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The road to citizenship through informed eyes



Mehlaqa Samdani, left, and Helena Paez discuss their paths to citizenship during a recent presentation on immigration struggles.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS

BROOKFIELD — In an event that drew guests from throughout the area, a pair of immigrants visited town last week to discuss the struggles and triumphs of their paths to citizenship.

Mehlaga Samdani and Helena Paez shared their personal stories, as well as those of loved ones, in a program sponsored by Brookfield Indivisible. Taking place Jan. 14 at the Brookfield Inn, the program gave residents informative and fascinating insights on what it's like to become a citizen.

The event also dispelled many myths about immigration policies and "Dreamers" – young people brought to the United States as part of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.

"It's important to hear these stories to under-

stand immigration as a human issue," said Regina Edmonds, of Warren, the Brookfield Indivisible vice-chair and a program organizer. "We need to shed the stereotypes and consider the obstacles people with undocumented or uncertain statuses - and even some legal residents – are facing right

Samdani, a native of Pakistan, is the founder and executive director of Critical Connections, a nonprofit organization based in Longmeadow that seeks to improve understanding of social, political and religious trends related to Muslim communities in the U.S. and abroad. She also serves as an associate at the Karuna Center for Peacebuilding in Amherst, and she has worked with several organizations to promote peace initiatives between India and Pakistan.

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Tencza named superintendent

LEICESTER—Leicester School Committee voted unanimously on Tuesday, Jan. 9 to appoint Dr. Marilyn Tencza, superintendent of schools. Before becoming the interim superintendent in Leicester, Dr. Tencza previously served as the superintendent in North Brookfield.

She worked in Leicester as the director of curriculum from March 2013–June 2014. Dr. Tencza earned her Ed.D. in educational leadership from Boston College in 2012. She has worked in the Worcester, Sutton, and Quabbin school districts in various roles as a teacher, assistant principal, and principal.

Before appointing Dr. Tencza to the permanent position, the School Committee conducted many interviews with stakeholders including members of the administrative team, nurses, secretaries, and union representatives. There was a public forum to allow the community to express its thoughts on the appointment.

Dr. Tencza and the School Committee will meet to conduct contract negotiations in the next few weeks.

She is very honored to return to Leicester to work with the faculty, staff, students, parents and community members. She looks forward to working collaboratively to improve student achievement.

Fast fire destroys multi-family home

LEICESTER — No one was injured during a fast-moving three-alarm fire last week, but residents were displaced after their home was destroyed.

At 7:45 p.m. on Jan. 17, firefighters arrived at 1-3 Foster St. in Rochdale to find the multi-family house fully engulfed. All residents were out of the house by the time firefighters arrived, and a third alarm was requested after the first crews encountered heavy fire in the building.

The fire was brought under control thanks to assistance from multiple crews, and firefighters spent several minutes extinguishing hot spots.

The American Red Cross was brought in to assist

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A multi-family house on Foster Street was destroyed by a threealarm fire last week. No one was injured during the blaze.

Getting it right: town weighs options for pot shops

BY KEVIN FLANDERS

EAST BROOKFIELD - During a pair of public forums held by the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board last week, residents weighed in on the possibility of recreational pot shops coming to town.

The joint forums took place on Jan. 10 and Jan. 13 at town hall, provid-

"It should be the residents, not us, who determine what that zoning would look like.'

Thomas Boulay

ing residents with an opportunity to share their thoughts and concerns on a weeknight and during the weekend.

Representatives from Town Counsel were on hand to answer questions about an issue that has plenty of implications to consider.

In 2016, East Brookfield voted to legalize recreational marijuana, and the town's moratorium on recreational pot shops expires in December

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Little hats...big hearts

BY AMY PAULNEW LEADER CORRESPONDENT

To celebrate National Heart Month this February, a group of local women are participating in the American Heart Association's program "Little Hats, Big Hearts" in conjunction with the Children's Heart Foundation. According to the website, "across the country, volunteers crochet or knit hats for premature babies, honoring babies, moms, and heart-healthy lives.'

Though each of the women has a different reason for participating in the program, all are honoring someone they love and/or lost to some form of heart disease.

Nancy McComas of Spencer, who heard of the program one day while watching the Today Show says, "I am doing it because I have four healthy grandkids. I am so very blessed, many times over. I do it for them." After deciding to participate in the program,

McComas posted her intention on her Facebook page and word began to spread. Both Jane Foresteire and Sherry Sousa of Spencer,

are honoring someone they've lost due to heart complications.

Sousa says, "I do it in honor of my dad. He passed of a massive heart attack at age 43.

While Foresteire adds, "I do it for those babies, and for my sister who passed of a heart attack at age 52.

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Amy Paul photo

Standing from L-R: Sherry Sousa, Jane Foresteire; seated L-R: Nancy McComas, Donna Leo

I'own can improve infrastructure with state fund

BY KEVIN FLANDERS NEWS STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER - Officials recently learned that Leicester was one of ten towns selected by the MassDEP to receive grant funding to enhance maintenance of water systems.

Leicester will receive \$40,000 as part of an overall grant disbursement that will see the ten communities share \$388,000 in funding. The money will be used to improve the long-term maintenance of drinking water or wastewater systems, state officials said, though

town leaders haven't decided yet which specific projects the funds will cover. The first step is the creation of an asset management plan to determine needs

"Water infrastructure plays a critical role in the quality of life for our communities, so we must ensure that these systems meet the needs of all of our citizens today and into the future," said Governor Charlie Baker, who announced the funding package. "The grants announced today will help local officials evaluate these systems so that they are prepared for future demands or challenges when residents need them most."

In Leicester, Cherry Valley residents pay some of the highest water rates in Massachusetts, officials said. Town leaders are looking for ways to reduce this burden while embarking on new projects, though selectmen said there is no easy fix, not even through grant funding. Because individual water districts in town have autonomy over their operations, decisions must be made by commissioners within the districts. Selectmen have outlined some of the problems to Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito, and they anticipate speaking with her further in the coming months about possible solutions to

augment grant funding. 'What's happening now is unacceptable. It has gotten very difficult for a lot of people in Cherry Valley," Selectman Doug Belanger said. "As community leaders, we share their pain. We need to all work together to find ways to get

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SPENCER SNIPPETS

LUAU DINNER!

On Saturday, Feb. 10 at the First Congregational Church of West Brookfield, 36 N. Main St., We're bringing the warm breezes of the Tropics to West Brookfield! Join us on February 10th at 5:30 p.m. for a wonderful Hawaiian evening featuring a dinner of delicious sweet & sour chicken, rice, salad and a variety of homemade desserts. A hula contest with prizes, raffles, mood music and fun! Please invite your friends and family too! Reservations are required and are now being taken. Adults: \$10; Children: \$6 (under 10). Call Karen Murphy at 508-637-5775 or email FCCLuau@ Charter.net. Don't miss this NEW cabin fever reliever! Reservation Deadline is Jan. 31.

GIRL SCOUTS SEEK MEMBERS Leicester Junior troop #64765 is welcoming girls in grades 4 and 5. The troop meets bi-weekly on

Leicester Daisy/Brownie troop #64656 is welcoming girls in grades 1 through 3. The troop meets biweekly Mondays from 4:30 to 6pm.

Leicester Cadette troop #11077 welcomes girls in grade 8 and meets bi-weekly Fridays from 5 to 6:30pm.

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Spencer Girl Scouts is welcoming girls in kinder-

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DURANT OFFICE HOURS State Representative Peter Durant will be holding office hours throughout his district each month. Constituents and town officials are invited to express any concerns, issues, or ideas they have. Walk-in's are always welcome. To schedule an individual appointment, please contact Ann Gaudreau, chief of staff for Rep. Durant at Ann.Gaudreau@MAhouse. gov or (617) 722-2060 ext. 8563. Local office hours schedule, all on Monday, Feb. 5: Spencer Town Hall: 9-10 a.m.; Charlton Town Hall: 11 a.m.noon; Southbridge Town Hall: 1-2 p.m.; and Dudley Town Hall: 3-4 p.m.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT MANCHESTER NH -

Mikaela Lachapelle of East Brookfield is among select students from Saint Anselm

College in Manchester, NH who have been inducted into Sigma Theta Tau, the International Honor Society for Nursing. In a ceremony this fall, Sigma Theta Tau inducted 33 students for the 2017-18 academic year. The inducted students are expected to graduate in May 2018 from Saint Anselm College with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. To be considered for induction into Sigma Theta Tau, students must be in their senior year in baccalaureate programs at accredited institutions of higher education, must have completed at least half of the nursing curriculum, rank in the upper 35 percent of their graduating class and have a minimum 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

EASTON — Leana Radzik, a member of the Class of 2021 from Leicester, has been named to the Fall 2017 Dean's List at Stonehill College. Radzik is majoring in neuroscience and is a graduate of Massachusetts Academy of Math & Science. To qualify for the Dean's List, students must have a semester grade point average of 3.50 or better and must have completed successfully all courses for which they were registered.

MANCHESTER, NH — Kaley Galindo of Spencer has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's fall 2017 President's List. Eligibility for the President's List requires that a student accumulate an academic grade point average (GPA) of 3.7-4.0 and earn 12 credits for the semes-

AMES, IA — Approximately 9,575 Iowa State University students have been recognized for outstanding academic achievement by being named to the fall semester 2017 Dean's List. Among them was Jennifer Kathleen Finne of North Brookfield majoring as an agricultural specialist. Students named to the Dean's List must have earned a grade point average of at least 3.50 on a 4.00 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded course work.

CONWAY, SC — Patrick Whalen, of Leicester, a finance major, has made the President's List at Coastal Carolina University for the Fall 2017 semester.

To qualify for the President's List for high academic achievement, students must earn a 4.0 grade point average and must be enrolled full time.

WILLIMANTIC, CT — Eastern Connecticut State University recently released its fall 2017 semester Dean's List for full-time students. Dillon Antonopoulos '20 of West Brookfield was named to the Dean's List. Antonopoulos' major is physical education.

QUABOAG PRESENTS RENT!

Quaboag Drama Department Jonathan Larson's RENT ~ School Edition at the Quaboag Regional Middle High School, 284 Old West Brookfield, Warren on Friday, Jan 26 and Saturday, Jan. 27 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Jan. 28 at 2 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the door. Minimum age suggested 13. Set in the East Village of New York City, Rent School Edition is about falling in love, finding your voice and living for today. Based loosely on Puccini's La Boheme, the play follows a year in the life of a group of impoverished young artists and musicians struggling to survive and create in New York's Lower East Side, under the shadow of HIV/AIDS. The physical and emotional complications of the disease pervade their lives. How these young bohemians negotiate their dreams, loves and conflicts provides the narrative thread to this groundbreaking musical.

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Funding awarded for Church Street Bridge Project

BOSTON – Senator Michael O. Moore (D-Millbury) and Representative Kate D. Campanale (R-Leicester) announced the town of Leicester has received state funding to support the Church Street Bridge project through the Municipal Small Bridge Program.

Last year, the town submitted a request for funding to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to replace the Auburn Street Bridge. However, a bridge closure recommendation was subsequently issued by MassDOT for the Church Street Bridge in July 2017. A bridge inspection revealed multiple cracks in the stone masonry slabs supporting the roadway. In response, the town has sought to prioritize the Church Street Bridge project to address the serious deficiencies with the condition of the bridge. Moreover, the bridge closure would result in a traffic detour which spans several miles.

"This project seeks to address a critical infrastructure problem within Cherry Valley," said Senator Moore. "The bridge was originally built nearly two centuries ago and those who travel through the area know all-too-well the need for its replacement. I am pleased that this project was awarded funding and I'm looking forward to supporting similar projects to enhance our local transportation infrastructure."

"The Church Street Bridge project is one of crucial importance to the everyday function of Cherry Valley's infrastructure," said Representative

Campanale. "I am extremely happy to see this funding was granted so motorists may once again have confidence in the safety of this well-traveled bridge.'

"We are pleased the safety and transportation needs are being met for those area residents," said Leicester Selectman Doug Belanger.

The Municipal Small Bridge Program was established to assist communities with replacing or preserving bridges with spans between 10 and 20 feet that not eligible for federal aid under existing programs. Municipalities may qualify for up to \$500,000 per year to support small bridge projects. For additional information, please visit www.mass. gov/massdot.

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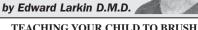
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Police investigating shooting on Bigelow Street

NORTH BROOKFIELD — A North Brookfield resident has been treated and released for a gunshot wound to the abdomen by an unknown assailant Jan. 5.

The Bigelow Street resident was outside shoveling his driveway and as he turned he briefly saw a person holding a rifle. As the victim turned with the shovel, the rifle discharged, causing a bullet wound to the victim's side.

The suspect was wearing what appeared to be several layers of clothing (as the outside temperatures were zero to -20 degrees) with a dark jacket at the top and a full-face knit hat. The suspect ran from the scene in an unknown direction. The North Brookfield Police are being assisted by the Massachusetts State Police Detective Unit assigned to the

Worcester County District Attorney's Office.

North Brookfield Police Department received a telephone call from Harrington Memorial Hospital reporting that they had just transferred a 35 year old man to UMass Memorial Hospital for further treatment of the gunshot wound to the side of his abdomen. This incident took place Friday, Jan. 5 at approximately 10 p.m. The victim was treated and released from UMass Memorial.

The name of the victim has not been released.

Anyone with any information about this occurrence is asked to notify the North Brookfield Police (Officer Chris Donais) at (508) 867-0206 or the Massachusetts State Police Detective Unit at (508) 832-9124.

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"Now that I am a citizen, I feel determined to continue advancing education so people can understand the issues, said Samdani, whose writings have been published in newspapers and journals throughout the world.

Paez came to the U.S. from Bogota, Colombia, over 20 years ago. After achieving U.S. citizenship, she was able to sponsor her mother and is in the process of trying to secure permanent status for her partner and her partner's children. She teaches foreign languages at Tantasqua Regional High School.

For Samdani and Paez, it's important to promote education and show people ways they can advocate for fair and compassionate treatment of immigrants. At a time of heightened national divisiveness over immigration, the speakers strive to remind audiences that the U.S. was built by immigrants from throughout the world.

Yet the path to citizenship for many immigrants has been – and continues to

be – a long and arduous road toward the American Dream. Many are subjected to racism or have difficulty securing jobs after becoming citizens, while others struggle at school or work as they learn a new language and adjust to life in a new country.

For Samdani, education is the best way for society to overcome racism and intolerance. She's dealt with racism personally, and she has met countless other immigrants who have faced it.

"Anti-Muslim sentiment at that time was high," Samdani said of her path to citizenship. "For the first time, I felt afraid for the future of my kids and what they would have to deal with. I felt a responsibility to advance education about these issues.'

The event also provided guests with information on ways they can get involved, including joining advocacy groups or reaching out to elected officials in support of immigrants' rights.

Several Brookfield Indivisible members gathered last February to bring local communities together to find creative solutions to issues dividing our towns and nation. Among the many

issues they discussed was the fear experienced by immigrants and refugees in the current political climate.

"Not only were immigrants and refugees fearful themselves, but so much of what was coming from D.C. was also stirring up fear among all of us regarding immigrants," Edmonds told the New Leader. "It was for that reason that we at Brookfield Indivisible decided it was crucially important to bring to our communities a fuller understanding of the immigration process, who immigrants actually are, and the enormous contributions they make to our nation."

Brookfield Indivisible, a grassroots organization, also focuses on such issues as healthcare, elections and voting rights, the environment, and income inequality. Founding members live in the Brookfields, Spencer, Sturbridge and Warren, and membership is open to residents of all area towns. Additional presentations will be announced as they are scheduled.

For more information about the organization, visit www.brookfieldindivis-

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2018. As state leaders continue to better define policies surrounding recreational marijuana facilities, leaders in individual towns are deciding how to move

During the public forums, the majority of residents supported allowing recreational pot shops in town – but with specific zoning regulations governing their establishment and location. The next step for town officials is to hold additional forums outlining what some of those zoning options might include.

We are going to solicit more public input to determine how that zoning would be worded," said Board of Selectmen Chairman Theodore Boulay. "It should be the residents, not us, who determine what that zoning would look

In the coming months, town officials

want to give residents more opportunities to weigh in on the issue. Based on ing pot shops for East Brookfield and public input already received, officials may ultimately end up proposing a zoning bylaw amendment at this spring's annual town meeting. If passed, that bylaw could take effect following the

expiration of the moratorium. 'We want this to continue being a public process that gives residents a chance to share input during every step," Boulay said.

Towns throughout the state have addressed recreational marijuana facilities through moratoriums, outright bans, or other zoning and general bylaw changes. Many towns chose the route of moratoriums to allow for more information gathering on how the facilities would affect traffic and public safety. A lack of policymaking clarity at the state level has frustrated officials throughout the state, and they are hoping to receive more guidance as the year progresses.

One of the major benefits to allowother communities is the opportunity to receive tax revenue from the facilities, with up to three percent of retail pot sales collected by the town.

"There are a lot of things residents want to take into consideration moving forward," Boulay said.

Estimates from state officials suggest that the Commonwealth could surpass \$1 billion in retail pot sales within three years. The state's Cannabis Control Commission continues to advance a framework for the regulation of an

industry set to boom in the Bay State. The commission is expected to implement additional policies in the coming months so town officials can familiarize themselves with the regulations before making major decisions.

In East Brookfield, the Planning Board will announce the dates of future public forums once they are scheduled.

HOUSING REHABILITATION ASSISTANCE Town of Spencer

The town of Spencer, with the assistance of the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) is seeking funding to assist qualified homeowners in making necessary repairs to their homes. In order to be eligible for assistance, total household income shall not exceed current federal income guidelines based on the number of people residing in a household. (See table below).

If you need to make improvements to eliminate building code violations, eliminate unsafe or unhealthy conditions, improve weatherization or undertake other necessary improvements to improve the quality of your living conditions please fill out the following form and return to Shirley Stephens at the PVPC (address appears below). information received is strictly confidential and will be maintained in the Springfield office of the PVPC. If you have questions, please contact PVPC Housing Coordinator Shirley Stephens, at (413) 781-6045.

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REALTOR'S REPORT

> **JAMES** BLACK

I know I have written about this subject before and that is because the market every month continues to get more positive in Real Estate. The days to offer keeps decreasing and the price increasing in most areas. If you want to get your offer accepted in this competitive environment then you have to get creative. You need to ensure that your offer stands out from all of the other offers. Here are some

ways to have your offer win over the

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Write a letter – Write a letter to the owners about how much you love their home to add a personal touch to the transaction.

Agent call the other agent - Many times I will see agents will email an offer without ever calling me to tell me the offer was sent or discuss the

offer with me. This gives the agent and the seller a better feeling

Lender call the other agent – I know some loan officers will actually call the listing agent on the home to let them know why you are a good buyer for the home and answer questions on their pre-qualification process. This gives that agent and seller a good feeling that they will keep things on track with the sale time-

Give the seller what they want - Make sure you agent finds out what is important to the seller about the offer. It may be that the sellers needs the transaction to close as quick as possible or they may want a flexible timeline. They may be afraid to have a home

inspection and will take less money if the sale is smooth with no contingencies. You don't want to assume what is important to one seller is important to every seller.

Don't ask for excluded items - Many times the seller will exclude or not include certain items with the sale. Do not ask for these in an offer and if you have to ask for them please ensure your agent is discussing with the sellers agent why you are asking so they know why it is important to you as the buyer to have it included.

Use a reputable Lender – I would make sure to use a lender who is local that most likely the seller or their agent has had a good experience with. You could also ask if there

is a lender they would prefer you obtain a preapproval from. You also need to ensure you have a preapproval before submitting an offer or they will not take your offer seriously.

Respect the sellers Ensure when you are showing the home that you show up on time for the showing and leave the home in the same condition that it was before you showed it. If you track dirt on the floor clean it up and better yet remove your shoes before entering.

Escalation Clause -This has been much more common over the last few years. This would say that you would offer X amount more than the next highest offer. would also ensure they

provide you with a copy of the other offer you won against. Again you want to ensure the agent is communicating this to the sellers agent properly because if they don't understand this clause it may cause your offer to not get accepted.

If you hire the right Realtor then they should be able help you come up with creative ways to get you the home you want. This is why you always want to sit down and interview the agent before deciding to hire them to represent you because this could you your largest financial transaction you will ever

Young artists quack themselves up over duck stamps

BY KEVIN FLANDERS

WALES – With help from a local artist last weekend, area youngsters learned how to master the craft of creating duck stamps.

On Jan. 20, Holland artist Marcia Beal visited Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary to teach kids in grades 3-12 about the fun and creative process of making duck stamps. The artwork takes about an hour to complete, and all you need to get the job done is a few supplies and a lot of imagination, kids learned at the free event.

The program also served as an important educational opportunity and a chance for kids to make new friends from other schools.

"These stamps can teach kids so much about their environment and the migration of ducks. It's always a lot of fun for the kids," said Beal, who ran similar programs at Brimfield's Hitchcock Free Academy and Charlton's Capen Hill Nature Sanctuary.

Since 1938, the Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp-

commonly known "Duck as the Stamp" - has been required of anyone hunting ducks or geese. All hunters can purchase duck stamp, and the funds generated from these sales have helped restore and improve vital wet-

The stamps have also become collectors' items over the years, and local kids were eager to learn about them and get started on their art projects. Each participant is now enrolled in the Junior Duck Stamp Program (JDS) art contest, which was launched in 1991 by the U.S. Fish Wildlife and Service with the aim of increasing people's young awareness of the importance of prewetland serving

habitats. In 1992, the first ever Junior Duck Stamp was printed, and the funds were used to provide awards, incentives. and scholarships participating students, teachers, and schools. Since



Wyatt Flannery, age 9, of Wales, shows off his duck stamp creation during an event in Wales last Saturday.

then, students each year have taken part in the art contest by submitting their creations. In Massachusetts, the art is judged in four age group categories in a statewide competition, and the entry judged Best of Show moves on to represent Massachusetts in the national JDS competition.

For kids like 9-year-old Wyatt Flannery, of Wales, who attended the Jan. 20 event at Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary, it's now time to have his submission postmarked and sent off to the judges. Flannery had a fun time learning a new activity while taking home some knowledge about ducks and their habitats.

Beal, meanwhile, is hoping to see the program expand locally in future years, with kids from several surrounding towns getting involved. The program is designed to teach students about wetland habitats and waterfowl conservation methods, which aren't often covered in school. Moreover, the non-traditional pairing of art and science generates new interest in STEAM opportunities for students of all ages, program leaders said.

"We want to see it grow and have more kids get the opportunity to take

part," Beal added. Participants in the Jan. 20 event also

received a free pizza lunch courtesy of the Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary staff.

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DA presents perspective to middle school student



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Worcester County District Attorney Joseph Early Jr. addresses students during an anti-drug presentation at Leicester Middle School.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS NEWS STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER Determined to employ new strategies to combat an old problem, Worcester County District Attorney Joseph Early Jr. recently introduced a creative anti-drug presentation at Leicester Middle School.

The program, which includes the short film This is Not About Drugs, was designed by Overdose Lifeline, Inc., and is presented by the Worcester County District Attorney's Office. Early's team partnered with the town of Leicester and the Leicester Police Department to win a grant from the state Attorney General's Office to pay for the presentation.

"This is a program that works," Early said. "We are not in the schools to scare anyone, but to educate them about opioid abuse. We want the students to make good choices and empower them to think a little bit more about the dangers of opioids. We love partnering

with Leicester on this." The program informs students about the physical and emotional effects of opioid abuse, misused pain medications and street drugs such as heroin. At a time when pain medications are easily accessible, especially expired meds stashed away in cabinets, it's important to educate kids about the dangers of addiction, officials said.

The DA's outreach team made a series of presentations of the program to all sixth grade students at Leicester Middle School. The seventh and eighth graders will be the next audience to view the presentation. Leicester Police Chief James Hurley was in attendance at the event, and the presentation also included a discussion held by members of the District Attorney's outreach staff. The goal for the event wasn't simply to teach kids about the dangers of drugs, but also to inform them about the devastating impacts drug abuse has on an addict's family members and friends.

