call (Crestview Drive), non-emergency; 10:59 a.m.: disturbance (Adams Street), domestic dispute; 11:44 a.m.: medical/general (Brown Street), lift assist; 12:09 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), issue w/traffic lights; 12:52 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village Road); 12:57 p.m.: accident (Salem Street), report taken; 1:35 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), annoying phone calls; 1:39 p.m.: animal complaint (Greenville Street), loose dog; 1:42 p.m.: commercial alarms (West Main Street), services rendered; 2:36 p.m.: parking complaint (Main Street), services rendered; 2:38 p.m.: 911 call (Valley Street), no service; 3:10 p.m.: accident (Chestnut Street), report taken; 3:43 p.m.: animal complaint (Greenville Street), loose dog; 3:56 p.m.: officer wanted (Pearl Street), annoying texts; 4:03 p.m.: stolen property recovery (Brooks Pond Road), mv stolen from Weston; 5:42 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), no service; 7:15 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), spoken to; 8:13 p.m.: building checked, secure; 8:16 p.m.: mv stop (West Main Street); 8:24 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 8:45 p.m.: building checked, secure; 10:15 p.m.: disturbance (Chestnut Street), fight; 11:35 p.m.: suspicious mv (Paxton Road), spoken to.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25
12:58-2:07 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:16 a.m.: medical/general (Garrette Lane); 2:37-2:43 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 3:38 a.m.: disturbance (Chestnut Street), noise complaint; 6:45 a.m.: medical/dental (Charlton Road); 10:33 a.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), water main issue; 10:35 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 1:48 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), Hubbardston PD bolo; 2:00 p.m.: officer wanted (High Street), issue w/package delivery; 3:09 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), Sturbridge PD bolo; 4:28 p.m.: medical/general (Church Street); 5:26 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Main Street), no service; 5:27 p.m.: medical/general (Clark Street); 5:32 p.m.: animal complaint (North Spencer Road), dog locked in mv; 6:19 p.m.: disturbance (Chestnut Street), noise complaint; 7:08 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), threats; 7:13 p.m.: 911 call (Langevin Street), hang up; 7:57 p.m.: gas odor (Lloyd Dyer Drive), spoken to; 8:18 p.m.: parking complaint (Main Street), spoken to; 9:33-9:38 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:58 p.m.: entire incident redacted from police log.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26
12:02-1:23 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:27 a.m.: fire alarm (Donnelly Road), services rendered; 1:28-2:06 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:15 a.m.: school alarm (Ash Street), services rendered; 2:46 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 5:51 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 6:01 a.m.: mv stop (West Main Street); 6:04 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street); 6:29 a.m.: disabled mv (Charlton Road), assisted; 6:33 a.m.: mv stop (North Spencer Road); 7:42 a.m.: fire alarm (G.H. Wilson Road), services rendered; 8:02 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street); 8:13 a.m.: DPW call (Elm Street), sewer line blocked; 8:26 a.m.: mv stop (South Spencer Road); 8:36 a.m.: disabled mv (North Spencer Road), assisted; 9:42 a.m.: animal complaint (Highland Street), dog bite; 9:44 a.m.: 209A service (North Street); 9:49 a.m.: officer wanted (Valley Street), pc hacked; 9:49 a.m.: medical/general (Garrette Lane); 10:06 a.m.: animal complaint (Smithville Road), bobcat in area; 10:45 a.m.: DPW call (Maple Street), road hazard; 11:31 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), Harrington CT down; 11:33 accident (Main Street), spoken to; 11:54 a.m.: 209A service (West Main Street); 12:13 p.m.: accident (South Spencer Road), spoken to; 12:39 p.m.: 911 call (Howe Village Road), accidental; 12:42 p.m.: officer wanted (Old East Charlton Road), issue w/squatters; 1:28 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), poss. landscaper scam; 1:59 p.m.: entire incident redacted from police log, multiple officers responding; 2:15 p.m.: disturbance (Church Street), neighbor dispute; 2:41 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 2:49 p.m.: residential alarm (North Brookfield Road), services rendered; 2:57 p.m.: disturbance (Chestnut Street), escort requested; 3:04 p.m.: officer wanted (Maple Street), welfare check; 3:37 p.m.: harassment prevention order service (Langevin Street); 4:04 p.m.: fire alarms (Crestview Drive), spoken to; 4:05 p.m.: larceny/

shoplifting (West Main Street), spoken to; 4:49 p.m.: residential alarm (South Spencer Road), services rendered; 4:56 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 4:59 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 5:00 p.m.: disturbance (Prospect Street), spoken to; 5:05 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 5:20 p.m.: parking violation (Main Street), citation issued; 5:28 p.m.: entire incident redacted from police log, multiple officer response; 9:17 p.m.: assault (West Main Street), report taken; 11:38 p.m.: fire alarm (Maple Street), CO alarm activation.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26
12:07 a.m.: officer wanted (Chestnut Street), spoken to; 12:44-2:29 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 4:34 a.m.: mutual aid (Tom Casey Road), loose cattle; 7:20 a.m.: disturbance (High Street) unwanted party; 7:53 a.m.: parking complaint (Bixby Road), spoken to; 9:38 a.m.: juvenile matter (West Main Street), spoken to; 9:55 a.m.: suspicious activity (Main Street), spoken to; 10:31 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village Road); 11:03 a.m.: officer wanted (Maple Street), apartment lockout; 12:37 p.m.: DPW call (Paxton Road), power outage at school; 12:51 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), Harrington CT down; 12:53 p.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 12:53 p.m.: building checked, secure; 2:16 p.m.: lost/found (Main Street), wallet lost; 2:31 p.m.: accident (West Main Street), report taken; 3:00 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), spoken to; 3:28 p.m.: suspicious activity (Main Street), spoken to; 3:43 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 3:48 p.m.: 209A service (Bixby Road); 4:34 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 4:36 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 5:00 p.m.: medical/general (Cooney Road); 5:03 p.m.: fire alarm (West Main Street), services rendered; 5:43 p.m.: school alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 5:47 p.m.: OUI alcohol/drugs (Main Street), services rendered; 5:49 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (McDonald Street), smoke in bldg.; 7:01 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), apartment lockout; 7:14 p.m.: runaway (West Main Street), services rendered; 8:15 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), services rendered; 8:59 p.m.: disturbance (Chestnut Street), neighbor dispute.

Leicester Police Department

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22
12:52 a.m.: lockout (Main Street), services rendered; 1:33 a.m.: officer wanted (Soojians Drive), services rendered; 3:00 a.m.: mv stop (Waite Street), name and address redacted from police log, op w/suspended license, complaint application issued; 6:30 a.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), services rendered; 9:40 a.m.: gunshots heard (Auburn Street), services rendered; 1:43 p.m.: animal complaint (Stafford Street), no police action noted; 1:49 p.m.: disabled mv (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 3:09 p.m.: debris in road (Marshall Street), referred; 4:37 p.m.: disturbance (North Court), spoken to; 5:14 p.m.: suspicious person (Marshall Street), services rendered; 5:30 p.m.: neighbor dispute (Lillian Avenue), peace restored; 8:08 p.m.: entire incident redacted from police log.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23
1:59 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, allowing op of mv w/revoked registration, allowing op of uninsured mv, mv towed; 4:28 a.m.: erratic operation (Main Street), unable to locate; 5:08 a.m.: hazardous conditions (Westminster Street), services rendered; 9:27 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 9:31 a.m.: vandalism (River Street), report taken; 11:38 a.m.: animal complaint (Mannville Street), services rendered; 12:09 p.m.: restraining order service (Auburn Street), unable to serve; 2:16 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), no police action noted; 2:27 p.m.: parking complaint (Main Street), no police action noted; 2:50 p.m.: assault (Soojians Drive), report taken; 3:00 p.m.: disabled mv (Soojians Drive), assisted; 5:16 p.m.: investigation (Soojians Drive), no police action noted; 5:16 p.m.: debris in road (Watch Street), services rendered; 5:31 p.m.: assist other PD (Mannville Street), spoken to; 5:52 p.m.: restraining order service (South Main Street), served; 6:18 p.m.: mutual aid (Route 20, Charlton), transported to hospital; 8:48 p.m.: suspicious activity (Washburn Square), no police action noted; 8:53 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), assisted; 9:32 p.m.: malicious mischief (River Street), no police action noted.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24
7:31 a.m.: ambulance (Peter Salem Road), transported; 10:13 p.m.: assist citizen (Main Street), services rendered; 10:51 a.m.: runaway (Stafford Street), report taken; 11:03 a.m.: investigation (South Main Street), Kristi L. Martelli, 38, 6 Sheridan Street, #3, Worcester, straight warrant, default warrant, arrest; 11:07 a.m.: lost/found (Bryn Mawr Drive, Auburn), no police action noted; 11:07 a.m.: ambulance (Henshaw Street), assisted; 11:29 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 11:55 p.m.: assist citizen (Pleasant Street); 2:07 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 2:10 p.m.: assist citizen (Bond Street), unfounded; 2:16 p.m.: assist citizen (Bond Street), spoken to;

