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Local runners crush the competition at Cross Country State Championships

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS EDITOR

WRENTHAM — To reach the Wrentham Developmental Center, especially on the third Saturday of November, means that you have accomplished something significant in the world of high school cross-country in Massachusetts. And three student-athletes from the Spencer New Leader's coverage area were able to do just that when Leicester High junior Abby Bernabei and Tantasqua Regional's duo of Tessa Kline, a junior, and Cam Foley, a sophomore competed in their respective State Championship races on Nov. 20.

Bernabei had hoped to reach States, but admitted that it would be a tall task to qualify.

"It was definitely a big goal of mine, but I wasn't expecting to make it. I thought it would be too difficult to make," she noted.

But Bernabei did qualify, and at the meet she was right around her personal goal. Bernabei was



Leicester's Abby Bernabei



Tantasqua's Tessa Kline



Photo © Nick Ether Cam Foley of Tantasqua

looking to run the 5K (3.1 mile) in the 20-minute mark and finish inside the top 60 of the Division 3 race. And she wound up being just two seconds shy of the mark (21:02.2) while finishing 58th of

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Spencer K9 unit receives new equipment

SPENCER – With help from the community, the Spencer Police Department continues to add safety gear for its K9 unit.

The Hayden Masonic Lodge and the Spencer Firefighters Association each donated \$792.50 to purchase a vest for Curtis, the SPD's K9 unit dog.

During a recent Select Board meeting, members of the Hayden Masonic Lodge and the Spencer Firefighters Association joined SPD Chief David Darrin and selectmen for a presentation.

"Everything we bring in [from local donations and fundraisers], we try to

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Spencer Exchange Club reflects on 75 years of community service

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – In celebration of 75 years of service to the community, Spencer Exchange Club members are reflecting on the past and looking forward to new opportunities to give back.

The past 25 years have seen the Exchange Club continue several original traditions while also adding new ways to benefit the Spencer and East Brookfield communities. Longtime traditions include the distribution of flags at Memorial Day parades; firework displays at the Spencer Fairgrounds; and support of the local food pantry.

The club also continues to annual-

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Photo Courtesy

The Spencer Exchange Club is celebrating 75 years of service to the community.

Community meeting planned on use of Becker campus

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER – The Select Board will host a community meeting next week to discuss the reuse of the Becker College campus.

The meeting will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 30, at 6 p.m. in the Town Hall gym. Selectmen are seeking members of the community who are willing to serve on the following

groups: Becker Education Working Group; Becker Building Condition Working Group; Becker Veterinary Clinic Reuse Working Group; Becker Zoning Working Group; Becker Reuse Working Group; Becker Athletic and Recreation Working Group; and the Becker Finance Working Group.

All residents are invited to attend the Nov. 30 meeting to ask questions and sign up to participate in a specific

working group.

At the Sept. 21 Special Election, residents approved a \$19.9 million debt exclusion request for the acquisition of the former Becker College campus.

Home to 19 buildings on 28 acres, the college closed at the end of the 2020-21 academic year due to financial struggles worsened by COVID-19. The property includes a new turf field; a campus center; a veterinary health clinic; a

gymnasium; the historic May House; several dormitories and other residences; and the Swan Library. Additionally, the college's kitchen, gym equipment, and veterinary equipment were included in the sale, as well as the IT network and equipment.

Officials have said portions of the property could be used to significantly.

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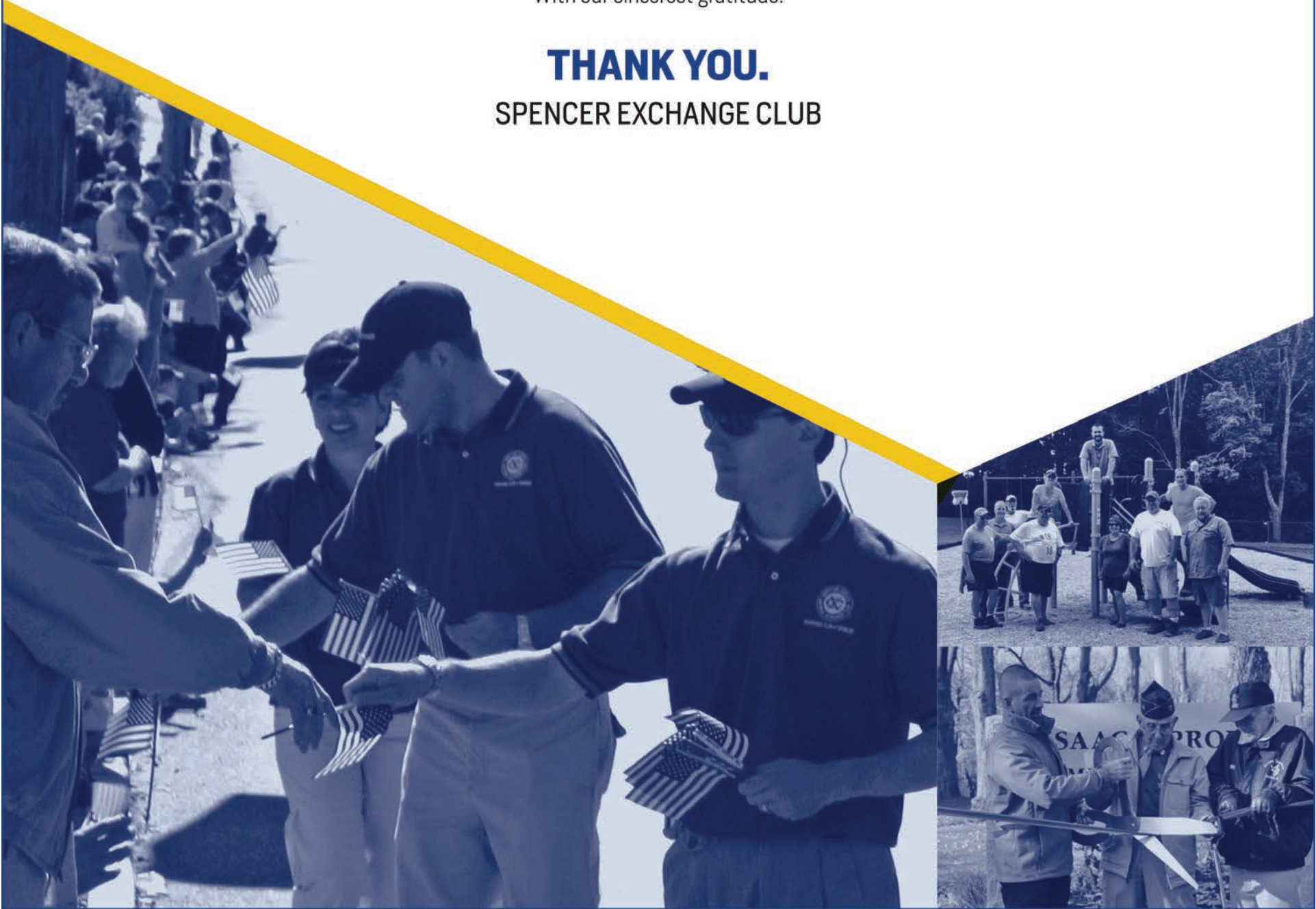
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Celebrate Exchange Club Week

SPENCER — The Exchange Club of Spencer’s 75-year commitment to Spencer and the surrounding communities should be held in high regard among local citizens. Through the years, the club has been more than a civic organization fulfilling certain obligations. It has been a loyal organization addressing community issues and concerns through relentless support of important and essential programs, events and causes.

For example, the Exchange Club has been there to assist citizens during times of need and beautify and restore the place you call home. The club has awarded scholarships, collected winter coats, distributed foods, honored local veterans and funded local youth sports. Members have supported upgrades to the Powder Mill Park playground and renovations to the Isaac L. Prouty Memorial Park honoring our veterans.

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ly recognize David Prouty High School senior honor students with a banquet and award ceremony. Moreover, the club provides a \$2,000 annual scholarship through the DPHS scholarship fund, in addition to presenting the A.C.E. Award annually in recognition of a high school student.

Exchange Club members are always thrilled to give back to their community in numerous ways.

“Community service is helping others and making the world a better place for those who come after us. That’s what the Spencer Exchange Club is all about and what drives our membership to continue that mission,” said club member Pat George. “Members have changed through the years, but the mission has remained the same.”

Added club member Wendy Beauvais, “I am a proud member of this group that does so much for the community. That’s why I joined—to help children, veterans, and our town. Hard work and effort by all is what it’s all about.”

Most recently, current club president Sheena Toscano launched the 18 Under 18 program that began this year. Looking ahead, the program will annually honor community members under the age of 18 who demonstrate exceptional leadership and community service skills.

Additionally, a grant from the Exchange Club recently allowed the Richard Sugden Library to visit kindergartners in Spencer and East Brookfield. Library staff members were joined by author and educator, Wendy O’Leary, to engage classrooms with books focusing on self-care that were given to every participant.

Meanwhile, under the guidance of former Exchange Club member Gary Herl—as well as current members Scott Conner, Arnie Arseneault, and Pat George—the club raised funds, obtained a state grant, and spearheaded the renovation of Prouty Park that was completed in 2016. In the years since, club members annually provide a spring cleanup at the park. Current club member Wendy Beauvais and her committee are doing the same for Powder Mill Park, including the purchase of new playground pieces.

Earlier this year, the club donated \$5,000 for the renovation of the field and concession stand operated by Spencer Little League. This funding was in addition to a \$3,000 donation

The Exchange Club has maintained a strong membership over the years which has been the club’s driving force for success. Caring, motivated and engaged with the community, local citizens and businesspeople, who are the substance of the club’s membership, take countless hours away from hectic schedules for the benefit of the community and its citizens. Today, many civic service organizations are disbanding or have dissolved due to waning membership. However, the Exchange Club of Spencer’s membership has remained at nearly 50 throughout at least the past quarter century.

Organizations like Exchange Clubs are an important and necessary ingredient in every community. They offer concerned citizens an outlet for serving townfolk. They help make programs possible that may otherwise not be. A gap is bridged when selfless individuals help

made by the club to the Little League in 2019.

The Exchange Club also occasionally organizes candidates’ nights to familiarize area residents with those vying for public office. Also, the club provides an annual St. Patrick’s Day corned beef dinner to the residents of Howe Village and Prouty Senior Living.

In addition, club member Donna Flannery organizes the club’s Citizen of the Year award that is presented to Spencer residents who have selflessly contributed to the betterment of the community. Flannery also leads the annual Spencer Toys for Kids Christmas program.

Club members thank longtime and newer members alike, who all combine to make a difference in the community.

“In my 44 years of association with the Spencer Exchange Club, I have always been reminded of the incredible generosity, humanity, capability, and strength of the fabric of this community,” said club member Nelson Ezen.

The Exchange Club usually meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month

meet community demands that may fall by the wayside.

The Spencer Board of Selectmen proclaimed Nov. 29 to Dec. 5 as Spencer Exchange Club Week. This coming week, club members and invited guests will participate in an event commemorating the club’s 75 years of longevity.

Such an organization deserves recognition from citizens for its continued community support. To that end, #GivingTuesday, a Global Day of Giving, is celebrated during Exchange Club week on Tuesday, Nov. 30.