"We need to reach out to our children as early as possible and educate them about the dangers of opioids," Chief Hurley said. "We can't afford not to undertake this effort. We owe them the opportunity to avoid the opioid epidemic which they had no part in creating."

The film, This is Not About Drugs, targets students in grades 6-12 and is often presented in a classroom setting. Early's anti-drug program is available for presentation at other area schools through the District Attorney's office. Please call (508) 755-8601 for more information about the program.



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BABYSITTER CLASS Young people aged 11 and up are

invited to attend. The Friends of the Library sponsor half of the \$35 fee for Brookfield students. Please call or come in to sign up for the two-day class (you must attend both sessions), Wednesday, Feb. 7 and Thursday, Feb. 8 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (Snow date Wednesday, Feb. 14). The Friends of the Library provide a pizza dinner for the students.

LIBRARY PARKING REMINDER

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BANISTER BOOK GROUP

February 27, 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race by Margot Lee Shetterly. An account of the previously unheralded but pivotal contributions of NASA's African American women mathematicians to America's space program describes how they were segregated from their white counterparts by Jim Crow laws in spite of their groundbreaking successes.

March 27, 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Perfect Horse: The Daring U.S. Mission to Rescue the Priceless Stallions Kidnapped by the Nazis by Elizabeth Letts. Traces the lesser-known efforts of Hitler to build a master race of the finest purebred horses and the heroic achievements of American soldiers to rescue imperiled stolen equines from a hidden Czechoslovakian farm during a 1945 battle between Third Reich and Allied forces.

April, 24 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Hidden Life of Trees: What They Feel, How They Communicate: Discoveries from a Secret World by Peter Wohlleben. Draws on up-to-date research and

engaging forester stories to reveal how trees nurture each other and communicate, outlining the life cycles of tree families that support mutual growth, share nutrients, and contribute to a resilient ecosystem.

May 29, 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Mrs. Dalloway by Virginia Woolf. A poignant portrayal of the thoughts and events that comprise one day in a woman's life in 1925 London.

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TOWN

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assistance."

The state has pledged to be more involved in assisting towns with creating asset management plans for water systems. By citing critical operational equipment needs and outlining project timeframes and costs, towns can work with the state to identify funding opportunities.

The preparation of asset management plans will help recipient municipalities be prepared for any operational scenario," said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Matthew Beaton. "With these grants, public utilities can anticipate budgetary costs for new equipment, provide for the proper upkeep and rehabilitation of their water systems, and minimize critical interruptions to these vital operations."

Once Leicester's asset management plan is developed, officials will be able to prioritize projects and needed improvements. State officials are pleased to play a role in helping fund the plan.

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resources need to be properly assessed and maintained for ideal operation," said Senate President Marc Pacheco. "These funds will ultimately help our cities and towns meet the Clean Water Act requirements to protect our residents.'

Asset management plans include an inventory of a given town's entire water system; the development of a criticality rating for certain elements of a system; and an outline for planned capital proj-

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Latest antique and auction news

There has been a great deal of antique, collectibles and auction news since my last update.

An auction record was set for a doll this month. WTOP reports that the doll brought \$335,000 at a Jan. 6th auction. The doll was created by French designer, Antoine Edmund in 1868. Rochard, The doll retained 24 of the 28 original WAYNE TUISKULA and their own expecjewels. The jewels contained miniature

photos of French views such as Fontainebleau and the Louvre. Stanhope optical devices magnify the scenes on the jewels so that the small images may be easily seen. The winning bidder was the Barry Art Museum at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia. It is expected to be on display in the fall.

Two Florida college students may make a windfall with a thrift shop find. The Palm Beach Post reports that 20 year old Talia Rappa and 24 year old, Skyer Ashworth made their discovery in a Titusville, FL thrift store. They paid \$1.20 for five blue NASA flight suits and one white "control suit."



COLLECTIBLES

tle missions. The suits are expected to sell for \$5,000 each when the students send them to auction. Three New Jersey brothers found that a painting in their mother's estate brought well over an appraiser's

The suits are believed to have been worn by

George "Pinky" Nelson,

Robert A. Parker, and

Charles D. Walker

during 1980s space shut-

tations according to the New York Post. The brothers had a silver set, china and a painting from the estate appraised. The silver was appraised at a couple of thousand dollars and the painting was appraised at a couple of hundred dollars. When the painting was auctioned, they were surprised to see it reach \$5,000 very quickly. They were even more surprised when the bidding ended, and it had sold to a German bidder for \$1.1 mil-

Sense of Smell) by Rembrandt." In other auction news, a rare penny brought \$300,000 at auction recently according to the

lion. The buyer revealed the oil

painting is "The Unconscious

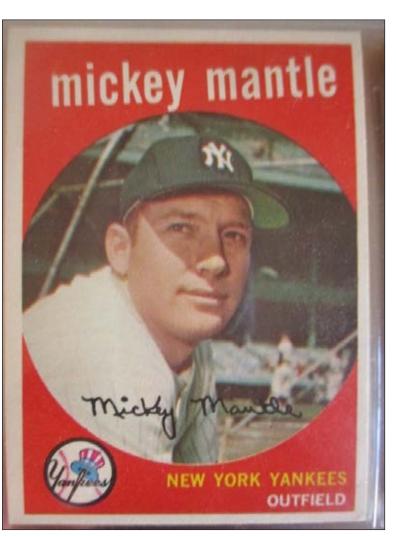
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Orlando Sentinel. The coin was one of the first struck at the Philadelphia Mint in 1793. It is believed to be one of 500 in existence.

A rare Mickey Mantle card has also come up for auction. Forbes reports that the buyer purchased the card at a Lancaster, PA flea market two months ago along with a Yogi Berra card. The cards were the only examples ever found. The bidding ends on Jan. 28th. The Berra card had reached \$1.200 and the Mantle was at \$18,500 as of Jan. 18th. What contributed to these cards being so rare? They were premiums only offered to those who bought dog food.

We have an estate sale scheduled for Jan. 27th and 28th in Webster. I'll be teaching my Evaluating your Antiques class at Bay Path Evening School on March 5th. Other sales and events are being planned. Keep checking www.centralmassauctions.com for details.

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New international internship program challenges Bay Path alumni

CHARLTON — An exciting agreement was inked by Educational Xperience Philippines, a Boston-based social enterprise with a mission to provide quality learning experiences in a global health setting while caring for communities in need and Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy. Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy alumni through eXP academic programs may endeavor to promote a spirit of giving and sharing to less fortunate members of society and enjoy travel nursing.

"I want to thank Castro-Zarraga for inviting Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy alumni to join eXP's global health internship program," Director Academy Gretheline Bolandrina said. "I believe we share

a commitment and common passion for working towards health equity for underserved communities and in educating our students on social responsibility in a global perspective."

Dr. Castro-Zarraga, director of commu-nity health internships, explained that eXP offers year-round opportunities of 2-6 weeks duration, for immersion in rural areas across the globe, working with local anti-poverty organizations. Learners will serve local village clinics, nursing schools, and community hospital settings. The trip often becomes the starting point for a longitudinal trans-national relationship as health care volunteers.

is As the case University of with Massachusetts medical

student Greg Zandrow who launched a pediatric malnutrition program which started with the first step of establishing an urban garden project in cooperation with the Department of Agriculture and local nutritionists.

Crafting a global health nursing program to engage Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy alumni in community service abroad is on eXP's initiatives. Examples of established programs include annual pediatric influenza vaccination, training of literacy program coordinators, and family workshops on child-centered needs assessment. All programs and activities allow alumni to apply academic concepts on the field and hone their clinical acumen.



From left Dr. Castro-Zarraga eXP Director Community Health Internships, Gretheline Bolandrina Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy Director and Monette Zialcita of eXP

Smarter than their 5th graders? School district uses trivia to raise funds

BY KEVIN FLANDERS

SPENCER - Rallying together in support of a student battling juvenile myositis, a rare and debilitating disease, educators will team up next month to test their knowledge while raising funds.

On Thursday, Feb. 1, the Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District will hold an Ultimate Trivia Challenge fundraiser at 6:30 p.m. at the Spencer Country Inn. Every school in the district – as well as individual departments within certain schools - will send teams

of faculty members to take part in the

competition.

All funds raised at the event will benefit the Cure JM Foundation, a nonprofit organization created and managed by families of children affected by juvenile myositis. With a student in their own district battling the rare disease, SEBRSD educators want to do whatever they can to raise funds and awareness.

'This is an important event to unite the staffs at the schools and raise money for this charity," said East Brookfield Elementary School Principal Ron Tomlin, who helped organize the fundraiser. "Not very many people even know this disease exists, and we want to do our part to help out. No one should have to go through this alone."

Juvenile myositis (JM) is a rare autoimmune disease in which the body's immune system attacks its own cells and tissues. Many children with JM experience extreme fatigue and weakening of muscles that make it challenging to stand or even sit down. Some children experience a mild form of the disease, while others are more severely affected and suffer from extensive

JM begins in the early childhood or teenage years for most children, and the disease affects girls twice as often as boys. The disease has no known cure, although medications can help alleviate symptoms.

School officials sent out information about the disease to families in the district, and individual schools held fundraisers as well. The Feb. 1 competition will include SEBRSD staff members only. If you would like to make a donation to assist children battling the disease, visit www.curejm.org for more information.

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the displaced residents.

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The cause of the fire remains under investigation. Almost everything in portions of the house was destroyed, firefighters said, and GoFundMe webpages were set up to assist the residents.



North Brookfield Savings Bank honors employees for years of service

NORTH BROOKFIELD — North Brookfield Savings Bank recently hosted their annual employee appreciation event at Salem Cross Inn in West Brookfield. At the event, North Brookfield Savings Bank honored employees who reached special anniversaries with the bank by presenting them with Years of Service awards and a gift. Employees ranged from having five to 30 years of service, and over 110 years of service total.

Every year, North Brookfield Savings Bank recognizes and rewards employees for their dedication to the Bank and for the outstanding service they provide. The following North Brookfield Savings Bank employees received Years of Service Awards in 2017.

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Paula St. John, Branch Liaison

"North Brookfield Savings Bank thanks these employees for their dedication and commitment to the bank



Far Right: Donna Boulanger, President and CEO of North Brookfield Savings Bank presented Years of Service awards to North Brookfield Savings Bank employees. Left to Right: Yvonne Little, Paula St. John, Mary Antinovitch, Rick Egan, Tonya Morrill, Adam Gillette, Patty Ostrout and Donna Boulanger. Not photographed: Terry Ruiz.

and congratulates them on reaching their Years of Service milestones," said Donna Boulanger, North Brookfield Savings Bank President and CEO. "This is a wonderful group of employees who perform exceptionally and continue to prove they are valuable to the Bank and our customers on a daily basis. Their dedication supports North Brookfield Savings Bank's overall commitment to

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Financial literacy earned a bit of cash during holidays

WARE — To celebrate the holiday season this year, Country Bank decided to mix things up a bit. During the month of December, Country Bank's very own Ca\$h Cab visited branch locations to have some fun with their customers. The Country Bank Honda Pilot was transformed into a "Ca\$h Cab" and provided an opportunity for customers and non-customers to take a "virtual cab ride" with various members from the senior management team.

They were asked 10 financial

literacy questions for a chance to win some extra dough.

"This was just a little way for us to show our appreciation to our customers while having some fun and offering financial education. The extra spending money during the holiday season was also very much welcomed by our passengers." states Shelley Regin, senior vice president of marketing.

To continue its support of financial education, they launched a new website Jan. 17, which includes digital

financial literacy modules on a variety of topics such as, savings, retirement, budgeting, investments, mortgages, taxes, insurance, etc.

"These modules will pro-

vide the knowledge and skills needed to develop stronger financial capability and gain a better understanding of how to use our products and services." states Jodie Gerulaitis, vice president, community relations.

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Wednesday January 31

Slice of art. Explore your creative side! Today make a colorful ice sculpture with salt and watercolor. This program is open to everyone in grades K-5. This afterschool program meets from

Thursday, February 1

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This local competition will be held Sunday, Jan. 28 at 1:00 p.m. at the West Brookfield Elementary School Gymnasium, 89 Main St., West Brookfield. This event is FREE!

Knights Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through local, district, regional, and state competitions. International champions are announced by the K of C international headquarters based on scores from the state-level competitions. All boys and girls 9 to 14 years old are eligible to participate and will compete in their respective age divisions. Last year more than 160,000 sharpshooters participated in over 3,700 local competitions.

All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in the event receiving a certificate of participation. Winners in respective age divisions in this round advance to the District Competition in February, and receive prizes donated by local supporters.

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For entry forms or additional information contact: Wally Connor at (413) 813-8100 or email at: connor122@charter.net Pre-registration is wel-

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EDITORIAL

The last one to leave...turn off the lights

A few hundred years ago, mankind began getting itchy feet. Some of the cause was better economy; it took fewer workers to do the same number of chores, the advent of machinery managed to free up some time, and yes, people discovered one another through outbreaks of war that brought the soldiers from one area to another so that they discovered new places.

The old song about keeping Johnny down on the farm after seeing a city is all too true.

And so, the Gauls moved over here, the Vikings went over there, the Romans went west, the islanders sailed from port to port hopping from one clump of land to another discovering their way across the Pacific. And if there were already people there, when they arrived, they either made friends and intermarried or fought with them. It was a toss up which happened and just how warlike the immigrants migrating were. Vikings usually fought, islanders...not so much.

Eventually, once Europe had fought their way back and forth over their own land several times, conquered the African and Asian nations back and forth a bit (or been largely ignored by the Asian nations who were just happy to not be invaded thank you very much, we'll just do a little trading with you, now go away); hardy sailors found out wow, there's another big chunk of land, or a couple of them, over...there.

And so the Americas became a target. Too bad there were already people there.

They didn't count. Still don't.

A few different groups decided they'd be the ones in charge; they fought over that a bit, and eventually it shook out to a bunch of old white guys who made the rules and laid down the

And it's been that way awhile now.

There's been some slight changes. Some big ones, some smaller. Like people with different color skins got told ok, we won't own vou but you still can't do everything exactly the same 'cause we don't completely trust...it's just different. People will swear that isn't true, but it is. It's subtle, but it is.

And everyone over the age of 18, men and women no matter whether they own property or not, can vote.

Sort of. Except...

Some can't. There are again these subtle little stoppers here and there. And there are little taxes laid on, or requirements on top of requirements...

And we still don't have one part of the country agreeing with another. How we've hung together as one country this long is amazing. The differences between southern California, south Alabama, South Dakota and the Downeast southern shore of Maine are insurmountable. We don't entirely even speak the same language! Soda, tonic or pop?

Part of this country was once French. Part of it was once Spanish. Part of it was once its own country. And yet we believe we can all be one

under one government.

Of course we fight over what that should be. And now, our government is shut down again. Because we can't get our leaders to stop fighting among themselves long enough to make compromises on budget questions; and they drag every other darn thing into the discussion that doesn't belong there

Budget discussions should NOT include political discussions about immigration, race, or constitutional changes. They have nothing to do with the budget. Those discussions belong in a category without dragging funding into it at all.

As for the DACA controversy? While it is true the children were brought here without their consent, they are now adults and as such can make decisions for themselves. The solution, and it's way too easy, is to provide these now adult emigres with the information and help with the paperwork to apply to become full citizens. If they have been here for years, they most likely have a record of education, and a paper trail, to allow them to fulfill the requirements for application. If they want to stay, do so legally. If for some reason they do not qualify, then they don't and should be treated as any other immigrant with deportation issues. If they have these issues, then that's a different situation and they shouldn't stay.

While our fearless leaders battle one another, the worker bees try desperately to keep some semblance of order in the offices and parks and the military bases across our country. Many are doing so without pay. Some offices are doing so without paying bills. Our government is not paying its people, or its debts. The military won't get a check again until Feb. 2 at the earliest, if then. So we are waiting with bated breath for the first fed up bureaucrat to toss up their hands, yell the infamous "I'm not going to take it anymore..." and walk off the job.

And that, we imagine, will be the beginning of the end of the grand experiment.

Opinion and commentary from Spencer, Leicester and the Brookfields

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Lind appointed



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Richard Lind

To the Editor: North The Brookfield School Committee pleased to the appointment of Mr. Richard as the Superintendent of the North

Brookfield Public School District. The school committee unanimously voted to

appoint Mr. Lind to the permanent position in December 2017. Mr. Lind has years of experience as an educator. He has been a teacher, a special education teacher, a principal, a Director of Curriculum and an Interim Superintendent. We are confident that Mr. Lind will provide the expertise and leadership that the North Brookfield Public Schools need to move forward.

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THIS IS HOW DEMOCRACIES DIE"

Two highly regarded democracy specialists. Steven Levitsky and Daniel Ziblatt (L&Z) have just published a book with the above title. Not media cable news hosts or commentators, they have spent their lives researching how democracies succeed and fail. While L&Z wrote this fairly short book the American public, they still provided nearly a thousand footnoted and sources.

Interestingly, neither Levitsky (Latin America) or Ziblatt (Europe) typically study United States democracy. They wrote this book because they believe, that our American democracy stands at much greater risk than we realize.

Based on previous research and new analysis, L&Z indicate that the answers to two questions can help us to determine if our democracy has become vulnerable.

Question 1 is: "Can an extremist demagogue be elected (President)?" As examples of American demagogues they provide the 20th century American politicians, Joseph McCarthy, and George Wallace. L&Z say the issue is whether or not a demagogue runs for President for a mainstream party. (Notice they do not include Goldwater or McGovern They might have held some extreme views, but were certainly not demagogues.) They say isolating such populists requires political courage. Think Margaret Chase Smith, John McCain and the 35 year veteran of Congress, Senator Richard Durbin.

Question 2 is: "Once an authoritarian leader takes power will the leader weaken or destroy democratic institutions or will this leader be held back or have actions limited by these institutions? They say the Constitution must be protected by not only political parties, but also by civil society and existing American norms, values and processes. Or to put it in another way, will Americans not allow a demagogue to create an unfair playing fields or attack politicians, the courts, or the media, who disagree with them?

Regarding Question 1, Based their analysis, L&Z think that "America failed the first test in November 2016 when we elected a president with dubious allegiance to democratic norms" including the norms of;

Mutual toleration or agreement that competing political parties and politicians accept one another as legitimate rivals and

Forbearance or the idea that politicians should exercise restraint when politically using their pow-

In answer to question 2, they say that for 30 or more years these "guardrails" of democracy, tolerance and forbearance, have been weakening. Think Newt Gingrich's approach when he was Speaker of the House.

L&Z further say that this weakening of our democracy has been caused extreme partisan polariza-

Going on, based on the renowned Juan Linz's work, L&Z put forward four indicators of an authoritarian ruler:

"Rejection of (or weak commitment to) democratic rules of the game,

Denial of the legitimacy of political opponents.

Toleration or encouragement of violence,

Readiness to curtail civil liberties of opponents, including the

They indicate that any American politician who meets even one of these criteria is cause for concern, much less all four.

So regarding L&Z's "How Democracies Die", perhaps questions exist:

Are their indicators of Authoritarianism good and true? If they are, does our President's behavior reflect one or more of theses indicators?

Based on Levitsky's and Ziblatt's qualifications and American democratic traditions, the answers both seem to be "Yes".

L&Z go on to suggest ways to restore the health of of what they see as our weakened pluralist democracy. However space in this week's edition correctly does not exist for a description of the suggestions – although some reasoned comments may already exist on

Supporting Those Who Support Others:

January 16, 2018 To the Editor:

In the short eight years since MHPI, Inc. opened Senior Living at Prouty on Main St. in Spencer, it is always impressive to us at the way the local business support non-profit organizations like ours.

Each year, one of the most important events for the people living in our building is the holiday celebration when all tenants come together to enjoy dinner and entertainment. Once again, local businesses from Spencer, Leicester and the Brookfields showed their generosity by contributing wonderful prizes to our raffle.

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Time for your pre-retiree checklist?



FINANCIAL Focus BURDICK

Like everyone, you want to enjoy a comfortable lifestyle when you retire. But successful retirement doesn't just

happen - it requires a lot of planning. And that's why it's a good idea to draw up a "pre-retiree checklist."

Such a checklist might look like this: Twenty years before retirement: Try to estimate a "price tag" for your retire-

ment, incorporating a variety of factors where you might live, how much you might travel, what activities you'll pursue, and so on. Then, assess if your retirement savings are on track to help you meet your expected costs. From this point, monitor your progress every year.

_Fifteen years before retirement: Although you're still fairly far away from retirement, you'll want to bring your goals and challenges into a clearer focus. For starters, try to establish a firmer target goal for the assets you'll need during retirement. Also, consider your legacy goals and start developing your estate plans, if you haven't already done so. You might also explore methods of dealing with potentially enormous long-term care costs, such as an extended stay in a nursing home. Solutions to long-term care may become much more expensive later in life.

Ten years before retirement: At this stage, in addition to reviewing your target asset and spending levels, you'll want to get more precise about how much income you can expect as a retiree, whether through your investments or retirement accounts (such as your 401(k) and IRA), or through some type of parttime work or consulting. Maintaining an adequate income flow is extremely important, because you could spend two or three decades as a retiree, and some of your expenses - health care in particular - will likely rise during the later years. It's important to plan for health care and long-term care, given the costs and ability to qualify for coverage later in life.

Five years before retirement: Re-evaluate your investment mix to help reduce the risk of having your portfolio vulnerable to a market downturn when you plan to retire. Generally speaking, stocks and other growth-oriented investments are more volatile than bonds and other income-producing vehicles. So, you may want to consider shifting some but certainly not all – of your investment dollars from the "growth" portion of your portfolio to the "income" side.

_Two years before retirement: This close to retirement, you'll want to pay particularly close attention to healthcare expenses, so you may want to investigate Medicare supplemental policies. You'll also want to ensure that you have an adequate emergency fund to cope with unexpected costs, such as major home repairs. In addition, you'll want to think about whether you should take Social Security right away or if you can afford to wait until your monthly checks will be bigger.

One year before retirement: Now it's time for some key decisions: How much can you withdraw each year from your 401(k), IRA and other retirement accounts without running the risk of outliving your money? Have you lined up your health care coverage? And, finally, are you really set on retiring in a year or could you delay retirement to improve your financial picture?

This checklist isn't exhaustive - but it can give you a good idea of the various issues you'll need to consider on the long road to retirement. And the sooner you start planning for that journey, the

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Toys for Joys: latest update

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Facts are Stubborn Things

SUBMITTED BY WILLIAM H. BONNEY EAST BROOKFIELD

I read with interest Dana George Reed's "Your Turn" piece in the Spencer New Leader, Jan. 5. I can certainly agree with some of his points, such as his early concerns about candidate Donald J. Trump and "his imperfections."

But let's be accurate with the facts. Ronald Reagan was quoting John Adams when he said, "Facts are stubborn things." And, boy, are they ever stubborn. Mr. Reed refers to Trump's "landslide election." Fact is, Trump lost the popular vote by around three million votes, so that's no landslide win. Because of the rules of our electoral system, he is of course the president — but obviously without a popular mandate. So, we should expect some tact and humility as Trump endeavors to carry out his promises.

It's a fact that during the election, Trump endlessly promised to "drain the swamp," as Mr. Reed's article correctly points out. Post-election, Trump supporters should be furious at how much

he's added to the swamp on his own. It now looks more like personal greed and handouts to rich cronies than swamp-draining. Examples abound. Lobbyists' business is better than ever; in fact, 20 former lobbyists now work for the Executive Office itself. Trump-appointed

swamp-member Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Price flew on private planes at a taxpayer-paid cost of \$1 million (his predecessors flew commercial). Foreign cash and foreign influence may well be at work too: the Kuwaiti and Azerbaijani governments have hosted events at the Trump International Hotel in DC. He hosts foreign dignitaries and congressional leaders at his own resorts, Mara-Lago and Bedminster. Is this putting citizens ahead of private interests? Who knows? Trump still hasn't released his tax returns.