3:22 p.m.: animal complaint (Chapel Street), no action required; 3:56 p.m.: parking complaint (Soojians Drive), gone on arrival; 4:06 p.m.: malicious mischief (Soojians Drive), investigated; 7:58 p.m.: suspicious mv (Manville Street), investigated.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25
12:53 a.m.: assist other PD (Atwood Road), services rendered; 4:15 a.m.: fire/smoke removal (Forest Street), services rendered; 10:51 a.m.: gunshots heard (Henshaw Street), services rendered; 11:24 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police report, op w/suspended registration, uninsured mv, citation issued; 12:43 p.m.: assist citizen (Stafford Street), spoken to; 1:07 p.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive), services rendered; 1:23 p.m.: ambulance (LaFlash Lane), assisted; 4:25 p.m.: accident (Watson Street), spoken to; 4:40 p.m.: residential b&e (Main Street), spoken to; 5:00 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 7:28 p.m.: investigation (Auburn Street), services rendered; 9:42 p.m.: investigation (Rawson Street), services rendered; 7:54 p.m.: investigation (Stafford Street), spoken to; 8:09 p.m.: ambulance (Paxton Street), transported; 9:50 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26
6:56 a.m.: accident (Pine Street), report taken; 7:28 a.m.: disabled mv (Stafford Street), assisted; 8:14 a.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 9:25 a.m.: ambulance (Edward Street), transported; 12:29 p.m.: animal complaint (Rawson Street), services rendered; 1:49 p.m.: investigation (South Main Street), spoken to; 2:50 p.m.: investigation (Stafford Street, Worcester), services rendered; 3:15 p.m.: suspicious mv (Auburn Street), services rendered; 3:37 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 4:03 p.m.: shoplifting (Main Street), report taken; 4:06 p.m.: debris in road (Pine Street), services rendered; 4:41 p.m.: erratic operation (Main Street), services rendered; 5:13 p.m.: investigation (Main Street), spoken to; 6:24 p.m.: suspicious activity (Moose Hill Road), services rendered; 6:26 p.m.: ambulance (Mayflower Circle), transported; 9:28 p.m.: suspicious activity (Marshall Street), services rendered; 9:36 p.m.: investigation (Gettysburg Road, Worcester), services rendered; 9:56 disturbance (Pleasant Street), unfounded.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27
1:10 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), services rendered; 11:25 a.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), mv towed; 11:52 a.m.: fire/explosion (Main Street), report taken; 12:32 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), unable to locate; 1:35 p.m.: assist citizen (Carleton Road), no police service noted; 2:02 p.m.: investigation (Cricklewood Drive), no police action noted; 3:26 p.m.: ambulance (Soojians Drive), transported; 3:58 p.m.: malicious mischief (Stafford Street), report taken; 4:08 p.m.: welfare check (Collier Avenue), report taken; 4:42 p.m.: assist citizen (Main Street); 5:00 p.m.: fraud (Birchwood Drive), report taken; 5:01 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 5:10 p.m.: investigation (Main Street), services rendered; 5:36 p.m.: parking complaint (Main Street), citation issued; 6:36 p.m.: parking complaint (Washburn Square), citation issued; 7:54 p.m.: investigation (Cricklewood Drive), spoken to; 8:20 p.m.: welfare check (South Main Street), services rendered; 9:04 p.m.: investigation (Main Street), no police action noted; 9:36 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 10:04 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 11:08 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), services rendered.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28
12:44 a.m.: ambulance (White Birch Street), transported; 2:36 a.m.: ambulance (Virginia Drive), transported; 3:36 p.m.: assist citizen (Soojians Drive), services rendered; 7:50 a.m.: accident (Rawson Street), services rendered; 8:10 a.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street), services rendered; 8:44 a.m.: warrant service (South Main Street), name, address, and charges redacted from police log, arrest; 10:00 a.m.: ambulance (Peter Salem Road), transported; 11:07 a.m.: investigation (Marshall Street), services rendered; 11:23 a.m.: investigation (Lynde Brook Drive), services rendered; 11:34 a.m.: disabled mv (Henshaw Street), services rendered; 12:25 p.m.: welfare check (Henshaw Street), services rendered; 1:36 p.m.: fire/odor of gas (Maple Street), referred; 1:41 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), assisted; 2:46 p.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive), Ronald K. Wahlers, 55, 765 Main Street, #303, Worcester, shoplifting by asportation, larceny under \$1200, resisting arrest, arrest; 3:01 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 3:18 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 4:42 p.m.: malicious mischief (Stafford Street), report taken; 5:20 p.m.: assist citizen (Stafford Street), spoken to; 5:26 p.m.: assist citizen (Stafford Street); 5:42 p.m.: welfare check (Mayflower Circle), spoken to; 7:02 p.m.: disabled mv (Marshall Street), gone on arrival; 7:53 p.m.: assist citizen (Mayflower Circle), spoken to; 8:11 p.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive), report taken; 8:54 p.m.: disturbance (Mayflower Circle), peace restored; 9:32 p.m.: suspicious mv (Stafford Street), no action required; 11:46 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), services rendered.



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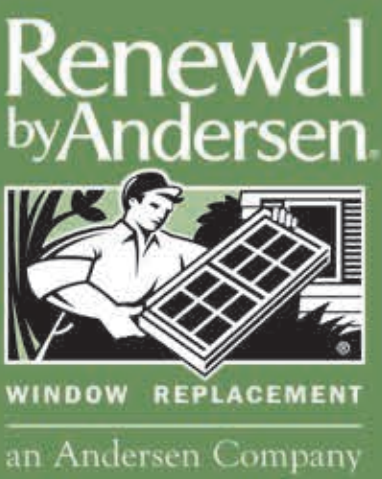
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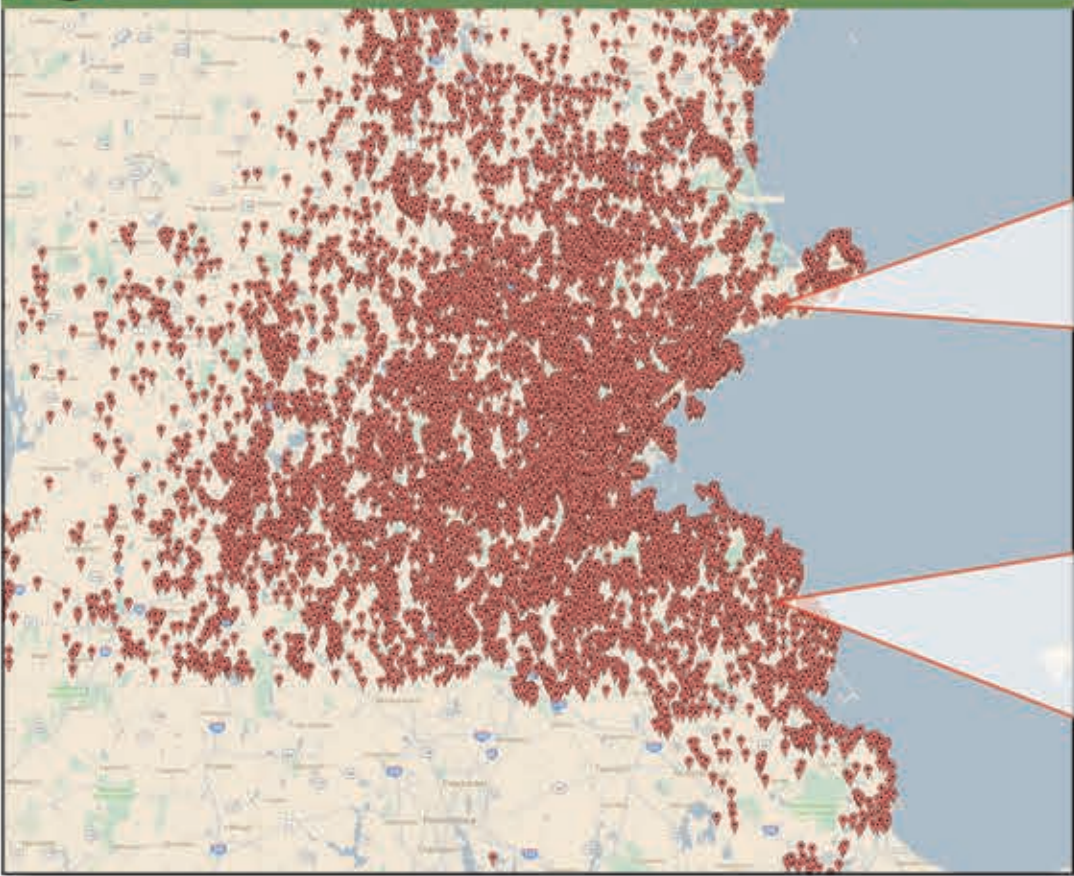
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There were a lot of craft fairs last weekend, but they're not over yet! The North Brookfield PTO is hosting a Holiday Fair on Sunday, December 7 from 6-9 pm at the North Brookfield Elementary School. Free admission, crafters, vendors, music, raffles, and a food truck! Celebrate the holiday with the North Brookfield PTO and support a great organization!

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OBITUARIES

Alice K. Lemieux, 92



N O R T H B R O O K F I E L D- Alice K. (Masterson) Lemieux, 92, went peacefully home to the Lord in the early hours of November 30, 2018.

Alice was predeceased by Joseph Lemieux, her husband of 62 years in 2016, and her son Peter in 2005. She is survived by her son Paul of Waltham; son Philip and his wife Cheryl of North Brookfield; son Stephen and his wife Kristen of Sturbridge; brother Robert Masterson of Worcester; 10 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews.

Alice was born and raised in Worcester and graduated from the former St. Peter's High School. She moved to North Brookfield when she married and raised her family there. She was a faithful communicant at St. John The Baptist Church in East Brookfield for many years, living her faith by helping others in ways nobody

ever heard about.