GivingTuesday is a global generosity movement unleashing the power of generosity. It’s a day to offer support to your favorite nonprofit, whether it be the Exchange Club or another favorite charity. Because if history does repeat itself, Spencer will be honored with another 75 years of community service.

(September through June). Subcommittees meet at other times throughout the year.

“Best organization I’ve ever been a part of,” member Donna Flannery said of her time with the Exchange Club. “I’ve loved every minute of my 25 years as a member.”

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PERSON of the WEEK

KATIE GRIFFIN, North Brookfield, MA

This Thanksgiving week comes heartfelt gratitude from a North Brookfield Resident...

I’m writing this email to nominate Katie Griffin of North Brookfield for the Spencer New Leader person of the week. She truly is a selfless person. She volunteers her time and energies all over town. She has done food drives, like this past Easter she was able to have hams and fixings donated to give out to about 50 families, and it’s not just Easter, she has done it for other holidays as well. Katie also got a grant last year to get personal care packages for some elderly and low-income residents in town. She also set up a mail campaign for people to send Birthday cards to the Senior Center for a town resident who was turning 100 in October. She helps with holiday decorations in town. These are just a few of the things that Katie Griffin has done for the town. She is an example the rest of us should follow. She’s part of the heart of North Brookfield.

Thank you, Katie, for your time, dedication and love for your community!

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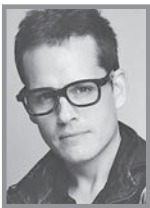
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Why do we celebrate Thanksgiving? In school, they taught us in 1621, the Pilgrims and the indigenous people of North America became friends. They had a big dinner with Jennie-O Turkey, Stove Top stuffing, green bean casserole, corn, sweet potatoes with marshmallows, followed by a generous portion of Marie Callender's pumpkin pie topped with whipped cream...oops, I think I got that wrong... Forgive me if you've heard this story before. I didn't know the details until researching this week's edition. In 1620, one hundred and twenty English and Dutch religious separatists hoped to find religious freedom and new

opportunities by sailing to The New World. Along their way, they fought against freezing temperatures, very high winds, and seas so high they had to turn the ship to face the wind to slow the boat down. Below the deck were cramped quarters, with all of them living in a space the size of a tennis court, only eating hard biscuits, dried meat, and beer which equaled about four hundred calories a day. The pilgrims were treated like cargo and only allowed up top to catch a little fresh air occasionally. At Many points throughout the three-thousand-mile trip, they thought they would die. The voyage lasted sixty-six days, and they arrived in Massachusetts Bay. Upon landfall, they found an abandoned Native American Village of the Patuxet tribe that was wiped out from small-pox spread by earlier contact with Europeans. They decided to make this place their home

since it was already built for human habitation. During their first winter, they lost half of their numbers, including thirty women of childbearing age; only around fifty remained. After the winter passed, a young Native American walked into their village and said, "Welcome!" His name was Samoset, and remarkably he spoke broken English! Samoset knew a Native American named Squanto who spoke English very well. It turns out that Squanto was a Patuxet, spoke perfect English with a British accent. He was kidnapped by Captain Thomas Hunt in 1614 and sold as a slave to the Spanish. He was brought to Spain and eventually to England, where he may have met Pocahontas. Finally, he came back to his homeland, and to his horror, found the Patuxet people were wiped out by smallpox. The pilgrims didn't know how to survive in their new

surroundings. If it had not been for the kindness and generosity of Squanto, who taught the pilgrims how to live off the land, they wouldn't have made it through another winter. Imagine how grateful they were for Squanto; he was an answer to their prayers. Squanto could have easily hated them and had them killed or let them die out of spite for being kidnapped by a British sea captain and sold into slavery, but instead, he had compassion and helped them; what a great man he was. Exactly Four Hundred years ago, in 1621, the colonists and Native Americans celebrated the first Thanksgiving. Because of Squanto, the colonists had a successful harvest; out of gratitude, they invited Squanto and a nearby tribe known as the Wampanoag to celebrate. For three days, Squanto, the Wampanoags, and the colonists ate a feast of deer, birds, corn, and more. The real hero of Thanksgiving

is Squanto, who taught us that when we forgive and help each other survive, racial division can fall away. Even though hardships remain, I'd venture a guess that very few of us have endured what our early ancestors endured on their sail to the new world, what the African American ancestors endured during the era of slavery, what the Native American ancestors went through during the Native American wars with the US Government, and the many hardships all of our ancestors have faced of all races. Even the poorest among us live in abundance when compared to them. This Thanksgiving, I encourage all of us to be thankful for what we have and recognize the Squanto's in our own lives who taught us to live.

Happy Thanksgiving!

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give back to the community. This is a great way we can do that," said Spencer Fire Chief Robert Parsons, who is also a member of the Spencer Firefighters Association. SPD K9 Officer Brandon Fullam has been working hard over the last year to train his four-legged partner Curtis. Police are thrilled by the added protection brought by the new vest, and they extend their thanks to the local donors

who made the purchase possible. "It is always helpful when local groups step up with funding," Chief Darrin said. "Public safety is traditionally plagued with a limited budget – thoughtful donations such as these make all the difference." Meanwhile, Officer Fullam and his partner Curtis continue to sharpen their skills and readiness for all types of situations. They recently attended a pet CPR and first aid certification class at the House of Klein Dog Training Center in Spencer. The class was funded by the Spencer Dog Owners Association.

Photo Courtesy

Members of the Hayden Masonic Lodge and the Spencer Firefighters Association recently joined Spencer Police Chief David Darrin, center, to present their donations.



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improve the town's schooling situation. Last year, voters

rejected a new school proposal, and officials have scrambled to find a solution to aging school buildings and outdated equipment.

Looking ahead, members of the aforementioned working groups will begin the process of studying many aspects of the acquisition. Additionally, the Select Board and Town Administrator's office will work together to create a building maintenance and grounds plan for all newly acquired structures. Recently, special legislation was written by the Governor's office—

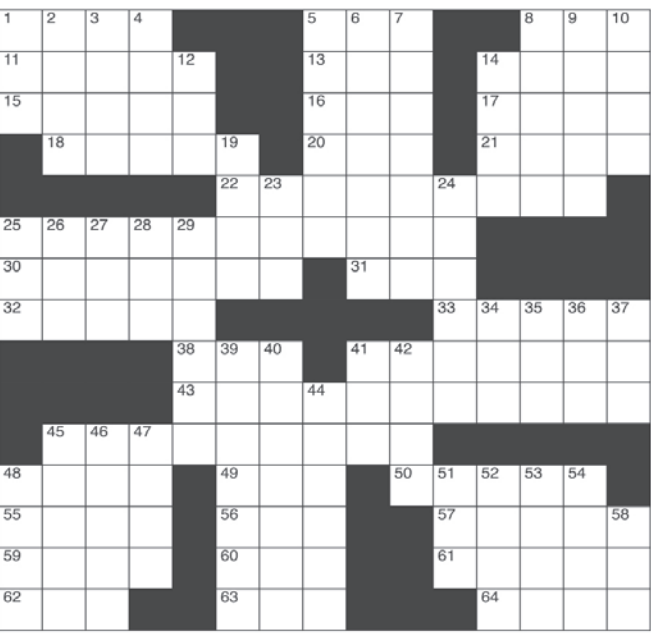
and approved by the House and Senate—which accepts the Town Meeting vote and allows Leicester to proceed with the purchase. This action was necessitated by a slight issue with the original vote, in which a bylaw adopted three years ago requires there to be a pro and con listed in regard to ballot questions. The con was not listed on the ballot question involving the Becker acquisition vote, officials said, but the issue has been rectified and the process is moving forward. If you have questions about the Nov. 30 meeting or the individual working groups, contact the Town Administrator's office at 508-892-7077.

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the 175 competitors. "I'm really happy with the outcome. Definitely place higher and make it to States next year," Bernabei said of next year's expectations. Kline and Foley both took part in the Division 2 races. And, both being first-timers at the event, they had similar and modest goals heading into the meet. "I wanted to make top 50," said Kline. "One of my coaches, he gave me a sheet with all of the times, and they had me in 50th," added Foley, who was hoping to finish higher than

his projected finish. And Kline and Foley both exceeded their expectations. Kline ran the course in 19:38.5, which was good for 23rd place of 186 girls. Foley finished in 16:47.7, taking 37th place out of 189 boys finishers. "I ran a minute faster than last time. My PR was 20:30 and I got 19:30. I was motivated, I guess," said Kline. "I see this as a success. I'm super pleased," added Foley. Both runners noted that they would like to reach States again next year for a second go-round, with Foley adding, "I'm just here figuring it all out. Next time I come back here I'll be ready."



CLUES ACROSS

1. Taxis

5. Mega energy unit (abbr.)

8. Single-strand break

11. Combinations of countries

13. Cutting tool

14. Small bay in Gulf of Maine

15. Actress Lathan

16. Chatter incessantly

17. Energy, style and enthusiasm

18. Simple shoe

20. Woman (French)

21. Abnormal rattling sound

22. Able to change

25. Future butterfly

30. Used in cooking and medicine

31. A street for nightmares

32. French modernist painter
33. Dishonors

38. Integrated data processing

41. Frameworks

43. Apply new materials

45. Where merch is displayed

48. American figure skater Lipinski

49. Cycles per second

50. Oohed and ____

55. Dark olive black

56. Peyton's little brother

57. Plant in the bean family

59. A wife: ____ covert

60. Born of

61. Arranges balls on the pool table

62. Title of Italian monk

63. Tooth caregiver

64. American feminist poet

CLUES DOWN

1. Dan Rather's old network

2. Expression of sorrow or pity

3. ____ fide (Latin)

4. Sign of healing

5. Warm-blooded vertebrate

6. Model

7. Of or relating to plants

8. Plant of the heath family

9. Where to weigh something

10. Internal structure

12. ____ Paulo, city

14. South Slavic person

19. A way to record

23. Have already done

24. As much as one can hold

25. Auburn legend Newton

26. Comedienne Gasteyer

27. Beloved dog Rin Tin ____

28. Midway between east and southeast
29. Call it a career

34. Former CIA

35. American time

36. Confederate general

37. Soviet Socialist Republic

39. Travel downward

40. Made red-blue

41. Vietnamese revolutionary Le Duc

42. Capital of Italy

44. Small bunches of flowers

45. Calvary sword

46. A distinctive, pleasant odor

47. A well-defined track or path

48. Cereal used to make flour

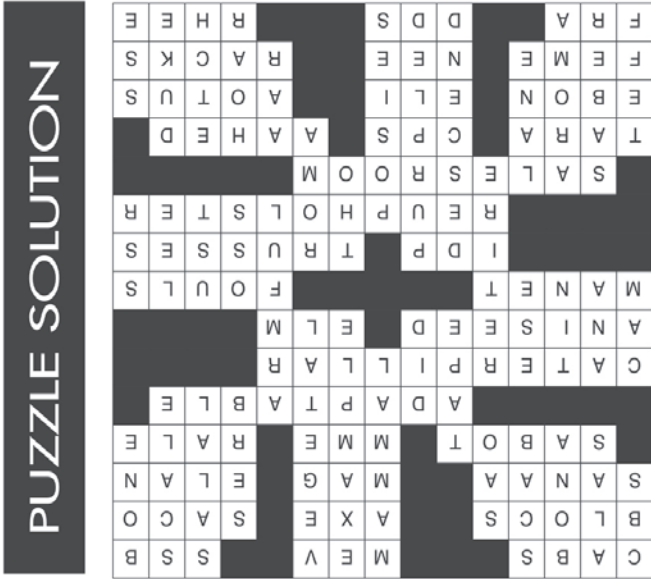
51. Retrospective analysis (abbr.)