I wish that Mr. Reed's statement about the election was a fact: "Russia had nothing to do with it." That's

YOUR TURN

WILLIAM H. BONNEY EAST BROOKFIELD not true. The heads of all three of the United States' top intelligence agencies have categorically stated that Russia did meddle with the election. And Trump has many ties to Russia: there have been numerous contacts between his top staff and family and Russian agents. He openly

admires Putin. Trump was caught leaking state secrets to the Russian ambassador at a White House meeting. Two staff members have already pleaded guilty, and we don't even know how much more Mueller's investigation will reveal.

It's appallingly untrue to state that the rule of law is being restored. The President is supposed to respect the law, not insist that the law pay allegiance to him. In May, when Trump fired FBI Director James B. Comey, it was almost certainly because he refused to pledge loyalty to Trump. Attorney General Jeff Sessions was scorned by Trump for recusing himself, as he was legally required to. Trump berates the Justice

Department and FBI for not investigating his political opponents. Meanwhile he attacks military tribunals and the special counsel on a regular basis.

Mr. Reed says he supports our Founding Fathers' ideals. So he must be aghast, as polls show most of the nation is, at the direction Trump has taken. Let's take the First Amendment, which forbids abridging the freedom of the press. Founding Father Thomas Jefferson said, "Were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter.'

Contrast that with Trump's endless broadsides against the press. The news media, he said in February, "is the enemy of the American people." And just last week, Trump threatened to change libel laws to make it easier to for officials such as himself to sue news organizations they don't like.

Think about that. News media is now 'the enemy of the people." Maybe that extends to the newspaper you're holding in your hands right now.

You can lay the groundwork for reforming Congress



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The first three words of the U.S. Constitution are, "We the People." The Constitution itself, our institutions of government, the democratic process — all were established to give Americans a voice in their own governance. We are still striving to make that vision

real for all, but we are closer than ever.

> So let me ask you some questions about Congress today. Do you think the voice of ordinary Americans resounds strongly in its hallways and chambers? Can you recall Congress in the last few years successfully

dealing with an issue that directly affected your life? Does Congress produce legislation that resolves our differences and brings us closer together? Do you believe that the political system produces members of Congress who fairly and effectively represent the diversity and complexity of this country

and are addressing our real, long-term challenges?

I thought not.

This is why I believe it's past time for comprehensive reform of Congress. Representative democracy today is being undermined by the rising power of big money, the challenges of governing a country as large and diverse as ours, the problems brought by rising economic inequality, the ineffectiveness of our political institutions, and too many citizens who were never taught the skills needed to make the pragmatic judgments necessary in a representative democracy.

In the present environment,

it's doubtful that the various reforms needed to address these challenges can actually get adopted. But their time will come, either because the public demands it or the cost of dysfunction becomes too obvious to ignore.

So it's important to know in advance where we need to

To be sure, part of what we need is outside the purview of any single institution. We lack a robust, comprehensive system of civic education, designed to produce an engaged, informed electorate able to sort fact from fiction in a complicated world. We want citizens who

know how to maintain healthy skepticism and wariness about elected officials, and who have the knowledge and confidence to hold them accountable.

But there are also steps we need our lawmakers to take.

Partisan gerrymandering has become a scandal; competitive congressional districts drawn to represent the population fairly are vital to our future. Similarly, we have to expand voter participation and fight efforts to repress votes; lower participation empowers the extremes in politics, and it's hurting our country. And

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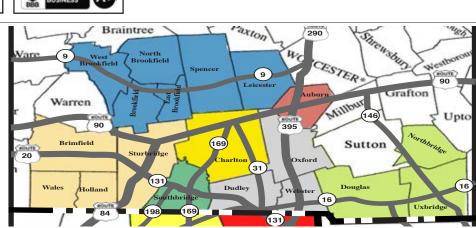
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Ice is nice as anglers take to the surfaces



THE GREAT OUTDOORS **RALPH TRUE**

This last weekend provided anglers with some great ice fishing on all fronts. It was a perfect day Saturday for the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club's annual ice fishing derby which drew 40+ anglers to enjoy some great fishing for trout. Most every anglers, young and old, caught fish and enjoyed the day in the great outdoors. Cash prizes were awarded for the largest trout caught. Ice fishing on local ponds and lakes had a large group of anglers fishing catching bass, pickerel & perch. This week's picture shows Matt Fontaine relaxing on the ice at the Uxbridge event last week fishing and sipping coffee. Matt is the treasurer for the club. Pete Tellier relaxes in his ice shanty in the second picture.

The rain that was predicted for this Tuesday is sure to make some ice unsafe. Shoreline ice is very unpredictable, so be sure to use caution especially with youngsters of the family.

The Blackstone River in Blackstone was giving up some large pike during the fall season of 2017. With the snow free shoreline along the Blackstone River, some anglers are taking their rod & reel to fish for pike and trout. The state of Rhode Island also stocks trout annually in the Blackstone from the Woonsocket line south. The Blackstone River was also stocked in Massachusetts at Tri-River approximately 10 years ago by this writer's fly fishing class that was held annually at the at the Uxbridge High School. More than \$500 worth of rainbow trout and brown trout were stocked which was raised by the group. Hopefully, another group of anglers, or the Mass Fish & Wildlife



Pete Tellier huddles inside a shanty for his stab at fishing through the ice.

will start to stock trout in the

Blackstone River soon. The

water has cleared up substan-

tially over the years with the

help of numerous organiza-

tions, including the Blackstone

268 black bear were har-

vested in Massachusetts in

2017, which was a bit shy of

the 2016 count of 287 in 2016.

119 bear were harvested in

Berkshire County, 65 Franklin,

36 Hampden, 38 Hampshire, & 9

harvest figures are as follows:

109 deer were harvested during

the youth hunt, four during the

paraplegic hunt, 5,095during

archery, 4,766 during the shot-

gun, 3,519 during the primitive

archery season had a substan-

tially larger number of deer

harvested than the shotgun

season. With all of the high tech

It should be noted that the

The preliminary 2017 deer

in Worcester County.

arms hunt.

River Watershed Association!

bows on the market today accuracy is much better, resulting in more deer being shot and retrieved. Hopefully the state will finalize the crossbow and Sunday hunting bills this year. All surrounding states have them. Sportsmen deserve no less. They are waiting!!

The New England Outdoor Writers Association is seeking submissions for their 2018 youth outdoor writing contest for young people, from New England in grades 6-12 The deadline for submissions is Feb 15. Cash prizes of \$150, \$100, \$50, and & 25 are being awarded. For full details go to the web site at www.neowa.org/youthwriteingcontest.html.

The Singletary Rod & Gun Club will hold their annual ice fishing derby for members only this Sunday Jan. 28, staring at 7:00 a.m. with a buffet breakfast at 6:00 a.m. The event has a carnival like atmosphere with



Matt Fontaine relaxing on the ice during the Uxbridge Rod & Gun derby.

more than 200 ice tilts being set out on the ice. Members will be cooking numerous meals on the ice for their groups of fishermen & women to eat and I am sure venison will be on the grill. Numerous prize will be awarded for the largest trout caught. The derby ends at 1:00 p.m. A" Seal A Meal" system and a turkey fryer will be raffled off at the event.

Massachusetts Junior Conservation Camp two week event is being awarded by the Singletary Rod & Gun Club to junior hunters, fishermen & women again this year. Any person interested in having their youngster attend the camp at no cost should send a letter stating why you want to go to the camp. Deadline is March 9. For more information go to the web site at www. juniorconservationcamp.org or call Ruth Granger at (508) 892 9301. (If your youngster

likes hunting, fishing, and the outdoors) this is a great opportunity to send them to two weeks in the great outdoors, and meeting new friends. AND IT IS FREE! Limited openings are available so get your letter in ASAP.

Goose hunting open last Saturday under ideal conditions and if you had a cornfield or golf course to hunt, you should have had plenty of action. The five bird daily limit is in effect until Feb. 10. A new 2018 state waterfowl stamp is needed to hunt geese, however your 2017 federal stamp is still good for the late goose season, and all coastal waterfowl

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods bending!!

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we need to make it easier for third parties to break into the system; people are losing confidence in the two parties and we need to open up the system to new participants.

Greater transparency from those in power or those seeking to influence those in power truly matters. Disclosure of campaign donations, disclosure of foreign money's track through our political system, disclosure of special-interest spending, identifying the people who make contributions to

secretive political committees, details about financial conflicts of interest all of this should be a habit in any self-respecting representative democracy. Extensive disclosure needs to be required by law, and backed up with the resources to enforce the law.

On Capitol Hill, members need to fund and then rely on independent sources of information they can trust, rather than special interests who too often lay down their own interpretation of the facts as a legislative foundation. And they need to return to the traditional processes of gathering expert testimony through congressional hearings.

And perhaps more than anything.

Congress needs to revitalize the institution itself — by energizing the traditional committee structure and practices, giving up its ridiculous habit of enacting budgets through omnibus bills, and no longer allowing major legislation to be put together by a few leadership staff behind closed doors — and restore its power vis-à-vis the president.

anges I'm advocating will not come about without citizen action. Our lawmakers have become fixated on their re-election and too comfortable with the status quo they and their predecessors have built in recent decades. We have to hold politicians to the highest ethi-

cal standards, and have them come up with serious proposals to fix the system. Without that, the loss of faith in our process and our institutions that all of us lament will be almost impossible to

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Long-range shooting by Dufries leads Leicester past Spartans, 47-43



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Leicester's Jenna Soden attempts a shot from inside the paint.

BY KEN POWERS

UXBRIDGE — Alexa Dufries scored a team-high 13 points, nine coming on three second half 3-pointers, to help lead the Leicester High girls' varsity basketball team past Uxbridge High, 47-43, on Thursday, Jan.

Dufries, a freshman, hit two of those 3's during an 84-second

span of the fourth quarter to give her team some breathing room on the scoreboard, each time turning a two-point lead into a five-point advantage.

The first 3-pointer from Dufries came from the top of the arc and pushed what was a 41-39 lead to a 44-39 advantage with 3:41 left in the game. Uxbridge's Sarah Johnston (12 points) answered Dufries'

three with one of her own to pull the Spartans back to within two, 44-42, with 2:38 remaining. Dufries then answered Johnston's triple with a trey, this one from the left wing, to extend the Leicester lead back to five, 47-42, with 2:17 to play.

With 19 seconds to play Uxbridge's Olivia Hicks (a game-high 21 points) hit one of two free throws to account for the 47-43 final score.

"I like shooting the 3," the soft-spoken Dufries said after the game. "If I have time to set my feet and square up to the basket I feel like I've got a pretty good chance to make the shot. On both of those shots I had time to set my feet and square up, so I actually thought both shots were going in."

Dufries said the juncture of the game — less than four minutes remaining — and the fact that the Wolverines were only up by two points both times, did not make her nervous.

"I'm comfortable shooting the 3 no matter what part of the game we're in," said Dufries, who is averaging 10 points a game.

All of that comfort comes from playing for Dave Padavano, Leicester's firstyear head coach, who encourages all of his players to shoot early and often.

"Alexa has the green light to shoot in those situations; all my players do," Padavano explained. "There's no such thing as a bad shot. If we're open we're going to shoot the ball. Those were two big 3's. Our starting point guard [Madison Hippert] was on the bench most of the second half with an injury and Alexa — a freshman — steps up and delivers for us.'

After the teams played to a 9-9 tie in the first quarter Leicester (5-3, 3-1 in SWCL B play) trailed by four, 20-16, at halftime.

"We struggled in the first half; we had trouble getting going," Dufries said. "In the second half we stepped up and showed what we could do. We played better defense in the second half and it led to much better offensive chances.

Padavano said he wasn't concerned at halftime with how many points Uxbridge had, but that his team had only scored 16, which is about seven points less than their per-half aver-

'We started out a little slow. Our average is 47 points a game and thanks to our second half we ended up blasting our way back to it," Padavano said. "I knew once we got up a little bit and we made some shots we'd get our legs underneath us. We're a real quick team and we like to run. That's what we did in the second half; we got back on defense and we ran every chance we got."

In the third quarter, after which Leicester led, 34-33, the teams battled back and forth, the lead changing hands four times. Uxbridge led by as many as three points in the period (28-25, 3:49 remaining) while the Wolverines led at one point by four (32-28 with 2:26). The game was tied once, 22-22, early in the period.

Hannah Wickson (seven points) put the Wolverines ahead, 36-33, with six minutes to play on a layup off a pass in traffic by Madison Dufries. Uxbridge (4-6 overall, 1-4 in the SWCL B) cut its deficit to one, 36-35, on a runner by Ashley Dube with 5:34 remaining.

Leicester scored the next five points — on a 3-pointer by Madison Dufries and a drive by Emily Fontaine (11 points) to take a 41-35 lead with 4:30 to play. Uxbridge then scored the next four points, on drives by Johnston and Hicks, to cut



Leicester's Madison Dufries pulls up for a jump shot in front of an Uxbridge defender.



Emily Fontaine of Leicester tracks down a rebound versus Uxbridge.

the Leicester lead to 41-39 with 3:59 to play, setting the stage for Alexa Dufries and her lategame heroics.

"The shots just weren't falling for my girls," Uxbridge head coach Tracy Larkin said. "We had chances for a lot of quick, easy baskets and we just couldn't get the ball to stay in the hoop. Some days the shots just don't fall you. Today was one of those days.'

Padeni's heroics help Wolverines edge past Uxbridge, 57-55



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Leicester's Bryce Gosselin goes lefty for a layup while being defended by Uxbridge's Tvler Tedford.

BY KEN POWERS

LEICESTER — As a member of the Leicester High varsity football team the past few years, Kyle Padeni was part of many game-winning drives. Against visiting Uxbridge High on Jan. 19 he provided one of his own, and in the process lifted the Leicester High boys' varsity basketball team over the Spartans,

Padeni, a senior captain, used his speed and quickness to get by two Uxbridge defenders and score a twisting layup with 5.7 seconds to play to put the Wolverines ahead, 57-55.

'The original play that we planned to run broke down a little bit," Padeni said. "I had the ball out near half-court and I knew time was running down. So I took the game into my own hands and made the decision to do it on my own. I took the ball and finished it."

Padeni started his game-winning



Leicester's Kyle Enberg releases a 3-pointer versus Uxbridge.

drive on the left side of the court just outside the 3-point arc. With just two steps he was past Uxbridge's Andrew Govette and over on the right side of the lane at the foul line. From there, in two more steps, he had picked up his dribble and faked a pass to a waiting 3-point shooter in the right corner. Padeni finished off the play by twisting his body so it was between the ball and the Spartans' Tom Sawyer, and then laying the ball in the hoop off the glass.

Uxbridge's game-winning attempt, a 3-pointer from two steps inside half-court by senior captain Scott Kaeller, hit the front of the rim and instead of curling into the basket, bounced away harmlessly.

"It's a tough loss for us," said Uxbridge head coach Ryan Hippert, whose team dropped to 5-4 (4-2 in SWCL B play) with the loss. "Both teams deserved to win that game based on the way both teams were fighting the entire game. We had a little lead, they came back. They had a little lead, we came back. It was one of those games where no matter who lost; they were going to be disappointed.

"I was proud of the way our kids, in a hostile environment, fought and played hard right to the end," Hippert continued. "That said, I thought we got a little lazy on defense at the end. We didn't rotate quickly enough on some plays. We didn't box out. We missed a couple free throws.

A testament as to how close a game it was is the fact that there were four lead changes and one tie in the final 90 seconds of the game, and the fact that Leicester's largest lead was seven points (26-19, 3:31 left in the first half), while Uxbridge's largest lead was six points (40-34, 3:43 left in the third quarter).

Padeni, coincidentally, single-handedly erased the Spartans' six-point lead with two drives and a pair of free throws, tying the game, 40-40, with 1:46 left in that third period.

Uxbridge led, 52-48, with 4:23 remaining in the game when the intensity, which didn't look like it could get any higher, was ratcheted up yet another

Leicester senior Kyle Enberg (a game-high 16 points) cut that lead to one, 52-51, with 2:50 to play when he hit his second 3-pointer of the game from the left side. Sophomore Jack O'Neill put the Wolverines ahead, 53-52, with 1:22 remaining, when he scored on a drive off a set inbound play.

Uxbridge immediately called timeout and regrouped, and then came out and took a 54-53 lead with 1:02 to play when Sawyer scored on a layup off an assist by junior Tyler Tedford (15 points, four 3-pointers). Sawyer was fouled on the play as well, but missed the accompanying free throw.

Leicester re-took the lead on its next possession, 55-54, with 42 seconds to play, on a 15-foot, right-side jumper by O'Neill, who scored six of his 12 points in the game's final seven minutes.

Kaeller tied the game, and set up Padeni's last-second heroics, when he hit one of two free throws with 17.6 seconds to play.

"I'm really proud of our guys; the way they fought back," said Leicester head coach Mike Lynch, whose team improved to 6-4 overall and 4-3 in the SWCL B. "That team [Uxbridge] is good. They're long, they play good 'D' and they're physical.

"I'm really proud of the way the guys stepped up," Lynch added. "We were down a couple of buckets late [52-48] and we were really having a hard time scoring so we went to Plan B. Joe Frascolla [eight points] had a big game for us, and, obviously, Padeni [10 points], too. They kind of dared us to have a different perimeter guy beat them off the dribble. I feel like we made enough plays to get by."



Kyle Padeni

Leicester High's senior captain scored a twisting layup with 5.7 seconds to go to lift the Wolverines past Uxbridge High, 57-55, in a boys' varsity basketball contest played on Friday, Jan. 19. Padeni finished the game with 10 points.

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Panthers hope to learn lessons from loss to athletic North team



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David Prouty's Evans Soter fires off a shot in front of two North defenders.

BY DEAN P. ST. LAURENT

SPENCER — Sage Maryyanek scored a game-high 21 points for the David Prouty Regional boys' varsity basketball team, but it wasn't enough in a 75-41 loss to North High of Worcester on Tuesday, Jan. 16. The setback dropped the Panthers' record down to 3-7.

"I talked to him after the game and I said, 'I am glad you found your shot again'," praised David Prouty head coach Scott Dion of Maryyanek. "Lately he hasn't been shooting as well as he can. We are going to need him moving forward, as well as all these guys as they start to mature and see if we can clean up our early season mistakes

and get on a roll here."
The Panthers hung

tough in the first quarter, only trailing the Polar Bears 17-11 heading into the second quarter. Maryyanek hit two of his seven 3's in the first quarter to keep David Prouty

Going into the second quarter it was clear that North was bigger, more athletic and an overall step-up in competition level for the Panthers. David Prouty began to sink into North's aggressive on-ball pressure and the Polar Bears outscored the Panthers 22-14 to extend their lead to 14 points (39-25) going into the halftime. Despite being outscored, Maryyanek did his best to help his team keep it close by hitting two more shots from distance in the frame.

"Obviously playing a team like that is a step up



David Prouty's Alex Skov looks for an open shot as North defender Javon Torres elevates for an attempted block.

for us," expressed Dion. "We talked about it at halftime, how it is going to make us better going down the stretch in the SWCL."

Coming out of the halftime North turned up its defensive pressure and forced David Prouty into mistakes. The Panthers were outscored 20-8 in the third quarter and 36-16 in the entire second half.

Prouty never gave up, though, and were most successful when they were able to run free rather than run scripted plays against a very athletic North defense. Maryyanek finished strong hitting three more 3-pointers in the second half in a valiant effort to keep his team in the contest.

"When you're running plays, you're much more scripted and they're so athletic so they were dictating what we were going to do with their defense," explained Dion. "I tried giving them a little more freedom with a motion offense, so when they are really up in your grill, we would be cutting and curling off screens. They are high school kids so there will be openings and it is about seeing those openings and executing those openings when they present them."

selves."
The Panthers hope to take this loss in stride and apply what they learned against teams of similar skill level inside the SWCL.

"If we learn to execute our plays and pass the basketball against the type of pressure that a North applies, we are hoping that will translate and make us better against teams in our league," Dion expressed with high hopes.



Alex Skov of David Prouty gets fouled by North's Julius Goines on his way to the basket.



David Prouty's Evans Soter floats to the basket for an easy layup.

David Prouty turns the ball over too often while falling to Polar Bears



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With a North defender flying in from the side, David Prouty's Brooke Pepin gets an outside shot off just in time.

BY DEAN P. ST. LAURENT SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

SPENCER — Despite struggling offensively, David Prouty Regional's girls' varsity basketball team never gave up in a losing effort to North High of Worcester, 54-21, on Tuesday, Jan. 16.

After winning their first game of their season against Uxbridge High in close fashion, 48-46, in their prior game, the Panthers came into the contest against the Polar Bears with their heads held high. Unfortunately for the home team, early shots weren't falling and it deflated any sort of momentum they were trying to build on.

"Unfortunately we came out a little



Brooke Pepin of David Prouty looks for an open teammate to pass the ball to against North defender Stevenna Bowhile.

flat tonight after having such a big win against Uxbridge," explained David Prouty head coach Dave Woodward. "We were hoping for a little more against North tonight, but some games you have it and some games you come out flat. They did hang in there and did their best."

Early on North's aggressive defense caused Prouty to turn the ball over. When they didn't turn it over their shots were contested and the Polar Bears led, 14-5, after the initial eight-minute quarter

"Turnovers came back and plagued us and when you turn the ball over, you don't get the shots and you don't get the points," expressed Woodward.

North outscored Prouty 18-3 in the



David Prouty's Jenna Petruzzi fights with North's Esosa Omo for possession of a

second quarter and went into the half leading, 32-8. Emma Hoxha and Stevenna Bowhile were the reason for the Polar Bears' success in the frame and throughout the rest of the game. Hoxha had 11 of her 20 points in the first half and Bowhile, who was a huge presence down low, had nine points in the first half and 13 in the second to give her a game-high 22 points.

"She played good inside. She is a senior and knows how to step back into the defense and she was a real force down low," Woodward praised of Bowhile's play.

David Prouty ended up getting outscored 22-13 in the second half, but they showed a lot of fight in holding North to 10 fewer points than the first half. The



Erin Parenteau of David Prouty takes the ball to the hoop while being defended by North's Michelle Muthie.

Panthers also scored five more points for themselves in the second half than in the first.

Despite the loss and struggling offensively, a bright spot for the Panthers was junior guard Brooke Pepin, who added a team-high 13 points. Pepin was consistent and added six points in the first half and seven in the second.

The Panthers will next watch the film from the Uxbridge win, which they haven't had a chance to do yet, to better prepare themselves for the season's stretch run.

"Moving forward we just have to cut down the turnovers and take better quality shots and it will increase our chances of winning," Woodward con-

Huge second half helps Tantasqua tame Rockets

BY DEAN P. ST. LAURENT SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

AUBURN — Four Warriors scored in double figures to propel the Tantasqua Regional girls' varsity basketball team to their eighth straight victory on Thursday, Jan. 18. The Warriors (8-2) won over Auburn High, 65-28.

"We have meshed together really well," expressed Tantasqua head coach Tom Goyette. "We have our roles down a lot better in our lineup along with our positions and we did move some things around the first couple weeks, but I think we found the right chemistry and the kids are playing well together.'



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Tantasqua's Ainsley Way looks for an opening to drive past an Auburn defender.

Coming out of halftime, the Warriors held a 27-17 lead after a hard fought first half, but with aggressive play on both sides of the court Tantasqua slowly took over the game.

It started with aggressive play in the paint by freshman center Morgan Smith, who drew two quick fouls on consecutive possessions that led to four free throws. Those were four of Smith's 13 points on the night. Her aggressive play strung the rest of her team to follow in her footsteps.

The Warriors opened the quarter on a 14-0 run and outscored the Rockets 23-6 in the frame. Lydia Boland dropped in eight of her 14 points in the third and Lindsey Zak also contributed six of her 12 points in the quarter to go along with strong defense for both.

"We executed a lot better in the second half," explained Goyette. "I think our defense was great in the first half, but Auburn played tough and came out to play on their home court. They were aggressive and we had some trouble with that, but I think our defense clamped down a lot in the second half, we played some solid man-to-man and we executed on offense. We got some good looking shots and everyone played a little harder in the second half, too."

Going into the fourth quarter the Warriors didn't take their foot off the gas pedal, as they outscored the Rockets (3-10) by a 15-5 count and ended the second half outscoring Auburn 38-9 in a solid overall performance in every aspect of the game.