Alice enjoyed trips to Atlantic City and Las Vegas and brisk 3-mile walks around town with her "walking buddies". Her grandchildren were her pride and joy in the later years and she never missed the chance to have them come stay with her and watch endless episodes of "Full House". She loved animals and adopted more than one stray in her lifetime. Plants and gardening also consumed some of her free time.

Calling hours are private for the family in Pillsbury Funeral Home 44 Gilbert St. North Brookfield. A funeral mass will be offered for Alice on Friday December 7, 2018 at 11:00 AM in St. John The Baptist Church, Blaine Ave. East Brookfield. Burial will follow in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Elm St., North Brookfield. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Second Chance Animal Shelter, Po Box 136 East Brookfield, MA. www.secondchanceanimals.org. For an online tribute and guestbook please visit: pillsburyfuneralhome.com

Joan L. Ayotte, 76



OXFORD - Joan L. (Ackerman) Ayotte, 76, of Wheelock Street, died peacefully on Saturday, November 24, 2018, at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester. She is survived by three brothers,

Alan Ackerman of Millbury, Donald "Jack" Ackerman of Auburn, and Robert Ackerman of Spencer; four sisters, Dorothy Mandella of Auburn, Hilda Brunnett of Leicester, Marion Cote of Brookfield, and Andrea Ackerman of Worcester; and many nephews and nieces. She was predeceased by her husband of 49 years, Gilbert F. Ayotte who died in 2015; three brothers, George Ackerman, Thomas "Buster" Ackerman, and Richard Ackerman;

and a sister, Margaret Brunnett. She was born in Worcester, daughter of the late George and Hilda (Dyson) Ackerman, and was a lifelong resident of the Worcester area.

Mrs. Ayotte worked in food service her entire career, most recently at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester. She was a foster grandparent at a local elementary school for several years and was an avid bowler. She helped her sisters and brothers as a caretaker for her nephews and nieces for several years.

No funeral service in planned. There are no calling hours. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-1942. Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is assisting with arrangements. paradisfuneralhome.com

Joseph T. Curtin, 79

HOLLAND- Joseph T. Curtin, 79, died Monday, November 26, 2018, at Harrington Memorial Hospital after a sudden illness. He leaves his wife of 41 years, Carol (Mercure) Curtin. They were married November 5, 1977.

He leaves his son Sean Curtin of Holland, a daughter and son-in-law Sarah and Brian Clarke of Brookfield, and a grandson Camden Clarke. He also leaves 2 sisters Mary A. Curtin of Nanuet, NY and Sabina Kelemen and her husband Dennis of Thiells, NY, many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by 2 brothers Michael Curtin, and Timothy Curtin and a sister Noreen Geelan.

Joseph was born in New York City, son of Timothy and Mary (Tully) Curtin, and has lived here most of his life. He was a member of St. Anne's

Church in Fiskdale, and was a retired electronic technician. He was a veteran of the US Army. He studied languages, obtaining his Bachelor's Degree, with a major in Russian, and a minor degree in Chinese. He enjoyed learning foreign languages, computers, and was an avid reading. He was most proud of his Irish heritage, and after having spent six years in Italy, he loved all things Italian.

Services will be private. Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge is directing the arrangements. www.sansoucyfuneral.com



Margaret H. "Peg" Higgins Partenheimer, 84



LEICESTER: Margaret H. "Peg" (O'Neil) Higgins Partenheimer, 84, of Gleason Way, Leicester died Friday, Nov. 30 in Notre Dame Long term Care Center.

Her husband Paul E. "Pep" Partenheimer died in 2017. She leaves a son James C. Higgins and his wife Stephanie of Oxford, three daughters; Lynn M. Morley and her husband John of Alpharetta, GA, Elizabeth A. Saunders and her husband Steven of Spencer and Ann Marie Keane and her husband Francis of Holden, a sister Elizabeth Larson of Leicester, 11 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her first husband 1st Lt. James A. Higgins, a son Michael T. Higgins, three brothers; Rev. Leo O'Neil, Daniel O'Neil and James O'Neil and a sister Mary O'Neil.

Peg was born in Worcester, daughter of Leo and Margaret (Mulvey) O'Neil. She graduated from St. Peter's High School and St. Vincent's School of Nursing. She was a RN at St. Vincent Hospital and Oakwood Convalescent Home in Webster for many years before retiring. She enjoyed tole painting, crocheting, knitting and hosting

family gatherings. She was happiest when she was with her entire family at the beach on Cape Cod. The family would like to thank Notre Dame Du Lac, LTCC staff and hospice for their compassion and care.

A Funeral service was held Tuesday, Dec. 4 at 11:00 AM in MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main Street, Leicester. Burial followed in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Leicester. Calling hours were Monday, Dec. 3 from 5:00-7:00 PM in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Alzheimer's Assoc. of MA/NH, 309 Waverly Oaks Rd., Waltham, MA 02452. www.morinfuneralhomes.com

Catherine E. Kennedy, 89



SCARBOROUGH, ME- Catherine E. Kennedy peacefully passed away on her 89th birthday, November 29th 2018.

Cathy (a.k.a. "Catherine Eileen the Lovely") was born in Worcester MA on November 29th 1929 the daughter and only child of Daniel F. and Ann (Kean) Kennedy. She attended Worcester schools graduating from North High School and the State College at Framingham in 1951.

She taught home economics in New Britain CT and also for 35 years at Tantasqua Regional Junior and Senior High Schools in Sturbridge. She was active in the Southbridge chapter of Literacy Volunteers for 15 years.

When she retired in 1989, she moved from Southbridge MA to her cherished beach cottage at Higgins Beach in Scarborough Maine. Her many friends will remember laughter and happy hours on her porch, sunny days on the beach, and lobsters steamed in her tiny kitchen. Cathy served as a Eucharistic Minister at St. Maximilian

Kolbe church. She loved to travel and took several trips to explore the U.S. and Europe in her retirement. Always interested in learning she continued her education through a wide array of subjects offered by Maine Senior College. She was a great story-teller, very proud of her Irish heritage and told her best stories speaking with a very convincing Irish brogue. Most of all Cathy loved music and theatre and enjoyed supporting both throughout her life.

Cathy received attentive and loving care from the Pine Point Nursing Home staff and Compassus hospice.

At her request, there will not be calling hours. Following cremation by Direct Cremation of Maine, a private burial will take place. Interment will be at Sacred Heart Cemetery in West Brookfield Massachusetts.

As an expression of sympathy, memorial contributions may be made in her name to Tantasqua Education Association Scholarship Attention: Deb Blom Guidance Department Tantasqua Regional High School 319 Brookfield Road Fiskdale, MA 01518 or Literacy Volunteers of Southbridge MA or Portland ME.

John V. Bruinsma, 78

BROOKFIELD- John V. Bruinsma, 78, of Sixth Street, died Tuesday, November 27 in his home after a brief illness.

He leaves his life partner Claire Pray, three children; Jude Thompson, Julie Sowa, John Bruinsma, two sisters; Adele Gamari and Trudy DuVerger, three grandchildren; Adam McCauley, Amanda Knight and Brandon Bruinsma, four great grandchildren; Ashton, Ava Marie, Heaven and Kaiden and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Bruinsma was born in Worcester, son of Henry P. and Helen

H. (Matyszczyk) Bruinsma. He was a steel cutter at U.S. Steel Co. for several years. He loved pheasant hunting with his dog Suzy and fly fishing.

At the family's request no funeral services are planned. J. HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer is directing funeral arrangements. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to VNA Hospice and Palliative Care, Fund Development Office, 199 Rosewood Drive, Suite 180, Danvers, MA 01923-4539.

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Joseph A. Bullock, 80



SPENCER- Joseph A. Bullock, 80, of Dustin Street died unexpectedly Saturday, Dec. 1 while hunting with his son & grandson.

His wife Dolores V. (Vallee) Bullock died in July. He leaves five sons; Michael J. Bullock of Worcester, Gary Bullock of Bennington, VT, Dana Bullock of Worcester, Scott Bullock and his wife Rachel of Westfield and Brian Bullock and his wife Jennifer of Granby, a daughter Michelle Bullock of Spencer, a brother William Bullock, two sisters; Theresa Stickney and Patricia Bullock all of Florida, 8 grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Joseph was born in North Brookfield,

son of Adam and Amelia (Hachey) Bullock. He worked for the Town of Spencer for many years before retiring. He was a member of the National Rifle Association. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and gardening. He was an avid New England Patriots fan. He loved spending time with his family especially with his grandchildren.

Funeral services and burial are private at the convenience of the family. There are no calling hours. J. HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer is directing funeral arrangements. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Spencer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 147, Spencer, MA 01562 or to North Brookfield Emergency Squad, 84 South Main Street, North Brookfield, MA 01535.

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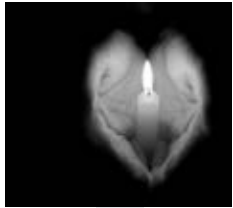
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OBITUARIES

Steven A. Morris, 65



WEST BROOKFIELD- Steven A. Morris, 65, of West Brookfield died on Friday, November 30, 2018 at his home after an 8 year courageous battle with cancer.

He leaves his wife of 36 years, Joanne Gadoury; his sister, Judith Rzegocki; his nephew and Godchild, Eric Rzegocki-Scott and his wife Ibby and his nephew, Adam Rzegocki and his wife Amanda; his extended family, father and mother-in-law Edgar and Phyllis Gadoury; three brothers-in-law, Mark and Kim, Dean and Cathy, and Scott and Kathy; his special sister-in-law, Lynne, nieces and nephews and many friends. He was predeceased by his son, Ryan in 1997. He was born in Springfield and grew up in West Springfield, son of the late Andrew S. and Minerva D. Kampfer, and has lived in West Brookfield for over 40 years.