52. Grayish white

53. Engrave

54. Famed men's basketball program

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37th annual Quabbin History Calendar now available

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

REGION – Residents always look forward to the opportunity the annual Quabbin History Calendar provides to look back at local history.

With the release of his 37th annual Quabbin History Calendar, local author and historian J.R. Greene is once again featuring multiple scenes from the towns that were flooded to build Quabbin Reservoir.

The 2022 calendar offers several fascinating glimpses into the past. A few featured sites include the Lynus Tourtellott Farm in Greenwich; a view of East Main Street in Coldbrook Springs; a gun club cottage in Dana; a photo from the Prescott 100th anni-

versary celebration; a schoolhouse in Enfield; a home in North Dana seen in the wintertime; and a railroad depot in Enfield from the late 1800s.

For Greene, it has always meant a lot to bring history to life and showcase towns that have long since been buried beneath the waters of Quabbin Reservoir.

“The theme of this calendar is to honor the villages of the former Swift and Ware River valleys—and their way of life,” Greene wrote in his introduction for the calendar. “This calendar is dedicated to the memory of the people who once lived in those places.”

Each year, the calendar includes a new selection of pictorial memories of the lost villages. All four towns were discontinued in the late thirties for

the reservoir project, and thousands of residents were forced to give up their homes.

In total, the Quabbin History Calendar project has presented over 400 photos.

Many of the images in the 2022 calendar were specially chosen because they offer wide views of particular areas.

“To maintain our goal of providing large size reproductions of views from these lost places, we have included views of a school, a depot, summer camp, stores, and two from the centennial of Prescott held in 1922,” Greene added.

Greene thanks Joe Mitko for formatting the photos in this edition of the calendar.

In addition to his work on the calendars, Greene has also authored fourteen

books, two atlases, and a bibliography on the history of Quabbin Reservoir. Several of his books focus on local railroads of the past.

Moreover, Greene recently published a book describing 100 items associated with the life and political career of Calvin Coolidge, the nation’s 30th President.

For information on ordering Greene’s books, write the author at 26 Bearsden Rd., Athol, MA 01331-3402. The author is also seeking to purchase memorabilia from the lost villages of the Ware and Swift River valley, such as photographs, postcards, scrapbooks, and other items.

Greene will host a signing event at Ware Public Library on Dec. 2, from 3:30-5 p.m.

Local real estate professional completes Weichert® Fast Track training

WORCESTER — Weichert, Realtors® - Hope & Associates, located in Worcester, is proud to announce that Philip Gedzia successfully completed the Weichert Real Estate Affiliates, Inc. Fast Track training program. The training helps quickly bring new and existing Weichert® affiliated agents up to speed on the latest information, resources and technology available to real estate professionals to help them effectively list, promote and sell properties and offer legendary service to their clients.

“Our Fast Track program covers everything a real estate professional needs to know to help them start out on the right track towards a successful career in real estate,” said Bill Scavone, president and chief operating officer of Weichert Real Estate Affiliates, Inc. “This program is designed to offer a unique learning experience to get our new associates productive as quickly

as possible.”

Program participants learn best practices to get started in the real estate industry, find sellers, capture a buyer’s attention and list properties to sell quickly. Agents that complete the Weichert Fast Track training also gain the confidence and competitive edge to succeed in real estate.

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About Weichert Real Estate Affiliates, Inc.

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Nativities Around the World program returns to LDS Church

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will once again host its Nativities Around the World program.

The exhibit features nativities from many countries, cultures, styles, materials, and dimensions. This year’s program will take place on Friday, Dec. 3, and Saturday, Dec. 4.

The Dec. 3 program will take place from 5:30-9 p.m. The Dec. 4 event is set for 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Church officials and members of the congregation are looking forward to the program. Featuring members from throughout the area, the congregation has enjoyed strong attendance at this program in the past.

“All are warmly welcomed. Our congregation stretches from Southbridge to Barre, from Ware to Leicester, from the Brookfields to Hardwick, and Sturbridge

to Warren. The attendees typically come from an even wider geographic area,” said Linda Carpenter, a member of the church’s communications team.

The Nativities Around the World program is expected to feature at least 300-400 nativities. Past years have seen impressive figures, although last year’s event was forced to be canceled due to COVID-19.

Church leaders are looking forward to another strong year for the program in 2021.

“In 2019, we had 460-plus nativities all displayed in Christmas settings,” Carpenter added.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is located at 108 New Braintree Road in North Brookfield.

If you have questions about the program or other upcoming church events, call 508-246-5887.

Attention Spencer Residents

Please Do NOT block Town Roads or Sidewalks



As the leaf raking season is upon us, this is a reminder to all Spencer residents that leaves can NOT be raked into the streets, sidewalks or gutters. Leaf piles in the sidewalks, streets and gutters create drainage and maintenance issues and can also create a safety hazard.

For residents with transfer station stickers, the Transfer Station provides a compost area where leaves, grass clippings and the like can be dropped off.

Please Do Not Park on Sidewalks or Curbs

Parking on sidewalks and curbs has always been prohibited. Parking on sidewalks and curbs will damage and rut them over time. In addition, parking this way prevents the intended access for pedestrians and handicap individuals and is a violation of MAAB/ADA code.



Stormwater Management

You may not be aware, but the Town of Spencer allocates a significant amount of money toward our State and Federal MS4 Stormwater Permits. Our permit requires that we sample stormwater at various locations throughout the Town and if we find pollutants, we need to find the source of those pollutants, and eliminate them.



As such we wanted to remind you that your help in performing the following activities helps the Town of Spencer with our Regulatory Reporting requirements: minimize application of lawn fertilizers, performing vehicle maintenance at appropriate locations away from storm drains, pick up pet waste, maintain a proper and functioning septic disposal system, be aware of what goes down your storm sewer drains.



Please Do NOT Place Snow on Streets or Sidewalks

As the snow season is upon us, this is a reminder to all residents that snow cannot be moved or placed onto public ways, public lands, streets, sidewalks or gutters. Snow piles in the sidewalks and streets create drainage and maintenance issues but also create a safety hazard.

Clearing Snow From Vehicles Within 24 Hours

Recently, the Town of Spencer adopted a General Bylaw (Article 6, Section 5) which requires that vehicles parked on a public way or a municipal lot must be cleared of snow within 24 hours of the end of a snow event. Failure to do so may result in vehicle removal and storage at the Owners expense.

Lastly, we would like to thank you for your attention and cooperation to these requirements established by the residents of the Town of Spencer. While these items may appear inconvenient, they are intended to provide a better community for the residents of Spencer.



DOWNTOWN Sidewalk Snow Removal Bylaw (Art. 6, Sec. 5)

Please be aware that General Town Bylaws require downtown property owners to remove snow and ice from sidewalks as follows: “Property owners and/or occupants to remove snow and ice from sidewalks in the Central Business District described as follows: both sides of Main St. including all parcels located or addressed from 96 Main St. to 176 Main St. and 95 Main St. to 159 Main St. within 24 hours of the end of a storm and to place such snow or ice in the gutter of the street adjacent to the property.” See image below to identify the area of Spencer that this Bylaw applies.

Questions?
Contact the Spencer
Utilities & Facilities Dept.
T: 508-885-7525

Figure 1: Downtown Sidewalk Snow Removal Area (Article 5, Section 6).



LEGALS

**North Brookfield
Zoning Board of Appeals**
The North Brookfield Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing & meeting on Tuesday Nov 30, 2021 at 6:30pm in the North Brookfield Police Department Training Room, 55 School St on the application of Michael and Janie Cook 7 Point Road for variance to Zoning Bylaw, section V, Table 1: construct attached garage with entryway porch within front setbacks. A copy of the application is available at the Town Clerk's Office at 215 North Main St. Respectfully,
Kimberly Bent
ZBA Clerk
November 19, 2021
November 26, 2021

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court**
**225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200**
**Docket No. WO21P3755EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION**
Estate of:
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Date of Death: 10/07/2021

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Erica L Bergeron of North Brookfield MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that **Erica L Bergeron of North Brookfield MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/14/2021**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a time-

ly written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 15, 2021
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
November 26, 2021

**LEGAL NOTICE
MORTGAGEE'S SALE
OF REAL ESTATE**
By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Stephen Natale to Fairfield Financial Mortgage Group, Inc., dated January 27, 2003 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 28835, Page 134 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing is the present holder by Assignment from Fairfield Financial Mortgage Group, Inc., its successors and assigns to Mortgage Electronic Registration System, Inc its successors and assigns dated January 27, 2003 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 29419, Page 183, and Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc its successors and assigns to GMAC Mortgage LLC dated March 24, 2009 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 44032, Page 2, and Assignment from RESCAP Liquidating Trust, as Successor in Interest to GMAC Mortgage LLC to Ditech Financial LLC dated December 12, 2017 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 58177, Page 9, and Assignment from Ditech Financial LLC to New Residential Mortgage, LLC

dated January 17, 2020 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 61764, Page 28, and Assignment from New Residential Mortgage, LLC to NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing dated October 28, 2020 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 63653, Page 382, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 106 Haywood Drive, East Brookfield, MA 01515 will be sold at a Public Auction at 2:00 PM on December 22, 2021, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:
The land with the buildings thereon in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, County of Worcester, Town of East Brookfield, shown as Lot #10 on a plan entitled "Bay Pathe Estates" by John C. Miller, dated February 1979 revised August 1989 and recorded at the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 469, Plan 55 and bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at the most northwesterly corner of the premises herein to be described; THENCE S. 77 degrees 43' 25" E., a distance of 180.00 feet to a point; THENCE S. 12 degrees 16' 35" W., a distance of 125.00 feet to a point; THENCE N. 77 degrees 43' 25" W., a distance of 180.00 feet to a point; THENCE N. 12 degrees 16' 35" E., a distance of 125.00 feet to the point of beginning. Lot #10 contains 22,500 square feet more or less. Subject to a Declaration of Restrictive Covenants dated March 16, 1988 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds Book 11193, Page 254. Being the same premises conveyed to the herein named mortgagor (s) by deed recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds herewith. INSTR. 21417
For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 28835, Page 132.
The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled

to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.
Terms of the Sale: Cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication. Other terms to be announced at the sale.
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Lowell, MA 01851
(978) 256-1500
Natale, Stephen, 18-032165
November 26, 2021
December 3, 2021
December 10, 2021