Much of Tanatsqua's success was behind its ability to use its size and penetrate the middle of the Rockets' defense to create high percentage shots. It also helps that all of Tantasqua's players can score the basketball.

"Our kids are very aggressive with the ball and like to get the ball inside, but I think we have a good inside-outside balance and I think we showed that tonight," stated Goyette. "We were hitting from inside and outside. It is great to have that balance and every kid can score on our team, we are 10 deep and we showed that tonight, too."

Tantasqua's other double-digit performer was Ainsley Way, one of three freshmen starters. Way dominated the fourth quarter with eight points in the paint and finished with a game-high 15.

'Ainsley had a great game tonight for sure and for only a freshman, she plays like a seasoned player," Goyette



Morgan Smith of Tantasqua reaches up to pull down a rebound versus Auburn.



Tantasqua's Morgan Smith releases a shot up and over the reach of Auburn defender Kavlev Markvenas.

Early 18-0 run helps Warriors fend off Auburn



Tantasqua's Drew Peretti dribbles the ball with a full head of steam on Auburn's Tyler Judice.

BY DEAN P. ST. LAURENT

STURBRIDGE — A strong start provided by a balanced offensive attack boosted the Tantasqua Regional boys' varsity basketball team to victory over Auburn High, 71-55, in a matchup played Friday, Jan. 19 at the district's middle school.

'We want to come out with as much energy as we can so we can get teams back on their heels, and if we can do that with our big guys and speed on offense we can score a lot of points,' expressed Warriors' head coach Tom O'Neil. "We did that early and defensively we were great."

Early on it looked like Auburn was going to give Tantasqua all thev could handle after scoring the first three points of the game after a layup by Matty Backlin and a

bucket from the charity stripe by Craigon Confer, but after a 3-pointer by Tantasqua's Chase Freeland to tie it at 3-3, the Warriors gained all of the momentum.

Tantasqua employed a full-court press defense to create havoc and, in turn, score many easy points en route to an 18-0 run to surge ahead, 18-3.

"We have been emphasizing pressure a lot this year, defensively. It starts energy-wise, if we can come out and double-team and press, get some steals and get our offense going it puts teams on their heels," expressed O'Neil. "Our 2-3 zone if we do it right we trap like crazy and don't give up a lot of 3-point shots and it worked early on."

The Rockets knew coming into the game that the Warriors were going to come out aggressive on

the defensive end and it forced them out of their comfort zone, but it didn't take all of the fight out of an Auburn team who is down to an eight-player

"We didn't make the decisions that we talked about making consistently and I think that was the key to them in terms of jumping out on us," expressed Auburn head coach Andrew "It is a Niedzwiecki. learning experience for our group and I think we can build off this and move forward in hopes for more wins.

Justin Skaparas ended the first quarter on a high note for the Rockets via a 3-pointer and showed that they were not going to give up. Auburn nearly played even with Tantasqua the rest of the

"We are down to eight guys, but these eight are

battling hard. In turns of the slow start, I think we gain confidence as we play. We aren't really a young team, but we are especially with the numbers we have right now so I think that plays a role. We almost wait for our offense to kick in before we really defend rather than having it the other way around, so I think that was key," stated Niedzwiecki. "Tantasqua jumped out on us, but I am proud of the guys. We kept battling and made it a game; hopefully we can build off this and move forward."

Skaparas kept the hot shooting hand and got the Rockets on the board first in the second quarter, and for the rest of the period both teams matched one another. Jackson Hall, who added 10 points for the Warriors, hit backto-back 3's to extend the lead, but moments later Tyler Judice hit consecutive 3-pointers of his own for Auburn. Judice had a team-high 13 points for the Rockets.

Auburn had their best quarter of the game, outscoring Tantasqua 21-19 to go into halftime with their heads high only down 37-27. Three-point shooting was a big reason for the Rockets' success.

"There is a lot of practices where we shoot 70 3's each, so it is a focal point of what we are trying to do, but we are priming to get the ones where we get the ball in and then out," said Niedzwiecki. "We did a much better job of that tonight in terms offensively, but the slow start

kind of did us in." The Warriors now found themselves in a battle during the second half of play.



Tantasqua's Jackson Hall heaves an overhead pass back out toward the top of the key.

"We kind of stepped back and thought we were going to win the game because we played so well in the first eight to 10 minutes of the game, we back off and Auburn didn't give up and started to make shots," explained O'Neil. "I told my team, when a team gets confidence they aren't going to want to give up and they aren't going to back down from you. That is what happened, Auburn kept bouncing back and hitting shots. They took our 15-18 point lead down to 10 and then they stayed right there the entire game.'

The second half was similar to the second quarter. Each team went punch for punch, Tantasqua was able to keep the lead. Evan Couture scored a

team-high 19-points and Hayden Peterson added 15. Both were huge down the stretch.

"We don't want to have a one-man show, most teams when you shut down their one or two best players the rest of the team doesn't score, so we want make it so every one of our guys has an option on offense,' O'Neil said confidently. "I don't emphasize one kid only, our best shooter is Drew Peretti, but he wasn't feeling it tonight so other kids got involved, Couture went to the rim like he does and scored a lot of points, Hayden was big inside, Jackson Hall hit a bunch of 3's, which is good to see from him, and other guys were hitting their shots. We take the shot when we are open."

Hot start helps Rockets ice Westborough in rematch, 5-1





Auburn's Matt Bregman handles the puck along the boards in front of his team's bench.

Kyle Spurr of Auburn shovels a pass over to a teammate.

BY NICK ETHIER

AUBURN — Earlier in the season the Auburn/Shepherd Hill/ Tantasqua/Millbury boys' varsity co-op ice hockey team suffered a close 3-2 setback to Westborough High. But, when the two met again in a Quinn Conference rematch at the Horgan Arena on Wednesday, Jan. 17, the Rockets made quick work of the Rangers, scoring four first period goals en route to a 5-1 victory.

about time," "It's Auburn head coach Glen Bombard chuckled afterward. "The last three games the first period's been a big downfall for us. They just came out and took care of their business quick."

The win lifted the Rockets' record to 6-4-1. while Westborough slid to 5-4-2.

Auburn's first goal came just 1:42 into the contest. Adam Lanier inside the Rangers' blue line and skated in toward

Westborough goalie Will Schiffman. Lanier, a left-handed shot, then snapped the puck past Schiffman's glove and into the upper right-hand

portion of the net. "He kind of gave me that top right corner and I just put it there," explained Lanier, whose goal was assisted by Joel Miller and Caleb Mackin.

Then, just past the midpoint of the first period, Auburn doubled its lead - which turned out to be the game-winning tally. Collin McKeon, stationed in the slot, took a pass and wristed another shot that got past Schiffman via the top shelf. Ryan Lempicki and Alex Surmis had the assists.

The Rockets — and Lanier — weren't done there, though. At 10:46 of the period Lanier scored his second goal of the game. Mackin crossed the blue line with possession of the puck and made a nice pass over to Lanier, who then went collected the puck just backhand to score past a sprawling Schiffman.

"I saw the defenseman heady play for the goal.

go over and I thought it'd be perfect," Lanier said of the developing play. "[Mackin] put it right on my stick flat — a nice saucer [pass] — and I saw the goalie go down and try to spread across the whole bottom of the net, so I just took it to my backhand because it's easier to roof it that way."

"Adam Lanier had a huge night for us with those two big goals," added Bombard. "They were good, quality goals.'

Auburn was good for one more first period goal, and that one came with just 1.4 seconds remaining. Lempicki took a shot from the blue line, which was saved by Schiffman. But Ryan Slade gathered the rebound and banged it into the net before the buzzer sounded.

"Those are backbreakers." Bombard said of his team's fourth goal. "That was the nail in the coffin. You could see the sails come out of them a little after that."

Bombard was pleased to see Slade make such a

"You go until you hear a buzzer or you hear a whistle — you just never know," he said.

Westborough's Jonathan Rodenbush scored one minute into the second period on a low shot against the grain that got past goalie Mike Sosik, but from there the Rockets' net-minder was

a brick wall. Sosik made his best stop of the night shortly after the Rangers' goal when he robbed Cam Sullivan with a shoulder save from in tight. In total Sosik made 27 saves.

"He's been playing great all year," said Bombard.

Auburn wrapped up the victory with 2:10 to play in the third when Westborough pulled its goalie while on the power play to make it six-onfour, but Slade scored into the open net for a shorthanded strike.

Auburn has now won two straight after losing three in a row.



Alex Surmis of Auburn slips past a Westborough defender and reaches his stick out to corral in a loose puck.

Oxford builds big enough lead, then holds on to beat Cougars



Nick Ethier photos

Quaboag defender Kiarra Dorman (5) bothers Oxford ball handler Chloe Davis.

BY NICK ETHIER SPORTS STAFF WRITER

OXFORD — Defense was the name of the game for the Oxford High girls' varsity basketball team, especially in the first half, when the Pirates hosted Quaboag Regional on Thursday, Jan. 18. Oxford held the Cougars to just two second quarter points en route to a 14-point halftime advantage.

The Pirates then held on when Quaboag mounted a second half comeback. The Cougars at one point trimmed the deficit down to six points, 40-34, with 2:20 to play, but their rally fell short as they dropped a 45-36 decision.

We're really trying to focus on defense and that's how we're going to have to win," explained Oxford head coach Joe Pietrzak, whose team led

Quaboag at the break, 26-12. After scoring just 12 points in the first half, the Cougars scored 12 in the third quarter alone and 12 more in the fourth to win second half scoring, 24-19.

"It was a tale of two halves," said Quaboag head coach William Beauregard. "We just didn't come ready to play and that's on me. Once we adjusted in the second half the kids came out and played with the intensity that we should play with."

But the first half was not one the Cougars will want to remember. They trailed, 11-10, after the first quarter but fell behind, 21-10, when the Pirates scored the first 10 points of the second

Quaboag trimmed Oxford's lead down to 21-12, but the Pirates scored the final five points of the first half to build a big lead.

A good portion of the second half then turned into the Kiarra Dorman show, as the Cougars' talented sophomore opened the third quarter by burying a 3-pointer and stealing an Oxford pass, which turned into a layup by freshman teammate Sydney Corfey (9 points, 8 rebounds). That got Quaboag back into the game, 26-17, as they staved close to that deficit until the final buzzer

"She makes plays for everybody," Beauregard said of Dorman, whose second half stat line of 13 points and 13 rebounds would leave most players beaming after a full day's work. "When she has a half like that she's tough to stop because she's so athletic. Those are the kinds of numbers she can put up."

Dorman finished with 18 points, 19 rebounds and 5 steals.

"She's something else, isn't she," Pietrzak said of Dorman. "We were running three players at her and she was still making plays. She's just so tenacious on both ends — great player."

But the Pirates employ a great player of their own in junior Gina Parmenter. She scored a game-high 19 points and pulled down 8 rebounds, the latter stat something Pietrzak was proud of.

"Finding other ways when the shot's not going," he said of what makes Parmenter a special player, "and then the shot started to go.'

Parmenter at times was bothered by the defense of Quaboag's Addy Ford (8 points, 6 rebounds), a sophomore.

"Addy's one of the best defenders on the ball in the league, in my opinion," said Beauregard. "We just failed to execute some things in the first half that cost us a little bit, especially defensive-

Parmenter was able to find the space for a 3-pointer and a drive to the basket that resulted in two free throws for a five-point swing in the final seconds of the third quarter, as the Pirates held a 37-24 lead heading into the final frame.

Quaboag pulled to within six points but could never get over the hump, as Oxford junior Felicity Steiger (6 points, 8 rebounds) unofficially finished things off with a traditional three-point play with 1:43 to go.

Freshman Chloe Davis was another player that helped the Pirates get the



Kiarra Dorman of Quaboag lofts a floater from the lane toward the basket.

victory.

'We're really starting to get her a lot more minutes now. She finished around the rim," Pietrzak said.

When Pietrzak was told of Davis' stat line of 8 points and 8 rebounds, he repeated the phrase "that's fantastic, that's fantastic."

Both the Pirates and Cougars are hovering around the .500 line — Oxford is 5-6, Quaboag is 4-5 — so both need to keep winning to advance to district tournament play.

Explosive interior offense leads Blackstone Valley Tech past Minutemen



Nick Ethier photos

Bay Path's Madison Paulhus takes a strong drive into the lane versus Blackstone Valley Tech's defense.

BY NICK ETHIER SPORTS STAFF WRITER

UPTON — Great guard play from Blackstone Valley Tech's girls' varsity basketball team led to great passes inside the paint, and strong rim presence by the forwards and centers allowed them to finish off interior baskets when the Beavers hosted Bay Path Regional on Tuesday, Jan. 16.

As a result Valley Tech made 22 two-point baskets — with the vast majority of them coming from inside eight feet -

en route to a 50-29 victory over the Minutemen.

"It's always a focus for us. We have really strong post players," Valley Tech head coach Brit Kahler said of getting the ball inside to the bigs. "We can always take an outside shot, so if we can get it in and then pass it back out we get more open looks."

The Beavers led, 20-4, after the initial eight-minute quarter and never looked back. Valley Tech outscored Bay Path in the second, 15-6, to surge

ahead to a 35-10 lead at the halftime break.

The Beavers are now a perfect 8-0 as the regular season's midpoint approaches.

"We're definitely taking it a game at a time," Kahler said of potential thoughts when playing in the postseason. "We were fortunate enough to go to the State Vocational Tournament last year and we ended up winning it for the first time, so that's a goal this year as well.'

If Valley Tech keeps winning they will get a bid into the State Vocational Tournament as well as the MIAA Central Mass. Division 4 Tournament.

The Minutemen, who dropped to 6-2, are also off to a good start and are four victories away from also playing in the Central Mass. D4 Tournament. Head coach John Selen gave credit to Valley Tech's fast start and added that his team will only improve after playing a team like the Beavers

"They're the cream of the crop right now in the Colonial League," he said of BVT. "You aspire to be what a BVT is. They're a great-coached team and they have some great players.

"You get better by playing good teams," Selen added. "This is a good learning experience for

Selen noted that Bay

Path opened the game in a man-to-man defense, but the Beavers were able to take advantage of the oneon-one matchups down low. The Minutemen then switched to a 2-3 zone, which was when Valley Tech took advantage of the open space outside and began hitting deeper jump shots and one 3-pointer.

Bay Path had a more competitive third quarter, which the Beavers won by a 13-9 count to lead, 48-19, heading into the final frame. And the Minutemen won fourth quarter scoring, 10-2, to take the second half (19-

"We played tough and the girls hung with it," said Selen, adding that the team is currently playing without starting point guard Alexxus Afriyie, who suffered a sprained ankle a few weeks back.

Bay Path's scoring was balanced, with Nekelle Waskiewicz netting a team-high 7 points. netting Kiara Coates (6 points), Savannah Vangel (4), Emily Wong Kam (4), Madison Paulhus (3), Kayla Davis (3) and Kayla Morrison (2) also scored for the Minutemen.

"We're pretty happy with where we are right now. We're in a pretty good position," concluded Selen.

The Beavers also had a balanced scoring attack, which was led by Victoria Russian's 10 points. Kahler feels that her team is at its strongest when they spread



Kayla Morrison of Bay Path pulls up for a jump shot in front of Blackstone Valley Tech defender Erin Fraine.

the wealth offensively.

"I feel like we're a better team when there's not one or two girls you can stop and any one of them can go off at any time," she said.

Also scoring for BVT were Lyndsay Morse (9 points), Erin Fraine (8). Gabby Muscatell (7), Alyssa Clark (4), Kourtnie Page (4), Isabelle Angelini (3), Kelley Muanya (3) and Meghan Leacy (2).

Kahler wasn't sure what to expect out of her group offensively before the season started, but noted that they have exceeded expectations which could serve her team well down the road.

"The passing's great, we're really moving the ball and we're getting more aggressive on offense," she said.



Emily Wong Kam of Bay Path dribbles the ball in on Blackstone Valley Tech's Alyssa Clark.

Bay Path's Kiara Coates flings a pass outside to the wing

SPORTS BRIEFS

Knights of Columbus to host local free throw competition

The local Knights of Columbus Council 11080, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, Brookfield-West Brookfield, is sponsoring an opening round of the 2018 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to

participate in this event.

This local competition will be held Sunday, Jan. 28 at 1 p.m. at the West Brookfield Elementary School Gymnasium (89 Main Street, West Brookfield). This event is free.

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through local, district, regional, and state competitions. International champions are announced by the K of C international headquarters based on scores from the state-level competitions. All boys and girls 9 to 14 years old are eligible to participate and will compete in their respective age divisions. Last year more than 160,000 sharpshooters participated in over 3,700 local competitions. All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in the event receiving a Certificate of Participation. Winners in respective age divisions in this round advance to

the District Competition in February, and receive prizes donated by local supporters. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. Eligibility age is determined as of Jan. 1, 2018.

For entry forms or additional information contact Wally Connor at (413) 813-8100 or email connor122@charter. net. Pre-registration is welcome and

Leicester Little League Registration and Fishing Derby announcements

Registration is now open for Little League baseball in Leicester. The registration deadline is Saturday, Feb. 10. Tryouts for 9-12 year olds will be held on Sat, Feb. 10 and Feb. 17. Visit www.leicesterlittleleague.com for more information about winter skills clinics, spring tryouts and registration. We are also seeking local business sponsors for the upcoming season. The Little League will be hosting a fishing derby at Sargent Pond on Saturday, Feb. 24 (7 a.m. start time, weather permitting). Please email leicesterbaseball@gmail.com for more information.

Come show your Tantasqua Warrior spirit

Two youth nights are coming to Tantasqua in support of the high school basketball teams. First is the girls' game on Feb. 7, with JV playing at 5 p.m. and the varsity following at 6:30. The boys' game follows on Feb. 8, with JV at 5:30 p.m. and varsity at 7. All students, show your Tantasqua pride to get in for free and get a Warrior Buck to spend. A fun halftime competition will be sponsored by the Tantasqua Athletic Booster Club.

Tantasqua Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony set for Feb. 8

The Tantasqua Athletic Hall of Fame has announced its next class to be inducted on Thursday, Feb. 8 at 6 p.m. in the Tantasqua High School auditorium. Following the induction ceremony, the new class will be introduced during halftime of the Senior Night boys' basketball game versus

Congrats to this year's Athletic Hall

of Fame inductees: Brandon Forcier, Class of 2009 Shelby Farland, Class of 2009 Dan Kemp, Class of 2009

John Jolin, Class of 1972 Mike Dube, 32 Years Teacher/ Coach; 1977 State Champion Baseball

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HIGH SCHOOL Notebook

Tantasqua 48, Algonquin 46; Westborough 68, Tantasqua 29 Competing at Southbridge's Tri-Community YMCA, the boys' swim team from Tantasqua had a 1-1 day. Their record is now an impressive 7-2.

Algonquin 79, Tantasqua 15; Westborough 68, Tantasqua 26 It was a tough meet for the Warriors girls' swim team at the Tri-Community YMCA in Southbridge, as they lost to a pair of top Mid-Wach teams. Tantasqua is now 3-6, but both the boys and girls had many best times and a few qualified for the Mid-Wach Championships and Sectionals.



HATS

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Donna Leo, also of Spencer, has yet another reason for sharing the use of her free time to give to the program, "When I quit smoking 25 years ago, I picked-up crocheting to fill that space, and come to think of it, to save my heart"

The women are quick to stress that they are not the only participants in

the local area, and that the skill level to participate in the program is of little concern. In fact, within this small group crochet skills vary from lifelong to beginner.

Though it is encouraged that hats be the color of red for the month of February, they may be knit or crocheted in any color during all other months and are accepted year-round. Yarn specifications and patterns can be found online. Another option on the website is that participants can search for and choose the hospital, of participating hospitals, to which they would like their hats sent. This group appreciates the fact that their hats will stay local.

"These hats will be going to St. Vincent's and UMass hospitals in Worcester. It feels great knowing that our hats will be helping those in our local community." says McComas

local community," says McComas. McComas adds, "This is a great thing for anyone to do during these long cold months. Anyone at any skill level can do this. It's so easy, and YouTube offers some helpful crochet and knitting vid-

For more information on the "Little Hats, Big Hearts" program, please visit the website at www.heart.org/HEARTORG/Affiliate/Little-Hats-Big-Hearts. To contact Nancy McComas for other questions or concerns call (508)





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POLICE REPORTS

Leicester Police Logs

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

12:48 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 1:18 a.m.: parking complaint (Washburn Square), citation issued; 3:22 a.m.: ambulance (Stafford Street), transported; 4:02 a.m.: ambulance (Lillian Avenue), transported; 7:35 a.m.: animal complaint (Henshaw Street), services rendered; 8:24 a.m.: erratic operation (Marshall Street), services rendered; 11:14 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 12:04 p.m.: mv stop (Burncoat Street), verbal warning: 1:04 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street), services rendered; 1:26 p.m.: suspicious person (Huntoon Memorial Highway), report taken; 2:07 p.m.: erratic operation (Main Street), services rendered; 3:47 p.m.: lost/found (Stafford Street), summons served; 4:01 p.m.: fire/ odor of gas (Overlook Drive), services rendered; 4:47 p.m.: investigation (Main Street), services rendered; 5:40 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 5:59 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), citation issued; 6:16 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 6:52 p.m.: parking complaint (Washburn Square), citation issued; 9:48 p.m.: welfare check (McCarthy Avenue), spoken to; 11:45 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

12:08 a.m.: runaway (Stafford Street), services rendered; 1:17 a.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), Nicholas P. Milionis, 38, 5 Woodland Drive, Paxton, op w/ suspended license, arrest; 8:29 a.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), written warning; 9:52 a.m.: disabled mv (Stafford Street), assisted; 10:33 a.m.: suspicious activity (Stafford Street), unfounded; 12:54 p.m.: investigation (Main Street), unable to locate; 1:25 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 3:04 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 4:51 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 4:58 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 5:06 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 5:08 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 6:24 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 7:02 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 7:33 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 8:03 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 8:28 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 8:29 p.m.: mv off the road (Paxton Street), services rendered; 8:40 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 9:01 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning. 9:35 p.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street), transported; 11:10 p.m.: suspicious activity (Fairview Drive), unfounded.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

1:00 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 5:37 a.m.: ambulance (Greenville Street), assisted party: 6:48 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 8:48 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), mv towed; 9:27 a.m.: erratic operation (Chapel Street), spoken to; 11:35 a.m.: investigation (Main Street), services rendered; 1:27 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), citation issued; 3:52 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 4:46 p.m.: erratic operation (Stafford Street), unable to locate; 4:56 p.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), spoken to; 5:08 p.m.: investigation (Henshaw Street), spoken to; 5:35 p.m.: suspicious mv (Willow Hill Road), unable to locate; 6:31 p.m.: parking complaint (Winslow Avenue), services rendered; 6:54 p.m.: welfare check (Main Street), services rendered; 8:54 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 11:00 p.m.: missing person (Stafford Street), services rendered.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

1:19 a.m.: mv top (Main Street), verbal warning; 10:09 a.m.: disabled mv (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 11:02 a.m.: officer wanted (Carleton Road), no service necessary; 12:12 p.m.: mutual aid (Main Street, Spencer), transported; 1:25 p.m.: welfare check (Crestwood Road), services rendered; 1:51 p.m.: disabled mv (Stafford Street), services rendered; 3:17 p.m.: summons service (South Main Street), served; 3:31 p.m.: ambulance (Peter Salem Road), transported; 4:42 p.m.: investigation (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 5:47 p.m.: animal complaint (Soojians Drive), spoken to; 6:14 p.m.: investigation (Main Street), services rendered; 7:25 p.m.: investigation (Main Street), services rendered; 8:07 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), services rendered; 10:51 p.m.: animal complaint (Sabina Circle), services rendered; 11:14 p.m.: assist citizen (Mayflower Circle), ser-

vices rendered. FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

3:52 a.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), services rendered; 5:53 a.m.: b&e mv (Warren Avenue), report taken; 6:16 a.m.: b&e mv (Warren Avenue), services rendered; 8:36 a.m.: ambulance (Rawson Street), transported; 8:50 a.m.: investigation (Warren Avenue), spoken to; 9:11 a.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), services rendered; 10:40 a.m.: officer wanted (Soojians Drive), spoken to: 11:53 a.m.: welfare check (Pleasant Street), assisted; 12:39 p.m.: mutual aid (Lincoln Street, Spencer), transported; 1:32 p.m.: parking complaint (Soojians Drive), spoken to; 1:59 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), spoken to; 3:48 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 4:18 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), verbal warning; 5:09 p.m.: welfare check (Stafford Street), services rendered; 5:12 p.m.: welfare check (Crestwood Road), services rendered; 5:24 p.m.: assist citizen (Monterey Drive), services rendered; 6:15 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 6:48 p.m.: disturbance (Town Beach Road), services rendered; 7:01 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 7:13 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 7:48 p.m.: ambulance (Harberton Drive), transported; 8:08 p.m.: ambulance (Monterey Drive), transported.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

5:23 a.m.: welfare check (Stafford Street), transported to hospital; 8:33 a.m.: mv stop (Mulberry Street), citation issued; 10:59 a.m.: ambulance (Edward Street), transported; 11:13 a.m.: welfare check (Mulberry Street), unfounded; 12:02 p.m.: mv stop (River Street), citation issued; 12:08 p.m.: welfare check (Monterey Drive), services rendered; 12:41 p.m.: assist citizen (Main Street), spoken to; 1:15 p.m.: ambulance (Lake Shore Drive), transported; 1:22 p.m.: fire/odor of gas (Henshaw Street), services rendered; 2:30 p.m.: b&e mv (Grove Street), report taken; 2:51 p.m.: accident (Henshaw Street), report taken; 4:13 p.m.: investigation (South Main Street), services rendered; 4:45 p.m.: ambulance (Chapel Street), transported; 5:38 p.m.: welfare check (Monterey Drive), transported; 7:34 p.m.: ambulance (Mayflower Circle), transported; 9:24 p.m.: assist citizen (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 9:40 p.m.: welfare check (Lexington Avenue), services rendered; 10:36 p.m.: suspicious activity (Bottomly Avenue), unfounded.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 9:07 a.m.: ambulance (Virginia Drive), transported; 9:37 p.m.: disabled mv (Stafford Street), assisted party; 9:42 p.m.: ambulance (Charlton Street), transported; 10:56 a.m.: disabled mv (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 11:48 a.m.: fire, spill/leak (Dale Street), services rendered; 12:46 p.m.: disabled mv (Pleasant Street), assisted party; 1:04 p.m.: lockout (Main Street), assisted; 3:53 p.m.: disturbance (Howard Terrace), transported to hospital; 3:58 p.m.: ambulance (Chandler Street), transported; 5:51 p.m.: investigation (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 5:55 p.m.: investigation (Main Street), name/address redacted from police log, receiving stolen property worth more than \$250, services rendered; 6:34 p.m.: ambulance (Sargent Street), transported; 10:34 p.m.: ambulance (Williams Street, Worcester), transported.