Steve was the owner of a successful residential contracting business, Steve Morris Construction. He attended the Saint George Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Springfield. Steve was

an avid cyclist, riding for the PanMass Challenge raising money for cancer research. He enjoyed boating, snowmobiling, motorcycling, and many other outdoor activities. Steve brought much joy to many lives with his humor and compassion to help those in need.

A Funeral Service for Steve was held on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 5:00PM in the Varnum Funeral Home, Inc., 43 East Main St., West Brookfield. Calling hours were held from 3 to 5PM in the funeral home prior to the service. Burial will be held privately in Pine Grove Cemetery in West Brookfield. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Special Olympics of Massachusetts, 512 Forest St., Marlborough, MA 01752 or at www.specialolympicsma.org or to Dr. Chan's Gastrointestinal Neuroendocrine Tumor Research Fund through Steve's PMC link to the research fund online at <http://www.pmc.org/profile/SM0429>, or by mail to Steve Morris SM0429, PanMass Challenge, P.O. Box 415590, Boston, MA 02241-5590, where every donation brings a cure closer by the mile.

An online guest book is available at varnumfuneralhome.com

Tyler R. Kubert, 19



WEST BROOKFIELD- Tyler R. Kubert, 19, passed away Saturday, November 24, 2018, at UMass Memorial Medical Center.

He leaves his mother Elissa B. (Lawrence) and step-father James Boos of W. Brookfield, his father Robert Kubert, Jr, and step-mother Alysia of Brookfield, 2 sisters Grace Boos and Juliette Boos of W. Brookfield, 2 brothers Salvador Martinez of Webster, and Brendon Martinez of Shrewsbury. He also leaves his maternal grandmother Ann Merriam and step-grandfather Edward Merriam of Warren, MA, maternal grandfather David Lawrence of N. Brookfield, paternal grandfather Robert Kubert, Sr. of W. Brookfield, his step great-grandparents Richard and Charlotte Boos of W. Brookfield, and Robert and June Power of Holland. Tyler is also survived by many aunts, uncles, and cousins Julie Lawrence, Ken and Sarah Lawrence, Laurie and

David Caron, Linda and Dinin Lopez, Susan Kubert, Ronald and Sue Kubert, Jessica Girouard, and Jason Power.

Tyler graduated from Quaboag Regional High School in June 2018. He enjoyed fishing, owned his own landscaping business, selling and trading on websites, volunteering, and working part-time at the Big Y in Spencer, but most of all loved spending time with his family and friends, and helping those in need.

There was a church service at 10AM on Friday, November 30, 2018, at the Upper Room Christian Fellowship Church, 18 Central Street, West Warren, for family and close friends.

There was a Celebration of Life Friday evening from 5-8 at the West Brookfield Senior Center, 37 Front Street, West Brookfield MA .

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Suicide Prevention Lifeline or Fisher Center for Alzheimer's.

Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge, MA is assisting the family with arrangements.

<http://www.sansoucyfuneral.com>

Doris A. Doherty, 76

NORTH BROOKFIELD- Doris A. (Hayes) Doherty, 76 of Elgin Township, Grant County, North Dakota, formerly of North Brookfield, passed from this life unexpectedly on November 3, 2018, while hospitalized at the West River Health Care Center in Hettinger, ND. Born in Ware, MA August 8, 1942, she first resided in Brookfield, moving to North Brookfield in the late 1940s where she attended North Brookfield Public School.

Doris had to leave school early in order to help with family and finances due to the untimely passing of her mother, Anna, in 1959. She worked at the former H.H. Brown Shoe Company in Worcester for more than 20 years. She later worked for other shoe manufacturers in the Brookfields and Ware. She retired from the former Dekalb Warren Research Farm in North Brookfield in 1988.

Doris loved fishing and the outdoors and in 1996 moved to the Big Skys of Montana with her husband John where together they made prairie and mountain alike their home with campfires and sunsets their way of life. She was also a life long master of sewing,

crochet, embroidering and other hand made arts and crafts too numerous to mention. She donated most of her creations to charity fund raisers for the needy and to friends and loved ones as gifts, always thinking of others first. She was also a member of the North Brookfield Historical Society, having joined in 2012.

She leaves her husband of 30 years, John P. Doherty her sister Shirley Sanborn and husband Paul of Brookfield, her sister Jane Fairbrother and husband Alan of North Brookfield, and several nieces and nephews. She also leaves a countless number of friends whose hearts were forever touched by the kindness and love she had for everyone. She was preceded in death by her mother, Anna (Mendella) Hayes, her father Walter Hayes, and first husband Myron Brown, all of North Brookfield.

A private day long memorial service and celebration of life was held on November 11, 2018 by family and friends at chosen locations throughout the Brookfields and Ware. There will also be a private ceremony of spirit held at her home in North Dakota as well as in her and Johns' 'special' home in Bears Paw Mountains, Hill County, Montana at a later date.

Viola M. (Barnes) Cicetti, 99



CHARLTON-Viola M. (Barnes) Cicetti, 99 years and 8 months, passed away peacefully in her home at Overlook Health Center in Charlton, with the support of her family, on November 27, 2018. Her husband, Armand J. Cicetti predeceased her on January 2, 1985. Viola leaves her 4 loving children, Armand L. Cicetti and his wife, Camille, of Crossville, Tennessee, Viola B. Whiteman of Warrington, Pennsylvania, Richard A. Cicetti of Santa Monica, CA, and Deborah C. Campbell and her husband Edward J. of Sturbridge, MA. She also leaves her 4 loving grandchildren, Susan W. Nordlof and her husband, John Nordlof of Phila., PA, John E. A. Whiteman of Hellertown, PA, Christy C. Simpson and her husband, Andrew Simpson of Ware, MA, and Scott E. Campbell and his wife, Jill C. Campbell of Grafton, MA. She also leaves 4 great-grandchildren. Viola was predeceased by her son-in-law, Hugh M. Whiteman and several beloved pets.

Viola was born in Vailsburg section of Newark, NJ on St. Patrick's Day, 1919 the daughter of Amelia L. (Hollister) Barnes and LeRoy A. Barnes. She studied music and was coached in opera at Arts High School until 1937. Soon after she married the love of her life and

then devoted her life to supporting her husband's dream of owning his own floral shop and caring for her family in Livingston, NJ. In retirement, she and Armand resided in West Palm Beach, FL and Yarmouthport, MA. Viola volunteered her time as a Cub Scout Den mother, Girl Scout leader, was a deacon at Trinity Covenant Church, Livingston, NJ and Federated Church of Hyannis, MA. She was also a member of the Livingston Women's Club, their choral group and the NJ chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. In later years Viola worked at the Turtle Back Zoo, South Orange, NJ, Buttner's in Hyannis, MA and Cape Cod Hospital Thrift Shop. Viola's favorite pastimes included researching her extensive genealogy, reading historic biographies, traveling, most fondly to Hawaii, and basking in the sun. Her family will most miss her charm, sense of humor and the twinkle in her eye.

The family asks that donations be made to the Overlook Communities and Overlook Hospice of Charlton, MA.

There will be no calling hours. A memorial service will be held on Monday, January 14, 2019 at 1:00pm in the Overlook Chapel, Charlton, MA. A private burial will take place at Ancient Cemetery in Yarmouthport, MA at a later date. Pillsbury Funeral Home 3 West Brookfield Rd. Brookfield.

Joseph Martin Noonan, 51

NORTH BROOKFIELD- Joseph Martin Noonan, 51, Joe lost his courageous battle to cancer surrounded by family and friends on Friday November 30, 2018. He leaves his wife Betsy; children Cory and Kyle; mother Selina Noonan; father James Noonan; younger sister Catherine Mirabito (Greg); older brother David Noonan (Lisa); nieces and nephews Alex, Kelly, Lacey, Kimmy, James, Nikki, Sara, Ed, Kelly, Caitlin, Andrew, Stevie, Jenna; his favorite little people who referred to him as "Big Joe", Trista, Bri, Cameron, Amberlyn, Mckenna, Tristan, Junior, Karlin, Little Eddie, and Jackson and his large extended family and friends whom he loved dearly. He joins his beloved daughter Lena Noonan. He graduated from Silver Lake Regional High School in Kingston where he developed his love for Basketball. Joe's legacy will always be his passion for coaching basketball to his children as well as many other boys and girls in the community. Inspiring young

athletes and instilling values of teamwork and sportsmanship was what he enjoyed the most. He was known as a "Gentle Giant" to so many because of his loving nature and willingness to help anyone in need. With the loss of his daughter, Joe founded the Lena Ann Noonan SWISH Foundation Inc, a non-profit organization supporting youth basketball. His family plans to continue his vision. Calling hours were Wednesday, December 5, 2018 from 4-7 PM in Pillsbury Funeral Home 44 Gilbert St. North Brookfield. The funeral for Joe was held on Thursday at 10:00 AM in the First Congregation Church 144 Main St. N. Brookfield. Burial followed in Worcester County Memorial Park in Paxton. In lieu of flowers, his family is accepting donations made to the Lena Ann Noonan Benefit Fund. North Brookfield Savings Bank 9 Gilbert St. North Brookfield, MA 01535. For an online tribute and guestbook please visit: Pillsburyfuneralhome.com

Paul F. LaPorte, Jr., 77



LEICESTER- Paul F. LaPorte, Jr., 77, of Grove Street died Sunday, December 2 in Southbridge Rehab. & Nursing Center after an illness.