**TOWN OF WEST BROOKFIELD
LEGAL NOTICE**
In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 138, Section 15, a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 6:30 PM in the Lower-Level Meeting Room, 2 East Main Street, West Brookfield, MA on the application for a Change of Manager at Country Corner Citgo, Inc, d/b/a Country Corner from Peter J. Mckearney, 118 West Main Street, West Brookfield, MA 01585 to Timothy S. Reeves, 118 West Main Street, West Brookfield, MA 01585. The property is also known as Parcel ID#, Map 37, Lot 41.
The public is invited to attend with any comments or concerns.
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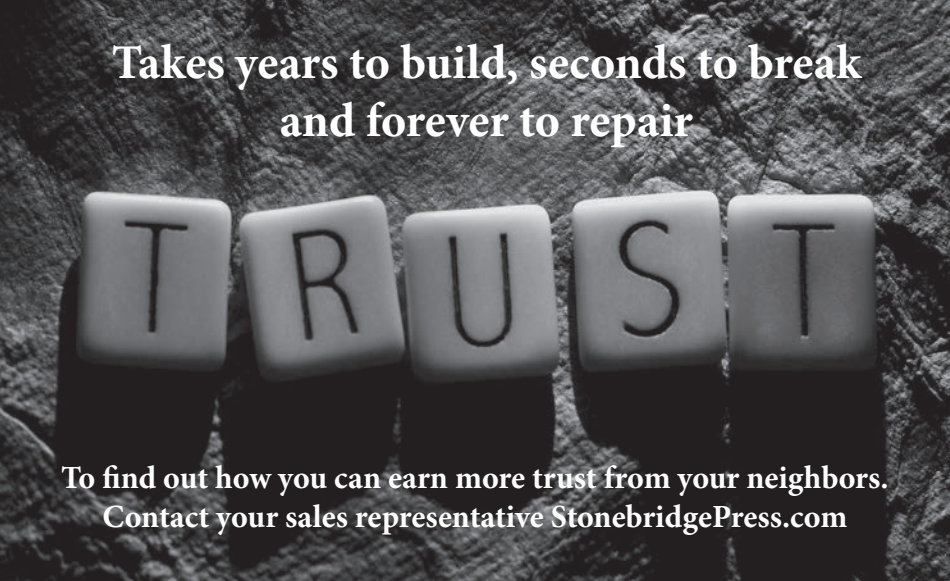
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EDITORIAL

Thanksgiving
through the
years

From 1621 to the present, Thanksgiving has always been about celebrating an abundant fall harvest. The holiday's roots date back to the Plymouth colonists and the Wampanoag Native Americans who shared the first Thanksgiving meal together.

The celebratory feast was held by individual colonies up until 1789 off and on with a proclamation from President George Washington. President Thomas Jefferson chose not to observe Thanksgiving, and it wasn't until Abraham Lincoln's Presidency in 1863 that it became a federal holiday.

Many of the food items on our Thanksgiving menu are not what was served during the first few traditional Thanksgivings. For one, turkey was not served.

There aren't many documents from that time regarding that first Thanksgiving, however one note did describe wildfowl (duck or geese) cod, bass, deer, bread, corn and porridge being served. The birds were described as being stuffed with onions and nuts. Seafood such as mussels and lobster was also served. For vegetables, squash, beans, corn, cabbage, carrots and peas were on the table.

Not on the table was mashed potatoes and gravy (gasp) and there was no cranberry sauce or pies.

"I am grateful for what I am and have. My thanksgiving is perpetual. It is surprising how contented one can be with nothing definite - only a sense of existence. Well, anything for variety. I am ready to try this for the next ten thousand years, and exhaust it. How sweet to think of my extremities well charred, and my intellectual part too, so that there is no danger of worm or rot for a long while. My breath is sweet to me. O how I laugh when I think of my vague indefinite riches. No run on my bank can drain it, for my wealth is not possession but enjoyment," wrote Henry David Thoreau in 1856.

A hero's stand

To the Editor:
I grew up during the '60's. I remember the Summer of Love. My mother, who had seven children, went to the march in Washington. It was a peaceful protest of the war. She and others put flowers on the windshields of cars. People of all races sang songs and danced in the park.

The summer of 2020 was not the Summer of Love. The so called "peaceful protest" by Antifa and BLM created the summer of hate. These were groups were just the storm troopers of the progressive socialist Democrats. They were transported and armed by the socialists. We saw the rental trucks filled with bricks, bats, and body armor. Their only purpose was to create chaos and havoc on innocent civilians. The socialists wanted them to intimidate voters. Their message was, you had better not vote for Trump or else. The Democratic mayors and governors in these cities were all too willing to sacrifice their citizens to get the political message out. They told the police to stand down, and refused to send in the national guard. The socialist controlled media lied to our faces when we saw the city burning and called it a peaceful protest.

A mother and young son see this, and feel they need to help. Like young soldiers that joined up to fight the fascist in WWII or Commies in Korea, a mother sends her young son in to help the embattled citizens. He, with other American patriots looking to protect and save the city, are on guard in a defensive position. The angry armed mob comes at them, yelling

VIEWPOINT
OPINION AND COMMENTARY FROM SPENCER, LEICESTER AND THE BROOKFIELDS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Recognizing false claims

To the Editor:
Doesn't anyone question it when they are told we're going to spend trillions of dollars and it won't cost a dime? And don't worry, it won't add anything to the deficit. Isn't that an obvious lie? They may as well be telling us that 2 + 2 = 5. I'm always astounded when people accept such obvious lies as the truth. If you spend trillions, it will cost trillions. If it doesn't raise the deficit, you have to raise the trillions via taxes or fees; there's no other way. Then it's don't worry, we'll only tax corporations, businesses, and the wealthy. Where do you think they get their money? Think! The average person in the general public pays all the bills; there's nowhere else for it to come from. This is the Wizard of OZ on steroids, and nearly every Democrat in Washington is promoting this foolishness.

Another obvious lie is, for the past 50 or 60 years, we have been told if we

don't act immediately to stop using fossil fuels, there will be catastrophic changes to the world within the next 10 years. Open your eyes; no such thing has happened in the past 50 years. Doesn't that make you question the validity of that continuing prediction? If you look into it, you'll find the truth about greenhouse gasses. Try www.geocraft.com/WVFossils/greenhouse_data.html. Now, because we are foolishly following this effort to eliminate fossil fuels we are driving the cost of energy and everything dependent on it thru the roof. What is even more maddening is it's intentional. The proponents of the Green New Deal want high energy prices in order to make electric energy seem competitive. Every chance you get vote these fools out of office!. Just use your head and think for yourself.

LEONARD IVEL
LEICESTER

Misinformation vs. disinformation

To the Editor:
I particularly enjoyed perusing the entire Viewpoint pages of [last] week's Spencer New Leader.

The Don't be a source of misinformation, and Toby Moore's Judgement articles, both caught my attention. It is a shame that Mark Robillard did not get the opportunity to read them before composing his letter.

How many more times must we spend heavily to prove that trickle down economics does not work?

Included in the jumble on climate, energy and fossil fuels, we find references to pipelines and drilling/exploration, that have never yet provided their first gallon to the market. Gasoline has not yet returned to the pump prices of the Bush #43 years, and everyone who does not have complete tunnel vision, realizes that filling you 12 mpg pickup with \$2 a gal gas, to go out for bread and milk is not very climate friendly.

I sympathize with people whose heat is oil dependent, and advocate for tax breaks for those who are seeking economies and alternative heating options. For myself, I drive the 40 mpg Hyundai, when I don't need the 18 mpg Chrysler van, insulate and conserve as much as possible, because climate change is real, no matter how many deniers there are. In the long run, using less fossil fuel, is one important step we must take.

No one cares about your thoughts on how the transportation secretary looks, as it is not germane to rational conversation. While I don't have a view on John Kerry's dealings with China, I would point out that we are

responsible for 16 percent of hydrocarbon emissions, but only 4 percent of population, making us top gross polluter. If the issue is to be addressed, we must lead. Am I correct in assuming that we sell coal to China?

You have said China has factories paid for by US taxpayers. That gives the impression, that our tax dollars built them, when, in fact, you and I probably did. Do you own a cellphone, TV, any car built after 2000, any appliance that utilizes computer chips. If you answered yes to any of these, you built the factories. When my LG washer needed its drain pump replaced, I had the option to buy one from China thru Amazon. Instead, I ordered the original equipment replacement part, from South Korea.

This infrastructure bill, is long overdue, and unlike Trumps roads and bridges plan, includes things like removing lead pipes from schools, and other water system repairs, nationwide 5G access, and other necessary upgrades for modern life

If anything should incite an interest in taking to the streets to protest, be very careful, as gun rights and vigilantes are currently in vogue.

Give thanks that we the people are finally getting some bang for our buck. If spending with little oversight, is something that alarms you, maybe the never audited defense budget, now that we are no longer in deployment and increasing by 30 percent, would be worth a look.

KEN KIMBALL
BROOKFIELD

here in Spencer that would do the same if these thugs were destroying our town.

We see, with the lies and persecution being pushed upon heroes like him, why people are hesitant to stand up to these mobs and criminals. We saw a few weeks ago a woman raped in public on a train in Philadelphia with no bystanders offering help. Now we see the reason why. The assailant was a colored illegal immigrant. If you step in and help, you in turn will be attacked by the socialist progressive woke mob. The liberal biased news will turn you into a racist hater. The rapist will become the victim because it helps the Dem politicians in their war on America. It's time for all Americans to reject the socialist progressive war on a safe America. Fight the defund the police and fight against the CRT in schools. Do you see any of our Massachusetts politicians defending this young man? Of course not! They have made a political calculation. To retain their power in the Democratic party they must side with the progressive socialist. You see their editorials in this paper that some openly despise of our country and our traditions. Vote out the Liz Warrens, the Tim McGovern's, and the Markeys. Take "The Stand" and vote in the ones that will right this ship. Now more than ever we Donald Trump and those that support the America we all want to live in.

MARK ROBILLARD
SPENCER

Maximize your
charitable
giving

The Tuesday after Thanksgiving has become known as Giving Tuesday, when people are encouraged to donate to charitable organizations. If you'd like to take part in this special day, you'll want to maximize the effectiveness and benefits of your charitable gifts.



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So, consider these questions:

Is the charity reputable? Does it use its resources wisely? Most charitable organizations are honest and dedicated to helping their specific causes. But sometimes there are a few "bad apples" in the bunch. These groups aren't necessarily fraudulent (though some are), but they may spend an inordinate amount of their

donations on administrative expenses, rather than directing this money to where it's most needed. Fortunately, you don't have to guess about the trustworthiness or the efficiency of a particular group, because you can check on it. To make sure that a charity is an actual charity - one that is tax-exempt and listed as a 501(c)(3) organization - you can go to www.irs.gov, the website of the Internal Revenue Service, and hit the "Charities & Nonprofits" link. An organization called Charity Navigator (www.charitynavigator.org) tracks charitable groups' financial health and accountability, including how much is spent on administrative and fundraising costs. Generally speaking, a charitable group that dedicates more than about 30 to 35 percent of its total costs to administration and fundraising expenses might be considered somewhat inefficient, though you'd want to evaluate each charity individually, since extenuating circumstances can occur. Keep in mind, though, that smaller charities may not have the same resources as a national organization to provide the reporting necessary for Charity Navigator.

Will my employer match my contribution? You can make your charitable gift go a lot further if your employer matches it. Typically, companies match donations at a 1:1 ratio, but some will match at 2:1 or even higher. Check with your human resources department about your company's policy on charitable matches.

