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## Perfection at the voting booth for 50 years

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – As candidates on both sides of the aisle exhort residents to hit the polls on Nov. 6, they won't have to bother contacting Carol McPherson. Demonstrated by her 50-year perfect voting record, she knows exactly when the elections are happening each year.

McPherson was recently honored for her civic dedication by State Representative Donald Berthiaume. After registering to vote when she was 21 years old, McPherson didn't miss a town or statewide election for more than 50 years. Her husband Bob McPherson, who served as the town moderator for over 20 years, nearly matched her perfect record during that same timeframe. But a single absence from a primary election due to illness thwarted his chance at perfection.

Carol McPherson is always quick to joke around with her husband about that missed primary many years ago, but their commitment to civic engage-

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Kevin Flanders photo.

Spencer's Carol McPherson was recently honored by State Representative Donald Berthiaume for a lengthy perfect voting record.

## Selectmen encouraged by proposal for Sugden building

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – Just a few months ago the historic Sugden Block building appeared to be destined for demolition, but recent developments have brightened its forecast.

At an Oct. 22 meeting, selectmen unanimously authorized Town Administrator Thomas Gregory to negotiate the sale of the building for private development. Mexicali Mexican Grill is proposing a \$3 million renovation and expansion project that would take about two years to complete.

Officials from Braven, LLC, the property developer that would manage the project, answered questions during

a selectmen's meeting last month. The proposed project would renovate the entire building and reconfigure it into a multi-use facility. Approximately 10,000 square feet of retail space would occupy the first floor, while the second and third floors would be converted into one-bedroom residential rental units for senior living.

Among the highlights of the proposal is the expansion of Mexicali Grill, which would be renovated to include an outdoor seating section. Mexicali Mexican Grill oversees the operations of the Spencer restaurant and several others throughout the area. Town

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## 'Training' for railroad disasters



Kevin Flanders photos.

CSX representative John O'Neal discusses several aspects of railroad safety with guests.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

EAST BROOKFIELD – Area first responders are on track when it comes to railroad safety, as they participated in a two-day course on emergency responses on the rails.

Hosted by the West Brookfield Fire Department and Board of Selectmen, the CSX safety train program took place in a siding off Cottage Street in East Brookfield. On Oct. 26-27, local police, fire, and EMS officials learned about several proce-

dures for emergency personnel to follow in the event of a derailment.

With the CSX main line passing through Warren, West Brookfield, Brookfield, East Brookfield, Spencer, and Leicester, the training sessions

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Kevin Flanders photo.

Spencer Exchange Club President Tom Lowkes greets guests. Kevin Flanders photo.

## Candidates give Exchange of ideas

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – Local candidates took advantage of last week's opportunity to make a final impression on residents, as the Spencer Exchange Club held a meet and greet event for its members.

On Oct. 23, the club hosted candidates for several legislative positions during the event at Charlie's Diner. Attendees included Senator Anne Gobi and Steven Hall, who are battling for the Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex Senate district. Additional opponents included Attorney Jen Caissie and

Paul DePalo (Governor's Councilor – 7th District); State Representative Donald Berthiaume and Jean Strauss (5th Worcester District); Joanne Powell and Dennis McManus (Worcester County Clerk of Courts); and Kathryn Toomey and Kate Campanale (Worcester County Register of Deeds).

After each candidate provided a brief introductory speech, Exchange Club members and their spouses were able to mingle with candidates and ask about their campaigns.

"We figured it would be a

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## Changing lives just by jogging

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

NORTH BROOKFIELD – When residents take part in the annual Apple Run/Walk, they aren't simply helping to raise funds and awareness. They're changing lives for people living with diabetes.

This year's Apple Run/Walk for Diabetes will take place on Saturday, Nov. 3, at Brookfield

Orchards on Lincoln Road. All proceeds will be split between two recipients, the Clara Barton Camp in Oxford and the University of Massachusetts diabetic research team.

But while fundraiser participants always know where their donations will be headed, they don't often know how the money will be spent. During an interview with a local business

leader and community volunteer, the New Leader was able to get a much clearer picture of how various initiatives are improving lives every day.

For North Brookfield's Karen Hubacz-Kiley, who was diagnosed as a Type 1 diabetic in 1986 at age 16, it's important to continue helping to raise funds

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# NEW LEADER NOTES

## LUNCH & CONCERT

Local senior adults are invited to a Thanksgiving performance at Brookfield Elementary School starring Mr. Healy's fourth grade students. The program will be accompanied by a traditional turkey dinner with all the fixin's provided by our fabulous cafeteria staff on Thursday, Nov. 15. Back doors open at 12:35 p.m., cafeteria seating begins at 12:45 p.m. Please RSVP by Nov. 8 to (508) 867-8774. This is a free event, but any food or cash donations will be given to the Brookfield Ecumenical Food Pantry.

## WELCOME TO THE GRAVEYARD!

On Tuesday, Nov. 13, Seniors and the Brookfield Council on Aging will be entertained by "Welcome to the Graveyard", a special program sponsored by the Jeppson Fund. Brenda Sullivan has been studying about the art & history, and symbolism of grave-stones for at least 20 years. Her program will take us on a virtual Powerpoint tour from colonial burial grounds through the rural cemetery movement of the 19th and 20 centuries. Learn why the styles and art evolved over 400

years. Gravestone artwork castings will be available for 'hands on experience'. Come and learn about how this unique art, history, and symbolism "Helps keep the Dead Alive".

Sullivan, a lifelong resident of Massachusetts, has spent many hours in graveyards all over the world. An education in art history and restoration led to the creation of "Gravestone Girls," from a hobby to a full time vocation. Brenda works with dozens of libraries, historical societies, genealogy groups and museums to raise awareness and teach what history lies buried in their own back yards. This program will be held downstairs in the Brookfield Congregational Church at 11:30 A.M. It will bring to light how we and the Gravestone girls honor those who have passed away. Please come and join us!

## HOLIDAY FAIR

Stella Chapter Holiday Fair on Saturday, Nov. 10 9 a.m.-2 p.m., held at Joel Prouty Masonic Lodge, 780 Southbridge St., Auburn. Featuring: homemade crafts, baked goods, jewelry, plants, wood crafts, candles, opportuni-

ties, and much more. Lunch available. Christmas Tree Festival & Auction. Contact: Patricia Stark 508-885-5131

## ANNUAL PITCH PARTY

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

## SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Knights of Columbus Council # 11080, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, Brookfield/West Brookfield is sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, Nov. 10 in Dugan Hall, Sacred Heart Church, 10 Milk St., West Brookfield.

Proceeds from this event will benefit the "S.O.N.G., Inc. (Supporting Orphans Nationally & Globally) 2018 Christmas Drive." More information at www.supportingorphans.org

Dinner includes pasta fagioli, garden salad, spaghetti & sauce, meatballs & sausage, garlic bread, homemade desserts, water, soda, and coffee. Cost is only a \$12 donation and \$8 for children under 12 years old. Family rates are available! Take out dinners begin at 5:30pm and sit down dinner is served at 6:00 pm. Raffles, door prizes, and more!

Advance ticket purchase is encouraged (and appreciated!) and available by calling 413-813-8100, or by email at: info@supportingorphans.org Tickets will be available at the door while they last!

## RED DOOR FAIR

Christ Memorial Episcopal Church RED DOOR FAIR Saturday, Nov. 10, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m., 133 Main St., North Brookfield. Raffles, exquisite table, Christmas table, bake table, pies, craft table. Luncheon: clam chowder, cabbage soup, sandwiches, and apple crisp.

## BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Bay Path Education Foundation Santa Claus Pancake Breakfast at Bay Path High School, 57 Old Muggett Hill Road, Charlton on Saturday, Dec. 8 7:30-

10:30 am. Free 5" x 7" photograph with Santa by Casson-Foster Photographers. Tickets are \$5, children under 5 are free.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

MANCHESTER, NH — Saint Anselm College has released the Dean's List of high academic achievers for the second semester of the 2017-2018 school year. To be eligible for this honor, a student must have achieved a grade point average of 3.1 or better in the semester with at least 12 credits of study which award a letter grade. A total of 729 students representing 22 states received this honor. Mark W. Cronin, dean of the college, announced that the following student have been named to the Dean's List for the spring 2018 semester from East Brookfield Mikaela Lachapelle class of 2018 majoring in nursing; from Spencer Nicholas St. Germain class of 2020 majoring in criminal justice.

## LEICESTER TURKEY DINNER

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

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### Make a Winter Emergency Kit

If by some circumstance you get stuck in the snow, we can't stress enough that you have a devoted winter safety kit in your car at all times. We recommend the following if you find yourself in a stressful situation:

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- Ice scraper, brush, and shovel
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Ryan is the husband of Jill Comeau and has two children, Grace and Catherine Comeau.

Happy Birthday! Here's the birth announcement you have waited 40 years for! Love, Mom



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# Reader Share Tips & Tricks

As we batten down the hatches in anticipation of the chilly season, it's time once again to take a peek into the email box and snail-mail bag to find out what strategies and solutions readers are eager to share. From cleaning graffiti to preserving memories, this month's column features an interesting array of tips and tricks to make life a little easier!