He leaves his wife June C. (Serijanjan) LaPorte, two sons; Todd M. LaPorte and his wife Christina of Spencer and Thomas J. LaPorte of Brookfield, a granddaughter Eva LaPorte, a brother John LaPorte of Marstons Mills, a sister Ann Allard of Ellington, CT and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a son Stephen P. LaPorte in 1971.

Paul was born in Worcester, son of Paul F. and Geraldine (Laverty) LaPorte. He graduated from Holy Name High School. He served his

country in the United States Air Force from 1960-1964 during the Vietnam War. He was a large valve assembler for 30 years at Jamesbury Corp. before retiring in 2004. He was a long time member of the National Rifle Association, the British Iron Association, the Auburn Sportsman's Club and the American Legion. He enjoyed collecting coins, hunting and ice fishing. He was an avid Boston Red Sox fan and loved riding his Triumph Motorcycles.

Funeral services and burial will be private at a later date. J. HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer is directing funeral arrangements.

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 Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese, Sour Cream & Salsa
 Buttery Corn, Pear Cup, & Bananas

Wednesday, December 5
 BBQ Rib Sandwich on WG Roll
 French Fries & Ketchup
 Cole Slaw, Peach Cup & Pineapple Cups

Thursday, December 6
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Friday, December 7
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Monday, December 10
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 Crunchy Carrots & French Fries Mandarin Oranges & Pear Cups

Tuesday, December 11
 Country "Fried" Chicken
 Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, WG Roll & Butter, Corn
 Cranberry sauce, Pineapple & Peach Cups

Wednesday, December 12
 Ham & Cheese Croissant
 Baked Beans & Roasted Carrots
 Mixed Berry Cups & Fresh Apples

Thursday, December 13
 Chicken Stir Fry with Broccoli
 Carrots & Pea Pods in a Teriyaki Sauce
 Rice Pilaf, Buttery Peas Mixed Fruit & Peaches

Friday, December 14
 Stuffed Crust Pizza
 Romaine Tossed Salad w/ Assorted Dressings
 Green Beans & Fruit Choices

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FRUIT-VEGGIE
 and at least **THREE** items total
 so your meal counts as a complete lunch!

Featured Specials of the Day

Monday, December 17
 Popcorn Chicken & Assorted Dipping Sauces
 Potato Puffs, Baked Beans, Corn, WG Cookie & Mixed Fruit

Tuesday, December 18
 Meatball Grinder w/ Mozzarella Cheese
 Tossed Salad w/ assorted Dressings
 Roasted Green Beans, Fresh Apples & Peach Cups

Wednesday, December 19
 Chicken Fajita's -Sautéed Peppers & Onions, Salsa
 Seasoned Potato Wedges Crunchy Carrots,
 Pineapple & Applesauce Cups

Thursday, December 20
 Turkey Dinner
 Sliced Turkey & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes
 Stuffing, Mixed Vegetable, Rolls & Butter
 Apple Crisp & Pear Cups

Friday, December 21
 French Bread Pizza, Romaine Tossed Salad
 Roasted Carrots & Assorted Fruit Choices



Leicester Middle School
Lunch \$3.00 Reduced Price \$.40

Menus for December 2018

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Available Daily

Monday– Chicken Patty on WG Roll
Tuesday– Spicy Chicken Patty on WG Roll
Wednesday– Assorted Pizza Choices
Thursday– Hamburger on WG Roll
Friday– Chicken Patty on WG Roll

Assorted Deli Sandwiches & Salads Available Everyday!
 Daily Fruits & Vegetables offered to complete your meal

Pre-pay meals online at: www.myschoolbucks.com or by sending a check directly to school

Featured Specials of the Day

Monday, December 3
 Kayem Hot Dog in WG Roll
 Smiley Fries, Crunchy Carrots
 Baked Beans & Fresh Apples

Tuesday, December 4
 Crunchy Beef Tacos
 Lettuce, Tomato, Shredded Cheese
 Buttery Corn & Pear Cup

Wednesday, December 5
 BBQ Rib Sandwich on WG Roll
 French Fries & Ketchup
 Cole Slaw, Peach Cup

Thursday, December 6
 Individual Round Pizza
 Romaine Tossed Salad w/ Assorted Dressings
 Green Beans & Fruit Choices

Friday, December 7
****1/2 Day of School** Teacher PD Day**
 Bagged lunches available to go!
 FREE for approved Free paying students and only \$.40 for approved Reduced Paying students, \$3.00 regular price
 Order yours in the morning and it will be ready for you before you leave.

Monday, December 10
 Hamburgers, Lettuce & Tomato
 Crunchy Carrots & French Fries & Pear Cups

Tuesday, December 11
 Country "Fried" Chicken
 Breaded Chicken served with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
 WG Roll & Butter, Corn & Peach Cup

Wednesday, December 12
 Ham & Cheese Croissant
 Baked Beans & Roasted Carrots
 & Fresh Apples

Thursday, December 13
****Breakfast for Lunch****
 Pancakes & Syrup, Scrambled Eggs
 Potato Puffs, Cucumber Slices
 Mixed Berry Cups

Friday, December 14
 Stuffed Crust Pizza
 Romaine Tossed Salad w/ Assorted Dressings
 Green Beans & Fruit Choices

DON'T 4-GET!

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 Tossed Salad w/ assorted Dressings
 Roasted Green Beans & Peach Cups

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 Seasoned Potato Wedges Crunchy Carrots, Applesauce Cups

Thursday, December 20
 Turkey Dinner
 Sliced Turkey & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes
 Mixed Vegetable, Rolls & Butter
 Warm Cinnamon Apples & WG Cookie

Friday, December 21
 French Bread Pizza
 Romaine Tossed Salad
 Roasted Carrots & Assorted Fruit Choices



Menus for December 2018
 Leicester Primary & Memorial School

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The original value meal & still a fantastic deal!

Breakfast Lunch
\$1.50 \$3.00

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Happy Holidays!

From
 Laurie Cascione, Director of Food Services,
 Leicester Public Schools,
 & the School Nutrition Staff at your school

Monday, December 3	Tuesday, December 4	Wednesday, December 5	Thursday, December 6	Friday, December 7
Meatball Grinder Italian Meatballs in Tomato Sauce on a WG Roll French Fries & Ketchup Crunchy Carrots Fresh Apples Alternate Entrées: Bagel, Cream Cheese & Yogurt Or Grilled Cheese & Soup	Popcorn Chicken Crispy Breaded popcorn Chicken Bites Mashed Potatoes Baked Beans Pear Cups Alternate Entrées: Bagel, Cream Cheese & Yogurt Or Grilled Cheese & Soup	Breakfast for Lunch WG Pancakes & Syrup Scrambled Eggs Potato Puffs Crunchy Broccoli Mixed Berry Cups Alternate Entrées: Bagel, Cream Cheese & Yogurt Or Grilled Cheese & Soup	Stuffed Crust Pizza Cheese & Pepperoni Tossed Salad w/ Dressing Green Beans Assorted Fruit Choices Alternate Entrées: Bagel, Cream Cheese & Yogurt Or Grilled Cheese & Soup	**1/2 Day of School** Teacher PD Day Bagged lunches available to go! Includes a sandwich, Vegetable & Fruit or Fruit Juice FREE for approved Free paying students and only \$.40 for approved Reduced Paying students, \$3.00 regular price Order yours in the morning and it will be ready for you before you leave.
Monday, December 10	Tuesday, December 11	Wednesday, December 12	Thursday, December 13	Friday, December 14
Build a Burger Hamburger on a WG Roll Condiments Lettuce & Tomato Baked Beans French Fries Peach Cups Alternate Entrées: Bagel, Cream Cheese & Yogurt Or Peanut Butter & Jelly	Sweet Orange Chicken Breaded Chicken in a Sweet Orange Sauce Rice Pilaf & Broccoli Corn Mixed Fruit Cups Alternate Entrées: Bagel, Cream Cheese & Yogurt Or Peanut Butter & Jelly	Spaghetti & Meatballs WG Pasta with Meatballs in a Marinara Sauce Green Beans Pear Cup Alternate Entrées: Bagel, Cream Cheese & Yogurt Or Peanut Butter & Jelly	Grilled Cheese & School Made Chicken Soup Sliced Cucumbers Assorted Fruit Choices Alternate Entrées: Bagel, Cream Cheese & Yogurt Or Peanut Butter & Jelly	WG Pizza Cheese or Pepperoni Steamed Carrots Romaine Tossed Salad & Assorted Dressing Fruit Choices Alternate Entrées: Bagel, Cream Cheese & Yogurt Or Peanut Butter & Jelly
Monday, December 17	Tuesday, December 18	Wednesday, December 19	Thursday, December 20	Friday, December 21
Hot Dog Kayem Hot Dog in a WG Roll Smile Fries Baked Beans Pear Cup Alternate Entrées: Bagel, Cream Cheese & Yogurt Or Grilled Cheese & Soup	Tacos Seasoned Beef with Crunchy Taco Shells Lettuce, Tomato & Cheese Salsa & Sour Cream Buttery Corn Peach Cup Alternate Entrées: Bagel, Cream Cheese & Yogurt Or Grilled Cheese & Soup	Chicken Tenders All White Meat Chicken Tenders w/ Assorted Sauces Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Fruit Choices Alternate Entrées: Bagel, Cream Cheese & Yogurt Or Grilled Cheese & Soup	Toasty Croissants Ham & Cheese on a WG Croissant Crunchy Carrots Steamed Broccoli Mixed Fruit Cups Alternate Entrées: Bagel, Cream Cheese & Yogurt Or Grilled Cheese & Soup	School Made Pizza Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Tossed Salad Assorted Dressings Steamed Carrots Assorted Fruit Choices Alternate Entrées: Bagel, Cream Cheese & Yogurt Or Grilled Cheese & Soup