Are my charitable gifts tax deductible? A few years ago, Congress significantly raised the standard deduction, which, for the 2021 tax year, is now \$12,550 for single taxpayers, \$25,100 for joint filers and \$18,800 for heads of household. As a result of this increase, many people no longer itemize and thus have less financial incentive to make charitable contributions. If you still do itemize and you're thinking of making charitable gifts, you generally have a choice between giving cash and another asset such as stocks. Each type of gift could earn you a tax deduction, but a gift of appreciated stocks could be more beneficial because you may also be avoiding the capital gains tax you might incur if you eventually sold the stocks. You should consult with your tax advisor and the charity (not all accept investments) before making the cash-versus-stock decision. Even if you don't itemize, you could still get a tax benefit from making a charitable contribution. That's because Congress has extended part of the COVID-19-related legislation that allows taxpayers to claim charitable deductions of \$300 (for single filers) or \$600 (for married couples) if they claim the standard deduction. The charitable donations must be made in cash, not stocks. Giving Tuesday comes just once a year, but your gifts can have lasting benefits. So, be as generous as you can afford - and enjoy the good feelings that follow.

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Covid in the deer population



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Shotgun deer hunting will start on Nov. 29 this year in Massachusetts, and the harvest should be very good, if the weather cooperates. Archers have already harvested a good number of big bucks, but there are still plenty of them out there. The rut continues to have bucks chasing does, providing hunters with some exciting moments in the woods.

Recent news on the Covid virus in deer populations by a Pennsylvania state study has caused a lot of concern among hunters. Are they safe to eat? The reports that I have read state that they “should “ be safe to eat. Evidently, they are not positive. Reports of 60 percent of the Massachusetts deer population have the Covid virus, which is a bit scary.

Practicing good hygiene is highly recommended in most reports, when cleaning or cutting up the deer for human consumption. Wearing of gloves and mask when field dressing or cutting up deer should be practiced. Breathing in of gasses from a freshly killed deer when field dressing them, should be avoided as much as possible. Being aware of tick bites from deer are also a concern among the hunting public. Hunting could be dangerous to your health!

What is next? Can our beef and pork be infected? Becoming a vegetarian is sounding better every day, if you want to stay alive a bit longer. If deer can become infected, I am sure that cows and pigs can also. This Covid virus sure



Paul Newman with his Rhode Island state record Tautog.

Photos Courtesy



This week's second picture shows a huge buck harvested in Mass. a few years ago. It was on display at the Big -E Sportsmen's show in Springfield! Hopefully, the sportsmen's shows will open this year!

has changed the way we live and die, and is a bit scary. The real truth about the effects of the covid pandemic on humans and animals, is in the trial stages and we will not know the truth about the results of scientific studies until it is out of control. I hope I am wrong!

Back in the day (1949), this writer enjoyed taking short trips with my Uncle, the late Paul Hale, Sr. to the deer park in Whitinsville. I was only nine or ten years old when he would take my brother Mel and I to watch the deer at the park. The deer had huge antlers, but were somewhat smaller than the whitetail deer we have today. The property was owned by the former Whitin Machine Works and was part of the

Whitinsville Water Co. The fenced in area included a hundred acres or more, for the deer to roam in. It was not long after that the deer were killed and sent to a processing facility.

The recent loss of a fellow sports writer for the Telegram & Gazette, Mark Blazis, this past week was a shock to his readers friends and family. His columns that were published twice a week in the Gazette were read by thousands of outdoors men and women, along with much of the general public. He lived life to the fullest traveling to numerous parts of the world to hunt and fish, and study wildlife. Mark was only 74 years old. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Mark's family and friends.

Hope everyone is enjoying Thanksgiving with friends and family! We sure have a lot to be thankful for, after the terrible pandemic we endured over the last 12 months. Hopefully, everyone has had their shots, and are ready for a somewhat normal living in 2022. Buying Christmas gifts for that special man or woman? Gift Certificates are the way to go. They can go shopping for what they really want, and it will go a lot further as everything will be on sale!

Wishing everyone a happy, healthy holiday season.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

Gift spring blooms for the holiday



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Give the gift of spring this winter to gardeners and non-gardeners alike. A pot of tulips, daffodils or other spring flowering bulbs is sure to brighten a dreary winter day and elevate the recipient's mood.

Spring flowering bulbs need 12 to 15 weeks of temperatures between 35 and 45 degrees to initiate flowering. This happens naturally in areas with cold winters. Bulbs are planted in the fall, receive the chill they need, and add welcome color to the spring garden.

Those in warmer climates, typically zones 8, 9 and 10, need a different approach. In those areas, low chill bulbs that don't need as long a cold period or pre-cooled bulbs are grown. The pre-cooled bulbs also sold as pre-chilled, have received the needed cold period and can be grown like annuals.

No matter where you garden, spring flowering bulbs can be chilled in a

spare refrigerator. Keep bulbs away from apples and pears. These fruits give off ethylene gas, a natural hormone that does not harm people, but can hasten ripening and interfere with flowering when bulbs are stored in the same refrigerator compartment. Check the pots occasionally and water when needed to keep the soil slightly moist, but not soggy wet.

Some friends and family may appreciate a DIY bulb forcing kit as their gift. Spring flowering bulbs, potting mix, and a container with drainage holes are all that is needed. Provide directions for assembly, suggestions for providing the cold treatment if needed and proper care.

Others may prefer a gift that requires minimal care like Gardener's Supply Company's Months of Bloom. Order once and these pre-planted bulb gardens are delivered to the recipient monthly for 3, 6 or 12 months. Just water when the potting mix starts to dry and enjoy watching the spring flowering bulbs sprout, grow and flower.

Keep spring flowering bulb gardens in a cool, bright location to extend their bloom time. Once the plants are done blooming, you can add them to the compost pile.

For those that prefer to enjoy them a second season and beyond, provide

some post-flowering care. Remove the faded flowers and move the container to a sunny window. Keep watering thoroughly whenever the top few inches of soil begin to dry. Pour off any excess water that collects in the saucer to prevent root rot and apply a dilute solution of any flowering houseplant fertilizer.

Once the leaves turn yellow and die or the soil in the garden warms and the danger of frost has passed, you can move them into the garden. Tulips and hyacinths perform best in sunny areas with well-drained soils. These two bulbs tend to flourish for a year or two and then produce few or no flowers. Keep that in mind as you plan for the future.

Daffodils and grape hyacinths will grow in sun or shade and a variety of soil types. These tend to be long lived as they grow and spread over time.

It may be two years before you have flowers but it's a great way to extend the enjoyment of a holiday gift.



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Give a gift of Months of Bloom, pre-planted bulbs to brighten up the recipient's home during the winter months or all year long.

editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and was commissioned by Gardener's Supply for her expertise to write this article. Her Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

Melinda Myers is the author of more than 20 gardening books, including *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything"* DVD series and the *Melinda's Garden Moment* TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing

A Grab Bag of Hints



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KAREN
TRAINOR

Sometimes it's fun to share a potpourri of tips and tricks that didn't fit into a themed hint column. With that in mind, this week's column will feature a grab bag of (mostly unrelated) ideas that are sure to make your life a little easier!

Baking Hint: Buy a new (organic or chemical free) powder puff to keep in your flour container. It's perfect for dusting cake pans before you pour in batter!

If a recipe calls for clarified broth, simply pour regular broth through a coffee filter to clarify it quickly and easily!

And here's the easiest way to degrease cooled meat soups and stews. Just put a sheet of waxed paper directly on top of the liquid before refrigerating.

Want to reduce your cholesterol? Try topping soups and stews with ground flaxseed to reduce heart attack risk. In a study, forty grams of ground flaxseed every day for three months reduced cholesterol by six percent.

Fighting cholesterol? Try this tip too: Scottish studies showed that over a three week period, a daily snack of two carrots lowered cholesterol levels by 10 to 20 percent! Research reveals a cup and a half of dried lentils or kidney beans a day, has lowered total cholesterol

levels by up to 19 percent!

This Thanksgiving want to avoid that after dinner-have-to-nap syndrome? Try these tips: In the morning, eat small, light foods and avoid junk food. Eat your Thanksgiving dinner slowly and stop when you're full. Don't binge on carbs, drink plenty of water with your meal, and finally, take an outside walk to digest your feast.

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Once Thanksgiving's over you'll likely be left with heap of leftovers! Did you know for safety's sake your leftover turkey should be refrigerated or frozen within two hours after roasting? Wrap the turkey as airtight as possible in aluminum foil and refrigerate. Store the meat in zipper bags in one- or two-cup portions for easier thawing and use. For the best quality and flavor, freeze for no more than two months.

Here's a quick energy saving tip! Sometimes it's the little things that add up to save energy dollars! Simply cleaning your dryer lint screen with every use and avoiding overloading the dryer can save you up to five percent on your electricity bill!

Non Stick Green Tip: Here's a green way to make your pots non-stick! Pour white vinegar into a pan the desired level. Boil at medium heat for about five minutes. Allow to cool and you're done! You can even reuse the vinegar to treat other pans! This non stick treatment lasts at least a couple of months!

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Think you've heard all the uses vinegar? Try these! Got a sore throat? Put

two teaspoons of white vinegar in your humidifier for overnight relief. And dry up that cold sore fast by dabbing it with white vinegar three times a day!

Cast offs can find new life in the workshop - here's how! Rescue a child's old foam bogey board for use in the workshop. The firm, yet cushiony surface

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FACT:

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CELEBRATE THIS HOLIDAY
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A GREAT MIRACLE.

ANSWER: CHANUKAH

Crossword Puzzle

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THIS DAY IN...

HISTORY

• 1558: QUEEN ELIZABETH I ASCENDS TO THE THRONE AFTER THE DEATH OF HER HALF-SISTER, QUEEN MARY.

• 1869: THE SUEZ CANAL OPENS IN EGYPT.

• 2003: ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER IS SWORN IN AS GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA.

ACROSS

1. Wax and wicks

4. Where news is written and edited

5. Part of a boat upon which the hull is built

6. Singular

7. Feeling content

DOWN

1. Jewish holiday

2. Nickname for “Lawrence”

3. Place of worship

Answers:

1. Chanukah 4. Newsroom 5. Keel 6. One

7. Happy

1. Candles 2. Larry 3. Temple

Down

New word

LATKE

a potato pancake in Jewish cuisine

How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Miracle

SPANISH: Milagro

ITALIAN: Miracolo

FRENCH: Miracle

GERMAN: Wunder

Did you know?

CHANUKAH IS AN EIGHT-DAY CELEBRATION THAT HONORS THE MIRACLE OF ONE NIGHT’S WORTH OF OIL LIGHTING THE MENORAH FOR A TOTAL OF EIGHT DAYS.

Happy Chanukah

GET THE PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: MENORAH

CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to novel writing. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 25 = E)

A. 1 11 17 25 21

Clue: Type of book

B. 5 4 24 12 25

Clue: Put words on page

C. 9 23 12 2 11 4

Clue: Writer of something

D. 22 23 6 21 24 10 2

Clue: Release a written work

Answers: A. novel B. write C. author D. publish

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Fun By The Numbers

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OBITUARIES

Tim Morin, 66

Tim Morin, 66, of N. Brookfield passed away at home on November 6th from mantle cell lymphoma.