**\*\***  
This prep tip literally cuts the chore of chopping squash down to size!

I finally have a day off and am getting some items on my list crossed off, and this is one of them:

Here is a hint someone told me regard-

ing squash. I am not a cook so when I received a squash from a friend's garden she told me this tip:

Before cutting the squash, place in microwave for three to five minutes (depending on size). This will soften the squash just enough to cut it without any issues.

MC  
Sturbridge  
**\*\***

No bones about it, this granny's hint ensures a safe and delicious mealtime for youngsters:

While caring for my grandchildren I worried about all the small bones when making turkey soup.

I solved the problem by buying a lingerie wash bag. I then placed the carcass of the turkey in the washed bag and zipped it up. Place it in the pot, cover with water and cook over medium heat for one hour. Always check the water level. After one hour, place vegetables in the pot and cook for the desired time. Lift the bag out of the pot and onto a cookie sheet with sides. Cool and empty contents of bag onto the cookie sheet. Pick out your meat - no bones, no worries. Add spices if wanted. Wash bag and save for another soup.

B a r b a r a  
Lariviere  
Holden  
**\*\***

This reader's tip makes preserving memories a snap-



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shot!

My husband and I have started to clear out family items that have been stored away for quite some time. Some items go back to our parents and grandparents, etc. Now when we

part with something to our family member, we make out a card stating who it belonged to, and any story behind it. The card is put with the item and a picture is taken of it. This way, they can then put the pictures on a disc or on the computer for future reference.

Over time, some information has unfortunately been lost or forgotten. If you inherit something or value something you have, my suggestion is to do this now, so the history of the item will not be lost, and future generations will not be left guessing.

Barbara Lifer  
Webster  
**\*\***

A loyal reader offers two very different repurposing tips:

Vandals had spray-painted and defaced state park trail areas with spray paint last night. I have had good luck with this solution, so if you get graffiti at your home, especially on vinyl siding, try using oven cleaner. Just spray it on as per directions and rinse. Even in remote areas in a park, during a clean-up effort we were able to remove graffiti from rocks (sometimes two treatments) and rinse with jugs of water we carried in.

Next...the ceramic bird bath bowl lost its battle with last year's freezing, so this summer I glued an old hand painted enamel soup pot that I just couldn't part with on the pedestal. I placed some small stones in the bottom and keep it partially-filled so pollinators and others can drink without getting their wings wet which keeps them from flying or even possible death. Pollinators need shallow areas to get water. I love looking out into the garden at that bird and pollinator bath and know that old steel pot will withstand winter's forces.

Viola Bramel

Northbridge

**\*\***

Take the hint - share a hint! That's the premise of this reader's submission (which was sent in last year and recently rediscovered):

A few weeks ago, your column had a lot of hints for a workshop. Since my brother who now resides in Florida, spends countless hours weekly in his workshop, I knew he would enjoy it so I mailed it to him. I was right, he thoroughly enjoyed it and gave me a couple of hints he thought some of your readers might find helpful:

The first is to fasten a yardstick to the front of his workbench to measure things like small screws, nuts, bolts, etc.

The second is to fasten an auto cargo net to the front of his workbench to put things he uses often; they are very visible and easy to access.

Carol Girardin  
Webster  
**\*\***

Prize Winner

Congratulations to Carol Girardin of Webster whose name was drawn for dinner for two at the Publick House. She submitted the workshop tip above.

**\*\*** Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

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

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

## Program on WWI planned

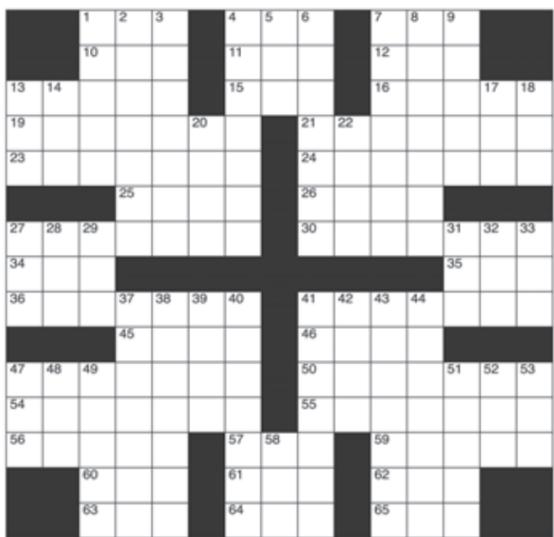
LEICESTER - In recognition of the 100th anniversary of World War I's completion, the Senior Center will hold a special historical program later this month.

On Nov. 19, the Senior Center will host Steve Hooper for a 7 p.m. presentation. Hooper will describe the life and career of Marion McCune Rice, a nurse during World War I. An informational film will be shown for about 30 minutes, followed by discussion and questions from guests.

The film was praised by Elizabeth Dole, the former president of the Red Cross. For residents seeking to learn what life was like a century ago as World War I came to an end, this is the perfect historical event. It's also a great opportunity for residents with family members who served during the war.

The war ended on Nov. 11, 1918.

The program is free to the public, and refreshments will be served following the presentation. The Senior Center is located at 40 Winslow Ave.

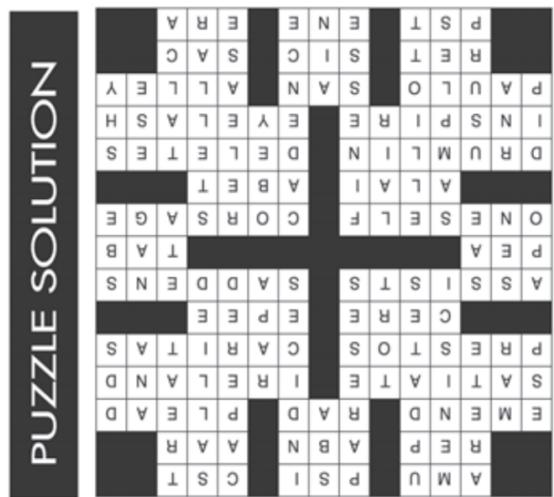


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- 1. Expresses weights (abbr.)
- 4. Pounds per square inch
- 7. Central Time
- 10. One who speaks for others
- 11. Aussie TV station
- 12. Swiss river
- 13. A way to improve
- 15. Awesome!
- 16. Appeal to
- 19. Satisfy
- 21. The Emerald Isle
- 23. Quick passages
- 24. Love of humankind
- 25. Fleshy beak covering
- 26. Type of sword
- 27. Basketball stat
- 30. Makes unhappy
- 34. The Princess can feel it
- 35. Bar bill
- 36. Of one
- 41. Prom accessory
- 45. Jai \_\_ sport
- 46. Assist in wrongdoing
- 47. Small hill
- 50. Erases
- 54. Fill with motivation
- 55. Part of your face
- 56. Novelist Coelho
- 57. Francisco is one
- 59. Narrow space between two buildings
- 60. Soak
- 61. Proofreading mark
- 62. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
- 63. Time zone
- 64. Midway between northeast and east
- 65. Baseball stat

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Sharp mountain ridge
- 2. Types of lenses
- 3. Informs
- 4. Partial paralysis
- 5. Helps little firms
- 6. Alphabetical lists
- 7. Danced about
- 8. Set out
- 9. Trick's partner
- 13. Second sight
- 14. Disfigure
- 17. Comedienne Gasteyer
- 18. Tooth caregiver
- 20. Wrongful act
- 22. \_\_ Nui, Easter Island
- 27. Away from
- 28. Member of Congress (abbr.)
- 29. Car mechanics group
- 31. When you plan to get there.
- 32. Bother incessantly
- 33. One point east of due south
- 37. Small giveaways
- 38. "MASH" actor Gould
- 39. A type of habitat
- 40. Refined delicacy
- 41. Inflection of the voice
- 42. Follow orders
- 43. Discharge
- 44. Of the stars
- 47. Briefly place into
- 48. Present in all living cells (abbr.)
- 49. Take illegally by force
- 51. Genus of moth
- 52. Midway between east and southeast
- 53. Bashful
- 58. French river



## Are there still distressed properties?

Regardless of how good the market is there will always be distressed properties. It has not been as common the last couple years however our team has been helping sellers in short sale situations the whole time and there are also still plenty of foreclosures as well. Many of them are still left over from the market we were in a few years ago but there are many new ones as well. I wanted to quickly explain the difference between a short sale and a foreclosure. The short sale is when the owner still owns the house and are attempting to sell it while not having enough funds to release the liens on the property. In this scenario, they would be asking the lienholders to take less than is owed and typically also asking for forgiveness for the difference. The foreclosure is when the lienholder actually takes



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possession of the property for non-payment of the mortgage.

There are still opportunities in both foreclosures and short sales. One thing to keep in mind is that the bank will intend to sell for what they consider to be market value of the property and will have an Appraiser or Real Estate Agent give their opinion of value and they will typically accept a percentage of that amount. Sometimes I will find they will want more than market value based on a bad Appraisal or Broker Price Opinion. The new trend I see

with foreclosures is that banks are looking to unload the properties at a discount as long as the buyer will purchase with all occupants in place. The challenge with this is that as a buyer you need to pay a much lower amount assuming the worst possible scenario with the condition of the home as well as the difficulty in evicting the tenants. The other challenge is that you will not be able to get an appraisal done as you won't have access to the interior of the property so the sale will most likely need to be cash.