BREAKFAST

DECEMBER 2018
Bay Path High School

** Meals subject to change without notice**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Homemade Coffee Cake 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety	Ham, Egg & Cheese on a Croissant 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety	Scrambled Eggs Sausage Whole Wheat Toast 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety	Waffle Bar with Assorted Toppings 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety	Assorted Bagel Assorted Cream Cheese 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety
Homemade Coffee Cake 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety	Sausage, Egg & Cheese on an English Muffin 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety	Scrambled Eggs Bacon Whole Wheat Toast 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety	Pancakes with Syrup 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety	Bacon, Egg & Cheese Quesadilla 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety
Homemade Coffee Cake 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety	Bacon, Egg & Cheese on a Biscuit 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety	Scrambled Eggs Sausage Whole Wheat Toast 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety	French Toast with Syrup 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety	Assorted Bagel Assorted Cream Cheese 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety
CHRISTMAS BREAK NO SCHOOL		CHRISTMAS BREAK NO SCHOOL	CHRISTMAS BREAK NO SCHOOL	CHRISTMAS BREAK NO SCHOOL
	Full Price \$1.75 Reduced \$0.30 Daily Breakfast Alternates: Assorted Muffins, Cereal and Yogurt Smoothies Or Try the Grab and Go Line with an assortment of breakfast pastries All meals are served with a choice of assorted 8oz low fat milk			



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LUNCH

DECEMBER 2018
Bay Path High School

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pork Carnitas Seasoned Shredded Pork in a Whole Wheat Tortilla w/ lettuce, tomatoes, Salsa, Guacamole and Sour Cream Buttered Corn Fruit Variety	Mozzarella Sticks Baked Mozzarella Sticks w/ Marinara Dipping Sauce Tossed Salad Fruit Variety	Macaroni & Cheese Elbow Pasta in a Creamy Homemade Cheese Sauce WW Dinner Roll Sweet Peas Fruit Variety	Brunch For Lunch Pancakes w/ Sausage or Ham, Egg & Ch. On an English Muffin Home fries Strawberries	1/2 Day
Nachos Seasoned Ground Beef & Cheese on a bed of Tortilla Chips Served w/ assorted toppings Black Bean and Corn Salad Fruit Variety	Cheeseburger Beef Burger topped with Cheese on Whole Wheat Bun Veggie Sticks w/Dip Fruit Variety	Hot Open Face Turkey Sandwich A slice of bread topped with Turkey and Gravy, Served with a side of Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Cranberry Sauce Apple Crisp	Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce Whole Wheat Pasta topped w/ Meat Sauce Garlic Bread Stick Green Beans Fruit Variety	Chicken Patty on WW Bun with Lettuce and Tomato Baked Sweet Potatoes Fries Fruit Variety
Chili Fries Baked French Fries topped with Homemade Chili & Cheese Corn Bread Fruit Variety	Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Tossed Salad Fruit Variety	Teriyaki Chicken Vegetable Fried Rice Vegetable Egg Roll Fortune Cookie Fruit Variety	Roast Pork w/ Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Mixed Vegetables Fruit Variety Cookie	Buffalo Chicken Tenders WW Dinner Roll Mixed Vegetables Fruit Variety
CHRISTMAS BREAK NO SCHOOL		CHRISTMAS BREAK NO SCHOOL	CHRISTMAS BREAK NO SCHOOL	CHRISTMAS BREAK NO SCHOOL
	Daily Lunch Alternates: Salad Bar, Assorted Grinders, PBJ Sandwich, Fruit and Yogurt Parfait, and Hummus with Vegetable Crudité & Pita Tuesday & Friday: Assorted pizza All meals are served with a choice of 8oz low fat assorted milk			
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Seasons Greetings & Happy Holidays to All



DUDLEY - 5 Corbin Road! Welcome Home! Beautiful Tri-Level Home Set on 4.5 Acres! 9 Finished Rooms, 3-4 Bedrooms, 2 Full Baths! Huge, Oak Cabinet Packed Kitchen w/Gorgeous Granite & Pella Slider to Enormous Trex Deck & In-ground, Heated Pool! Dining Room w/Bay Window, Hardwoods, Wainscot & Crown Molding w/French Doors Leading to the Sunroom which has Heat & AC where You Can Enjoy Your Morning Coffee Watching the Wildlife Around Your Pond or Take a Walk Across the Bridge to Check on Your Blueberry Bushes! Fireplaced Living Room w/Large Bow Front Window, Custom Built-ins & Hardwoods! 3 Large Bdrms w/Lots of Closet Space! Office Could Be Easily Made into 4th Bdrm! Master has Private Bakery Over Looking the Pool! Master Bath has W/D Hookups, Double Vanity & Walk-in Closet! Finished Walk-Out Lower Level Would Make a Great Game Room! 2 Car Garage which Leads to Rest of Basement which Houses the Utilities, another W/D Hook-up and Storage (Garage) Too Many Updates to List Here! A Must See House! **\$459,900.00**



THOMPSON - Quaddick Lake! 152 Beautiful Sunsets! Huge Level Lot/Lawn to the Water - 38 Acres! Open Floor Plan! 4.5 Room Ranch! 2 Bedrooms! 1.5 Baths! Appliance & Furnishings! Ideal 2nd Home or Yr Round! LP Gas Heat & HW! Generator! **\$229,900.00**



THOMPSON - 48 Smith St! 2 Family! 3/8 Rooms! 1/4 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**



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



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



THOMPSON - 854 Thompson Rd! Appealing 9 Room Split! Beautiful, 63 Acre Lot! Appliance Granite Kitchen! Dining & Fireplaced Living Rm w/Hardwoods! 17x18 Cathedral Ceiling Great Rm w/Tile Floor! 3 or 4 Bedrooms, 3 w/Hardwoods! Fireplaced Family Rm! Updated Full Bath! 1.5 Baths Total! 2 Car Garage! Recent Furnace! 18x24 Deck! Shed! Convenient to 395 in both Directions, Close to Raceway Golf Course & Thompson Speedway! **\$249,900.00**



WEBSTER - 26 Spring St! 5 Rm Ranch on Quiet Side Street! Walk into the 3 Seasons Rm w/Tile Flr, Ceiling Fan & Slider to Deck! Cabinet Packed Eat-In Kit! Spacious Liv Rm w/Hrds! 3 Bdrms! Finished Lower Level w/Tile Flr, 10' Bar w/Drop Lights! Vinyl Siding! Replacement Windows! **\$249,900.00**



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



WEBSTER - 23 Lincoln St! 3 Family w/ Great Comb Appeal! Owner Occupied or Investor! 5/4 Rooms! 2/2 Bedrooms! Hardwood Floors in Most Rooms! First Floor Apart Freshly Painted! Replacement Windows! Off Street Parking! 2 Car Garage! Easy Highway Access! Conveniently Located! **\$239,900.00**



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WEBSTER - 21 Spring St! 6 Rm Ranch! Eat-In Appliance Kit w/Mahogany Cabinets & Tile Flr! Liv Rm w/Carpet over Hrdwd! 3 Bdrms w/Hrds! Master w/Walk-in Closet! Full Tile Bath! 14'x40' 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**



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



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



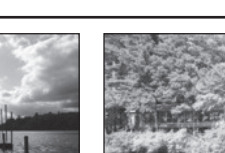
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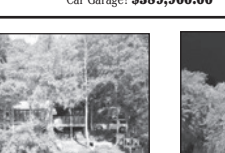
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SHREWSBURY - 747 Grafton St! 8 Rm Cape! 5 Acres off Route 20! Great Business Location! Home Needs Total Rehab! 1st Flr Consists of Eat-In Kit w/Built-in Hutch! Large Liv Rm! Master Bdrm w/Closet! Office! Full Bath! 2nd Flr Has 4 Bdrms w/Closets! Vinyl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



DUDLEY - 9 Progress Ave! 6 Rm Cape! Move In Ready! Appliance Eat-In Kit! Din & Liv Rms w/Hrds! 1st Flr Master w/Hrds & Dble Closets & Ceiling Fan! 3 Season Porch! 1/2 Bath w/Laundry! 2nd Flr w/2 Bdrms w/Hrds & a Full Bath! 2013 A/C & Heat! Garage! Great Lakeside Pool! Sandy Beach! **\$284,900.00**



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WEBSTER LAKE - 15 South Pond Rd! Waterfront Lot! Middle Pond - Panoramic Views! Conservation Approval! Build Your Dream! 100+ ft of Shoreline! 10'x10' 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 Appliance! Granite Kit! Frp/Liv Rm w/48" Smart TV & Hrdwds! Master Bath w/Walk-in Closet! 1st Bath! 2nd Flr w/2 Bdrms w/Hrds & a Full Bath! 2013 A/C & Heat! Garage! Great Lakeside Pool! Sandy Beach! **\$284,900.00**



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 Bdrm, 2 Baths, A/C'd, Ranch! Custom SS Appliance Granite Kit! Din Rm w/Hrds & Slider to Waterfront Deck w/Awning! Lake Facing Frp/Liv Rm w/Cathedral, Skylight & Hrdwds! Comfortable Master Bdrm! Frp/Liv Lower Level Fam Rm! 2 Car Garage! **\$729,900.00**