He leaves his wife of 44 years, Anne, two daughters, Sara Levia and her husband Del of Maryland and Caroline Morin of Warren, and four grandchildren, Nathaniel, Patrick, and Owen Levia and Lauren Gassnola. He also leaves his siblings, Kathy Mundell of W Virginia, Paul

and Ray Morin both of N Brookfield, William Morin of Holden and Maryellen Crevier also of N Brookfield.

Tim was a loving, fun husband and father. He will be greatly missed. He enjoyed family gatherings, good food, travel, hot rods, shooting sports and loved life in general. He will be greatly missed.

There will be a funeral mass December 11th at 9am at St John the Baptist in E Brookfield. Donations may be made to the N Brookfield Rescue Squad, Springfield Rescue Mission or St. Judes.

Richard S. Hackett, 86

Richard S. Hackett, 86, passed away unexpectedly at home on November 16, 2021. He was the beloved husband of the late Ann M. (McNeaney) Hackett for 67 years. He was the loving father of Lee A. Ferris and her husband Peter of Dennis, Karen E. Hackett of Spencer, and John L. Hackett of Beverly. He leaves behind five granddaughters, Kaitlyn A. (Ferris) Brickhouse and her husband Michael of Chicago, IL, Elizabeth T. Hackett of Beverly, Lauren A. Ferris and her wife Kristin of Halethorpe, MD, Sara J. Hackett and her fiancée Nick Guido of Salem, and Margaret G. Hackett of Wenham. He was a devoted "B-Bampa" to his great grandson Beckham J. Cregg.

Richard was the son of the late Charles L. and Evelyn C. (Case) Hackett. He is survived by his siblings, Charles Hackett Jr. and his wife Claire of Spencer, Carol Lulu of Sutton, Dorothy Gosselin of Spencer, and Robert Hackett of Auburn. He was predeceased by his brother, William Hackett. He also leaves behind many nieces and nephews.

Richard was a proud graduate from St. John's High School, Temple Street. He spent most of his work years at Johnson Steel and Wire in a variety of positions, culminating in production management. After retiring from Johnson Steel, Richard worked

part-time for the Massachusetts State Lottery, Ferris Casket Company, and Ragsdale Chevrolet.

He and his wife enjoyed playing bingo and visiting different casinos across the country. They also enjoyed traveling on extended family vacations to Disney, the Caribbean, Bermuda, and the Dominican Republic.

Relatives and friends were invited to visit with Richard's family on Monday, November 22, 2021 from 4pm to 7pm at the Chiampa Funeral Home, 5 Church Road, Shrewsbury, MA 01545. In keeping with the Covid-19 guidelines, all attendees are kindly asked to wear face coverings and practice social distancing while at the funeral home. A Mass of Christian Burial was held Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at 10am at Mary, Queen of the Rosary Parish in Spencer. Internment will follow at Mary, Queen of the Rosary Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Richard's memory may be made to either St. John's Food for the Poor, 20 Temple Street, Worcester, MA 01604, www.stjohnsfoodforthepeople.org, or Mary, Queen of the Rosary Church, 46 Maple Street, Spencer, MA 01562, www.maryqueenoftherosary.org. To share a memory of Richard, please visit www.eatonfuneralhomes.com.

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LEICESTER MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

LEICESTER — Leicester Middle School has released its honor roll for the first quarter of the 2021-2022 school year.

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Grade 6: Brady Bouchard, Isabella Cortes Florez, Haylee Kularski, William Loosemore, Julianna McCormick, Trinity Medeiros, Charlotte Mercer, Max Milionis, Desmond Strom, Ryan Sweeney

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Grade 8: Tomas Acero, Abigail Baker, Eryn Berkstresser, Collin Connor, Makenzie Cortes, Julia Dee,

Owen Fadden, Jasmine Fuller, Jason Fuller, Shane Garrahie, Arianna Gonzalez, Michael Hagglund, Rowen Hennessy, Casey Knott, Isabella LePoer,

Savannah Lumb, Hannah Martin, Carlee McShera, Christopher Moffat, Paul Osborn, Ava Pelletier, Nola Perry, Rhaegan Perry, Maxavier Rust, Jack Skoglund, Luke Soden, Justin Trainor, Nicole Tuson

NORTH BROOKFIELD HONOR ROLL

NORTH BROOKFIELD — North Brookfield Junior Senior High School has released its honor roll for the first quarter of the 2021-2022 school year.

Honors

Grade 7: Milcalia Ayala, Jenna Cianci, Kali Coburn, Kendra Coburn, Lilyanna MacNeil, Whitney Reno, Zachary Thibeault, Bryce Vantour
Grade 8: Christopher Baum, Alexis Caouette, Tayte Drake, Cooper

Mann, Jemima Noel, Emerson Norton-Morey, Gabrielle Riendeau, Mari Williams
Grade 9: Asher Beaupre, Dayton Ford, Idalis Mercado, Nathan Reilly, Claudia White
Grade 10: Olivia Giangrande, Jacob Lamy, Laura Orne, Jacob Standrowicz, Lola Sukharev
Grade 11: Matthew Adams, Aiden Brunelle
Grade 12: Kelly Daige, Maria Kapoukranidis, Riley McGarry, Rebecca

Miner, Geneeva Rivera, Emma Sey

High Honors

Grade 7: Kayleigh McPartland, Quinn Reilly
Grade 8: Dominic Boyd, Joseph Daige, Kadin Dufault, Sophia Giangrande, Samuel Kittredge, George Macpherson, Nathaniel Stonehouse
Grade 12: Jenna Dupell, Abigail Hildick, Sarah LaMontagne, Eve Tonks

FCC West Brookfield announces Advent services

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WEST BROOKFIELD – The First Congregational Church of West Brookfield, UCC, invites residents to attend its midweek Advent worship services next month.

The following services will be held at the church: Wednesday, Dec. 1 at 6:30 p.m. (World AIDS Day Service); Wednesday, Dec. 8 at 6:30 p.m. (Blue Christmas Candlelight Service); Wednesday, Dec. 15 at 6:30 p.m. (Joy Sharing Service).

To learn more about these services, please call Rev. Dr. Ann M. Rogers Brigham at 508-867-7078. You may also send an email to firstconglwestbrookfield@gmail.com.

The church welcomes all people to its services. The Sunday Worship service is held at 10 a.m. every Sunday.

Also, residents are invited to attend the church's annual Christmas Eve Service of Readings, Carols, and Candlelight on Friday, Dec. 24, at 7 p.m.

The church is located at 36 North Main St. in West Brookfield.

Hi! My name is Dhamanjie and I love to build with Legos!

Dhamanjie is an easygoing and smart teen of African American descent. He has a good sense of humor and enjoys making others laugh. In his downtime, Dhamanjie enjoys watching cartoons with his favorite superheroes and playing with his Lego sets.

Legally free for adoption, Dhamanjie is in need of permanent and loving home where he could gradually transition. He will do well in a single or two-parent family that can give him a lot of attention, structure, and consistency. Dhamanjie visits with his siblings a few times per year, and this should continue once a placement is identified.

Who Can Adopt?

Can you provide the guidance, love and stability that a child needs? If you're at least 18 years old, have a stable source of income, and room in your heart, you may be a perfect match to adopt a waiting child. Adoptive parents can be single, married, or partnered; experienced or not; renters or homeowners; LGBTQ singles and couples.

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

To learn more about adoption from foster care, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at 617-964-6273 or visit www.mareinc.org. The sooner you call, the sooner a waiting child will have a permanent place to call home.

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serves as a great anti-fatigue foot mat when your standing at the bench for hours. And don't toss those old record albums, save the cardboard sleeves to safely sort and store saw blades.

Did you know ordinary sponges do double duty? It only takes a few swipes with a damp, clean sponge to remove lint and pet fur from clothes or upholstery. Pop a new sponge it in the freezer for a great pliable and drip-free compress for injuries. And put a damp sponge in a plastic bag with the stems of freshly

cut flowers to keep them garden fresh until you use them!

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House – Contest has resumed!

Your tips can win you a great three course dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random drawing. One winner per month will win a fabulous three course dinner for two at the renowned restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I'm in the business of dispensing tips, not invent-

ing them (although I can take credit for some), I'm counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints!

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

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POLICE LOGS

Spencer Police

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10
12:59-2:42 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:12-1:48 a.m.: parking violations/7 (Grove, Mechanic, Chestnut streets, Lloyd Dyer Drive), tickets issued; 6:25 a.m.: animal complaint (Paxton Road), dogs barking; 6:30 a.m.: fire/woods/grass (Kingsbury Road), odor in house; 10:00 a.m.: fraud (Bay Path Road), spoken to; 10:40 a.m.: restraining order service (Pioneer Valley Drive); 10:42 a.m.: juvenile matter (Chestnut Street), home visit; 10:46 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 10:52 a.m.: officer wanted (Maple Street), req. welfare check; 11:21 a.m.: restraining order service (Pioneer Valley Drive); 11:27 a.m.: restraining order service (Grove Street); 12:40 p.m.: medical/general (Pleasant Street); 12:47 p.m.: medical/general (South Spencer Road); 1:08 p.m.: mv complaint (Wm. Casey Road), unregistered mv/side of road; 2:03 p.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 3:00 p.m.: animal complaint (Howe Village), picked up kitten; 4:05 p.m.: suspicious persons (Lyford Road), investigated; 4:54 p.m.: mv lockout (Main Street), assisted; 6:01 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 7:07 p.m.: officer wanted (Franklin Street), rep. strange odor; 7:39 p.m.: suspicious mv (Howe Road), investigated; 7:42 p.m.: mv lockout (West Main Street), assisted; (Total daily mv stops – 1).

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11
12:08-1:15 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:24-12:50 a.m.: parking violations/4 (Elm, Mechanic, Church streets), tickets issued; 4:36 a.m.: medical/general (Hastings Road); 4:58 a.m.: 911 call (Grant Street), accidental; 4:58 a.m.: medical/general (Sunberg Road), lift assist; 5:08 a.m.: officer wanted (Maple Street), debris in road/removed; 5:35 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 6:35 a.m.: commercial alarm (Maple Street), services rendered; 7:26 a.m.: officer wanted (Mechanic Street), rep. missing items; 7:56 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 8:25 a.m.: fire alarm (Main Street), referred; 8:48 a.m.: accident (Mechanic Street), report taken; 9:50 a.m.: larceny (Main Street), req. assistance/retrieve property; 10:10 a.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 10:34 a.m.: officer wanted (Mechanic Street), rep. mv hit by truck; 10:45 a.m.: animal complaint (West Main Street), spoken to; 11:54 a.m.: animal complaint (South Street), barking dog; 11:54 a.m.: officer wanted (Bay Path Road), husband driving her crazy; 12:40 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), inquiry; 1:19 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 3:00 p.m.: animal complaint (West Main Street), loose dogs; 3:27 p.m.: FID card issued (West Main Street), assisted; 3:28 p.m.: LTC issued/2 (West Main Street), assisted; 4:00 p.m.: medical/general (East Charlton Street); 4:42 p.m.: accident (West Main Street), mv vs deer; 5:01 p.m.: medical/general (Clark Terrace); 5:41 p.m.: accident (Pleasant Street), report taken; 6:11 p.m.: animal complaint (Mechanic Street), loose dog; 6:30 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), info given; 10:03 p.m.: officer wanted (Bixby Road), spoken to; 11:06 p.m.: mutual aid (Park Street), req. welfare check; (Total daily mv stops – 5).