If you are deciding to purchase a short sale or foreclosure, I would suggest interviewing Agents to find one that is well versed in distressed sales since every scenario is different and many times even with the same bank you will have a different experience.

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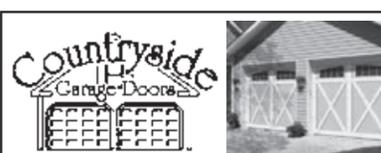
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# 'Bat girl' debunks bat myths, urges protection



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Jennifer Longsdorf explains how a bat house works to an attendee of her recent talk at Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary.

BY GUS STEEVES  
STONEBRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

People who are occasionally surprised by a bat zipping by at head height in Southbridge Town Hall or anywhere else indoors should take comfort in the fact they might be seeing evidence of evolution in action.

Specifically, the bat is probably either a little or big brown bat, according to MassWildlife's bat program coordinator Jennifer Longsdorf, who describes herself as "bat girl." If it's a little brown bat – and only a specialist can really tell the difference – it's one of the state's tiny percentage of survivors of white nose syndrome, which has killed off more than 99 percent of the species in Massachusetts since 2009.

The disease is a fungus that "grows in cold, dark environments with really high humidity" – exactly the kinds of caverns the smaller bats hibernate in each winter, she said. "It causes them to wake up [in mid-winter] and use their precious fat reserves too quickly" by flying around to seek food when there isn't any.

The fact bats mostly have only one pup a year, and they take about six years to mature, means the species has a hard time recovering from such a die-off. But Longsdorf noted scientists have seen some very slow recovery; at one site that

had 10,000 bats before the fungus struck and just 14 afterward, there are now 30. The population "seems to have stabilized" at the level of natural immunity, she said.

She told an audience of several dozen at Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary last weekend the fungus was probably introduced by human cavers who brought it over from Europe, where it's endemic, but the bats have evolved immunity to it. For that reason, MassWildlife has closed the state's 11 major bat hibernation caves (mostly in the Berkshires) during winter.

The agency is, however, still seeking citizen scientists to identify and keep track of other hibernacula and summer nesting sites for these bats and any of the state's eight other native species. Five of them are on the state endangered list, and two are also federally listed. One, the Indiana bat, hasn't been seen since 1939.

"During the late spring and summer, pregnant, female little brown and big brown bats form large nursery colonies and roost in dark, hot places such as, attics, barns, and other outbuildings to give birth and raise their young," MassAudubon's webpage on bats states. "Males, often solitary or in groups less than a dozen in the summer, roost in cooler spots behind window

shutters, and awnings and under the bark of trees. Bats rest in these protected roost sites during the day leaving at sunset to search for food."

People who want to attract bats to their properties need to have such locations or erect bat houses that mimic them. The key features are having multiple, small gaps they can nest in (less than an inch wide), warmth (85 degrees from about eight hours of daily sun on a dark-painted surface), and locating them at least 12 feet off the ground and 20 feet from shade or other obstructions (preferably on a building wall). Many sample designs are available on the internet.

That said, though, it's also sometimes necessary to evict bats from houses. People should make sure there are safe houses nearby several days before closing access to the current site, and Longsdorf noted it's illegal to physically remove bats, and eviction

should only be done at certain times of year (in May or between August and mid-October), when the bats are not either hibernating or nursing their pups. Bats can squeeze into half-inch holes, so "it often takes finding some really small hole in your siding" and sealing many of them to stop the bats from returning, she said.

About 200 "problem animal control agents" in Massachusetts can remove bats, but not all will do so, she noted. It might be necessary because bat urine and guano could damage a house's wood, although the guano is also an excellent fertilizer. It's fairly easy to remove with shovels or brooms (don't use vacuums), and there is no evidence of histoplasmosis in Massachusetts, although that can occur down south, she said.

Longsdorf spent much of her hour and a half debunking myths about bats, noting they are "keystone species" who provide "organic pest control." In Massachusetts, all of them are insect-eaters, but elsewhere some are nectar- or fruit-eaters, and therefore also serve as pollinators for various plants.

"Bats obviously have an image problem...largely due to TV shows, movies and books," she said. Most infamous, of course, are the ideas that they attack people and suck blood, both of which are false. There are three vampire bat species, all in Central and South America, but they "lick blood; they don't suck it," and the vast majority of bats would rather stay away from humans if possible.

able, although they will defend their nests as other species do. Among other things, they use their echolocation to avoid people in flight, and it's sensitive enough "to detect something as fine as a strand of hair," she said. Similarly, people often fear them for rabies, but they have "much lower rates of incidence than other mammals" at less than 0.5 percent.

"I spend a lot of my job calming people down," she admitted afterward. "I have bats in my own attic."

The hundreds of bat species worldwide (47 in the US) comprise about 20 percent of all mammals, second only to rodents in frequency. They range in size from the tiny Thai bumblebee bat, which "weighs less than a penny," to the giant golden flying fox of the South Pacific, with a six-foot wingspan, but all nine in Massachusetts are "quite small," with wingspans of less than 15 inches. They're harmed by pesticides, both directly and by loss of food supply, climate change, and habitat loss due to development and timbering. They're also food for many hunting birds.

"Bats are a part of the food chain," she said. "They are a food source for other animals we want to keep around."

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## Friday's Child



**Sacoya**  
Age: 12

### I like soccer and cheerleading!

Sacoya is an outspoken, charismatic teenage girl of African-American descent who is always open to exploring new activities and settings. She likes playing sports, especially soccer and basketball, and also enjoys swimming, gymnastics and dancing. This past year Sacoya was on a local soccer team, as well as a Pop Warner Cheerleading team. She enjoyed these experiences because she liked being a part of a team and was able to meet new friends. Sacoya just started the sixth-grade at a new school and loves it. She is on target academically but receives extra support in the classroom.

Sacoya is legally freed for adoption and is seeking a home with two mothers, a mother and a father or a single mother. She does best with a lot of one-on-one attention from the adults in her life and therefore should be the only or youngest child in the home. Sacoya currently visits with her two biological sisters on a monthly basis and this should continue after she joins her new family.

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

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# Women be well



Me, under the spa treatment



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I chose to not pick up a text book, to not start my studying early, and to really dedicate this week to taking care of myself.

The first thing I did was get a facial. I have never had a facial before, and my skin has really been suffering from lack of sleep, the cold weather, and the constant stress. I went to see Aimee Jones at Sheena's Salon and Spa in Spencer. Jones had me lay down in a super comfy bed, wrapped me up snug like a burrito, and she went to work with her signature Aroma Facial. I was gently cleansed, exfoliated, steamed, and oiled up.

I am not one who likes to be touched by others, and I definitely do not like feeling out of control in any situation, but the atmosphere was warm. And the smells! Citrus, and herbs. I kind of just melted into the warm blankets. I thought, 'oh yes, this is going to become a thing with me now for sure.'

Then Jones started with the facial massage... drooling was natural as she informed me. Then my neck, arms and hands! My goodness how I love to have my hands massaged. I am writing and typing all day, every day.

Not to mention the foot reflexology. I'm glad I gave that one a try. The whole experience was so good, and my skin was so plump and shiny. I am going back next month, and because I hit it off with the ladies there I'll be going to their sip and shop on Nov. 9th.

I love businesses that help to support the local community. The salon will also have a lottery tree to support The Kaitlyn Langlois Memorial Foundation. Taking care of myself is important, but when I can do that and also know that I am helping someone else at the same time it's bonus karma. Skin, check! Next on my wellness crusade. Body.

At Auburn High School, in the fitness room on Thursday nights from 5 to 6, is a zesty Zumba class that I really wanted to try. I just always let other things get in the way.

Not this week!



The Zumba ladies

It was time for me to go and shake what my mama gave me. Amy Palumbo-LeClaire was the instructor and she was so excited to start class. She gave me energy with her attitude, her dance moves, and her pure passion for what she does. I went in expecting to trip over myself and look a fool. But I did pretty well! The dance moves were easy to follow. I worked up quite a sweat, and I felt great during and after. I really needed a kick in the butt to get my body moving.

I have had trouble getting back into exercise after the week of finals. I was cold, miserable, stressed, and angry. My mood was all over the place, and sometimes you just need to be with people who can help you get back into the groove. Going into this class and seeing other women just like me really helped. I have continued to exercise after this class. I don't need to tell you how important exercise is. You know how important it is. Sometimes we just need a little help getting started and staying consistent. Body, check! Now my hair...and yes, this was an important one.

It had been a long time since I had my hair done correctly. I have those really annoying shiny gray hairs. The ones that look like Christmas tinsel. I tried dying them myself, but it wouldn't last more than a week. I had not had my hair cut in so long that my roots to tips were just a mess. I had grown depressed over my hair and just kept it tied up constantly. This caused headaches, and my hair was also falling out more because of the strain of elastic. My scalp was killing me, and I just dealt with it because I thought it wasn't important.

I am important.

I am important to my family, to my friends, to my job, to my school, and to the community. I am important because I say I am important. I say this because maybe I will start to believe it and take better care of myself. I don't want to take my hair for granted because there are so many women out there that lose their hair for serious medical reasons. I should not take what I have for granted and I should realize that taking care of myself includes my outer appearance.