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WEBSTER LAKE - 209 Beacon Park! - 1280' Townhouse! 5 Rooms! Spectacular Sandy Beach! Fantastic Lakeside Pool! Appliance! Carpeted Dining Rm & Fireplaced Living Room! 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/Hrds, 2 Lake Facing! Frp/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 Lot! 2,300' Custom Contemp Colonial! Built 2015! Lake New! Open Fr Plan! Custom Granite Kit w/Island, Stainless Appliances, Gas Range, Soft Close Cabinets & Recessed Lights! Spectacular Lake Facing Great Rm, Stone Gas Frp/Liv, Surrounded by Custom Cabinetry, Recessed Lights & Ceiling! Living Area w/Custom Ceiling! Full Bath w/Granite Vanity & Custom Tile Shower! Laundry Rm! "Wood Look" Tile Floors throughout the First Floor! 2nd Flr Features 3 Comfortable Bdrms w/2 Being Waterfront! Lake Facing Master w/Slider to Deck, Hrdwds, Recessed Lighting, Walk-in Closet & Bdrm Access! Full Bath w/Hrds, Dble Closet & Door to Deck! 3rd Bdrm w/Hrds & Dble Closet! Full Bath w/Dble Granite Vanity & Tile Flr! C/Air! Gas Heat! 2x6x8' 2 Story Detached Garage! Dock! Get Packing! **\$789,900.00**



WEBSTER LAKE - 7 Bates Grove Rd! South Pond! As a Second Home, Getaway or Expand it into Your Dream Home - Have Possible Plan! 4+ Rooms! Open Floor Plan! Appliance Kit! 2 Bedrooms! Bathroom! Covered Deck! Ideal Gradual Sloping Lot w/Panoramic Lake Views! **\$399,900.00**



WEBSTER LAKE - 194 Killdeer Island! North Pond Views! Sandy Beach! 6 Rm Cape! Open Liv & Din Rm w/Newly Restored Fireplace! New Lake Facing Windows! 2 1st Flr Bdrms, 1 Lake Facing 3 Bdrms! 2 Updated Bathrooms! Huge Composite Deck w/Vinyl Rail! Walk-out Lower Level to Courtyard! Garage Under! **\$559,000.00**



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



WEBSTER LAKE - 202 Killdeer Island Rd! Panoramic View of North Pond! Natural Sandy Shoreline! Complete Rebuild Since 2002! Custom Center Island Appliance! Granite Kitchen! Walk-in Pantry, Recessed Lighting, Hardwoods & 2 Baths! Open Floor Plan! Dining Rm w/Window Seat, 2 Closets & Hardwoods! 19'x19' 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, Huger 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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CALENDAR

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

FREE FOR MOM & KIDS: There will be free weekly parent/child programs from 9 to 11 a.m. Fridays and Wednesdays at the North Brookfield Elementary School, New School Road, North. The program runs on school calendar and closes for vacation and inclement weather according to North Brookfield School calendar. This free program is sponsored by the Spencer, Wachusett, North and East Brookfield Coordinated Family Grant in partnership with the North Brookfield Elementary School. Funded by the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care. For more information, please call CFCE at (508) 885-2934

or e-mail Wachusettcpc@hotmail.com.

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

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

SIT AND KNIT: knitting group every Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the Merriam

Gilbert Library, West Brookfield. Bring your sewing, embroidery, knitting or crochet and enjoy some socializing while you work on your project.

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

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

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

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

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

LEGALS

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 Donna J. Prouty and James G. Prouty to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for First Eastern Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns, dated October 31, 2006 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 40085, Page 242, subsequently assigned to OneWest Bank, FSB by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 44324, Page 70, subsequently assigned to Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC by OneWest Bank, FSB by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 51634, Page 33, subsequently assigned to U.S. Bank Trust, N.A. as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as Nominee for First Eastern Mortgage Corporation, its successors and/or assigns by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 54671, Page 69, subsequently assigned to U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., As Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust by Ocwen Loan Servicing LLC by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 55756, Page 266 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 December 14, 2018 at 20 Sunset Lane, Spencer, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit: The land in Spencer, Worcester County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts with the buildings thereon on the west-erly side of Sunset Lane, and being Lot 18 on a plan recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 214 Plan 89, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the northeast corner of Lot 20; Thence N. 88° 44' W., 99.62 feet; Thence N. 1° 11' E., 105.0 feet; Thence S. 88°

44' E., 99.77 feet; Thence S. 1° 15' W., 105.77 feet said Sunset Lane to the point of beginning. 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. U.S. Bank Trust, N.A. as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust Present Holder of said Mortgage, By Its Attorneys, ORLANDS PC PO Box 540540 Waltham, MA 02454 Phone: (781) 790-7800 15-008260 November 23, 2018 November 30, 2018 December 7, 2018

Town of West Brookfield Zoning Board of Appeals

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the West Brookfield Town Hall, to act on an application for a Special Permit for Phyllis Allen, property owned by Allen Living Trust, for the property located at 12 Pine Trail, West Brookfield. The applicant wishes to demolish the existing structure and build a new single family dwelling. In Neighborhood District requires a special permit as per section, -1.5 Nonconformity, and 4. Dimensional Requirements, 4.2 Schedule of Dimensional Requirements (General) (et al). The public is invited to attend.

Renee Adams White Clerk

November 30, 2018 December 7, 2018

TOWN OF EAST BROOKFIELD PUBLIC NOTICE TAX CLASSIFICATION

The Board of Selectmen for the Town of East Brookfield will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 10, 2018 at 7:15 P.M. in the Memorial Town Complex at 122 Connie Mack Drive, East Brookfield, Massachusetts, to discuss the percentage of the tax levy to be borne by each class of real and personal property for Fiscal Year 2019, pursuant to Chapter 369 of the Acts of Massachusetts General Laws relating to classification and taxation of property according to use. December 7, 2018

Town of Spencer Conservation Commission PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

In accordance with the requirements of the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act, MGL c. 131, s. 40 and the Spencer Wetlands By-Law: The Spencer Water Department has filed a RDA with the Spencer Conservation Commission to install erosion and sedimentation control staked at 5-foot intervals and at each joint. They need to install a new sanitary lateral pipe and backfill to original grade, loam and seed area located at 3 Old Meadow Road, Spencer, MA. Robert Fallon has filed a RDA with the Spencer Conservation Commission to

repair the existing driveway, remove concrete stairs and replace with gravel steps at 19 Jolicoeur Avenue, Spencer, MA. Peter and Carol Gaucher have filed an Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation with the Spencer Conservation Commission to approve the delineation and proceed to planning a solar project at 22 Norcross Road, Spencer, MA. Applications can be reviewed at the Office of Development and Inspectional Services, Town Hall. A public hearing regarding these filings will be held by the Spencer Conservation Commission in McCourt Social Hall at Town Hall, 157 Main Street, on Wednesday, December 19, 2018, at which time all persons having an interest may be present and participate. Conservation Commission meetings open at 7:00 p.m., public hearings begin at 7:15 p.m. Mary McLaughlin Mary McLaughlin, Chairwoman December 7, 2018

IT'S AN ACE! CHECK OUT THE SPORTS ACTION!



CRYPTO FUN Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to textiles. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 23 = a)

A. 26 1 8 15 25 Clue: Thread or filament

B. 16 14 17 4 18 1 3 13 Clue: Covers the body

C. 10 23 25 3 Clue: Thick thread

D. 21 23 3 9 26 23 16 4 9 25 15 Clue: Make something

Answers: A. fiber B. clothing C. yarn D. manufacture

SUDOKU Fun By The Numbers

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			8			3		
	6	8		3	1	4		
		4			9	2		
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9			1		7			5
	7	2						
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Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works: Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

6	9	8	2	1	7	5	4	3
2	7	5	3	6	4	9	8	1
4	3	1	8	9	6	2	7	5
5	4	9	7	2	1	3	8	6
3	8	7	6	5	1	2	4	9
1	2	6	4	3	8	9	7	5
8	5	2	7	4	6	2	1	3
7	6	9	1	3	8	4	5	2
9	1	3	5	4	8	7	2	6

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HOLIDAY FOOD

Revisit lesser-known Christmas traditions

Christmas celebrants participate in many different traditions year after year, but some may not fully understand the meaning behind such activities. A Christian holiday, Christmas did not originate with all activities centralized to the church. In fact, many of the traditions people hold dear have pagan roots, which were adapted as Christmas celebrations evolved.

People who hang mistletoe in doorways may be surprised to learn that this tradition dates back to the ancient Druids. The Druids believed mistletoe possessed mystical powers that brought good luck to the household and warded off evil spirits.

Evergreen trees are now associated with Christmas trees, but evergreen boughs were once used to decorate homes during the winter solstice to help people envision the spring to come. Christians often look at evergreen trees as a sign of everlasting life and their relationship with God.

However, while many Christmas traditions continue to be an integral part of annual celebrations, there are some customs that have fallen out of favor. Although these traditions may no longer be widely practiced, anyone can revive them and make them part of their holiday celebrations.

Wassailing is a custom that has ancient origins and is not as popular today as it once was. “Wassail” comes from the Anglo-Saxon phrase “waes hael,” which means, “good health.” Wassail is a drink made



Wassail is an ancient spirited beverage that was brought house-to-house with the goal of spreading Christmas cheer.

of mulled ale, spices and other ingredients. To go wassailing meant to travel door-to-door singing and offering a drink from a wassail bowl in exchange for gifts. Wassailing has been mentioned in certain Christmas carols, including “We Wish You a Merry Christmas.”