MONDAY, JANUARY 1 2:56 a.m.: ambulance (Virginia Drive), assisted; 9:02 a.m.: b&e mv (Logan Street), report taken; 9:56 a.m.: investigation (Towtaid Street), services rendered; 10:23 a.m.: b&e mv (Tobin Road), report taken; 10:25 a.m.: b&e mv (Tobin Road), report taken; 10:27 a.m.: b&e mv (Towtaid Street), report taken; 10:57 a.m.: investigation (Towtaid Street), services rendered; 11:33 a.m.: b&e mv (Church Street), report taken; 12:17 p.m.: investigation (Towtaid Street), services rendered; 1:13 p.m.: investigation (Main Street, Worcester), services rendered; 1:41 p.m.: ambulance (Soojians Drive), transported; 1:44 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street), services rendered; 2:08 p.m.: b&e mv (Verona Street), report taken; 2:43 p.m.: animal complaint (Market Street), services rendered; 4:05 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 4:46 p.m.: suspicious mv (Hemlock Street), gone on arrival; 5:18 p.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive), arrest; 6:01 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 6:25 p.m.: investigation (Pine Street), services rendered; 6:32 p.m.: welfare check (Huntoon Memorial Highway), spoken to; 6:45 p.m.: gunshots heard (Clark Street), no action required; 6:55 p.m.: accident (Pleasant Street), report taken.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2 6:19 a.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), unable to locate; 7:30 a.m.: assist other PD (Main Street), services rendered; 10:34 a.m.: welfare check (South Main Street), name redacted from police log, unlicensed operation of my, report taken: 11:17 a.m.: b&e my (Boyd Street), report taken; 11:29 a.m.: animal complaint (Winslow Avenue), unfounded; 11:58 a.m.: summons service (Huntoon Memorial Highway), served; 1:13 p.m.: assist citizen (Main Street); 2:29 p.m.: search warrant service (Rochdale Street, Auburn), arrest: Joseph Bostwick age 25, 316 Rochdale Street, Auburn, receiving stolen property worth more than \$250; 2:33 p.m.: b&e mv (Upton Street), report taken; 3:23 p.m.: b&e mv (Logan Street), report taken; 5:19 p.m.: assist citizen (Wendy Place), services rendered; 9:36 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), written warning; 11:06 p.m.: assist citizen (South

Main Street), services rendered; 11:19 p.m.: mv off road (Huntoon Memorial Highway), services rendered; 11:41 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street), services rendered.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

5:41 a.m.: animal complaint (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 10:14 a.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 10:16 a.m.: assist citizen (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 10:20 a.m.: animal complaint (Winslow Avenue), gone on arrival; 10:34 a.m.: fraud (South Main Street), report taken; 12:00 p.m.: investigation (Soojians Drive), services rendered; 2:22 p.m.: animal complaint (Winslow Avenue), services rendered; 2:39 p.m.: mv off road (Mulberry Street), services rendered; 2:51 p.m.: officer wanted (Stafford Street), spoken to; 4:32 p.m.: investigation (Pine Street), services rendered; 4:49 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 5:49 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 7:04 p.m.: disabled mv (Stafford Street), services rendered; 8:00 p.m.: warrant service, arrest (Stafford Street), no service.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

12:05 a.m.: suspicious mv (Stafford Street), services rendered; 12:32 a.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), services rendered; 1:03 a.m.: parking complaint (Pine Street), citation issued; 1:53 a.m.: suspicious mv (Paxton Street), services rendered; 11:32 a.m. suspicious mv (King Street Extension), services rendered: 11:54 a.m.: parking complaint (Brickyard Road), services rendered; 12:27 p.m.: animal complaint (Westminster Street), assisted; 1:03 p.m.: fraud (Main Street), report taken; 2:09 p.m.: ambulance (Pine Street), assisted; 2:25 p.m.: neighbor dispute (Main Street), spoken to; 2:30 p.m.: disabled mv (Stafford Street), assisted; 2:37 p.m.: disabled mv (Henshaw Street), services rendered; 6:44 p.m.: parking complaint (Siani Road), spoken to; 7:27 p.m.: mv off the road (Paxton Street), services rendered; 7:29 p.m.: ambulance (Mulberry Street), transported; 11:45 p.m.: fire/ odor of gas (McCarthy Avenue), services rendered.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

7:53 a.m.: disabled mv (Paxton Street), assisted; 8:37 a.m.: assist other agencv (Paxton Street), assisted: 9:01 a.m.: assist citizen (Paxton Street); 9:34 a.m.: assist citizen (Mulberry Street), gone on arrival; 9:41 a.m.: investigation (Gleason Way), services rendered; 10:45 a.m.: assist citizen (Paton Street); 10:52 a.m.: assist other agency (Paxton Street), services rendered; 11:17 a.m.: ambulance (Willow Hill Road), transported; 1:51 p.m.: disabled mv (Whittemore Street), assisted; 3:18 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street), spoken to; 4:12 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), written warning; 4:14 p.m.: traffic hazard (Main Street), services rendered; 5:14 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), services rendered; 5:18 p.m.: water/sewer problem (Main Street), services rendered; 6:35 p.m.: erratic operation (South Main Street), unable to locate; 6:51 p.m.: welfare check (Charles Street), transported to hospital; 8:11 p.m.: ambulance (Stafford Street), transported; 10:03 p.m.: mv off the road (Whittemore Street), services rendered; 10:14 p.m.: assist citizen (Main Street).

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

12:19 a.m.: ambulance (Second Street, Worcester), transported; 2:46 a.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street), transported; 5:48 a.m.: disabled mv (Washburn Street), hazard removed; 7:04 a.m.: disabled mv (Huntoon Memorial Highway), services rendered: 7:40 a.m.: traffic hazard (Burncoat Lane), services rendered; 8:11 a.m.: disabled my (Lakeview Drive). services rendered: 8:39 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 8:49 a.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), spoken to; 10:05 a.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), spoken to; 10:23 a.m.: accident (Manville Street). transported to hospital; 11:26 a.m.: accident (Main Street), transported to hospital; 1:41 p.m.: ambulance (Craig Street), transported; 1:45 p.m.: parking complaint (Foster Court), services rendered; 5:18 p.m.: disabled mv (River Street), mv towed; 6:30 p.m.: assist citizen (Cricklewood Drive), report taken; 7:23 p.m.: ambulance (Clark Street), transported; 7:40 p.m.: ambulance (Wendy Place), transported; 9:00 p.m.: residential alarm (River Street), spoken

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

6:41 a.m.: disabled mv (Stafford Street), assisted; 11:21 a.m.: ambulance (Soojians Drive), transported; 11:42 a.m.: welfare check (Huntoon Memorial Highway), report taken; 12:06 p.m.: disabled my (Whittemore Street), gone on arrival; 3:49 p.m.: investigation (King Court), services rendered; 6:37 p.m.: assist citizen (Stafford Street), spoken to; 7:03 p.m.: missing person (Paxton Street), report taken; 7:31 p.m.: ambulance (Collier Avenue), transported; 11:43 p.m.: fire/odor of gas (Washburn Square), services rendered:

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

1:16 a.m.: animal complaint (Henshaw Street), services rendered; 7:20 a.m.: assist citizen (Main Street), services rendered; 8:28 a.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street), report taken; 9:52 a.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street), services rendered; 11:52 a.m.: mv stop (Whittemore Street), written warning; 11:59 a.m.: illegal dumping (King Street), services rendered; 12:04 p.m.:

mv stop (Paxton Street), written warning; 12:24 p.m.: mv stop (Whittemore Street), citation issued; 1:17 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), services rendered; 1:58 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), citation issued; 2:03 p.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), verbal warning; 2:25 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 2:38 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 3:09 p.m.: runaway (Mulberry Street), services rendered; 4:08 p.m.: ambulance (Pine Street), transported; 4:09 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 5:27 p.m.: mv off the road (Pleasant Street), no service necessary; 6:25 p.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), services rendered; 6:42 p.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive), gone on arrival; 7:19 p.m.: water/sewer problem (Cricklewood Drive), services rendered; 7:46 p.m.: threats (Warren Avenue), spoken to; 9:52 p.m.: mv off the road (Washburn Street), spoken to; 10:44 p.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street), transported; 11:23 p.m.: ambulance (Virginia Drive), services rendered.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

12:12 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), name redacted from police log, uninsured mv, op w/revoked registration, failure to appear upon recognizance, complaint application issued; 4:31 a.m.: mv stop (Manville Street), verbal warning; 7:56 a.m.: assist citizen (Moosehill Road); 8:05 a.m.: assist other agency (Soojians Drive); 9:07 a.m.: animal complaint (Autumn Lane), services rendered; 9:48 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 10:06 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 10:23 a.m.: assist citizen (Charles Street). services rendered; 11:21 a.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 12:01 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 12:08 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 12:36 p.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), written warning; 1:41 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 2:06 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 2:14 p.m.: disabled mv (Chapel Street), assisted; 3:29 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), written warning; 3:48 p.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), written warning; 4:01 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 4:03 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), written warning; 4:17 p.m.; ambulance (Chapel Street), transported; 4:57 p.m.: investigation (Soojians Drive), services rendered; 4:58 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 5:10 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 5:22 p.m.; investigation (Main Street, Worcester), services rendered; 5:34 p.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), citation issued; 6:40 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Sunset Drive), services rendered; 7:10 p.m.: juvenile offenses (Stafford Street), services rendered; 7:20 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), citation issued; 7:31 p.m.: ambulance (Henshaw Street), transported; 7:35 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), citation issued: 8:08 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 9:53 p.m.: erratic operation (Pleasant Street), spoken to; 10:03 p.m.: ambulance (Newfield Street), transported.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10 3:16 a.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), services rendered; 8:00 a.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street), services rendered; 8:36 a.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), verbal warning; 9:07 a.m.: investigation (Logan Street), no service necessary; 10:16 a.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street), services rendered; 11:30 a.m.: investigation (South Main Street), name redacted from police log, b&e of a mv or boat in the nighttime to commit a felony, larceny under \$250, larceny over \$250, receiving stolen property valued at more than \$250, complaint application issued; 11:31 a.m.: investigation (Soojians Drive), message delivered; 11:40 a.m.: investigation (Soojians Drive), services rendered; 1:06 p.m.: investigation (Logan Street), services rendered; 3:29 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 3:42 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 3:47 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 3:53 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 4:09 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 4:17 p.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), written warning; 4:55 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 5:06 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street), services rendered; 5:09 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 5:22 p.m.: mv stop (Warren Avenue), citation issued; 5:53 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 6:07 p.m.: parking complaint (Washburn Square), services rendered; 6:30 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), written warning; 6:34 p.m.: mv stop (River Street), written warning; 8:29 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 8:52 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 9:15 p.m.; mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 10:42 p.m.: assist citizen (Wendy Place), transported to hospital; 10:52 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued.

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27 3:07 a.m.: lift assist (Howe Village), services rendered; 6:36 a.m.: medical/ general (Howe Village); 7:30 a.m.: med-

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Tea Time Tips

Relaxing with a cup of hot tea is a simple pleasure this time of year, but according to numerous health studies, the steaming brew may also be just what the doctor ordered! Tea is an age old beverage that has long been hailed as a cure all for many common ailments in

addition to its role as warm, comforting refreshment. Read on for some highlights on the virtues of tea!

It's no secret sipping tea offers an array of terrific health benefits. From to easing arthritis pain, tea has been shown to possess impressive healing properties.

*A study funded by the Arthritis Foundation suggests drinking green tea may help ease rheumatoid arthritis. The tea's benefits are attributed to a class of compounds called polyphenols, which are abundant in tea made with fresh or green leaves.

* Here's good news for allergy sufferers. A medical study reveals a compound in green tea may help inhibit aspects of the immune system response that produces symptoms of common allergens such as grass, pet dander, grass or mold

*Did you know a sore throat can be relieved by using a strong, hot tea as a gargle? Simply brew the tea of choice, allow it to cool, and gargle once or twice a day



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during the cold and flu season. As a bonus, the natural, herbal gargle tastes great.

Medical studies reveal green and black teas take center stage when it comes to boosting the immune system. Test-tube studies also suggest that the flavonoids in tea may have more antioxidant activity than certain better-known antioxidants like vitamins C

*According to researchers at the University of Geneva in Switzerland, green tea is packed with caffeine and catachin polyphenols, substances proven to speed up the body's calorie-burning ability. A study they performed showed drinking three cups of the Ancient Japanese cure per day can rev up your metabolism as much as an average man walking 17 minutes!

*Research reveals green and black tea contain fluoride and polyphenols that prevent plaque from sticking to your teeth. Studies show tea decreases the activity of the oral enzyme amylase, which is responsible for breaking

down starch into sugar in the mouth. In addition, the tea plant naturally contains fluoride in its leaves which makes tooth enamel stronger and more resistant to acids. Tea also inhibits bacteria growth in the mouth.

*Sipping both black and green teas has been associated with a lower risk of heart disease. It's been speculated that the antioxidant activity of chemicals in tea called flavonoids are at least partly responsible. Black and green teas each contain different flavonoids that appear to be beneficial to health.

Drinking tea isn't the only way to reap the benefits of the healing herbs. Here are some ways natural teas can take the place of commercial health and beauty aids.

Stress Reliever: Make up this green tea and oatmeal bath recipe from a New York City Day Spa, and you'll be soaking in the lap of luxury for mere pennies! The popular treatment is a great stress buster for both men and women as the green tea tones your skin and helps you unwind after a stressful day, while the oatmeal serves as a soother for sensitive skin.

To make: Combine one half cup of loose green tea leaves (available at health stores) and one half cup rolled or instant oatmeal. Place the mixture in a muslin or cheesecloth bag to make a sachet. Then hang the bag from your bathtub spout with string or ribbon and let the warm water rush over it while filling the tub. Once steeped, remove the bag and enjoy a relaxing soak for 15 minutes or so.

Treat Tired Eyes: If late nights and little sleep are making your eyes puffy, this quick and easy treatment will erase the telltale signs as well as a costly cream. Brew loose tea (try a calming herb, such as chamomile) and chill in the freezer until very cold but not frozen. Dip a cotton pad in the tea to saturate, wring out, and place on puffy areas. Lay back and keep pads on for at least ten minutes.

Acne Aid Alternative: Recently publicized studies claim green tea can be as effective as 4% benzoyl peroxide in treating acne. Better yet, the research reveals the tea is gentler on the skin than the chemical. To try at home, simply apply brewed green tea to the skin with a cotton ball.

Highlighting Hair: Tea acts as a natural highlighter to brighten hair and bring out the shine. Brew tea and use as a rinse after shampooing. For brunettes, black tea adds a hint of richness and shine. Chamomile tea can bring out highlights in blonde or redheads.

Tea Note: Here is a rundown of how the caffeine in an average cup of tea compares to coffee: Espresso (2 oz.) 60-90 mg; Drip coffee 60-180 mg; Black tea 25-110 mg; Oolong tea 12-55 mg; Decaf coffee 22-45 mg; Green tea 8-16 mg; Decaf tea 4-6 mg.

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 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 The Southbridge Evening News? Send questions and/or hints to: Take the Hint! C/o the Southbridge Evening News, PO Box 90; Southbridge, MA 01550. Or E-mail KDRR@aol. com. Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.

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ical/general (Church Street); 8:05 a.m.: trash dumping (Valley Street), spoken to; 8:05 a.m.: animal complaint (Browning Pond Road), injured deer; 8:52 a.m.: medical/general (Chestnut Street); 9:12 a.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 9:34 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 9:50 a.m.: officer wanted (Jolicoeur Avenue), services rendered; 10:23 a.m.: medical/general (Lambs Grove); 10:50 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 12:35 p.m.: mv stop (Cherry Street); 1:05 p.m.: animal control (Northwest Road), missing dog; 911 call (West Main Street), services rendered; 2:05 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 2:27 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 3:08 p.m.: residential alarm (Highland Street), services rendered; 3:16 p.m.: property released (West Main Street), returned to owner; 3:47 p.m.: sex offender registration (West Main Street), service rendered; 4:13 p.m.: building checked, secure; 4:16 p.m.: 209A service (Franklin Street); 4:20 p.m.: building checked, secure; 4:24 p.m.: mv stop (Charlton Road); 4:27 p.m.: mv stop (Charlton Road); 4:45 p.m.: mv stop (Charlton Road); 5:17 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 5:55 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 7:39 p.m.: vandalism (Bixby Road), spoken to; 10:10 p.m.: building checked, secure; 11:54 p.m.: vandalism (North Brookfield Road), spoken to.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28 2:12 a.m.: building checked, secure;

7:33 a.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operation; 9:52 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), spoken to; 10:24 a.m.: accident (North Spencer Road), report taken; 10:30 a.m.: harassment prevention violation (Main Street). spoken to; 11:14 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 11:50 a.m.: medical/general (Borkum Road); 12:09 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 12:42 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 12:47 p.m.: 911 call (Crestview Drive), misdial; 1:19 p.m.: accident (Meadow Road), report taken; 2:25 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 4:06 p.m.: medical/general (South Spencer Road); 4:35 p.m.: accident (Chestnut Street); 6:55 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), assisted; 8:49 p.m.: parking complaint (Main Street), services rendered; 9:00 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 9:11 p.m.: building checked, secure; 9:29 p.m.: mv stop (West Main Street); 11:11 p.m.: mv repossession (Langevin Street), services rendered; 8:57-11:55 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29 12:32-2:10 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:24 a.m.: mv stop (West Main Street); 2:04 a.m.: disabled mv (Donnelly Road), assisted; 2:12 a.m.: medical/general (Wall Street); 5:21 a.m.: elderly matter (Garrette Lane), spoken to; 7:13 a.m.: lockout (Old Farm Road), assisted; 7:28 a.m.: officer wanted (Greenville Street), scam call; 9:40 a.m.: accident (Route 49), deer struck; 10:08 a.m.: medical/general (West Main Street), 10:11 a.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 10:26 a.m.: 209A service (West Main Street); 10:58 a.m.: juvenile matter (West Main Street), spoken to; 11:09 a.m.: parking complaint (Ash Street); 11:22 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), harassing calls/texts; 11:38 a.m.: accident (North Spencer Road), deer struck; 11:40 a.m.: fire/residential (Kitteridge Road), services rendered; 12:23 p.m.: medical/general (Charrow Street); 12:36 p.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 12:52 p.m.: overdose (Wilson Street); assisted; 1:22 p.m.: residential alarm (Thompson Pond Road). services rendered; 1:32 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), assisted; 2:15 p.m.: animal complaint (Paxton Road), loose dog; 2:46 p.m.: parking complaint (Paxton Road); 3:16 p.m.: animal complaint (Greenville Street), horses loose; 3:24 p.m.: medical/general (Delude Avenue); 3:50 p.m.: lift assist (Wall Street), assisted; 4:53 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), spoken to; 4:57 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), spoken to; 6:51 p.m.: fire alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 7:50 p.m.: animal complaint (Bixby Road), barking dog; 7:58 p.m.: medical/general (North Spencer Road); 8:16 p.m.: disabled my (West Main Street), assisted; 8:37 p.m.: mv stop (Route 49); 8:39 p.m.: parking violation (Mechanic Street); 8:45 p.m.: parking violation (Adams Street), citation issued; 8:54 p.m.: suspicious mv (Howe Road), services rendered; 9:08 p.m.: my stop (Condon Drive); 9:30 p.m.:: FD call (Main Street), pipe broke, residence flooding; 9:34 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 10:27 p.m.: officer wanted (Emmett Street), spoken to; 10:30 p.m.: officer wanted (Meadow Road), spoken to; 11:37 p.m.: mv repossession (Langevin Street),

services rendered. SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

12:42 a.m.: officer wanted (Roys Drive), residential lockout; 1:12 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 3:08-3:56 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 3:25 a.m.: officer wanted (North Spencer Road), mv off road; 6:23 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 8:44 a.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 8:55 a.m.: officer wanted (Mechanic Street), unwanted phone calls/texts; 8:57 a.m.: disabled mv (Meadow Road), services rendered; 11:20 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 12:11 p.m.: 911 call (West