I was scared that I would be judged in a salon. I was worried they would make fun of my hot mess, or yell at me for doing the box colors, or even scold me for not coming in sooner. I chose my salon carefully and I scheduled an appointment. I had been talking to the owner Deanna Mills of Jen's Untamed Salon and Spa, and she was very passionate about the new building and how everything she is doing is in memory of her daughter Jen. Jen left behind two children, a husband, and her loving mother. I can't do much to mend their hearts, but I can always stay in touch and try my best to get their story out there. I was also talking with hair stylist Jessica Guertin on and off. I felt very comfortable talking with her, and she is just so kind and welcoming that I thought I would just go ahead and ask her for a cut and color. No judgements, no scolding, nothing but understanding and willingness to help.

Guertin matched my hair color and brought back my red tints that I used to have when I was a teenager. She glazed my hair, and made it strong

and so shiny! With the cut, she added some layers, and made it so light and movable that I truly felt like a brand new person. Touching my hair and not having a ton of strands fall out between my finger tips was amazing. Feeling the silk, and health of my hair made me remember that I am a beautiful and healthy woman, and I need to stop thinking that I am just a mother, worker, student, housekeeper, and cook. I am first and foremost a woman, and to keep those other titles I need to take care of myself.

Then I realized I had not been setting the best example for my daughter Charlotte. She sees all of this, all of me, and that made me want to weep. She is worthy of selfcare, and so am I. If I show her that taking care of yourself is just as important as taking care of others than maybe she will grow to be self-confident, self-assured, and have high self-esteem.

Take care of yourself, friends. Do not let your own mind tell you that you are not worth it. I am telling you that you are. Writing this has been my last wellness adventure of my week journey through self-care. I can share my thoughts and feelings, and hopefully it will reach someone who feels like I do. If you are reading this know that you are worth your own love and strength. Taking care of yourself means you are better equipped to take care of others. It is not selfish or unnecessary and do not let anyone, even yourself, tell you any different. Treat yourself like you treat others, with kindness and respect.

Tell yourself you are worth it, because I am, and if I am, then you are.

## Berthiaume announces additional funding

BOSTON — State Representative Donnie Berthiaume, R-Spencer, announced additional funding assistance for local road and bridge repairs under a Fiscal Year 2018 supplemental budget recently approved by the Legislature.

The funding will be paid out as part of a \$40 million appropriation for the state's Chapter 90 program included in the supplemental spending bill, which was signed into law on October 23 by

Governor Charlie Baker.

The supplemental budget also contains \$15 million in grant funding for two school safety initiatives, including \$7.5 million for implementing security upgrades in the state's K-12 public schools, and another \$7.5 million for schools to hire mental health and behavioral health specialists. An additional \$5 million has been allocated to help school districts with high concentrations of low-income students carry out

targeted intervention and turnaround efforts to address student achievement gaps.

The budget also authorizes \$10 million for local clean drinking water projects, and a \$10 million transfer to the Community Preservation Act Trust Fund.

"This is great news for our cities and towns," said Representative Berthiaume. "The supplemental budget not only provides

funding assistance for local transportation infrastructure needs, but it also takes steps to help communities address many other critical issues, including education, school safety, clean drinking water, and open space preservation."

Established by the Legislature in 1973, the Chapter 90 program distributes funding to cities and towns on an annual basis, using a formula that is based on the weighted average of a municipality's population, employment, and total road miles. The money is paid out as reimbursements to communities for qualifying infrastructure work.

Chapter 90 funds can be spent on a variety of municipal roadway projects, including resurfacing, drainage, sidewalks, guardrails, traffic control, right-of-way acquisition and street lighting. The funding can also be used for bike-ways, landscaping and tree planting associated with certain projects, and for purchasing and maintaining certain road building machinery, equipment and tools.

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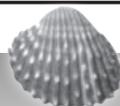
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Kane: summary of ballot questions

To the Editor:

WGBH functions as the leading public broadcast service in Massachusetts. They have published one page sheets on the state's Ballot questions which can be seen at [www.wgbhnews.org/](http://www.wgbhnews.org/) election. A brief summary follows

Ballot Question 1: NURSE PATIENT RATIOS

Explanation: If this referendum passes there would be legal limits on the number of patients that could be assigned to each nurse in Massachusetts hospitals. This number would vary based on the hospital unit and the patient's conditions.

A Yes Vote Would: Enact nurse-patient ratios. The law would take effect in January 2019.

A No Vote Would: Keep the current system in place, allowing hospitals to determine nurses' assignments.

Ballot Question 2: COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH LIMITING MONEY IN POLITICS

Explanation: If this referendum passes, it would create a commission of unpaid citizens to write a report on money in politics.

The ballot question is being billed as a way for...voters...opposing the Supreme Court's 2010 Citizens United decision allowed unlimited outside political contributions by corporations.

A Yes Vote Would: Establish a commission on limiting money in politics

A No Vote Would: Not create a commission. Nothing would change

Ballot Question 3: MAINTAINING TRANSGENDER PROTECTION IN PUBLIC PLACES

Explanation: This referendum asks voters whether to keep a 2016 law that prohibits discrimination against transgender people in places open to the public, including restaurants, hospitals...and gym locker rooms

Under the 2016 law, if there are separate...restrooms, transgender can use the space that matches their gender identity rather than their biology or sex at birth.

A Yes Vote Would: keep the 2016 law on the books, protecting transgender people

A No Vote Would: Repeal the 2016 that protects transgender people.

My personal opinions:

Ballot Question 1: Tipping to Yes because compared to for profit hospitals and physicians, nurses are poorly paid and treated. Smaller community and hospitals however will state assistance.

Ballot Questions 2: Yes, because numerous research and evidence show the rich and large corporations have major controls on the political process.

Ballot Question 3: Yes, because I do not support discrimination and surely we can solve restroom "problems."

Kevin Kane  
Spencer

### Monette: supports Berthiaume

To the Editor:

I am writing in support of Representative Donnie Berthiaume. As a member of the SEBRSD School Committee I have witnessed the countless hours, dedication, and hard work that Donnie puts into his job as our State Representative. Whenever the school district needs help getting something done, Donnie is always there to assist us in anyway he can. Donnie is a reliable and experienced Representative, and I am confident that he will continue to provide the support that our school district and voters require.

An example of how Donnie's actions have reinforced my confidence in his ability to make positive improve-

ments, is the role that he and his team played in assisting the school district in connecting the gas line on Rt. 9 in front of David Prouty. Without their help, it's possible the district wouldn't have fuel for the new gas boilers. I am very grateful and appreciative of his responsiveness and support to our schools. I encourage voters to join me in supporting Donnie Berthiaume for State Representative so that the 5th Worcester District, and SEBRSD may continue to benefit from his service.

JASON MONETTE  
CHAIR OF SEBRSD SCHOOL  
COMMITTEE  
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### Kady: must speak out

To the Editor:

I usually don't write letters to the editor but after seeing the hateful comments against our state representative in last week's paper I feel compelled to set the record straight. I am tired as are most of my friends with the constant negative campaigning by some politicians on both the local level and nationally.

Of particular interest were the comments made about our current state representative Donnie Berthiaume. I can only say that the comments made

about him are a huge mischaracterization. Donnie is one of the most caring human beings I know. No matter the issue or your political affiliation Donnie is always ready to help everyone.

It is sad that politics has come to this level in our country. Join me in voting for someone who cares about everyone and does not stoop to the level of most elected officials today.

DIANE KADY  
SPENCER

### Fortuna: supporting Berthiaume

To the Editor:

I am writing to support my current State Representative Donnie Berthiaume. Donnie has done an outstanding job for us for the past 4 years. He has kept to his promises, he has gotten more money to our towns and his priorities are still the seniors and veterans in our communities.

Donnie is a hands-on person, when you call his cell phone and need help, he comes to your house and sits down with you to get the problem solved, he doesn't just send out a form letter on

your behalf.

Donnie is a self-made caring human being who's established his own hard working reputation by doing his job. Donnie will continue to work hard for all of us, His voting record speaks for itself, and for me. Thank you, Donnie.

I urge you to re-elect Donnie Berthiaume as the 5th District State Representative

Thank you.

TAMMY FORTUNA  
NORTH BROOKFIELD

### Kehrer: an independent for Strauss

To the Editor:

As a proud independent and gun owner, and a generally unpolitical person, I'd like to urge everyone in the 5th district to consider voting for Jean Strauss for state representative.

I've known Jean for only a short time, but I've been impressed by her accomplishments and her dedication to improving people's lives. I am convinced that as our state rep she will devote herself full time to addressing

the problems our communities face. Please review her platform at <https://www.jean2018.org/platform>.

No one will deny that the incumbent, Donnie Berthiaume, is a nice guy; but I'm convinced Jean will be a far more effective legislator. Vote for Jean Strauss.

HARRY KEHRER  
NORTH BROOKFIELD

### Cournoyer: voting to re-elect Caissie

To the Editor:

I am voting to re-elect Jen Caissie for Governor's Council. In a time when politics is so nasty, and disappointing, Jen Caissie remains a bright light for hard work and integrity in central Massachusetts.