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12
12:42-1:25 a.m.: parking violations/5 (Main, Dale, McDonald, Church streets), tickets issued; 1:46-2:10 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 5:15 a.m.: medical/general (Kittredge Road); 7:04 a.m.: mv lockout (Main Street), assisted; 8:05 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Thompson Pond Road), accidental; 10:03 a.m.: medical/general (Valley Street); 10:03 a.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), speeding/school zone; 10:09 a.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 10:42 a.m.: harassment prevention order (Salem Street); 12:02 p.m.: parking complaint (Cherry Street), info taken; 12:32 p.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 1:49 p.m.: DPW call (Main Street), cable down; 2:11 p.m.: DPW call (Terkanian Drive), tree across road; 2:36 p.m.: officer wanted (Howe Village), welfare check; 3:17 p.m.: RV complaint (Paxton Road), dirt bikes in street; 3:26 p.m.: officer wanted (Bay Path Road), welfare check; 4:02 p.m.: medical/general (Wall Street); 5:00 p.m.: animal complaint (Chestnut Street), dogs stuck in choke collar; 6:46 p.m.: medical/general (Charlton Road); 6:47 p.m.: officer wanted (South Spencer Road), 7:17-7:21 p.m.: buildings checked,

secure; 8:34 p.m.: medical/general (High Street); 9:14 p.m.: building checked, secure; 9:54 p.m.: accident (Route 49), mv vs deer; 10:20 p.m.: commercial alarm (Lake Street), services rendered; 10:48 p.m.: disturbance (Church Street), noise complaint; (Total daily mv stops – 6).

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13
12:01-12:23 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:24-1:00 a.m.: parking violations/9 (Mechanic, Cherry, Grove, High, Pearl, Church, Chestnut streets), ticket issued; 12:34-1:06 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:28 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), John P. Warren, 43, 29 Forest Street, North Brookfield, OUI liquor, negligent operation, marked lanes violation, speeding, arrest; 4:48 a.m.: animal complaint (Smithville Road), cow in road; 8:56 a.m.: animal complaint (Valley Street), re: cat; 9:14 a.m.: commercial alarm (Water Street), accidental; 10:10 a.m.: animal complaint (Meadow Road), re: dead raccoon; 10:21 a.m.: animal complaint (Route 49), re: tag for deer; 11:53 a.m.: officer wanted (Bixby Road), re: issues w/niece; 11:57 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Linden Street), services rendered; 1:01 p.m.: medical/general (Old Farm Road); 1:15 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), accidental; 1:33 p.m.: officer wanted (Mechanic Street), re: retrieval of car keys; 2:30 p.m.: juvenile matter (West Main Street), family issue; 2:33 p.m.: officer wanted (Northwest Road), re: screen broken off window; 2:35 p.m.: animal complaint (Paxton Road), loose dog; 3:47 p.m.: medical/general (Kittredge Road); 5:24 p.m.: DPW call (Wm. Casey Road), tree down; 6:11 p.m.: building checked, secure; 6:31 p.m.: DPW call (Route 49), road flooded; 6:40 p.m.: animal complaint (Cherry Street), loose dog; 8:12 p.m.: officer wanted (Valley Street), unwanted party; 8:54 p.m.: medical/general (Greenville Street); 9:53 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Main Street), no contact; 11:59 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; (Total daily mv stops – 4).

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14
12:10-12:30 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:29-4:59 a.m.: parking violations/7 (Pope, Mechanic, Elm, Adams, Main, Chestnut streets), tickets issued; 8:41 a.m.: medical/general (Chestnut Street); 8:53 a.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 9:21 a.m.: medical/general (Jolicoeur Avenue); 9:49 a.m.: burglary/b&e (Main Street), basement door forced; 10:28 a.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 10:31 a.m.: fraud (Cherry Street), info taken; 11:17 a.m.: mv complaint (West Main Street), erratic operator; 11:24 a.m.: commercial/alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 11:52 a.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), poss. abandoned mv; 11:55 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), req. welfare check; 12:16 p.m.: mv lockout (West Main Street), assisted; 12:29 p.m.: officer wanted (Howe Village), re: missing items; 12:48 p.m.: juvenile matter (Main Street), kids riding in/out of traffic; 12:53 p.m.: suspicious persons (Maple Street), investigated; 2:11 p.m.: suspicious persons (Ash Street), investigated; 2:55 p.m.: 911 call (Chestnut Street), open line; 4:00 p.m.: lost/found (Pond Street), info taken; 5:28 p.m.: vandalism (Laliberte Lane), mv windows shot w/ bb gun; 5:58 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Rutland PD bolo; 6:22 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 8:22 p.m.: mv disabled (Main Street), assisted; 9:16 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), accidental; 9:18 p.m.: accident (West Main Street), report taken; 11:59 p.m.: residential alarm (I. Capen Road), services rendered; (Total daily mv stops – 3).

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15
12:23-12:26 a.m.: parking violations/2 (Chestnut, Elm streets), tickets issued; 12:27-12:50 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:50 a.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), assisted; 12:51-2:04 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 3:57 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), hang-up; 6:21 a.m.: fire alarm (Cooney Road), referred; 9:10 a.m.: animal complaint (Smithville Road), re: damage to lawn; 9:15 a.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), dead chicken; 10:07 a.m.: animal complaint (G.H. Wilson Road), cows damaged yard; 10:44 a.m.: fraud (Chestnut Street), sweepstakes scam; 10:45 a.m.: restraining order service (West Main Street); 10:47 a.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), spoken to; 12:00 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), update contact info; 10:05 p.m.: medical/general (Ash Street); 12:33 p.m.: disturbance (Howe Village), neighbor issues; 2:52 p.m.: sex offend-

er registration/annual (West Main Street), assisted; 3:22 p.m.: mv complaint (Chestnut Street), erratic operator; 4:15 p.m.: missing person/juvenile (West Main Street), info taken; 4:17 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 4:26 p.m.: officer wanted (Hastings Road), trail camera stolen; 5:42 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), misdial; 7:04 p.m.: mv complaint (West Main Street), erratic operator; 7:21 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street);

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16
12:33-2:18 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:42-1:05 a.m.: parking violations/3 (Chestnut, Grove, Church streets), tickets issued; 6:29 a.m.: officer wanted (Pearl Street), req. welfare check; 8:17 a.m.: medical/general (Church Street); 8:36 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Maple Street), no contact; 11:28 a.m.: restraining order service (Prospect Street); 11:43 a.m.: identity theft (Smithville Road), c/c taken/mail forwarded; 12:03 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), feels threatened; 12:05 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (Chestnut Street), investigated; 12:30 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 12:42 p.m.: officer wanted (Kingsbury Road), neighbor issues; 12:52 p.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 1:51 p.m.: mv complaint (North Spencer Road), erratic operator; 2:25 p.m.: mv complaint (Maple Street), speeding mvs; 2:31 p.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 3:04 p.m.: officer wanted (Howe Village), req. welfare check; 3:08 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Lincoln Street), misdial; 3:12 p.m.: disturbance (R. Jones Road), neighbor issues; 3:33 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 4:39 p.m.: accident (North Spencer Road), report taken; 6:06 p.m.: mv complaint (Maple Street), erratic operator; 9:58-10:07 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 11:07 p.m.: DPW call (Greenville Street), water backing up; (Total daily mv stops – 1).

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Leicester Police

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11
12:54 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 1:21 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 1:33 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), spoken to; 1:50 a.m.: assist other agency (Main Street), services rendered; 5:42 a.m.: ambulance (Howe Village, Spencer), transported; 6:50 a.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 8:55 a.m.: welfare check (Felix Street), resolved; 9:26 a.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 10:02 a.m.: investigation (Sargent Street), services rendered; 10:08 a.m.: ambulance (Breezy Green), transported; 10:48 a.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 11:00 a.m.: welfare check (Pleasant Street), report taken; 11:26 a.m.: erratic operator (Main Street), gone on arrival; 1:55 p.m.: suspicious person (Crestwood Road), spoken to; 2:34 p.m.: welfare check (Folsom Street), call canceled; 4:48 p.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), call canceled; 5:04 p.m.: assist citizen (Main Street), spoken to; 8:19 p.m.: lobby service (South Main Street), advised civil action.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12
12:14 a.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), resolved; 12:29 a.m.: ambulance (Carleton Road), transported; 2:44 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 6:26 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street, Worcester), call canceled; 9:47 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, unregistered mv, unlicensed operation, criminal application issued; 12:16 a.m.: vandalism (Pleasant Street), report taken; 12:20 p.m.: debris in road (River Street), removed; 1:05 p.m.: hanging wires (Stafford Street), removed hazard; 6:22 p.m.: ambulance (Paxton Street), transported; 9:46 p.m.: investigation (Soojians Drive), resolved.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13
12:08 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, op w/license revoked as habitual traffic offender, marked lanes violation, criminal application issued; Heather Forget, 31, 22 Outlook Drive, Worcester, suspended license, suspended registration, uninsured mv, arrest; 7:16 a.m.: ambulance (White Birch Drive), transported; 9:44 a.m.: suspicious person (South Main Street), William H. Lewis, 67, 175 Wildwood Avenue, #1, Worcester, assault w/dangerous weapon, arrest; 3:51 p.m.: assault (Stafford

Street), unable to locate; 6:36 p.m.: accident (Crystal Street), mv towed; 11:46 p.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), verbal warning.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14
12:44 a.m.: disturbance (Stafford Street), spoken to; 1:01 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), spoken to; 2:47 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), assisted; 2:47 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 8:24 a.m.: accident (Main Street), assisted; 9:14 a.m.: assist other agency (Spencer), no address specified on police log, services rendered; 10:10 a.m.: erratic operator (Stafford Street), resolved; 4:13 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 4:48 p.m.: assist citizen (Redfield Road), services rendered; 4:54 p.m.: erratic operator (South Main Street), services rendered; 7:00 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 8:24 p.m.: welfare check (Stafford Street), resolved; 10:36 p.m.: hanging wires (Baldwin Street), resolved.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15
2:08 a.m.: ambulance (Burncoat Lane), transported; 4:16 a.m.: stolen mv (Park Lane), report taken; 4:37 a.m.: welfare check (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, unlicensed operation, criminal application issued; 8:36 a.m.: animal complaint (Stafford Street), services rendered; 9:08 a.m.: investigation (Park Lane), services rendered; 9:55 a.m.: assist other agency (Main Street), services rendered; 10:27 a.m.: disabled mv (Bunker Hill Road), assisted; 10:45 a.m.: restraining order service (Brookside Drive), unable to serve; 12:18 p.m.: keep the peace (Redfield Road), assisted; 1:52 p.m.: threats (Huntoon Memorial Highway), resolved; 2:40 p.m.: ambulance (Grand View Avenue, Worcester, transported; 5:08 p.m.: keep the peace (Redfield Road), resolved; 5:31 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 5:48 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 5:52 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 6:09 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 6:18 p.m.: mv stop (Winslow Avenue), verbal warning; 6:31 p.m.: neighbor dispute (Main Street), resolved; 7:13 p.m.: ambulance (Virginia Drive), transported.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16
12:15 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 12:20 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), resolved; 12:30 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 12:53 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), resolved; 1:11 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 9:58 a.m.: suspicious mv (Stafford Street), spoken to; 10:19 a.m.: debris in road (Tanglewood Road), services rendered; 11:15 a.m.: accident (Main Street), assisted; 12:07 p.m.: ambulance (Peter Salem Road), transported; 3:43 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street), report taken; 4:26 p.m.: restraining order service (Fairview Drive), report taken; 4:53 p.m.: investigation (Lincoln Square, Worcester), services rendered; 5:46 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 8:14 p.m.: suspicious mv (Lexington Avenue), gone on arrival; 8:42 p.m.: erratic operator (Soojians Drive), spoken to; 10:40 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), resolved; 11:25 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 11:47 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 11:58 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued;