Main Street), hang up; 12:26 p.m.: officer wanted (Casey Street), spoken to; 12:44 p.m.: lift assist (Spring Street), assisted; 1:37 p.m.: DPW call (Meadow Road), slick roads; 2:45 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), mva in Leicester; 3:59 p.m.: parking complaint (Main Street), assisted; 4:31 p.m.: medical/ general Church Street); 5:12 p.m.: parking complaint (Adams Street), mv parked on sidewalk; 5:29 p.m.: officer wanted (Elm Street), spoken to; 6:12 p.m.: accident (Thompson Pond Road), report taken; 6:27 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 7:06 p.m.: lost/ found (West Main Street), wallet found; 7:08 p.m.: fire (Charron Street), FD notified; 7:21 p.m.: property released (West Main Street), wallet returned; 7:42 p.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), leather case; 7:54 p.m.: officer wanted (Pleasant Street), unwanted parties; 9:52 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), poss. assault; 11:22 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 11:39 p.m.: officer wanted (Wall Street), lift assist.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 12:00-1:27 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:05 a.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), assisted; 12:11 a.m.: disabled mv (Thompson Pond Road), my in ditch: 12:30 a.m.: residential alarm (North Spencer Road), services rendered; 12:41 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), hang up; 10:15 a.m.: officer wanted (Temple Street), noise complaint; 11:49 a.m.: officer wanted (Wall Street), spoken to; 12:14 p.m.: lift assist (Wall Street), assisted; 12:32 p.m.: commercial alarm (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 12:35 p.m.: accident (Mechanic Street). report taken; 1:46 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 3:32 p.m.: medical/ general (Wall Street); 3:49 p.m.: parking complaint (Adams Street), mvs blocking sidewalk; 4:07 p.m.: building check, secure; 4:09 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 4:16 p.m.: mv stop (West Main Street); 4:18 p.m.: bad check (Mechanic Street), water/sewer payment; 4:28 p.m.: residential alarm (Jolicoeur Road), services rendered; 5:50 p.m.: suspicious mv (Lakeview Drive), spoken to; 7:34 p.m.: officer wanted (Lakeshore Drive), gun shots reported; 7:44 p.m.: fireworks complaint (Lake Avenue), gunshots or fireworks; 7:51 p.m.: animal complaint (Briarcliff Lane), horse left in elements; 8:07-8:26-9:10 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:48 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), spoken to; 9:09 p.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 9:27 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 10:01 p.m.: medical/general (Pleasant Street); 10:05 p.m.: fireworks complaint (Briarcliff Lane), spoken to; 11:33 p.m.: suspicious mv (North Spencer Road), spoken to; 11:44 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street),

assisted TUESDAY, JANUARY 1

12:13 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), Southbridge PD bolo; 12:36 a.m.: accident (Adams Street), report taken; 12:40 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 1:41 a.m.: mv lockout (Meadowbrook Road), assisted; 2:01-3:11 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 11:02 a.m.: commercial alarm (Water Street), accidental; 11:46 a.m.: school alarm (Ash Street), services rendered; 11:58 a.m.: DPW call (Prospect Street), pipes frozen; 12:10 p.m.: mv lockout (Paxton Road), assisted; 1:33 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), stolen wallet; 1:46 p.m.: mv theft (Ash Street), report taken; 1:50 p.m.: mv stop (Paxton Road); 3:37 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), traffic hazard; 4:15 p.m.: disturbance (Elm Street), noise complaint; 4:24 p.m.: officer wanted (Ash Street), no parking sign damaged; 4:53 p.m.: animal complaint (Bixby Road), barking dog; 6:50 p.m.: fire alarm (Grove Street), services rendered; 7:12 p.m.: 911 non-emergency (West Main Street), wants my towed; 7:40 p.m.: medical/general (Dustin Street); 7:48 p.m.: elderly matter (Main Street), assisted; 7:54 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Grove Street), accidental; 7:57 p.m.: mv complaint (Route 49), erratic operation; 8:14-11:57 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2 12:09-12:13 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:32 a.m.: accident (North Spencer Road), report taken; 10:26 a.m.: commercial alarm (Water Street), services rendered; 10:30 a.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 10:37 a.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), property retrieval; 10:48 a.m.: parking complaint (Grove Street), my too close to intersection; 11:19 a.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 11:24 a.m.: animal complaint (Ash Street), dog barking; 12:54 p.m.: suspicious activity (Clark Terrace), spoken to; 1:05 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), structure fire, New Braintree; 1:19 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), spoken to; 1:58 p.m.: elderly matter (Smithville Road), welfare check; 2:13 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 2:16 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), open line; 3:39-3:41 p.m.: LTCs issued (West Main Street); 3:42 p.m.: FID issued (West Main Street); 4:10 p.m.: disturbance (Brown Street), neighbor dispute; 4:15 p.m.: mv lockout (West Main Street), assisted; 4:58 p.m.: mv lockout (Main Street), assisted; 6:31 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), dialing error; 6:49 p.m.: suspicious mv (East Charlton Road), spoken to; 8:31 p.m.: officer wanted (Irving Street), spoken to; 8:45 p.m.: officer wanted (Lincoln Street), noise complaint; 9:00 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken;

11:40-11:51 buildings checked, secure;

11:55 mv stop (Mechanic Street).

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This is the last weekend to shop the PURPLE ONION, 105 North Main St., West Brookfield before they close for the month of February for their annual buying trip. They are still offering 10% off all furniture floor samples, and also have markdowns throughout the store. Think ahead for gifts you'll need for February and shop this weekend! They will reopen on Saturday, March 3rd. The NEW ENGLAND FISHING &

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OBITUARIES

Barbara Dee Engel



WORCESTER/ MISSOURI CITY, TX-Barbara Dee Engel passed away in the evening of December 31, 2017 surrounded by her loving family after a courageous battle with cancer.

She was born January 9, 1938 in Chicago Illinois. She was a devoted and loving wife to her husband Edward for 59 years. She was a graduate of Mercyhurst College in Erie, PA and received her nursing degree from Quinsigamond Community College. She is survived by 2 brothers, Bruce and wife Carol of IL, Jack and wife Roberta of FL: 4 children, Michael and his wife Sue of Spencer, MA. Paul of Missouri City, TX, Donna Cox and husband Bill of Clyde, NC, Deborah Springer and husband Kevin of Raleigh, NC: 5 grandchildren, Alexander, Christopher, Matthew, Megan, and Madison.

Worcester was always considered

home but she had the opportunity to live in many cities across the country including Chicago, IL, Erie, PA, Scranton, PA, Silver Springs, MD, Amherst, NY, Spokane, WA, and Missouri City, TX.

Barbara worked as an office manager and event coordinator for a fund raising company. Following her receiving her nursing credentials she served caring for Alzheimer patients. She retired from Central Mass Allergy and Asthma Care. She did volunteer work for the Sisters of Notre Dame and the French Institute at Assumption College. She loved collecting various works of art and knick-knacks from across the country.

A visitation was held at Unity Funeral Home in Houston on January 3rd. Interment will be at a latter date in Worcester. Memorial donations in Barbara's name may be made to Houston Methodist Foundation, PO Box 4384, Houston, TX 77210.

Cynthia J. Baird, 80

WARE - Beloved wife, mother, friend and community member, Cynthia J. Baird completed her extraordinary life on January 15 with her husband and family by her side.

Born in North Adams to parents Fred and Jane Crosier, she is survived by her husband of 53 years, James F. Baird, her son James and his wife Michelle, her daughter Heather and her husband Sean, her three grandsons Killian, Tristan and Cameron, her foster daughter Cathy and her younger sister and only sibling Susan Crosier

At an early age Cindy showed exceptional musical talent and was selected to perform in one of the first Jimmy Fund Fundraisers. She was educated at Green Mountain Jr. College, the University of Puget Sound Tacoma, Washington and received her Master's Degree from the University Massachusetts in Amherst.

Cindy had several careers as teach-

er, librarian, church organist and choir director, bell choir director, and shared her talents with many schools, libraries and churches in central Mass. As a 4-H leader she shared her abilities with many youth and teen 4-Hers over the years. Most recently she had been involved with the Worcester County 4-H Fair and in particular its relocation to Felton Field in Barre, Mass. Cindy had hoped to be present for the 2018

A Funeral Service for Cynthia was held on Saturday, January 20, 2018 at 10:00 AM in the Trinity Episcopal Church, 17 Park St. in Ware. Calling hours were held on Friday, January 19, from 5 to 7 PM in the Charbonneau Funeral Home, 30 Pleasant St. in Ware. Burial was in Hardwick Center Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Worcester County 4-H Fair, 120 Stafford St., Suite 201, Worcester, MA 01603.

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James H. Woodworth, 33



SOUTHBRIDGE/ O R T BROOKFIELD James H. Woodworth, 33, of Southbridge died unexpectedly on Friday, January 12, 2018 at Baystate Wing Hospital.

He leaves mother, Catherine E. Woodworth of North Brookfield, his companion, Leah L. Cardenas and their son, Levi Woodworth and his mother, Ashley Decelle, and his daughter, Kylie R. Woodworth and her mother, Alyson Sapaugh; his two brothers, Travis Woodworth of North Brookfield and Benjamin Woodworth of Ware, as well as several nieces and neph-

He was born in and grew up in North Brookfield, son of Catherine E. (Berwick) Woodworth and the late James C. Woodworth.

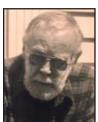
James worked as a groundskeeper at Carrier Landscaping and Construction for the past 2 years, and has also been working as a cook at the Clam Box for the past 15 years. He enjoyed being outdoors and liked to go fishing when he could. He also had a passion for his children, Jeeps, and Reese's Peanut Butter Cups.

A Celebration of Life was held on Saturday, January 20, 2018 at 1:00PM in the Brookfield Rod & Gun Club, 56 Webber Road in Brookfield.

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

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Joseph Edward McEvoy, 75



BROOKFIELD-Joseph Edward McEvoy, 75, of 15 Nursery Ave. passed away peacefully evening, Tuesday January 16, 2018 surrounded by his family and friends

in Harrington Memorial Hospital in Southbridge after a long battle with

Joe was born on February 17, 1942 in Worcester, MA to Edward William McEvoy and Exilia Blanche Herard McEvoy Lane who were both born in North Brookfield. He was a life-long resident of North Brookfield and was a graduate of NBHS Class of 1959. He later graduated from Clark University in Worcester in 1964.

For 35 years he taught Chemistry and Science at NBHS where he also served as a guidance counselor for many of those years. From 1967 to 1972 he served on North Brookfield Board of Selectman. Among his many hobbies he had a special interest in antique automobiles and steam engine locomotives. However, his real passion was helping young people, extending a hand to any young person in need and often opening up his own home to them for shelter and guidance. For this reason, in lieu of flowers, the family suggests that a donation be made in his memory to a homeless shelter of the donor's choice.

He is survived by his sister Anne C. McEvoy Boris; a nephew Joseph E. Boris both of Durham, Ct; 3 nieces Maryann T. Boris of Durham CT, Kathleen M. Boris McMillan & her husband Matthew of Andover, MA, Elizabeth E. Boris Lootens & her husband Scott of Atlanta, GA; 3 great nieces Riley, Brynn, and Tegan McMillan of Andover MA; cousins Audrey

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Friends and family are invited to attend calling hours on Thursday, January 25,2018 from 5-7PM in Pillsbury Funeral Home 44 Gilbert St. North Brookfield. The funeral will be held on Friday with a Mass at 11:00AM in St. St.Josephs Church 296 N.Main St. in North Brookfield. Burial will follow in the parish cemetery. For an online condolence please visit: Pillsburyfuneralhome.com

Becky L. Gregory 41



SPENCER- Becky L. Gregory 41, of Chestnut St., died Monday, Jan. 15 at UMASS Medical Center in Worcester. She leaves her

mother Norma L. (Deneault) Gregory with whom lived, her sister Kathy J. (Gregory)

MacMillan of Spencer, her nephews Adam, Alexander & Austin MacMillan, aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was born in Worcester, the

daughter of the late Brian M. Gregory who died in 2003. She graduated from David Prouty High School in Spencer.

A Memorial Mass will be held for Becky on Friday, Feb. 2 at 10 a.m. in St. John the Baptist Church, No. Brookfield Rd., E.Brookfield, Burial will be private for the family in Mary, Queen of the Rosary Cemetery. There are no calling hours.

J.HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer is directing arrangements for the family. www.morinfuneralhomes.com

Donna L. Lachance 71



LEICESTER-Donna L. (Warren) Lachance 71, of Market St., died Friday, Jan. 19th of a sudden illness.

She leaves her husband of 51 years, Roger J. Lachance, her daughters Lisa A. Lachance of Cherry

Valley and Cindy A. Lachance of Leicester, her sister Jo-ann Griffin of FL., her brothers Peter Warren and his wife Marguerite, Richard Warren and David Warren all of Paxton, cousins and Great Aunt.

Born in Worcester, she was the daughter of Bennie P. and Eileen (Taylor) Warren and graduated from Leicester High School, and Salter Secretarial School in Worcester. Donna and husband worked side by side for many years building a successful business. Donna loved books and was a Leicester Library trustees for many years. Donna was always happy on the beach with a good book. She loved to travel, plan vacations and cherished the friends she made along the way. Donna's home was warm and welcoming to family and friends where so many shared memories where made. Donna treasured her family always putting their needs first. She was a loyal an loving friend and a tough act tough act to follow.

A Memorial Service for Donna was held on Wednesday, Jan. 24 at 11 a.m. in the MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main St., Leicester. Calling hours were held on Tuesday from 5 to 7 p.m. in the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made to the Leicester Library Renovation Fund, 1136 Main St., Leicester, 01524.

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Douglas K. Lauder, 56



LEICESTER-Douglas K. Lauder, 56, Pleasant of died peacefully Saturday, Jan. 20 at his home.He leaves his wife of 37 years, Caroline A. (Orsi) Lauder, his daughter Erika L. Lauder

of Manchester, NH., three brothers Robert G. Lauder and his wife Robin of Leicester, Richard A. Lauder and his wife Linda of No.Brookfield and Thomas A. Lauder and his wife Susan of Leicester, two sisters Beth E. Williams and her husband E.Thomas of Hardwick, and Jane E. Horuzek and her husband Richard of Worcester, his sister in law Kim Lauder of Millbury, several nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his brother Terry D. Lauder in 2002.

Doug was an oil burner technician

and also worked in the landscaping industry for many years. He loved fishing, his family and his friends.

Born in Worcester, he was the son of Rickidie A. and Marion L. (Gilbert) Lauder.

A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, Jan. 26 at 11:00 AM in the Greenville Baptist Church (old), 684 Pleasant St., in the Rochdale section of Leicester. Burial will follow in Greenville Baptist Cemetery. There are no calling hours. A reception will follow in the new church. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to The Fund for Nature/Mass. Audubon Society for the benefit of the Burncoat Pond Wildlife Sanctuary, 208 So. Great Rd., Lincoln, Ma. 01773.www.massaudubon.org MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131

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Mabel G. (Gwen) Perkins, 101

NORTH BROOKFIELD - Mabel G. (Gwen) Perkins died on January 18, 2018. Gwen was born on September 21, 1916 in Gardner, MA the only child of Bert and Mabel Chase. She was predeceased by her husband, Granville A. Lombard after 53 years of marriage and later, at age 88, she married Laurence L. Perkins on August 21, 2004. They enjoyed 13 happy years together. She leaves 5 children; Carole J. Gariepy, Herman F. Lombard, Lyman B. Lombard, Granville (Frank) Lombard, Gwendolyn (Wendy) A. Lombard, and 3 step children, Wayne D. Perkins, Darla J. Rust, and Brian L. Perkins. She leaves 8 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren, and 2 great-great grandchildren.

Gwen was an active member of the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Ware, MA for nearly 60 years. She enjoyed talking to people about the Bible and the hope that it offers. She conducted many Bible Studies and was very hospitable. Her home was open

to fellow brothers and sisters doing ministry work, always having refreshments ready. Biscotti was her signature offering. She was known as "The Biscotti Queen".

Friends were always welcome in the evening to play cards or board games. Rummikub was her favorite game and she was often the winner. Gwen was active and enthusiastic, often called "The Energizer Bunny" by her friends. Her loving personality, strong faith, energy, and friendliness will be missed by all who knew her.

A Memorial Talk was held on Sunday, January 21, 2018 at 2:00 PM in the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 124 Gilbertville Road, in Ware. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Overlook Hospice, 88 Masonic Home Road, Charlton, MA 01507. Varnum Funeral Home, Inc., 43 East Main St., West Brookfield is assisting her family with arrangements.

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No words can express the gratitude I feel to all who have sent cards, condolences, contributions to charities in Danny's name, calls, daily wellness checks, and all other acts of love and sympathy.

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OBITUARIES

Marilyn L. Milks, 83



N O R T H BROOKFIELD -Marilyn L. (Bott) Milks of Spring Street, died peacefully on Tuesday January 16, 2018 at the Traditions Assisted Living Home in Dedham, due to vascular dementia.

Marilyn is survived by her husband of 61 years, John J. Milks; three sons, Lt. Col. John Kevin Milks, USAF Ret. and his companion Martha Nykiel of Dedham, Daniel Milks and his wife Laura of Simpsonville, SC, and David Milks and his companion Lita Basconcillo of Kaneohe, HI; three daughters, Melinda Tripp and her husband John Tripp of North Brookfield, Mary Milks of Woodstock Ct, and Marilyn's caregiver and daughter, Cara Caporelli and her husband Carmine Caporelli of Taunton; her loving sister, Nan Tschudi of San Angelo, TX; 11 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Marilyn was born in Dubuque, Iowa on Feb 27, 1934 to Freda (Schnee) Bott and J. Earle Bott and graduated from Visitation Academy in Dubuque in 1952. She married the love of her life John, in 1956 and moved to Massachusetts and enjoyed spending her winters in Palm

Marilyn was a lifelong homemaker who lived for her family. She loved reading, quilting, and most of all dancing. She was a longtime member of St Joseph's Parish in North Brookfield. Marilyn was a kind and gentle soul, full of love and devotion to others and will be greatly missed by all.

A Memorial Service will be held at a later date. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Compassionate Care Hospice, 800 West Cummings Park, Suite 3100, Woburn, MA 01801. Varnum Funeral Home, Inc., 43 East Main St., West Brookfield is assisting her family with arrangements.

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Roger E. Cote, 68

SPENCER- Roger E. Cote, 68, of Spencer died on Monday, January 15, 2018 at his home.

He leaves two sisters, Dolores Riopel, and Patricia Kirk of Spencer and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by three siblings, William Cote, Francis Cote and Ruth Lalonde. He was born in Warren, son of the late Bernard A. and Ida M. (Tallman) Cote, and lived in East Brookfield before moving to Spencer in 1968. He attended the New England School of Accounting in Worcester, and graduated from Andover Institute of Business in Worcester with a Associates Degree in Business Management.

Roger was a CNA for 45 years working at Goddard House, and the

Washburn House in Worcester, and at St. Joseph's Abbey in Spencer before

He was a member of the East Brookfield Baptist Church where he was an active member of the choir.

A Graveside Service for Roger was held on Friday, January 19, 2018 at 10:00 AM at the Mary, Queen of the Rosary Cemetery in Spencer. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the East Brookfield Baptist Church, P.O. Box 690, East Brookfield, MA 01515. Varnum Funeral Home, Inc., 43 East Main St., West Brookfield is assisting his family with arrange-

varnumfuneralhome.com

Stanley A. "Lee" Zagorski, 65



LEICESTER-Stanley A. "Lee" Zagorski, 65, formerly of 204 Auburn St., Cherry Valley, died Saturday, Jan. 20 after a long illness.

His wife of 43 years, Linda A. (Knowles) Zagorski died Nov.

2017. He leaves his sons Brian J. Zagorski and his wife Debra of Pawtucket, RI and Christopher L. Zagorski of Rochdale, his daughter Stacy L. Graves and her husband Kyle of W.Springfield, his sisters Susan Z. Gaffny of Atkinson, NH and Sharon Z. Karalis and her husband Peter of N. Andover a granddaughter Samantha L. Zagorski of Pawtucket, and several nieces and nephews.

Lee was a longtime financial adviser and owner of Zagorski Financial. Born in Lawrence, he was the son of Stanley and Dorothy (Teichmann) Zagorski. He graduated from N. Andover High School in 1970 and is a member of its Athletic Hall of Fame. He also graduated from Bentley College where he

received a full basketball scholarship. Later, he earned a MBA from Southern New Hampshire University.

Lee was actively engaged with the Leicester Lions Club for 35 years. Serving several times as president as well as the Lions Club district 33A governor. He was honored to receive Lions Club International's highest honor, the President's Medal. His many other civic duties included serving as Chairman of the Leicester Board of Selectmen and member of the Water District Board. Lee could be seen at many local sporting events coaching, umpiring and refereeing. He was also a member of Christ Episcopal Church. A Memorial Service will be held on

Thursday, Jan. 25 at 11 a.m. in Christ Episcopal Church, 1089 Stafford St., Rochdale. Calling hours are from 4 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 24 in the MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131

Main St., Leicester. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Leicester Lions Club, P.O. Box 307, Leicester, MA. 01524.

www.morinfuneralhomes.com

Rhea A. Leahy, 78



SPENCER: Rhea A. (Bercume) Leahy, 78, formerly of Dale St., died Tuesday, January 16 Overlook Masonic Health Center in Charlton. Her husband of 50 years, Daniel F. Leahy,

Sr. died in 2014. She leaves her son Daniel F. Leahy and his fiance Nancy DiPilato of Brookfield, three daughters Doreen M. Brooks and her husband Mark of Spencer, Susan J. Mallette and her companion Scott Farmosa of New Braintree and Coleen R. May and her husband Bill of Rochdale, a sister Marilyn Rybak of Centerbrook, CT, nine grandchildren Ryan Brooks (Ashley), Nicole Berard (Kevin), Alyssa Fahey (Pat), Samantha Burgess (Chuck), Josh May (Brittany), Zach and Melanie May, Kayla and Michael Mallette, seven great grandchildren Garrett, Colton, Ayla, Morgan, Casey, Wyatt and Colten , her sister in law Sylvia Malone and several nieces, nephews, cousins and her three best friends Nancy, Claire and Marie. She is predeceased by a granddaughter Kaitlyn Mallette. Rhea was born in Spencer daughter of Marshall and Rose (Frigon) Bercume. She worked at the DQ in Spencer then at Norton Co. in Worcester for many years retiring in 1995. She graduated from David Prouty in 1957. She enjoyed vacationing, shopping and spending time with her family. She loved summers at Old Orchard Beach, ME.

Her funeral was held on Monday, Jan. 22, with a Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. in Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 7 Church St., Spencer. Burial followed in Worcester County Memorial Park, Paxton. . J.HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer is directing arrangements for the family.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Overlook Masonic Center Patient Activity Acct. for the Third Floor, 88 Masonic Home Rd., Charlton,

www.morinfuneralhomes.com

Roger P. Graveline, 78



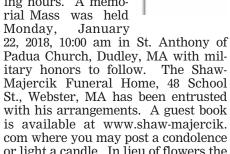
DUDLEY- Roger P. Graveline age 78 died Wednesday January 17, 2018 in St. Vincent Hospital, Worcester, MA. He leaves his wife of 57 years, Shirley A. (Brooks) Graveline, his children; Mark and Halle

Graveline, Elaine and Paul Dumas, Karen and Glenn Gregoire, Diane and Scott Brassard, grandchildren and great grandchildren. He also leaves a sister, Louise Johnson. He was pre-deceased by his grandson Stephen Roger

He was born in Worcester son of the late Ronald and Alice (Bachand) Graveline and lived in Dudley for the past nine years, prior to that living in Spencer. He was retired from W.S. Anderson Assoc. where he worked

as a shipping manager. He was a US Marine Corp Veteran and fought like a Marine to the end. -"Semper Fi!"

There are no calling hours. A memorial Mass was held January



itary honors to follow. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with his arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik. com where you may post a condolence or light a candle. In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to the American Lung Association of the Northeast, 1661 Worcester, Rd.,#301, Framingham, MA 01701.

Veronica R. (Ingerson) McNally, 67

WEBSTER- Veronica R. (Ingerson) McNally age 67 died at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester. She leaves her son Jeffrey S. McNally and his fiancée Amy. She also leaves her 3 grandchildren Emma, Jeffrey and David and her close friend Danial Regimbal of Webster. She also leaves her life long friend David Flynn of Webster.

She was born in E. Brookfield daughter of the late Kenneth and Vera (Swenson) Ingerson and lived in

Webster for the past 20 years. She enjoyed quality time with her grandchildren and crocheting and was an avid fan of face book. There will be a celebration of life in the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St. Webster from 11 AM- 12 noon, date to be announced. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence of light a candle.

Send all obituary notices to Stonebridge Press, PO Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550, or by e-mail to jean@stonebridgepress.news



To place an In-Memoriam, Card of Thanks, Birthday or Anniversary Greeting, in the Spencer New Leader,

the deadline is Friday noon for the following week.

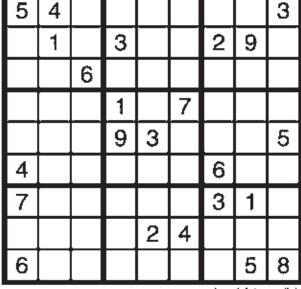
Ad prices are \$15 for a 2x3 (actual size 2.4" x 3") or \$25 for a 3x4 (3.7" X 4") or 4x3 (5" x 3"). You can add a photo at no additional cost.