I have followed her over the past few years and can honestly say she is a true statesman who represents all of us in central Massachusetts honorably.

PATRICIA A. COURNOYER  
EAST BROOKFIELD

### Gobi: proud of Anne

To the Editor:

Here it is just before the election. I feel I have to share some positives about Anne, as a mom hearing negative untruths is always hard, however I and her brothers are very proud of all of her accomplishments. As a teacher, a coach and attending law school at night, how very proud her Dad was. Anne has always been very dependable, hard working, caring and trust worthy, not to mention she can change a tire too!

I am asking you to re-elect my Senator and yours, so that Anne can continue to help her constituents doing the work she loves.

Thank you,  
Proud Mom of Anne Gobi

HARRIET A GOBI  
SPENCER

### Lyons: Strauss did homework

To the Editor:

I am responding to an editorial endorsement for Rep. Berthiaume by Selectman Dale Kiley of North Brookfield. I will openly admit that I have worked on the Jean Strauss campaign for State Representative. Jean obtained every annual report for every town in District 5 and I am certain she has scrutinized and dissected each one of them to see what the needs are in all towns.

In addition, she has spoken to thousands of future constituents, going to events and door to door to hear from them directly on what they feel is most important to District 5. In my opinion, that use of positive campaign time far exceeds what would have been accomplished by coming to say

"hello" and introduce herself to you. Jean has worked hard not to interject this political campaign into town's business. She has also attended North Brookfield's town meetings at the school. I do know that she has taken the time to learn about the District's needs from the actual constituency by speaking to as many folks as the day would allow. I am certain she will continue listening to your voices and is ready to act on your behalf for a much better future.

Vote for Jean Strauss, Democrat, State Representative, Worcester 5th District.

SUSAN LYONS  
NORTH BROOKFIELD

### Melad: district needs Jean Strauss

ditor:

Candidate for State Rep Jean Strauss has concrete ideas of what our district needs to help its residents. She will work to fix our flawed school funding formula, ensure our schools stay safe for our kids, maintain and advance funding and support for our seniors, veterans and those in need, and will work to get funding for new economic opportunities in our district.

Incumbent Berthiaume has consistently voted against these fundamental needs of our district. Berthiaume voted to completely cut funding to Reach Out and Read and to cut \$1.25 million from youth mental health services. In the same year he was one of only 3 legislators who voted against a

ban on bump stocks.

Berthiaume also voted to cut \$300,000 from SNAP and cut \$6.6 million from transitional assistance to those who need it most.

He voted to cut \$300,000 from a state VA hospital, to cut funding for postpartum depression support, and voted to eliminate funding for down syndrome programs—and at the same time, voted against a 4% millionaire's tax.

Democracy depends on informed voters. We need a legislator who will work to give aid to residents and communities, not take it away.

ETHAN MELAD  
NORTH BROOKFIELD

### Blais: Depraved vs. moral culture

To the Editor:

We live in a culture filled with moral depravity, sin inducing pressures. Wrong desires and temptations happen to everyone, we must not feel we have been singled out. We have inherited this sinful nature from Adam and Eve.

We all have the responsibility to resist this nature, temptation, any temptation can be resisted, however, resisting can mostly be accomplished in and through God, Jesus, God will help you to resist temptation, God helps us to resist temptation through Jesus, the Holy Spirit will help you recognize those people and things,

situations that give you trouble. The Holy Spirit can only be available through Jesus. We need to pray daily, pray for God's help and God will give you victory through Jesus.

Now, has for the right thing to do for our culture in the coming days, the midterm election November 6, we need to vote "right" Republican, supporting president Trump's agenda for the people of this Country, USA and the future generations. God bless America!

ROLAND BLAIS  
BROOKFIELD

### Brewer endorses Gobi and Strauss

To the Editor:

From time to time my former beloved constituents ask me to comment on who I support in forthcoming elections. My advice is – inform yourself and above all, go vote.

However, I will state my preferences this fall are Anne Gobi for State Senate and Jean Strauss for State Representative. Now before one says, 'that figures, he's a Democrat' – spare me the partisan song. There's a long list of Republican legislators I have worked with and respect.

I have worked with Anne Gobi now for close to 18 years and she is a credit to the term 'public servant'. Intelligent, diligent, thoughtful, pragmatic and relentless! I am also proud to call her my friend.

For State Representative I was loath to wade into the waters of another race as I do enjoy my semi-retirement.

Then I met Jean Strauss. I read her book about her life. I was intrigued.

I met with her at length and advised her this district requires a moderate, diligent, constituent-oriented legislator who puts the needs of the District first, who studies the complexity of issues intelligently and uses both head and heart to formulate voting on issues that matter not only for today but for our future and our children's future.

With her work ethic, her understanding of our history and environment, and our quality of life, Jean Strauss will do that. I believe in this lady and am confident if you send her to Boston you will be proud to call her your State Representative.

STEPHEN M. BREWER  
BARRE

### Gittins: Strauss ready to serve

To the Editor:

Jean Strauss is a problem-solver. She has a gift for grasping the basics of things that haven't been working well. After identifying what she sees as needed to make things right, Jean works with the people who have been affected by the problem, and, together, they make a careful plan that lays out what needs to be done. And then she pursues the plan at full-throttle.

This is the first time Jean has run for a political office. However, she has a long record of distinctive achievements in areas (filmmaking, and adoptee rights advocacy) that require talents which have much overlap with the talents critical to success

in politics; (for example, film-makers have to convince investors that their project is sound, and also be good at meeting schedules and avoiding cost overruns).

I think Jean is an outstanding candidate for State Representative for the 5th Worcester District. Her ambition is to serve the people in her district. She will always be oriented to the issues of daily life that matter to you, that are crucial to you. If you need help, Jean will always have your back, and she will always, always, get back to you.

JOHN GITTINS  
NORTH BROOKFIELD

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EDITORIAL

# On Voting

This is not an editorial about politics. This is not a column written in support of a candidate. This is not even about any particular upcoming election or issue or policy. This is actually an editorial just about voting.

For most of us, voting isn't super exciting. It's not a holiday around which we can theme a cook-out or picnic or party. No one wishes anyone a Happy Election Day and children definitely do not clamor to be taken to the polls to watch the voting process.

But wouldn't it be terrific if they did?

What if we treated elections the way we treat Super Bowl Sunday? What if we made it the "Big Deal" that it truly is? Why don't all Americans LOVE voting? Does voting need a marketing makeover? Maybe so.

Think about it: your vote is your voice. It is your most powerful way to decisively state your preference. No one can or should influence your vote. Your vote is an actual, documented and counted opinion. It's better than a Facebook "like", or a retweet or a swipe. It means even more than holding a sign, or having a bumper sticker, signing an online petition, or sending an email.

Voting, in our country, is a right. It cannot be taken from you. Throughout American history, it has been fought for, debated, argued, amended and signed into law...for YOU. What was once a privilege restricted to a single, narrow segment of the population is now a freedom with which all Americans are literally born.

Yet for many, voting is a guilt-driven, exasperating "why do I have to do this?" burdensome task. It's one more thing to do on a busy work day and inspires inner arguments: "What if the lines are long?"

"I can't stand any of these politicians!"

"Should I vote for or against Issue whatever?"

"I don't want to admit how LITTLE I really know about anything on the ballot."

In the same spirit of granting Election Day a status equal to major football games, what's needed is just a little pre-game prep. You wouldn't predict your Super Bowl winner without at least knowing the teams' records. Do the same with those candidates and issues! We have so much information at our fingertips today, including right here in the newspaper you are reading. You know more than you think.

Along with voting, we are granted the right to express opinions. Active, engaged citizens can and do discuss issues and situations and very often disagree with one another. Voting is the civilized expression of putting action behind words. Anyone can speak an opinion. Anyone can also vote in matters relating to that opinion. If someone chooses NOT to vote, their opinion, while no less valid, is nonetheless wasted. Your vote is your choice to use your voice... and to truly make it heard.

On Tuesday, Nov. 6, don't sit this one out. Your vote is REAL. It is counted. It matters. VOTE!

**DON'T MISS A BEAT**

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# VIEWPOINT

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Bagg: October surprises

What do we have for "October surprises" this year? It looks like this year we get a migrant "caravan" from Honduras! A synagogue shoot 'em up in PA! Explosive devices mailed from a virulent Trumper to high profile subjects of Trump's twitter ire!

Trump has made some absurd comments about the migrant caravan. Let's remember for a moment that Honduras is the murder capital of the world, extremely poor (much poorer than Mexico), the United States has played a role in supporting coups and overthrowing duly elected governments there, and the corruption level is off the charts. These are people who are acting no differently than YOU would given the same set of circumstances. The irony is that the core of Honduras' problem is weak institutions while Trump is destroying and weakening institutions in the United States and framing it as a good thing. Trump has demanded Honduras fence in their own people in some sort of an open air prison despite "keeping people in" is considered a human rights violation and is reminiscent of East Germany and Soviet behavior not American freedom. Trump is threatening countries these people came from despite the caravan not being there anymore - as if those governments could do anything about it. Trump is threatening world trade with one of our main trading partners (Mexico) and threatening the economies of both countries over forcing Mexico to "do something."