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17
12:42 a.m.: suspicious mv (Paxton Street), investigated; 1:16 a.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), verbal warning; 2:33 a.m.: welfare check (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 5:54 a.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), verbal warning; 8:35 a.m.: accident (Hyland Avenue), resolved; 10:36 a.m.: investigation (Stockholm Street, Worcester), services rendered; 10:50 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 11:11 a.m.: accident (South Main Street), resolved; 11:46 a.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 11:56 a.m.: investigation (King Street Extension), resolved; 12:03 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 1:10 p.m.: property found (Soojians Drive), resolved; 2:27 p.m.: residential b&e (Henshaw Street), report taken; 4:30 p.m.: threats (Winslow Avenue), report taken; 4:40 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 5:04 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 8:03 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, unlicensed operation, criminal application issued; 10:07 p.m.: ambulance (Pine Street), transported; 10:59 p.m.: accident (River Street), mv towed.

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36th Annual HACE Awards inspire next generation of leaders

WORCESTER — For the past 36 years, Quinsigamond Community College has partnered with leaders in the Latinx community to honor the area's Latinx youth. This year, during a virtual ceremony, the annual Hispanics Achieving and Celebrating Excellence (HACE) event awarded 33 Worcester and Southbridge high school Latinx students with scholarships that ranged from \$350 - \$450 to assist them on their path to a successful

future.

The HACE awards honor those students who have excelled in arts, academics, athletics, community service, leadership and civic/political engagement.

"I look forward to the HACE Awards every year. It is a tribute to the best and brightest young people in the Central Massachusetts Hispanic community, and the scholarship money provided by the Awards is a jumpstart for each recipi-

ent to achieve their dreams. I have no doubt that these students will be leaders in business, sports, academic achievement, and public service in the years to come," said Sen. Harriette L. Chandler, HACE Committee member since 1985.

Keynote speaker for the event was Ivette Olmeda, who addressed this year's HACE theme, "Stronger Together." She discussed the disproportionate impact the pandemic has on the Latinx population

and the power of working together to persevere through these challenging times.

"Sometimes when bad things happen in our life, they put us on the path to the best things that will ever happen to us," she said.

Chairing the annual event since 2006 was QCC's Director of Community Engagement, Déborah L. González, Ph.D.

"For 36 years, HACE has lifted and encouraged our local Latinx youth to be the

best version of themselves, to aspire to fulfilling futures, and to achieve the highest of their potential," Dr. Gonzalez said, telling the student award winners, "This year was a test of your resiliency...continue on your path with resiliency and hope. You made history going through the challenging times in this century."

Southbridge High School HACE award winner Aaliyah Aponte summed up her



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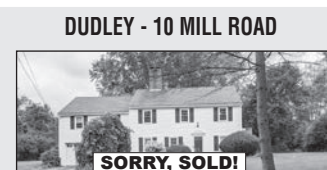
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WEBSTER - 23 EMERALD AVE.
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WEBSTER - 10 THOMPSON RD
2 FAMILY! LOCATION, LOCATION! OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS! SERIOUSLY CONSIDER THIS A SOLID INVESTMENT. A GENERAL BUSINESS ZONED! PRIME WEBSTER BUSINESS DISTRICT! A LARGE, DEEP LOT, 14,875 SF/0.34 ACRE. 9 Rooms, 4 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, FHW/OIL. Garage! Lot is currently private with a mature tree line in the rear. Property serviced by Municipal Water & Sewer, Natural Gas line in Basement. A QUICK CLOSE IS POSSIBLE. **\$195,000**



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LOOKING FOR AN AFFORDABLE, HUMBLE ABODE, THAT WON'T BREAK THE BANK? Convenient Location, corner lot! 1288 SF +/-, 4 BRS w/1st Flr Mstr BR, Half Bath! Eat-In Kitchen, Dining/Living Room Combination! 3-Season Porch. 2nd Flr - 3 BRS, Reshingled Roof, Replacement Windows, Updated Electric, Buderus Boiler. Part finished walk-out bsmt! Garage! **\$215,000**



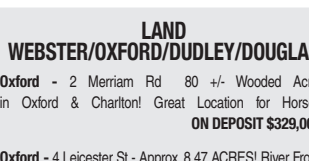
WOODSTOCK CT - 110 JOY RD
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Featured Island Listing! Webster Lake - 22 Long Island
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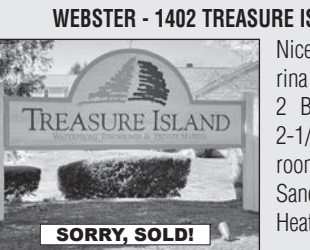


OXFORD - 10 BEVERLY STREET
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Webster Lake - 300 Killdeer Island.
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WEBSTER - 1402 TREASURE ISLAND CONDO
Nicely appointed, Marina side condo - with 2 Boat Slips! 6 rooms, 2-1/2 baths, 2 bedrooms, fireplace, garage, Sandy Beach, Gazebo, Heated Salt Water Pool! **\$595,000.**



WEBSTER - 401 TREASURE ISLAND CONDO
WEBSTER LAKE! Treasure Island Townhouse! UNIT# 401 Quiet summers on big & beautiful Webster Lake! 6 Rooms. Open Floor Plan! Dining Area. Hardwood Floor & Carpet. Master Bedroom, W/2 Closets. Master Bath! 2-1/2 Baths Total! Slider to Deck & Slider to the Patio! Natural gas heat! 2 Boat Slips! Heated Pool! Natural Sandy Beach! **\$439,000.**

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thoughts on this year's theme.

"Stronger together means to me taking the time to honor one another and communicate with each other...that through all obstacles or any circumstances we may face, together, we can make the impossible possible," she said.

Three students were also honored with special awards:

- Olga López-Hill Community Leadership Award winner: QCC student Merari Alvarado. This \$600 scholarship is available to QCC students who plan to continue their education at Quinsigamond or to transfer to another educational institution.
- Marilyn Reyes Memorial Community Leadership Award winner: Southbridge High School student Yarelis Diaz.
- Dolly Vázquez Cultural Award winner: Nathaniel Hernandez, Arts/Music Police Partnership.

QCC President Luis G. Pedraja, Ph.D. closed the event with words of inspiration and hope to the students.

"Learn from your hardships. It's going to make you stronger. It's going to define your character and it's going to shape you into the person you will become. I know you will be wonderful...a great person and a great leader in our community," he said, adding,

"Thank you to the amazing HACE sponsors and volunteers. Your support and commitment to our Latinx youth is an investment in our economy and our collective future."

2021 HACE Scholarship Recipients:

- Nairim Cespedes Rivan, University Park Campus School
- Katherine Farfan Picon, South High Community High School
- Ashley Gonzalez, Burncoat Senior High School
- Ivori Hidalgo, Bancroft School
- Nicole Quinones, North High School
- Ailany Rivas, Claremont Academy
- Karla Rodriguez, Southbridge High School
- Bernard Santos, Bancroft School
- Marcy Suarez, Saint Paul Diocesan High School
- Madeline Zafon-Whalen, Doherty Memorial High School
- Aailah Aponte, Southbridge High School
- Raven Falcon, North High School
- Jasmarie Henriquez, Worcester Technical High School
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- Jailimar Montanez, Abby Kelley Foster Charter Public School
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- Corey Rondeau, Saint Paul Diocesan High School
- Nicole Sarmiento, Doherty Memorial High School
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How to build and maintain a strong credit rating

Understanding credit scores and how to build and maintain a good credit rating can be vital to individuals’ financial futures.

A strong financial history benefits consumers in myriad ways. Individuals with a history of paying their bills on time and avoiding significant consumer debt may be eligible for lower interest rates on big ticket items like homes and automobiles, potentially saving them tens of thousands of dollars over their lifetimes.

Though there are many ways to build a strong financial history, avoiding debt is always part of that equation. Credit scores are used to determine consumers’ creditworthiness in the eyes of lenders and can affect eligibility for loans and the terms of those loans. Understanding credit scores and how to build and maintain a good credit rating can be vital to individuals’ financial futures.

What is a credit score?
A credit score is a three-digit number between 300 and 850. The higher the number, the better an individual’s credit rating is. The lower the number, the less creditworthy consumers become in the eyes of lenders.

What is the average credit score?
According to Equifax, which along with Experian and TransUnion is one of three credit reporting agencies, the average credit score in the United

States in February 2021 was 698. Credit scores in Canada range from 300 to 900, and TransUnion reports the average score in Canada is around 650.

Is 698 or 650 good?
There’s good news and bad news for Canadian and American consumers. The average rating in each country falls into the “Fair” (Canada) or “Good” (United States) range. However, consumers should aspire for scores that are higher than the average in both countries. A credit score above 720 is considered “Excellent,” and the online financial resource Nerd Wallet reports that individuals with scores above 750 are in even better shape. Such individuals may have access to financial products or be eligible for loan terms that people with lower scores are not privy to. Making the most of those advantages can save consumers considerable sums of money over the course of their lifetimes and may help them build the type of generational wealth millions of people aspire to.

How can individuals achieve high credit scores?
The best way to build and maintain a high credit score is to understand the factors that influence that score. FICOTM is a data analytics firm



that provides credit scoring services. Equifax notes that FICO scores consider five categories from individuals’ credit histories:

- Payment history
- Amounts owed
- Length of credit history
- New credit accounts
- Mix of credit used

Each of these categories are weighted, and none bears more significance than payment history. Consumers who have demonstrated an ability to pay their bills on time and limit the amounts of debt they carry at any given moment are doing themselves a favor as they look to achieve and maintain a high credit rating.

Is all debt the same?
It’s important that consumers distinguish consumer debt from student loan debt. Though each type of debt will be reported to the three major credit

bureaus, student loan debts that are paid on time each month are generally considered “good debt” because they demonstrate an individual’s ability to make installment payments on time over a significant length of time. That’s what consumers will need to do if they hope to purchase a home in the future and finance it with a mortgage loan.

Unlike student loans being repaid in installments, consumer debts like credit card balances must be paid in full each month for consumers to avoid potentially hefty interest charges. Consumers who can’t pay those balances in full each month are not demonstrating creditworthiness in the eyes of lenders, and that will have an adverse effect on their credit ratings.

Understanding credit and how to build and maintain a strong rating is vital to individuals’ financial futures.

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