To send by mail, please mail to June Simakauskas, P. O. Box 90, 25 Elm St., Southbridge, MA 01550.

Personal checks, Visa, Master Card, Discover and AMEX are accepted.

For more information, please call June at 508-909-4062 or email jsima@stonebridgepress.news and she'll be happy to help!





Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you. square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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!

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CALENDAR

Saturday, February 10

Luau Dinner! On Saturday, Feb. 10 at the First Congregational Church of West Brookfield, 36 N. Main St., We're bringing the warm breezes of the Tropics to West Brookfield! Join us on February 10th at 5:30 p.m. for a wonderful Hawaiian evening featuring a dinner of delicious sweet & sour chicken, rice, salad and a variety of homemade desserts. A hula contest with prizes, raffles, mood music and fun! Please invite your friends and family too! Reservations are required and are now being taken. Adults: \$10; Children: \$6 (under 10). Call Karen Murphy at 508-637-5775 or email FCCLuau@Charter. net. Don't miss this NEW cabin fever reliever! Reservation Deadline is Jan.

Thursday, February 15

ADDICTION SUPPORT FORUM: the series supported by Christ Memorial Episcopal Church continues 6:30-8:30 p.m. focusing on communication and collaboration among organizations, programs and businesses addressing addiction. Each Thursday forum will be held in the church undercroft at 133 North Main St. from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Childcare will be held across the street at the Haston Library by accessing the Spring Street entrance. Refreshments and printed resource materials will be available. For more information. please contact Sue Lewandowski at CMCseniorwarden@gmail.com or call Rev. Dr. Paula Winsor Sage at (774)

Thursday, March 15

VIOLENCE: DOMESTIC series supported by Christ Memorial Episcopal Church continues 6:30-8:30 p.m. focusing on communication and collaboration among organizations, programs and businesses addressing domestic violence. Each Thursday forum will be held in the church undercroft at 133 North Main St. from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Childcare will be held across the street at the Haston Library by accessing the Spring Street entrance. Refreshments and printed resource materials will be available. For more information. please contact Sue Lewandowski at CMCseniorwarden@gmail.com or call Rev. Dr. Paula Winsor Sage at (774) 287-7733.

Thursday, April 26

VETERANS SERVICES: the series supported by Christ Memorial Episcopal Church continues 6:30-8:30 p.m. focusing on communication and collaboration among organizations, programs and businesses addressing veterans services. Each Thursday forum will be held in the church undercroft at 133 North Main St. from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Childcare will be held across the street at the Haston Library by accessing the Spring Street entrance. Refreshments and printed resource materials will be available. For more information, please contact Sue Lewandowski at CMCseniorwarden@gmail.com or call Rev. Dr. Paula Winsor Sage at (774) 287-7733.

ONGOING EVENTS

ECONOMY SHOP HOURS: First Congregational Church, 207 Main St., Spencer has announced ECONOMY SHOP hours for January through June. We will close the week of Christmas and will re-open on Wednesday, January 3. Open every Wednesday 8 a.m. to noon; Thursday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. & 6 to 8 p.m.; and Friday 8 a.m. to noon. Come in and see our daily specials. For information call (508) 885-2149.

Deja New: Art, Antiques, & Collectibles Vendor Marketplace open on Wednesday from 1:00 pm-7:00 pm in the St. Joseph's Rectory building for its first season. All proceeds will benefit the non-profit "24-7 Community Partnership" which will provide funds to programs for the needy, including the Leicester Food Pantry. Open April-

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

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP: On the third Wednesday of each month, 6-7 p.m. at the Overlook Independent Living Building, fourth floor Solarium, 88 Masonic Home Road, Charlton. The intent is to build a support system, exchange practical information, talk through issues and ways of coping, share feelings, needs and concerns and to learn about community resources. Contact Kathy Walker at (508) 434or <u>kawalker@overlook-mass</u>. org for more information. Presented by Alzheimer's Association MA/NH Chapter, visit (800) 272-3900 or alz.org.

THRIFTY: St. Joseph-St. Pius X Parish, 759 Main Street, Leicester, (508) 859-8083. The "New to You Thrift Shop Hours: Tuesday 5 to 7 p.m., Wednesday 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS: Richard Sugden Library in Spencer has the following weekly programs. For more information contact the library at (508) 885-7513.

Looking for a fun and educational activity to do with your toddler or preschooler? Come to toddler story hour at 10 a.m. and meet other parents, enjoy songs, stories, and activities with your 18 months to 3 year old. Caregivers must remain in the room with their toddler. Preschoolers (ages 3-5) come at 11- caregivers must remain on the same floor. These are free programs but do require registration which you can do when you arrive. Today's themes are drums and

Join us at Bouncing Babies on Wednesdays from 10-10:45 a.m. for a rollicking, good time! Meet other caregivers, share stories, songs, & rhymes. It's for ages birth to 24 months & their caregivers. Program followed by open play time. The free Afterschool Fun program is today from 4-4:45 p.m. for children from k-grade 5.

Tune in Together on Thursdays is a music and movement program for toddlers and preschoolers and their caregivers, sponsored and presented by CFCE. Meets from 11 a.m.-noon.

Paws and Pages encourages children to become better readers by sharing a book with trained therapy dogs. This program is possible because of the generosity of trainer, Barbara Laborde and her canine helper. Come between 4-4:15 p.m. on Thursdays to reserve a spot.

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

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

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

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

ECONOMICAL: First Congregational Church, 207 Main St., Spencer, (508) 885-2149. Economy Shop hours, open every Wednesday, 8 a.m. to noon; Thursday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m. to noon.

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 winner 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

STAY HEALTHY: The VNA Care Network and Hospice is holding a free Keep Well Clinic to residents 60 and older from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Spencer Fish and Game Club on Mechanic Street. Local residents may have their blood pressure checked and learn about health concerns. Blood sugar, weight monitoring and other health assessments may also be available. VNA Care Network and Hospice clinics are funded in part by the United Way, local boards of health, private foundations. For up-to-date clinic information visit www.vnacarenetwork.org or call (888) 663-3688 x 5603.

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

HERE & THERE — Local Events, Arts, and Entertainment Listings

Entertainment Listings

JANUARY 26 THROUGH FEBRUARY 4

The Bradley Playhouse will present the play



Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$16 for students and seniors For tickets call 860-928-7887 or

www.thebradleyplayhouse.org



SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

9:00 p.m. THE GOODSPEED BAND Classic rock trio 308 LAKESIDE 308 East Main St. East Brookfield, MA 774-449-8333

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

2:00 - 6:00 p.m. BIG MEAT RAFFLE RAFFLE 7 tables of all different kinds of meat and a Surf n' Turf table Food and beverages for sale Door prize Tickets are only a buck! THE SPENCER FISH & GAME CLUB 155 Mechanic St., Spencer, MA

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 3

9:00 p.m. BAND OF BROTHERS 4-piece blues band with members from Wilbur and the Dukes 308 LAKESIDE 308 East Main St. East Brookfield, MA 774-449-8333



42nd Annual Memorial ICE FISHING DERBY West Brookfield Boy Scout Troop 118



Lake Wickaboag, West Brookfield, MA No-ice date: Sunday, February 18 Trophies: Adults - four \$50 prizes Door prizes - over 50 prizes Tickets available for \$1.00 each by scouts or on derby

You do not have to fish to win a door prize In remembrance of Mark Cook, Peter Coulthard, J. Irving England, Michael Higgins and Dick Shepardson

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

3:30-5:00 p.m. NOTRE DAME ACADEMY **Q&A THURSDAY** RSVP by February 5 Learn more about NDA at this info session designed for 5th-8th grade girls and their families. To register contact Kimberly Kossuth, Director of Enrollment at 508-757-6200 (x 229) or email admissions@nda-worc.org

FRIDAY, MARCH 16

Woodstock Academy presents the

MARSHALL TUCKER BAND with opening act Cold Train at the Center for the Arts on the Woodstock Academy South Campus, 150 Route 169, Woodstock, Admission tickets can be purchased for \$35 A limited number of premiun tickets, which include admission to a pre-show reception, can be purchased for \$100 The reception will be held next door at the

Head of School's home and will feature

heavy hors d'oeuvres and beverages.

Tickets can be purchased at woodstockacademy.org/tickets

OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, MARCH 25

2:00-4:00 p.m. NOTRE DAME ACADEMY **OPEN HOUSE** Meet the faculty, take a campus tour, learn all that NDA has to offer. For more info, contact Kimberly Kossuth, Director of Enrollment at 508-757-6200 (x 229) or email admissions@nda-worc.org

ONGOING

ROADHOUSE BLUES JAM Every Sunday, 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. CADY'S TAVERN 2168 Putnam Pike, Chepachet, RI 401-568-4102



TRIVIA SATURDAY NIGHTS 7:00 p.m. register 7:30 p.m. start up HILLCREST COUNTRY CLUB 325 Pleasant St., Leicester, MA 508-892-9822

WISE GUYS TEAM TRIVIA Every Tuesday, 8:00 - 10:00 p.m. CADY'S TAVERN 2168 Putnam Pike (Rt. 44) Chepachet, RI 401-568-4102

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT FRIDAY NIGHT HEXMARK TAVERN AT SALEM CROSS INN 260 West Main St., West Brookfield, MA 508-867-2345 www.salemcrossinn.com





TRAP SHOOTING Every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. Open to the public \$12.00 per round includes clays and ammo NRA certified range officer on site every shoot AUBURN SPORTSMAN CLUB 50 Elm St., Auburn, MA 508-832-6492

HUGE MEAT RAFFLE First Friday of the month Early Bird 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. 1st table: 7:00 p.m. Auburn Sportsman Club 50 Elm St., Auburn, MA 508-832-6496

TRIVIA TUESDAYS at 7:00 p.m. Cash prizes 308 LAKESIDE 308 East main St. East Brookfield, MA 774-449-8333

TRIVIAL THURSDAY No cost to play Cash prizes Every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. CHESTER P. TUTTLE POST AMERICAN LEGION 88 Bancroft St. Auburn, MA





January 26

The Write Stuff

Essays, Short Stories, Memories, Poems and more!

Open to ALL ages

The following submissions are from Melanie McGarry's 5th Grade Class, North Brookfield Elementary School

SNOWFLAKES BY TEAH BOYD AND LAILA SPRING, N. BROOKFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Snowflakes fall outside my door I want to go and play some more Hats and gloves I have to wear My socks are wet but I don't care Snowflakes lay up on my head As I sit upon my bed

Mama calls "cocoa's warm" Snowflakes fall outside by door

MY IDOL BY TEAH BOYD,

N. BROOKFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

My idol is Bethany Hamilton. She is my idol for so many reasons. One reason is even though she had an obstacle thrown in her path, she wasn't afraid to pursue her dreams.

reason Bethany Another Hamilton is my idol is she always works her hardest and never gives up. Bethany Hamilton conquers her goals and follows her dreams.

The most important reason she is my idol is she is always looking for ways to help others. She even has her own fundraiser! Bethany is such a great role model for so many people, especially me. These are just a few reasons why Bethany Hamilton is my idol

THE NIGHT FOR KIDS BY MICHAEL ENETZELIS, N. BROOKFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Every night when the parents fall

The kids get up and have a little

They walk outside and close the

All they could hear is their feet

The kids danced and danced

while the parents snored While they danced it started to

pour

They ran inside and locked the

door

And all they could hear is the

roar of the pour

WHERE HAVE ALL THE CHILDREN GONE

BY SUE ANGELA HEALY, NORTH BROOKFIELD, MA

Where have all the children gone? Wiping tears from your eyes-trying to be strong

Just yesterday, he was my little

Playing with his airplane-his favorite toy

What happened-where did we go

wrong? If tomorrow never comes playing

his song It all began when he broke his

Pill after pill no need for alarm Week after week the pain should have disappeared

But more medicine he was taken-us unaware

Then one day we decided his story must be told

When his addiction simply got out of control

In a few short months instead of

looking toward the future ahead Our only son in his pick up truck

was found dead

The lecture to our children don't

drink and drive But on the excitement and thrill

(Suggested topics for February)

- 1. Write an old fashioned love letter or poem to your Valentine (initials ok if you don't want to use full names).
- 2. February 26 is "National Tell a Fairy Tale Day" ... write your own Fairy Tale, "Once upon a time...".
- 3. February is American History Month. Whom do you admire most in American history and why.
- 4. Share memories growing up in your small town
- 5. Topic of your choice

most teenagers thrive

neighbor heard a blast

10 inches of snow

bang and a crash

denly died

faculty eyes

wrong left turn

Friday nite

into a fight

inch knife

you will

they will take

big mistake

had a bat

flies his hat

was too late

very nigh rate

begin to greet

ing a van

it home

same

and alone

be saying,

gone."

take

rewind

burned to the ground

little to be found

street just having fun

killed by a hit and run

has gotten out of hand

child's life it does claim

your child's life seems wrong

bang bang bang

less on the street

tions trying to be discreet

house filled with pills

get a quick snack a meal

the money they will steal

knows

It was a cold February nite with

Why she was out driving nobody

On her way home from a party a

Into a tree-flipping over with a

Two popular cheerleaders sud-

As tears ran down students and

Even if you are not going that far

Never text when driving in your

A big wheeler suddenly takes a

Passengers in both vehicles

Going to a popular nite club on a

Then 4 patrons for no reason get

One out of his pocket pulls an 8

Stabbing the other-taking his life

Out in certain neighborhoods

Fist fights-bats swinging-then

Four or five members lying life-

Others running in different direc-

Going to a clam bake-a huge

Take one-two-three-mix them if

None knowing what medicine

But in the end found out it was a

Going into a convenience store to

Then deciding to rob the owner

Little did they know the manager

Hitting the robber in the head off

An ambulance was called but it

Children dying needlessly at a

Speeding down a 20 mile an hour

Three grammar school pupils

With your whole family-going out

Friends and acquaintances you

Into the restaurants comes roll-

Same story – different day – this

Two of the children did not make

Everyone involved feeling lost

Every single day it is not the

Same type of violence-accident-a

So when you think something in

Speak to them-listen-do some-

"Where have all the children

YOUR PRESENCE

EVERYWHERE

BY SUE ANGELA HEALY,

NORTH BROOKFIELD, MA

I put on the television a big mis-

The world today isn't very kind

Over and over in my head I try to

Hundreds of homes in California

Looking for memorable items—

Every morning when I awake

thing so in the future we will not

there are rivalries-there are gangs

passed away we have learned

For more information or to submit for next month, email jsima@stonebridgepress.com or call 508.909.4062

> Hurricanes that hit hard a few head-I just want to die months ago

Puerto Rico waiting for power when returned they'll never know Opiod overdose and deaths are on the rise

Young teenagers-adults-walking around high

There are several shootings-stabbings-almost every day

For the innocent victims we continue to pray

Drivers speeding-texting, some on the phone

Some of them crashing and never alone Riding a bike on the street you're

still not safe Memories of that scene you want

Some are even getting hit by a

Today is a different world--it's just not the same

Trump now President—most dis-

If only the future we could all

In Las Vegas a lone shooter over

It just seems unimaginable we ask ourselves why More and more accusations of

sexual abuse What ever the reason there is no

excuse Home invasions-car jackings-not

even safe at a mall Hoping and praying you'll never

need to call Banks being robbed-children kid-

napped, hit and runs People leaving the scene of an

accident-neighbors are stunned You see Jeremiah-John-Timothy-

Thomas-Paul-Joseph and Jon the worlds not the same Terrorists running over victims

who is to blame And even though we love and

miss you we know you are safe You are far better off in a far

away place With everything going on when I

think of you I find a calm As if I can reach out and

your arm Eighteen years is just a num-

ber-you're still our number one Father-brother-uncle-nephew-

our darling son

So when you look down upon us from Heaven please for us say a

For we know you are with always "Your Presence us

Everywhere." *****

NOT ME

BY SUE ANGELA HEALY, NORTH BROOKFIELD, MA

I hate the way I look – I hate the way I feel

These emotions inside – so raw – so unreal

I hate who I am - I hate who I've

become

In others and my eyes never num-

ber one

Put thru a test

Always second or third-but never the best

No one knows but every day I cry Lost all self-esteem-dignity and

Nothing in life has meaning any more

Staying at home behind closed doors

What in the world am I going to

do? Who can I turn to just to help me

pull thru? Where are those memories of yes-

teryears? Morning-noon and nite – living

in fear It's as dark in my heart as the brutal winter outside

Shades drawn-covers over my

Send Their Friends!'

So very difficult to ever feel proud Like a rainbow hidden behind an endless cloud

The Next Write Stuff

Friday, Febuary 16.

Will Publish On February 23.

Deadline For Submissions Is

Thank you to Lamoureux Ford of East

Brookfield for continuing to be a sponsor

of The Write Stuff... it's "Where Friends

The Spencer Writer's Group, and to

Melanie McGarry, 5th grade teacher

at North Brookfield Elementary for her

Please join us again in February!

students' participation this month!

Also thank you to this month's authors,

In the still of silence – I sit alone Not wanting to call or answer the phone

Like an empty hollowness so hard to explain

Sometimes not remembering my

best friend's name My presence to others not in great

demand Why aren't you listening to me or understand?

My wish it to sleep-wake up in the Spring

To be free of pain-as if a seagulls

Christmas-the holidays-the most

joyful time of year Choirs singing-lights shining-no one has a care

But to me they drag on and on-never seem to end

And for your satisfaction I can't act or pretend Sometimes it's agonizing-I try to

be strong When it's a calm-human feeling I every day long

Recalling happier days of way back when

Don't judge or avoid me because I'm still your friend I'm standing in front of you but

I'm not who you see I'm standing behind you-but it's

really not me. *****

THE OLD WAGON

BY RICHARD M. TRAUSCHKE

It just sad there lookin all forlorn; among the fieldstones and the snow. Horses unhitched, way before I was

the tales it could tell. I'd like to know.

Was it pulled from Missouri West; set to travel o'er the Oregon Trail? for a family it would be quite a test; six months at least, if they prevail.

Many families before them, had to tarry;

rest awhile, and re-evaluate their load. Dump some goods they couldn't

carry,

things they must do without, on the

A piano that was brought from England;

or a sewing cabinet from Provincetown;

a keg of nails, "dress-up" clothes, a cedar chest, and a wedding gown.

Sometimes a family member was

due to an illness along the way, or maybe an Indian raid was the

of lives taken, on a dark day.

Dreams sometimes came to an end, before crossing the mountains to the West.

They may have stopped the wagon to mend, before attempting the Rocky

Mountain Pass. Perhaps they reached Fort Laramie;

and could not finish the Oregon Trail. Abandoning both the wagon and

settling down in a Wyoming vale.

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SCRABBLE BY DEBORAH GREGOIRE LEFEBVRE, SOUTHBRIDGE, MA

While my husband can spend his time trying not to knock down a Jenga tower,

I'm playing Scrabble against the computer for an hour.

Playing Scrabble is my favorite

because no two games ever play

the same.

I'll play anytime, anywhere

against anyone,
because the game is so much fun.
You start by randomly selecting

You start by randomly selecting seven tiles;

And if I get something good, you'll see lots of smiles.

I strategically start to place my tiles onto the rack, rearranging them as need be, I've

gotten used to the knack.

Now it's time to start thinking of

some words,
Who says this game is for nerds.

Sometimes the words just fall into place,

Especially on a triple word space. Playing Scrabble broadens my mind, Even though looking at my score

against the computer, I usually lag way behind! 1 point each for letters A, E, I, L,

N, O, R, S, T and U,

Lots of words to choose from too. 2 points for letters D and G,

Words used in past tense and for activity.

3 points for letters B, C, M and P, Words are still plentiful for these letters you see.

4 points for letters F, H, V, W and Y,

Words and are a little less common to the written eye.

5 points for lonely letter K,

The K can be silent or audible; it can go either way.

8 points for letters J and X, Words are plentiful like tex

Words are plentiful like texts. 10 points for letters Q and Z,

Words with U's and last words of the dictionary.

There are two blank tiles for you to use,

They can be whatever letter you choose.

Sometimes adding just one letter more, can add lots of points to my score!

Finally, my rack is empty and my turn is done,

I can't believe it! I've actually won!

By Eva E. Perron, East Brookfield, MA

It was the Saturday before Christmas; the town square was busy with shoppers and carolers in anticipation for the celebration of the birth of Our Savior.

Gayle Summers, a young divorced lady was in a hurry to get a few groceries; after setting aside her rent money, she had only \$10.00 to last till next pay day. She had recently gotten a position as a writer for the chronicle. Although the pay was meager, at least she got her foot in the door.

She noticed a little girl around five years old walking the aisles. Gayle approached her, "Dear, are you looking for your mother?"

The little girl said, "No, my mother is at home sick in bed. I'm here alone. I want to buy a present."

"What is your name?" asked

"My name is Wita, what's yours?"
"Well, my name is Gayle, and I
think that your name is Rita."

The little girl just shook her head, apparently she had trouble sounding out her R's.

"Maybe I can help you, offered Gayle. What is it you want to buy?" "I want to get a wolling pin for

Mrs. Benson."
"Oh you mean a rolling pin?"

This correction brought out a little smile and Rita went on to explain that, "Sometimes Mrs. Benson makes pies for then, and she has to use a big soda bottle to make the bottom and top. When Rita and her mom lived with her grandmother, they had a wolling pin to use."

"We'll go down to the home goods department," responded Gayle.

The counter was full of rolling pins costing \$10.00.

"Do you have much money?" asked Gayle. Rita's jar was filled with nickles and dimes, but Rita just knew that some way she'd be able to buy it. Gayle ascended the counter, watching carefully over Rita.

na. The tired, overworked clerk asked, "are you her mother? I don't have time to count out nickles and dimes."

"No, I'm not" answered Gayle. "This little girl is alone and I took it upon myself to watch out for her."

The clerk counted out \$6.10. "I'm sorry little girl but you don't have enough money." Rita's eyes started to fill up. Gayle offered her credit card. The change was scooped up and given back to Rita.

Gayle asked again, "Rita, where do you live?"

"My mom and I live at Mrs. Benson's house," she answered. Other questions as to what street or address always came back to Mrs. Benson's house. Gayle did learn that it was a white house, red chimney, with a brown rocking chair on the porch.

"I can't let you walk home alone, it's going to be dark pretty soon," she muttered.

Outside of the store stood a police officer. Gayle couldn't ascend fast enough. She explained the situation to the officer and he said to Rita, "So you live at Mrs. Benson's house?"

And she asked, "So you know her too?"

"No I don't but we'll find her."

Gayle and Rita sat in the back of the cruiser. Many onlookers were perplexed; what could they have done? Gayle prayed that none of her friends or co-workers would see her.

The kind, concerned officer drove slowly up and down a couple of streets and Rita shouted out, "There's Mrs. Benson's brown rocking chair!" Outside, a distressed worried lady ran up to the cruiser.

"Rita, where have you been? I've been looking all over for you. I wanted to call the police, and here you come home in a cruiser."

The officer asked questions about Rita's mother. He learned that she had health problems and she was asleep, never knowing about Rita's escapade.

Little Rita clutched her purchase and when Mrs. Benson asked what she had there, she answered, "a whittle surprise."

The officer dropped Gayle off at her car with a promise from her that they'd get together for a coffee

It was time for Gayle to get back to the Chronicle; her assignment tonight...a human interest story.

MISHA RESOLUTIONS BY SUZANNE VASHUGIN, SPENCER WRITER'S GROUP

New Year's resolutions? Bucket list? Yes, I have many to put on each. I'd love to go to Norway someday to see where my father's mother grew up, travel to the west coast, hike in the Grand Canyon, and publish the children's books that I wrote. If I make it to eighty, I'd like to parachute out of an airplane. But, are any of these goals going to make me a better person or help me to make a better world for my grandchildren to come? No, probably not

bly not.

Then, I began to visualize my dog Misha, and suddenly I realized that what I really want is to be more like her. Since Misha came to us at three months old, at a measly eight pounds, she has been an example of unconditional love, loyalty, for-

giveness, comfort and protection.