It is like Trump is riding on a horse on the freedom trail and tweeting, "the brown people are coming!" The most absurd thing is that Trump has blamed the Democrats for the actions of foreigners on foreign soil - how could that be the Democrats' fault!? People have blamed George Soros for funding it... Which got

me thinking - if anybody is funding this caravan, I bet it is Russia. This issue is playing into the hands of the GOP. The timing is impeccable, it is in the new every night and the caravan will start reaching the border on election day. This is a page out of the old Soviet playbook - it is cheap to attack the USA by stirring conflict in Latin America. Think about it - this caravan helps the Republicans in November and the timing is just too convenient. I believe in the decades to come we will all be watching documentaries on how Putin broke America.

In other news, a crazed Trump supporter (who is ironically the son of a Filipino immigrant) has been sending mail bombs to prominent left of center figured Trump regularly attacks. In other news, a Synagogue was shot up and the President suggested it was the Jewish community's fault for not having armed guards. Could it be that this President fans political violence?

Politics is a team sport, and it is time once again to put a stake in the ground and say loud and clear which team you are on. Every 2 years we have a national election, and every 2 years we get dealt an October surprise. This year is no different. This year we have a mid-term election which is a national referendum on President Trump and all that he represents. Don't let your local GOP flag wavers weasel out of that - they have had 2 years to re-assess for themselves whose team they are on (or if they still want to be on a team) and what they are willing to represent and they have made their choices. Looking at Berthiaume, Campanale, Lovvorn, and Diehl especially. A vote for them is a vote for...

FRED BAGG  
SPENCER

## Is your 'digital estate' in order?



FINANCIAL FOCUS  
JEFF BURDICK

If you spend a lot of time on the internet, you're not just shopping or being entertained, or following the news or

participating in an online community. You're probably also dealing with accounts and information that eventually can become part of your digital "estate." And if this estate isn't properly looked after, it can lead to confusion and conflict among your survivors, as well as an opportunity for hackers to try to get at whatever resources they can touch.

If you haven't stopped to think about it, you might be surprised at the number of assets that could become part of your digital estate. You may have financial accounts (banking, brokerage and bill-paying); virtual property accounts (air miles, "points" for hotel bookings); business accounts (eBay, Amazon, Etsy); e-mail accounts (Gmail, Outlook, Yahoo); social networking accounts (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram); online storage accounts (Google Drive, iCloud, Dropbox); and application accounts (Netflix, Kindle, Apple).

Given all these areas, how can you protect and preserve your digital estate? Here are a few suggestions:

Create a detailed inventory of digital assets. Following the categories listed above, draw up a list of all your digital assets.

Document your wishes for how you want your digital assets managed. If you don't specify how you want your digital assets managed upon your death or incapacitation, you might be opening the door to lengthy legal battles over access to these assets. In a worst-case scenario, your heirs and beneficiaries might never get the assets you had intended for them.

Name a digital executor in your last will and testament. A digital executor can accomplish a variety of tasks related to your digital estate, such as transferring online assets to your heirs; closing accounts you don't want transferred; managing personal materials by archiving or deleting files, photographs, videos and other content you have created; and, finally, informing online communities of your passing. When choosing a digital executor, you'll want someone you can trust, of course, but you'll also want to make sure that person is skilled enough in technology to search your computer properly and navigate the internet and multiple websites. Not all states recognize a digital executor, so you may want to consult with a legal professional to learn about the laws governing digital estate planning in your state. Also, even if you have a digital executor, online platforms enforce their own rules about who can or can't access a deceased person's accounts. If you are concerned about this, you may want to contact the customer service areas from these types of providers - Google, PayPal, Facebook, etc. - to learn their policies.

Review your plans. Review your digital estate plans on a regular basis, just as you do with your physical/tangible estate plans. The digital world is a fast-moving one, so you'll need to stay current with changes.

In some ways, managing a digital estate can be more challenging than dealing with a physical estate. But by following the above suggestions, you can help reduce any "cyber-angst" your loved ones may feel when it's time to deal with the digital presence you've left behind.

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## Media burdens run two ways

I was chatting with a group of students the other day when one of them looked me in the eye and commented, "You're very tough on journalists."

I had to plead guilty.

Of course I'm tough on journalists. Maybe even as tough on them as they are on politicians.

Our representative democracy depends on journalists doing their jobs. Why? Because it's essential that citizens get the solid, accurate, and fair information they need to make good judgments about politicians and policy decisions. Our system cannot work if journalists and the institutions they work for don't shoulder the burden of serving as watchdogs, holding government accountable, shining a light on overlooked challenges, and exploring complicated issues in as clear-eyed a manner as possible.

Which is why, if you value representative democracy, you have to be deeply concerned about the once-over-lightly journalism that fills our media. Too often, reporters, commentators and online contributors focus on trivia, partisan posturing, and political gamesmanship, and not on the substance of issues.

The disruptive forces that have laid waste to traditional journalistic organizations have pared down the newsrooms that can carry out in-depth journalism and investigative reporting. Yet the world we live in is so complicated and so difficult to understand the need is greater than ever for journalists to pick out what really matters in their communities or in the nation and convey solid information to the citizen.

I have no illusions about how difficult this is. Nailing down good information requires a lot of effort, persistence, and time. A single story can take months to follow carefully. Making sense of the issues that affect us - in politics, the legal system, medicine, war and peace, the economy - requires patience, expertise, analytical skill, and the ability to convey complexity in a simple fashion.

The prevalence of fake news and misinformation makes this search for objective truth ever more difficult and challenging. If we don't have the right information as citizens, then we don't have the facts to shape our opinions - and we're going to be in trouble as a nation.

Disentangling truth and untruth from the citizen's standpoint is really hard. So, I applaud and admire journalists who are dedicated to truth. And there are enough of them that there is still plenty of good, solid reporting.

It's not always easy to find, though,



BEYOND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT  
LEE H. HAMILTON

amidst all the less-than-solid noise that fills our media landscape. This places a particular burden on us, as citizens, to work hard to find it and understand it. Especially because some of the institutions we once relied upon for independent, objective information - I'm thinking specifically of Congress here - have increasingly stopped serving as models for the search for truth.

The plain truth is, there's much to distract both journalists and citizens from what's really necessary to cover and to understand. Sorting through all the information at our fingertips, distilling meaning from it, zeroing in on what's really important: that's work that both journalists and ordinary citizens have to undertake.

If you're a local journalist, that means looking into every nook and cranny of government and chasing down what's important and what doesn't add up. For more broad-based journalists, the responsibility is to look at events, analyze them, and convey what needs to be conveyed to the public to make sound decisions about good governance.

And for citizens, it means conscientiously following reliable, fact-oriented media - and not just a single source, either, because none has a monopoly on the truth - and using their reporting to make discriminating judgments about public affairs.

Getting all of this right is essential to making our government work. Journalists have to ask themselves whether they are getting to the bottom of stories and giving enough information to citizens so they can make good judgments - or are they too focused on trivia and entertainment and posturing? And citizens - whose media tastes drive so much of what the media provide - need to be focused on what matters.

It's a complicated dance, but in the end, it comes down to one thing: journalists need to provide, and citizens need to ask for, the reporting that's necessary to make the country work.

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# Stop asking me when I'm going to settle down



MIND OF A  
CURIOUS  
GIRL  
ANNIE  
SANDOLI

When I was 8 years old, my friends were already talking about their future weddings. I remember one of them drawing her dream wedding dress in blue crayon on a piece of blank printer paper. Another thought about the names she would bestow upon her future children during one of our sleepovers, writing them down one by one and alternating between boys' names and girls' names. We even held several mock weddings where one of them would walk down the "aisle" with the rest of us throwing wildflowers at her. Sometimes I would participate in their fantasies, trying to pretend I cared about the sleeve cut of a long white dress

or what I wanted the gender of my firstborn baby to be. Other times I didn't say anything at all or refused to accept my invitation to one of their imaginary weddings to a fictional character, mostly because I was still a small child myself and still thought every boy on the planet had cooties.

It was only recently that one of those friends, now in her mid-twenties, walked up to me and said, "You know, after spending all these years thinking I had to get married someday, I've finally realized that I don't and it's such a relief."

I immediately thought to myself, "Wait a minute, I haven't thought about it like that before."

Although we have made progress, I have noticed that it is often still expected that each young girl growing up in America will get married by a certain age and carry a child on her hip not long after, which is not only a heteronormative assumption to a degree, but also conveys the message

that every woman's ambitions are the same. Whenever I'm dating someone exclusively, I'm always asked the daunting question, "When are you going to settle down?"

Interestingly enough, the marriage rates in the United States have been on a steady decline over the past few decades and the average age of people who do marry is constantly increasing. Yet as some of my peers start to get engaged, married, and pregnant, I've started to see for myself that the expectation of young people "settling down" and the question of when they will do so still prevails in our society and everyday life.

I spent this past week trying to figure out why so many people are so set on asking about when I'll marry, thinking of reasons such as tradition, religion, and population growth. It made me realize, perhaps for the first time, that I've never really dreamt about wearing a ring, buying a house, or having children. Rather, I tend to be

preoccupied with how much I want to travel, live in a tiny apartment in a big city with my favorite books and a guitar, spend time with my family and friends, protest for and write about causes I believe in, donate my time to charities, and become sure of exactly who I am, perhaps by standing on the edge of cliffs but not being petrified of falling off. I've known what my dreams really are for years, but somehow, I just recently figured out that it's okay for me to feel exactly the way I do.