Largely an English tradition, wassailing was brought to America by

British settlers. January 17th, the old Twelfth Night, is the traditional date for wassailing. Although wassailing has largely fallen by the wayside, increased interest in ales and craft brewing may help revitalize this Christmas tradition, which can inspire community spirit.

Gift-giving with fruit cake is another tradition that has been much maligned

and does not enjoy the same popularity that it once did. Fruit cake is a cake made with chopped candied fruit, nuts and spices and is occasionally soaked in spirits. Fruit cakes have been enjoyed all over the world, but Americans may never have embraced the Christmas fruit cake tradition as much as those from other countries. However, with the right

recipe and an open mind, it may be possible to resurrect the fruit cake tradition once again.

Mummers plays are another British tradition that arrived in North America with settlers but has largely fallen by the wayside. Mummers plays involved miming folk dramas, and the plays were commonplace around the holiday season. Celebrants may

want to research such dramas and include them in this year’s festivities to liven up celebrations even more.

Traditions passed on through the years help make Christmas a favorite time of celebration. People may want to explore the less popular traditions today and once again make them interesting parts of this year’s festivities.

Easy Christmas morning breakfast



Make-ahead muffins can be a quick breakfast that’s perfect for Christmas mornings at home.

Christmas morning is an exciting and joyous time for families. Children are anxious to rush downstairs and see what Santa has left under the tree, and parents are eager to see the looks on youngsters’ happy faces.

Having a fast and easy breakfast at the ready on Christmas morning allows families to jump right into the festivities rather than spending too much time in the kitchen.

This recipe for “Spiced Yogurt Muffins,” courtesy of the National Dairy Council, Dannon and McCormick, can be made in advance and then enjoyed while peeking into Christmas stockings or watching holiday parades on television. This big-batch recipe is ideal for feeding a houseful of overnight holiday guests. Or it can be prepared in advance and doled out as needed throughout the week. The muffins also can be made as a treat for holiday office luncheons. Cut the recipe in half for smaller yields.

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Combine yogurt and water in mixing bowl. Whisk until blended. Set aside.

Add spices to dry muffin mix in a large bowl. Add yogurt and water mixture to the muffin mixture. Mix until just blended. Don’t overmix.

Using a scoop, portion into greased or lined muffin pans. Bake at 350 F for 24 minutes, or 17 to 20 minutes in a convection oven, until the tops are golden brown.

Gingerbread goodness



Gingerbread is a broad term that can describe anything from a firm and crispy cookie to a moist, soft cake. Traditionally, gingerbread is seasoned with ginger, cloves, nutmeg, and other aromatic spices. Molasses and brown sugar counteract the spice with sweetness. North Americans have been baking gingerbread in various shapes or forms for more than 200 years, and the recipes even pre-date the American revolution. However, gingerbread

dates back even further to the Shakespearean era, with The Bard having mentioned it in one of his plays. Gingerbread’s name can be traced to medieval England and once referred to any kind of preserved ginger. The term went on to reference ginger-flavored cakes in the 15th century, and gingerbread eventually became popular throughout the world. Even though gingerbread cakes and cookies have been made for centuries, Germans are often credited

with creating gingerbread houses, according to Smithsonian. They were probably modeled after the witch’s candy cottage in the German fairy tale, “Hansel and Gretel.” Even though gingerbread can be made any time of year, it is particularly associated with the Christmas season, with gingerbread men and other fanciful shapes turning up on cookie platters.

HOLIDAY FOOD

Comfortable winter entertaining ideas



Coffee enjoyed with a group of friends can warm hearts on cold winter days.

Winter entertaining need not end once Christmas and New Year's Day have come and gone. Getting together with friends and family is still possible even if the weather outside is frightful. When Mother Nature takes a chilly turn, those who don't want the party can consider the following entertaining ideas.

- Indulge in sweet treats. Comfort foods can make even the most blustery winds easier to tolerate. Invite people over for a dessert party. At a dessert pot luck party, everyone brings along a favorite decadent dessert, from molten lava chocolate cake to warm bread pudding. Serve alongside tea, coffee and hot chocolate. Adults can enjoy the added punch of spiked beverages, which can warm everyone up instantly.
- Host a "snowed in" party. Spending a day cooped up inside when the roads are covered in snow might not be your idea of fun, but invite a mix of friends and neighbors who live nearby over, and this impromptu party can make the cabin fever disappear. Ask guests to bring one food item or beverage. Light a fire in the fireplace and set out some cozy throw blankets. If possible, invite everyone outdoors to build a snowman.
- Get physical. Get physically active

with friends or family members by staging mock Olympic events in the yard. These can be fun "sports" created by participants or variations on fun winter activities. Sledding races, snowball dodging contests, ice skating obstacle courses, and much more can make for an entertaining afternoon.

- Get cooking. Cooking can certainly pass the time, and it can be even more enjoyable when done in the company of others. Send out an invitation for friends to stop by for a meal or plan a meal prep party.
- Host a movie marathon. Handpick some favorite films and invite everyone over for a movie marathon. Fill the family room, home theater room or living room to capacity and host a group for a film fest. If space permits, set up one room with a children's movie for youngsters, while the adults retire to another room for movies that are more their speed. A buffet table set up with assorted snacks will help keep bellies full while guests watch some favorite flicks.

Winter days and nights are ripe for entertaining possibilities. These events help squash the cabin fever that can sometimes develop during the colder times of year.

How to make the holiday season more eco-friendly

With so much to do, it can be easy for people celebrating the holiday season to forget about the environment. But no matter how hectic the holiday season can be, there are always some simple opportunities to make it more eco-friendly.

- Create an eco-friendly party theme. Many holiday parties have themes. For example, "ugly sweater parties" have become so popular that many clothing manufacturers now intentionally produce colorful sweaters that might otherwise draw the ire of fashionistas. Hosts planning to throw an ugly sweater party can easily transform such festivities into something more eco-friendly by encouraging guests to purchase their sweaters from thrift stores. A Christmas tree planting party is another eco-friendly party theme that can benefit the planet and revitalize local forests at a time of year when they might be depleted due to the demand for natural Christmas trees.

- Serve locally sourced foods. Food is often front and center during the holiday season. Whether hosting family and friends at home, dining out or catering an office party, patronize businesses that sell only locally sourced foods. Locally sourced foods are much more eco-friendly than foods that must be shipped from afar before they land on your dinner table, and such foods tend to taste fresh as well. If serving at home, use reusable dishware and cutlery instead of paper plates and plastic utensils.
- Reuse decorations year after year. Decorations need not be discarded once the holiday season ends. Come the new year, inspect holiday decorations and store those that made it through the season unscathed. Doing so benefits the planet and will save you the trouble of shopping for new decorations next holiday season.



Serving only locally sourced foods at your holiday party is one way to keep the festivities eco-friendly.

Get rid of your old holiday lights. Still using the same Christmas lights you used in 1995? Such lights are likely incandescent bulbs that are considerably less efficient than today's

LED Christmas lights. The Office of Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy notes that LED lights consume 75 percent less energy and last 25 times longer than incandescent lighting. In addition, the OEERE says that LED holiday lights are easier to install and that as many as 25 strings of lights can be connected end-to-end without overloading a wall socket. An eco-friendly holiday season is easier to realize than many holiday celebrants may know.

4 tips to simplify cooking for a crowd this holiday season

Families big and small typically celebrate the holiday season together. For some, celebrating the holidays with family requires traveling, while others stay put and welcome family and friends into their homes.

At some point during the holiday season, celebrants who host family and friends will no doubt prepare a homecooked meal for their loved ones. Cooking for a crowd can seem like a daunting task, especially for first-time hosts. However, there are various ways for hosts to simplify cooking for a crowd this holiday season.

1. PREPARE A FAMILIAR DISH.

Hosts may agonize over their holiday menus, and some may feel compelled to prepare a family specialty or the same dishes their parents or grandparents prepared for holiday dinners when they were children. But holiday hosts can make things easy on themselves by choosing dishes they've made in the past, regardless of their place in family history. Chances are the ingredients for hosts' own specialties are already in the pantry, saving a potentially time-consuming trip to the grocery store. And thanks to the familiarity factor, hosts' own specialties likely won't require as much time to prepare.

2. SHARE SOME COOKING DUTIES.

Another way to simplify cooking for a crowd is to invite guests to bring along a side dish or dessert. Guests who live nearby can make something in advance of the big meal, while hosts can hand over their kitchens to overnight guests who

express a willingness to contribute their own homecooked dish to the party. Sharing the cooking duties gives hosts more time to connect with friends and family and serves as a great way to plan the menu in advance.

3. ONLY MAKE

WHAT GUESTS ARE LIKELY TO EAT.

Hosts also should not feel pressured to cook more food than is necessary. Holiday meals have a tendency to be lavish, but hosts don't have to spend all day in the kitchen preparing food that will likely end up as leftovers or trash. Get a final

headcount in the days before everyone comes over and adjust your recipes accordingly.

4. START EARLY.

If the big is on Christmas Day, that does not mean hosts have to start cooking while everyone unwraps their presents. Hosts who are

uncertain about what to cook can look for meals that can be prepared in advance so come the big day all they need to do is turn on the oven and let meals cook while the family spends time together.

Hosts can employ various strategies to simplify the process of cooking for a crowd this holiday season.





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