Who else is always ecstatically happy to see you every day? Misha shows this by wagging her whole body, not just her tail. Sometimes, she's so joyful that she does speedy laps around the house. Next, she lies down submissively next to you and gives you her belly. Also, she makes low whimper love noises as you make eye contact with her. Oh, how much I would like to show empathetic love like Misha does!

Sometimes, when I have to take Misha out in the cold to do her business, I'm impatient. I may talk a bit harshly to her, but she always forgives me. She shows me this by wagging her tail and nuzzling me when I say "Good girl" when she's done.

Six years ago, when I was in the hospital very ill, all I could think about was having Misha by my side. I longed to touch her soft curly fur. When I came home and remained on the living room couch for another two weeks, Misha loyally laid next to me. She sensed that I needed her, and she was a constant source of comfort. How I yearn to be like that for my family and friends.

Misha will bark when people

come to our house until she knows the person is a friend and not a stranger. She is willing to protect us with her life, and her courage is instinctual. Who would not want to strive to have that kind of bravery and dedication?

As I sit in our family room with Misha in her usual spot, glued to my side enjoying my gentle petting on her head, I discern one last quality she possesses that I would like to emulate. Misha is "Present in the Moment." She is not contemplating what she needs to get done for work, or the problems her children are having or the latest disaster in the news. Misha is relaxing with me and listening to the crackling of the wood burning stove. "Just be," she says to me.

OUTDOOR VENTURES AND ETIQUETTE BY A SNOW ENTHUSIAST,

EAST BROOKFIELD, MA

New Englanders are a hearty bunch, and many, including myself, love the snow. This does not mean that we love -8 degrees before windchill. If you like to get outside to walk the dog, or walk yourself, even if there is snow, you may want to get some snowshoes. Snowshoes are readily available now, and if you can walk outside, it is likely you can snowshoe, too. Snowshoes allow you to walk more normally. They usually have a pivoting foot bed, cleats underneath, and straps that fasten them onto your boots. Be sure to get snowshoes whose straps you can fasten/tighten easily by yourself (try to do this in the store). You may prefer to test drive a pair by renting from a local outdoor store.

Here are some outdoor etiquette tips. Avoid walking in cross country ski tracks if possible. Unfortunately many people don't realize that the skier works hard to make a smooth track that they can better enjoy on their second time on the track (they get more glide). When someone walks or snowshoes in the smooth track, it negates the work done by that skier. People without snowshoes are especially inclined to walk on the track because it is a little "packed" snow. Avoid that urge, and get some snowshoes.

Without snowshoes, your foot goes through the snow and sinks up to your ankle (or higher), making you pick your foot straighter up out of the hole instead of propelling yourself forward. The snowshoe will tamp down a larger area of snow (sorry, no, they won't let you float on top of the snow). The cleat prevents your foot from backsliding/slipping, letting you walk forward more normally. Backing up in snowshoes is NOT advised. If you can run backwards in flip flops, then you may be able to step backwards in snowshoes. As the snow gets packed down, (such as a snowmobile track), the snowshoes may over-the-shoe traction/cleat device like ice fisherman use may be more useful than snowshoes for some. Snowshoes are most beneficial in 4 inches or more of snow. Their benefits vary with snow depth, terrain, and other conditions.

The last, but very important, bit of etiquette is picking up after your dog. If you don't have a bag, find a stick and brush(golf) the waste off the path. Or, use your own boot, using snow as a barrier to kick the waste into woods. If you are worried about getting waste on your boot, remember that nobody else wants to step, snowshoe, or ski through your dog's waste. If you are unwilling to pick up after your dog...you should re-assess taking your dog anywhere off your own property.

WINTER BLUES BY SUE ANGELA HEALY, NORTH BROOKFIELD, MA

My least favorite month is winter, not fall

Even though it means making snowmen and throwing snowballs It seems my summer has come to

an end
and with the weather changing I

cannot pretend
Layer and layer of heavy clothes
As the wind chill whips at your

fingers and toes
Everything is darkness and
everything blah

The only way to get around is in

the warmth of your car

All the trees are bare yet there are still leaves on the ground

Not any of my chipmunks anywhere to be found

Weeks of frigid temperatures and piles of snow

piles of snow How anyone enjoys this – I really don't know

Coats-hats-scarves-boots and gloves

As more flurries start falling from the heavens above

I do not want to drive two hours just to ski

Or fall on ice skates where everyone can see Sixty miles an hour winds you

lose home heat

Three pairs of socks and still fro-

zen feet
Grocery stores packed – there's

endless lines Driving at five o'clock – not get-

ting home till nine

Generators-shovels-de-ices – all out of rock salt Waiting so long to shop it's not

your fault

Now the blizzards have names –

predictions of six feet Shoveling my driveway for the

third time my day now complete
Thinking the plow driver w as

someone on who you could depend But then he plows the snow back again and again

There is no laughter or yelling from the children at play Waiting for the ice cream truck

with pennies they pay
Winter is not what happiness is

to me
Sitting at home eating junk food

and watching TV
I long for summer breezes-rays of

sun on my face oh the thoughts of 90 degree tem-

peratures I live to embrace Yet I know it will be only a matter

of time
When the flowers will bloom and

the sun will shine That's when I know I shall be

okay

and all my winter blues will sim

and all my winter blues will simply pass away.

MY PASSION BY THERESA PLANTE, WEST BROOKFIELD, MA

For over fifty years my passion was needle crafts. My grandmother taught me to crochet, tat, embroider and more at the age of six. My mom taught me to knit and sew. Sewing became my lifelong passion. Many said my daughter was the best dressed kid in school. I loved making dresses for little

girls.

About three years ago my life changed. My brother had been diagnosed with cancer. This was the straw that overturned my sewing basket. Having lost my parents, aunts, uncles and friends to cancer, I knew I had to do more.

Drawing on my years of crafting, I started a Non-Profit company, Stamping Out Cancer, Inc. 100% of donations received support Dana Farber Cancer Institute, Boston, be less beneficial. In this case an MA. My slogan is, "Stamping Out Cancer, One Greeting Card at a Time." I make hand crafted greeting cards, custom cards and small gifts. From a small corner in our living room, I create what are, often, one of a kind cards. Where you may spend \$5.00 for a card at the store, you get one of hundreds or thousands of that design. My cards are hand stamped, colored or painted and your tax-deductible donation helps someone with cancer. No parent should have to hear their child has cancer, yet youth cancers are on the rise.

I am a one-person Company, so often I struggle with creating products, keeping up a web page and staying in touch with social portals. Volunteers welcomed. Stamping Out Cancer, Inc. supports Team De-Feet Cancer Pan Mass Challenge rider, my daughter, Jessica Piwowarski. Jessica is in her fifth year of riding for a cure, and each August rides 192 miles from Sturbridge, MA to Provincetown, MA. As with all riders, they ride for someone with cancer, whether an Angel or a Warrior. The best way to reach me these days is email. Info@stampingoutcancer.com

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HAPPY FUN TIME *IN THE WINTER TIME* BY TOM VANTRE, SOUTHBRIDGE, MA

Having fun during the cold winter time.

It's not to difficult to do.

Making snow angels by lying in

the snow and doing jumping jacks. Your kids up a hill, just to watch them go sledding down it.

Rolling up a bunch of snowballs

for a snowball fight. Or simply rolling three big snow-

balls to build a snowman. There's plenty of fun in winter

time's sun.

But I like to stay inside and binge watch Netflix.

All the more while, I write a poem

about winter fun. Then going to a monthly poetry

reading.

Just to share it later with my friends that are there.

That's my kind of fun during this

cold winter that has come. *****

MY FAVORITE HOBBY – **WRITING POEMS**

"Through the Years" BY SUE ANGELA HEALY, NORTH BROOKFIELD, MA

It all began years ago at Jordan Marsh

Summers were hot – the winters were harsh

I applied for a job at the end of September

Those were the days I will always

remember

It would be as a secretary – with an average pay

I met new employees one by one Families working there - moth-

ers, daughters and sons This was only a job for me – not

So I decided to stay if only a year 360 employees I have known Because of them friendships had grown

Monday through Friday from seven to three

These were really good hours for

Typing-insurance-pay problems I

would solve

In others lives I became involved There was one woman I began to know well

Pain in her eyes I could plainly

I started talking to her one day

She said she had cancer but would be okay

Every day in rain-sleet, and snow With terminal cancer to work she

To her-Jordan Marsh was her life Although she was a loving moth-

er and wife

Days-weeks-months went by Some days the pain so severe –

she started to cry I told her to rest-find peace-stay

She insisted coming to work-so

she wouldn't feel alone

Weaker and weaker she became The cancer taken its toll was to

blame I remember the day she called in

A warm beautiful day she decided to pick

It was around Mother's Day – the middle of May

In my mind it will forever stay I felt in my heart she would never be back

But knew I would have to accept

the fact

So that day I decided to write her

Sending it with love then called her on the phone

It was called "An Employee-Mother-Wife-Friend"

For on her presence we could always depend Two weeks later-a visit from her

husband and daughter I did get A day in my life I will never for-

They told me that Miriam had

LEGALS

Town of West Brookfield Zoning Board of Appeals

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 20 at 6:00 p.m. at the West Brookfield Town Hall, to act on an application for a Special Permit for Dynamic Energy, property owned by Clifford and Eric Fountain, for the property located at 50 Boston Post Road, West Brookfield. The applicant wishes to build a solar farm for off premise use. In Rural Residential District requires a special permit as per section, -3.27 Energy Generating Equipment. The public is invited to attend.

> Renee Adams White Clerk

January 26, 2018 February 2, 2018

> **TOWN OF SPENCER Public Hearing -**Monday, February 12, 2018 7:00 PM Town Hall 157 Main Street, Spencer

FY 2018 Spencer CDBG Application The Spencer Board of Selectmen will conduct a Public Hearing on February 12, 2018 at 7:00 PM at Spencer Town Hall, 157 Main Street, regarding its proposed FY 2018 application to the Massachusetts DHCD for up to \$561,110. In case of inclement weather, the Public Hearing will be held on February 26, 2018. Proposed projects include a housing rehabilitation program and engineering design for infrastructure improvements on Cherry-Wall-Lloyd Dyer Street. The Pioneer Valley Planning Commission will be assisting the town with the administration of the program. The public hearing will offer Spencer residents an opportunity to comment on proposed projects which were identified as priorities in the town's Community Development Strategy.

All persons with questions or comments regarding the grant application will have an opportunity to be heard. Those unable to attend can send written comments to the Spencer Board of Selectmen, 157 Main Street, Spencer, MA 01562, Attn: William Ross. The Spencer Town Hall is handicapped accessible. Persons who require special accommodations for either public meeting should contact the town at least one week prior to the hearing date at 508-885-7500. For further information contact Ted Harvey at PVPC at (413) 781-6045 or tharvey@ pvpc.org.

January 26, 2018

passed away

But my poem in their hearts will forever stay

They said she was holding that piece of paper the day she had died Smiling-at peace-yet tears in her

They realized the employees she

worked with really did care

And a friend like me they could

find no where

I was filled with emotions both happy-yet sad

Making a difference in her life I was really glad

Through my words I reached her heart and soul

And through her love I was sold So from that day forward which was years ago

I told myself let your feelings show

I decided to write about people-events-tragedies that touched my life-my heart

Hoping like this day-never having to part

So through my grief-sorry-heartache and tears

I decided to write my book of poems calling it, "Through the

Years" *****

THE DARK SIDE OF WINTER

BY SUE ANGELA HEALY, NORTH BROOKFIELD

Depression isn't an illness that simply disappears in a day

Snap your fingers and it goes away You can't even say I'll just take

a pill Because in a week-month-year

it's with you still Starting to feel worst at the beginning of fall

Yet the winter months are the darkest of all

It all begins when you just don't feel right Day after day you put up a fight

Your happiness is now just a

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS TOWN OF BROOKFIELD

The Brookfield Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 6:15 p.m., Tuesday, February 13, 2018 in the Brookfield Town Hall Banquet

The purpose of this hearing is for a variance and special permit to tear down an existing garage and replace with a new two car garage outside of the current required minimum zoning front setback line at 48 Allen Road which is in the Rural Residential District

according to the Brookfield Zoning By Laws, Section 7 Dimensional requirements sub-section C and non-conforming land uses and structures according to a denial from the Zoning Enforcement Officer.

Patricia Capobianco, Secretary to the ZBA January 26, 2018 February 2, 2018

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS TOWN OF BROOKFIELD

The Brookfield Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 13, 2018 in the Brookfield Town Hall Banquet Room.

The purpose of this hearing is for a variance and special permit to raise a house, repair the foundation, construct a deck, and reconfigure doors and windows at property located at 80 Quaboag Street which is in the Flood Plain according to the Brookfield Zoning By Laws, Section 6, Nonconforming land use and structure according to a denial from the Zoning Enforcement Officer.

Patricia Capobianco, Secretary to the ZBA January 26, 2018 February 2, 2018

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thing of the past Please Dear Lord don't let this emptiness last

Every minute you feel as if your best friend died

For no reason at all tears fall from your eyes

Can't eat-sleep-think-even concentrate

Sometimes your life you want to eliminate The empty feeling inside you

don't know what to do Just hoping in time you can just pull thru

Some individuals oversleep-over-

Needing something to make them feel whole, complete I just want to wake up and feel

normal again Laugh-dress nicely-go out with my friends Most days I sit in seclusion and

Not wanting to face what's lurking outside

It's like the sun is hiding behind the clouds

What is it like to have dignity-face proud?

I just want to live and be me Why is it so difficult for you to

If you could measure in inches whenever it rains This is the extent of my inner

Will it help if to someone I talk?

Or go by myself for a very long Depression years ago is some-

thing that you never spoke Not as if you were an alcohol-

ic-had cancer-or even smoked It's now out in the open-into the

site less air Where people go through it every-

But what we really need is an answer-solution-maybe a cure

So others like myself won't be living in their personal darkest any more.





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Bath! 2.5 Baths Total! 16X30 Deck! 2 Car Garage! Shed! 2016 Roof! Many Updates! \$344,900,00



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Rm, 4 Bdrm Cape! Appliance Cabinet Kit! Formal Din Rm w/Hrdwds! NEW 20x22 Liv

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w/2 Finished Rms! Vinyl Siding! Older

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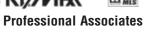


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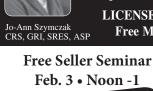
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THE COMMONWEALTH OF **MASSACHUSETTS MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY** DIVISION

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING Project File No. 608190

A Design Public Hearing will be held by MassDOT to discuss the proposed South Pond Road over South Pond Inlet Bridge Replacement Project in Brookfield and East Brookfield, MA. WHERE: Meeting Room A

Town Office Complex 122 Connie Mack Drive East Brookfield, MA 01515 WHEN: Thursday, February 8th, 2018 @ 7:00 PM

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed South Pond Road over South Pond Inlet bridge replacement project. All views and comments made at the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: The proposed project consists of replacing the existing South Pond Road Bridge over the South Pond Inlet with new, single span vehicular bridge and pedestrian bridge structures. The vehicular bridge will be 31'-3" wide with a 35'-0" span length. The pedestrian bridge will be 8'-0" wide with a 45'-0" span length. The bridges will consist of precast, prestressed concrete NEXT beams on pile-supported concrete integral abutments located behind the existing abutments, which will partially remain in place. There will also be roadway improvements to the bridge approaches including: new guardrail, planted slopes and a drainage swale in the shoulder at the northeast approach to the bridge. The existing flow control gate will remain in place with proposed connections to the proposed pedestrian bridge. No modifications to the gate capacity are proposed. The existing gate controls will be removed, serviced, and replaced in a position allowing them to be operated from the safety of the proposed pedestrian bridge.

A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The Town of Brookfield and the Town of East Brookfield are responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands. MassDOT's policy concerning land acquisitions will be discussed at this hearing.

Written views received by MassDOT subsequent to the date of this notice and up to five (5) days prior to the date of the hearing shall be displayed for nublic inspection and copying at the time and date listed above. Plans will be on display one-half hour before the hearing begins, with an engineer in attendance to answer questions regarding this project. A project handout will be made available on the MassDOT website listed below.

Written statements and other exhibits in place of, or in addition to, oral statements made at the Public Hearing regarding the proposed undertaking are to be submitted to Patricia A. Leavenworth, P.E., Chief Engineer, MassDOT, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: Bridge Project Management, Project File No. 608190. Such submissions will also be accepted at the hearing. Mailed statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the public hearing transcript must be postmarked within ten (10) business days of this Public Hearing. Project inquiries may be emailed to dot.feedback.highway@ state.ma.us

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JONATHAN GULLIVER HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR PATRICIA A. LEAVENWORTH, P.E. CHIEF ENGINEER January 26, 2018 February 2, 2018

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

LEGALS

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Stephen R. Poole and Cynthia J. Poole to SRI, dated February 24, 2006 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 38540, Page 197, as affected by Judgment recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 53311, Page 296., of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from SRI to WMC Mortgage Corp. dated February 24, 2006 and recorded with said registry on January 29, 2015 Book 53311 Page 296 and by assignment from WMC Mortgage Corp. to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. dated March 10, 2006 and recorded with said registry on January 29, 2015 at Book 53311 page 296 and by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association dated June 1, 2013 and recorded with said registry on June 6, 2013 at Book 51003 Page 375 and by assignment from JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association to U.S. Bank N.A., as Trustee, on behalf of the Holders of the J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Trust 2006-WMC2 asset backed pass-through certificates, Series 2006-WMC2 dated June 25, 2014 and recorded with said registry on February 11, 2015 at Book 53352 Page 284 and by assignment from JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association to U.S. Bank N.A., as Trustee on behalf of the Holders of the J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Trust 2006-WMC2 Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-WMC2 dated October 31, 2014 and recorded with said registry on February 23, 2015 at Book 53383 Page 98 and by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., on behalf of registered Holders of Bear Stearns Asset Backed Securities I LLC, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-AC6 dated November 7, 2014 and recorded with said registry on November 19, 2014 at Book 53053 Page 164, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 10 am on February 21,2018, on the mortgaged premises located at 49 Wire Village Road, Spencer, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT: LAND IN SPENCER, THE MASSACHUSETTS SHOWN AS PARCEL B-1 AND PARCEL A-1 ON A PLAN OF LAND ENTITLED "PLAN OF LAND IN SPENCER, MASSACHUSETTS BY NORMAN T. & MICHELLE M. BERTHIAUME" DATED JANUARY 24, 2001, PETER G. KNOWLES, PLS, SAID PLAN RECORDED WORCESTER DISTRICT WITH REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN PLAN BOOK 766, PLAN 77 AND BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: PARCEL B-1 BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE PARCEL HEREIN CONVEYED AT A POINT ON THE NORTHERLY LINE OF WIRE VILLAGE ROAD; THENCE N. 30°11' 41" W. 120.19 FEET ALONG LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF GAUDETTE & NOONAN TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE S. 60°31'53" W. 8.48 FEET ALONG LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF GAUDETTE & NOONAN TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE N. 29° 28' 07" W. 116.20 FEET ALONG PARCEL A-1 TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE N. 58" 11'03" W. 119.87 FEET ALONG PARCEL A-1 TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE N.. 58° 13' 05" W. 50.97 FEET ALONG PARCEL A-1 TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE S. 56° 21' 32" E. 159.26 FEET ALONG PARCEL A-1 TO AN IRON PIN LOCATED ON THE EASTERLY LINE OF HASTINGS ROAD; THENCE N. 29° 16' 24" E. 15.81 FEET ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF HASTINGS ROAD TO A POINT; THENCE N. 35° 41' 18" E. 184.19 FEET ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF HASTINGS ROAD TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE S. 58°13'05" E. 200.00 FEET ALONG LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF BERTHIAUME TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE S. 29°19'24" E. 66.95 FEET ALONG LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF BERTHIAUME TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE S. 60°40'36" W. 114.86 FEET ALONG LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF BELL & BEER TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE S. 18°52'07' E. 131.21 FEET ALONG LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF BELL & BEER TO AN IRON PIN LOCATED ON THE NORTHERLY LINE OF WIRE VILLAGE ROAD; THENCE S. 70° 15' 55" W. 65.03 FEET ALONG THE NORTHERLY LINE OF WIRE VILLAGE ROAD TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING 45,190 +/- SQUARE FEET. NO ACCESS IS BEING RESERVED BY THE

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CONTAINING 45,015 +/-SQUARE FEET. PROPERTY: SPENCER, 49 LOWERWIRE VILLAGE ROAD. BOOK: 25871 PAGE: 354 DOCUMENT#: 22087 Being the same property as transferred by Quit Claim Deed on 01/29/2002 and recorded 01/31/2002 from NORMAN P. BERTHIAUME and MICHELLE M. BERTHIAUME, HUSBAND AND WIFE to STEPHEN R. POOLE and CYNTHIA J. POOLE, HUSBAND AND WIFE, Tenants by the Entirety, recorded in Document Number 22087. BOOK 25871 PAGE

being more accurately described as shown on Plan Book 766/ Page #57

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 25871, Page 354.

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

TERMS OF SALE:

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

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

U.S. BANK N.A., AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE J.P. MORGAN MORTGAGE ACQUISITION TRUST 2006-WMC2 ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-

> Present holder of said mortgage By its Attorneys, HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C. 150 California Street Newton, MA 02458 (617) 558-0500 200808-1752 - TEA

January 19, 2018 January 26, 2018 February 2, 2018

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 106 Paxton Road, Spencer, Massachusetts

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Timothy J. Fahnestock to Salem Five Mortgage Company, LLC, said mortgage dated July 7, 2003, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester) Registry of Deeds, in Book 30709 at Page 106 and now held by PNC Bank, National Association, successor by merger to National City Bank, by virtue of an assignment from Salem Five Mortgage Company, LLC to National City Mortgage Co. by virtue of an assignment dated July 7, 2003 and recorded August 5, 2003 in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 31113 Page 98 breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at Public Auction on February 12, 2018 at 11:00 AM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit: ALL THAT CERTAIN PARCEL

OF LAND SITUATED IN THE CITY OF SPENCER, COUNTY OF WORCESTER AND STATE OF **MASSACHUSETTS:** THE LAND IN SPENCER WITH

BUILDINGS THEREON, KNOWN

AS UPPER WIRE VILLAGE IN THE

SOUTHERLY PART THEREOF AND

ON THE EASTERLY SIDE OF UPPER WIRE VILLAGE ROAD, BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE LOT TO BE CONVEYED AND ON THE EAST SIDE OF SAID ROAD AT A POINT 453.5 FEET NORTHERLY OF LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF ELLEN ST. GERMAIN, SAID POINT OF BEGINNING BEING THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF WALTER

THENCE SOUTH 87 ° 51' EAST, 193.3 FEET BY LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF SAID WALTER KANE TO A POINT;

J. KANE;

THENCE NORTH 4° 29' EAST, 92.5 FEET BY LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF THE SAID WALTER KANE TO A POINT;

THENCE NORTH 87° 48' WEST, 193.3 FEET MORE OR LESS BY LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF THE SAID WALTER KANE TO THE EAST LINE OF THE AFORESAID ROAD, SAID LINE BEING PARALLEL TO AND 26 FEET DISTANT FROM THE NORTH LINE OF THE DWELLING ON THE PROPERTY;

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OF LAND. BEING THE SAME PROPERTY AS CONVEYED FROM DONALD W. SHARON, DIANE L. HEROUX TO TIMOTHY J. FAHNESTOCK, AS **DESCRIBED IN BOOK 3070 PAGE** 104, DATED 06/26/2003, RECORDED 07/08/2003 WORCESTER IN

COUNTY RECORDS. PARCEL ID NO: U32-23 FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY, PROPERTY ALSO KNOWN:

106 PAXTON RD, SPENCER, MA 01562-1426.

The description of the property that appears in the mortgage to be foreclosed shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication. For Mortgagors' Title see deed dated June 26, 2003, and recorded in Book 30709 at Page 104 with the Worcester County (Worcester) Registry of Deeds. TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveved subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within thirty (30) days after the date of sale. Other terms to be announced at the

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