I've been told by many people I'm both an old soul and a hopeless romantic, a combination that means that I all too often find relationships to be disappointing. I've always told myself that if I did ever marry or love someone for life, I don't want to need that person by my side, I just want to want him by my side. If I never want to be with someone quite that much, I'm really not at all worried about never saying wedding vows or offering a

commitment. To be clear, nothing is wrong with wanting to be married with children at an early age and I am happy for everyone who desires and chooses that. There is also nothing is wrong with not wanting that, yet my family, friends, and even my acquaintances ask me more about who I am dating and when I think I'll want to get married than they do about the start of my career, plan to get a PhD, or the next song I'll learn to play.

Instead of asking about the dates men take me on, I think they should ask me more about the dates I take myself on — going on long car rides and walks on the beach, asking myself what I want my future to look like, and buying myself dinner and sitting there with myself thinking, "Do I like the company I'm with right now?"

And when I say, "Yes, I love the company I'm with right now," that's when I will have really settled down.

## The hunt is on with the birds now migrating



THE GREAT  
OUTDOORS  
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This past weekend's storm had a positive impact on migrating birds, taking advantage of the wind currents as they fly south. Duck and goose populations were up as they stopped in the valley area to rest and feed for a day or two, and then continue on their journey. The next two weeks should provide some great shooting as the migrant birds continue to fly to their winter homes. Woodcock should also start to migrate, providing bird hunters with some great shooting opportunities over well trained pointing dogs. Very few native woodcock exist in the valley area today, mainly because of lost habitat from development. Ducks and Canada geese close Nov. 24, this year and reopen Dec. 11.

Archery deer hunters have been harvesting some large bucks locally with a few sporting antlers with 10 points or

more. Local hunters are also finding more activities from deer that are leaving ground scrapes in local covers. Seasoned deer hunters are contemplating the rutting season to peak around Nov. 5-15 this year. It is a time that archers need to put all of the time they can in their tree stand, as it is the best time to encounter a big buck. Big bucks often let their guard down while chasing does that are in heat during peak rutting season.

Unfortunately, some of the hunting public are out stealing deer hunters gear again this year, and it is more wide spread than previous years. Deer cams are the target of choice by many of the local outlaw hunters this year. The cameras can be a bit expensive to replace. Some of the cameras have had the chip removed from them giving the thieves the data that was captured for the camera owner. A couple of local deer hunters have purchased a couple of cameras, setting one in clear view of other hunters, but they have another close by, hoping to catch the thieves in the act. It has worked numerous times in prior years.

One local deer hunter shared

some comical news with this writer about information he captured on his deer cam. Along with pictures of coyotes, skunks, squirrels, and chipmunks but no deer, the video captured a squirrel harvesting acorns for the winter and burying them for his winter food supply next to a tree. After the squirrel left, the chipmunk appeared and dug up the squirrel's nuts and scampered off with them. I wonder where he got that idea from?

Shotgun deer season opens Nov. 26 this year, with the remaining season of black powder opening Dec. 10.

Hopefully weather conditions will improve soon allowing saltwater anglers the opportunity to harvest tautog and stripers. Heavy wind and rough seas kept a lot of boats tied to the dock this past weekend, but weather was expected to improve this week. This week's picture shows this writer with old rubber lips, and a bucket of them caught this past spring. The limit on tautog has now increased to five fish daily for tautog in Rhode Island waters, but be careful to read the new regulations.

Charter boat customers are allowed five fish daily, but if



Ralph with a nice 'rubber lip' tautog



Madi-B is doing well and just wants everyone to know.

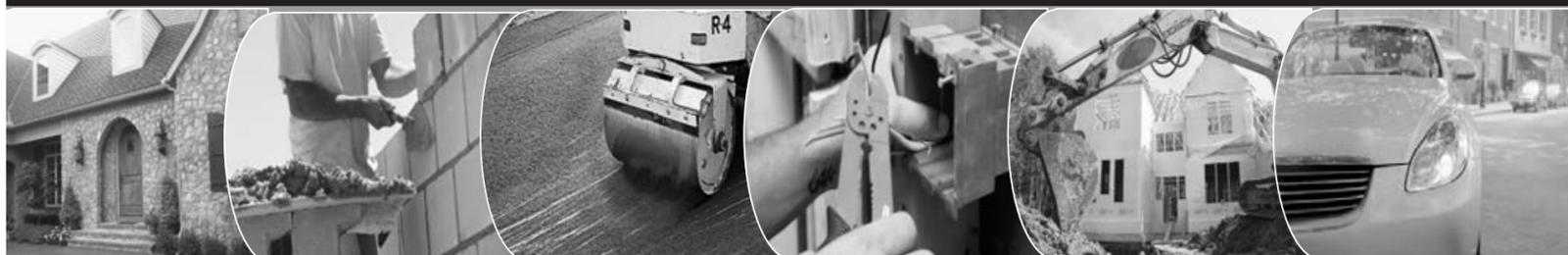
you own your boat, only 10 fish may be retained even if you have more than two anglers in the boat!! What a stupid regulation. It also seems unfair. The little guy gets hammered again!!!!

This past week this writer received some mail from a 92 year old gentleman that was responding to my column about the high cost of veterinarians. His dog Madi-B, a 9 year old poodle, had leg problems and his final cost at Tufts veteri-

nary school was a cool \$4,400. He is extremely grateful for the great care his dog Madi B received and is now doing well on her three legs. He would do it again as the poodle is one of the family and losing her would be devastating. It sure is sad to hear stories like his as most people his age do not have that kind of money laying around. Thanks for your story.

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officials are also encouraged by the senior living component of the proposal, as new options will be needed to accommodate an increasing senior population over the next five years.

“The presentation was very impressive, and I think this is a great opportunity for the town,” said Select Board Chairman Gary Woodbury. “Everything is starting to fall into place with our downtown projects, and we need to keep finding ways to

improve the downtown area.”

After spending years searching for ways to avoid demolishing the deteriorated 117 Main St. building, selectmen are relieved to see the sale process moving forward. The town has leases in place with business tenants of the building that run through 2019 and 2020, but selectmen were worried about the building’s future beyond that. After no interest was expressed in the building from private buyers over the summer, it appeared that demolition would be inevitable.

“I am pleased that there

is a good possibility that the Sugden Block may be saved from the wrecking ball,” said Selectman Ralph Hicks. “It is an historic landmark in Spencer and needs to be preserved if at all possible.”

Constructed in 1889, the three-level building takes up roughly 30,000 square feet at the intersection of Pleasant Street and Main Street. Several business tenants made significant investments to improve their spaces in recent years, despite their awareness of the building’s uncertain future. If the Mexicali proposal moves forward,

tenants would eventually have to move from their current spaces to allow for the renovation. This will not happen immediately, as all leases will be honored.

Once the project is complete, tenants would likely have the opportunity to lease spaces on the first floor under new contracts. If they wish to move elsewhere in town, officials have already committed to working with tenants to help them secure new locations in the Route 9 corridor.

Listed on the State Register of Historic Places, the Sugden Block building has served the

town in multiple capacities over the years. Initially constructed to provide revenue for the adjacent Richard Sugden Library, the building has since housed retail stores, newspaper offices, restaurants, law offices, and several other occupants. It is currently home to a mix of large spaces and small offices, but less than half of the building’s spaces are tenanted.

The town has a lease in place with one tenant that runs through 2020, in addition to three other leases that expire in 2019. Moreover, there are three tenants-at-will

occupying the building on month-to-month rental agreements.

Looking ahead, the town administrator will proceed with negotiations for the building’s sale with the developer. No timeframe has been announced for when the sale could be approved.

“This is an important step and it’s great to see everything moving forward,” said Selectman Warren Monette. “It’s a beautiful building, and if this goes through it could help bring people into town. There has been a lot of momentum in the downtown area lately.”



The CSX safety train visited the Route 9 corridor to prepare emergency responders.



Emergency responders learned how to deal with chemical leaks and derailments involving tank cars like this one.

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provided knowledge that can help save lives in the event of a major rail incident. Since responders aren’t often trained in rail safety, West Brookfield Selectman Daniel Bigda wanted to provide an opportunity for specialized local training.

“It was a great event, and everyone came out of it with a lot of knowledge,” said Bigda, whose career in the railroad industry helped him organize the event. “I was happy to reach out to a lot of area towns and help get them involved.”

The two-day safety train program covered several topics, including operations on railroad property; rail shipping documents; rail equipment identification; tank car safety; locomotive fires;

flammable liquid unit trains; incident response procedures; and working with railroad officials.

Attendees also received a tank car guidebook and a railroad safety manual. It meant a lot for local responders to have an opportunity to learn about safety and efficiently reacting to derailments.

“Any time you’re dealing with something that’s manmade, there is a chance that something could go wrong,” said West Brookfield Fire Chief Paul Foster. “There are a lot of chemical trains that go through our towns, and we want to be well-trained in how to deal with any problems that could happen.”

With a constant focus on safe operations, CSX officials designed the company’s safety train program to provide realistic training for first responders

across the country. Whether they’re dealing with a major derailment situation or a minor leak on a siding, responders need to know how to assess incidents on the rails quickly.

“It was important for us to offer this training to responders in all towns on the main line,” Bigda said. “We had a great response and we thank everyone from CSX for making this possible.”

Bigda previously served as a train conductor and a designer of railroad cars. Well aware of how difficult it can be to identify different cars and their contents, Bigda worked hard with town

and fire department officials to bring the safety train to the Route 9 corridor. Attendees were able to learn about flammable gases, corrosive materials, combustible liquids, and several other chemicals transported through area towns every day.

Guests also learned about how to quickly identify cars and which agencies to call for more information in an emergency. Program participants each received railroad training certificates at the end of the course.

To learn more about the CSX safety train, visit [www.thesafetytrain.org](http://www.thesafetytrain.org).

**VOTING**

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ment is no laughing matter. In dozens of municipal roles, with Carol McPherson serving on the Republican Town Committee, the Zoning Board of Appeals, and as an election official, among several other positions.

Back in the late sixties, when Carol McPherson was first elected to the Zoning Board, she was one of the only women in town to serve on a board other than the school and library committees. She has always prided herself in getting involved and giving back to the community in as many ways as she can.

“I was brought up to be very patriotic and involved in the community. That’s how I’ve always been,” said Carol McPherson, who married her husband in 1960.

And for several decades to follow, McPherson never missed an election, driving through rain, sleet, and occasionally even snow to cast her vote. With each passing year she continued to set the example for her daughter, Beth McPherson.

“On my eighteenth birthday, her first words to me weren’t happy birthday. The first thing she asked was: ‘Did you register to vote?’” Beth McPherson recalled.

For Beth, whose November birthday has sometimes landed on Election Day over the years, she always knew that the cake and presents would have to take a back seat. During her time as an election official for over 30 years, Carol

McPherson often had to stay late to help tabulate voting results.

“We have received a few complaints that we missed her birthday party because it was Election Day,” Bob McPherson laughed.

The McPhersons have seen many changes in politics, technology, and voting practices over the years. Long gone are the days when residents registering to vote had to take a reading test in order to be approved, which was still in practice when McPherson registered. Moreover, technology has made many aspects of Election Day easier, though election meddling at the national level has caused significant apprehension heading into Nov. 6.

For Carol McPherson, some of the most disturbing changes in politics have nothing to do with foreign interference or suspicions over technology being exploited. The worsening divide between Democrats and Republicans is cause for alarm, she said.

“It bothers me that people are so acrimonious now,” she said. “In Spencer, we have always had great friends on both sides. We served on boards and committees with people from both sides and we respected each other’s positions and opinions, even if we didn’t agree with them. We need to get back to that respect.”

McPherson received a State House proclamation for her accomplishments over the years. At a time when many younger residents are spurning the voting process and skipping elections, the McPherson family hopes to serve as an example of the importance of each vote.

“I would like to see everyone be involved and vote,” Carol McPherson said.

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November 7

Pause: Mindfulness Meditation is held on the Library’s Main Floor on Wednesdays from 8:30 am-9:30 am. Drop-in and learn about mindfulness. We will practice mindfulness, and discuss using these tools to enhance our relationship with ourselves and others.

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fun stuff – ways to keep in touch with your children, friends, grandchildren and more!

Imagination Station for grades K-5 meets from 4:00-4:45 pm. Test your skills with some fun and challenging Minute to Win it games!

November 8

Community Connections hosts Icky Sticky, a sensory program for infants-age 5 from 10:00-11:00 am. These free programs are provided by a grant through the Department of Early Education and Care.

**PROGRAMS**

Checkout the library website: [www.SpencerPublicLibrary.org](http://www.SpencerPublicLibrary.org) for information on free programs for children, teen and adults. Come read and cool off in the air-conditioned library as well as enter raffles, and have fun with us!

The Library also has discount passes to the Worcester Ecotarium, Worcester Art Museum, Old Sturbridge Village, Tower Hill Botanical Garden, and free parking passes to Massachusetts State Parks.

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# SPORTS

## Late touchdown pushes Wolverines into playoffs and Oxford out



Leicester's Devon Gillis (26) puts a punishing hit on Oxford ball carrier Ryan Walsh.



Tristan Scola of Leicester steps in front of Oxford receiver Sam Wing for an interception.



Leicester's Dan Mero unleashes a long pass down to the sideline.

After Scola's circus catch put Leicester ahead, Oxford had one last chance to pull out the win, but its ensuing drive stalled at midfield and they turned the ball over on downs. "We never had a doubt we were going to win this game," Clarkson said. "I thought when we got the ball back with five minutes left after they scored we were going to march down the field, go in and score and win the game. We just couldn't pick up that first down. Up until that point I thought the game was going to have a different outcome."



Leicester's Rigoberto Alfonso (24) drags down Oxford's Niko Murray before he can rush the ball into the end zone.

BY KEN POWERS  
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

OXFORD — The second Dan Mero, Leicester High's junior quarterback, let the pass go he wondered if it would get to Tristan Scola, the intended receiver. He was worried he didn't get enough on the throw and that he might have thrown it a fraction of a second too late, a fraction that would allow one of Oxford High's defensive backs — two were covering Scola on the play — to knock the ball away.

"I was so nervous because their secondary is really good," Mero said. "One guy went over the top and the other came in and under. When I threw it I thought they were either going to slap it away or tackle him, but Tristan made a great catch. What a crazy play."

"I knew I had a chance to complete the pass because Tristan was open," Mero continued. "But I also knew I had to zip it in there before they completely collapsed on him, so when I let it go I didn't know if I had thrown the ball hard enough."

The football — somehow — slipped between Oxford seniors Ryan Walsh and Niko Murray and landed in the waiting arms of Scola, who then raced into the end zone with the game-winning touchdown in a 23-18 Wolverines' win over the Pirates in a fantastic varsity football game played Friday, Oct. 26.

"The pass went right between the two defenders and I just went up and got it," said Scola, who caught four passes for 60 yards and carried the ball five times for another 44 yards. "I never lost sight of the ball. I had my eyes on the ball the whole time and I went up and caught it. It was close, they

were right on me and I thought one of them might get a piece of it, but they didn't."

Once the senior caught the ball he knew what to do with it.

"Once I came down with the ball I said to myself, 'I'm getting in the end zone,'" Scola said. "That's all I was thinking about. I knew I had to score."

Tim Griffiths, Leicester's head coach, credited assistant coach Matt Porcaro with calling the game-winning play.

"Coach Porcaro came up to me at halftime and said let's run the slip pass, the one where [Scola] fakes like he's blocking and then goes out into the pattern," Griffiths said. "I told Mero to throw it a little early and he ended up throwing it a little late. It was close but it was a huge play. Dan throws a nice ball and he threw a pea there and Scola, who was huge all game, came up with it. But give coach Porcaro all the credit for making the call to run that play."

With the win the Wolverines, who started the season 1-3, improved to 5-3 and qualified for the Central Mass. Division 7 playoffs. For the second year in a row the loss to Leicester was Oxford's first of the season after starting out 7-0. The defeat — again — left the Pirates on the outside looking in with regard to the Division 7 postseason.

Scola's game-winning catch was the crowning moment of a game that had a lot of big plays and clutch moments.

After a scoreless first quarter Leicester took a 7-0 lead with 3:05 left before halftime, thanks to an 11-yard scoring strike from Mero (11 of 23, 175 yards, three touchdowns, one interception) to junior Jack O'Neill and a successful point after attempt by junior Nolan

Power.

Oxford cut the Wolverines' lead to 7-6 on its ensuing drive, which ended with a five-yard touchdown run by Murray (21 carries, 187 yards, two touchdowns). Murray kept the drive alive on the play before he scored, scampering 58 yards on a fake punt. On the two-point conversion try Murray appeared to get into the end zone but officials ruled his knee hit the ground before the ball broke the plane of the goal line.

Power extended Leicester's lead to 10-6 on the final play of the first half, booting a 25-yard field goal. The Wolverines stretched their lead to 17-6 with 3:38 left in the third quarter, Mero hitting junior Jeff Puchalski with a 40-yard scoring strike.

Murray and the Pirates again answered on their ensuing drive. Murray bounced outside on an off-tackle play and raced 35 yards into the end zone to make it a 17-12 with 1:09 left in the quarter.

Leicester was driving for an insurance TD when it fumbled at the Oxford 30, the ball recovered by Pirates' junior Michael DeLaCruz.

Two plays later Oxford had the lead, 18-17, thanks to a perfectly thrown 51-yard touchdown pass by senior captain Joel Erickson. On the play Erickson hit a wide-open Walsh in stride and Walsh streaked into the end zone.

"What a great high school football game," Oxford head coach Jeff Clarkson said. "What I was most pleased about was the fact that I never saw one bit of doubt in my kids' eyes tonight. Regardless of the outcome I'm proud of them because I never saw anybody with any doubt in their eyes."



Bryce Gosselin of Leicester eludes an Oxford defender while carrying the ball.



Oxford quarterback Joel Erickson looks downfield before launching a pass.

Nick Ethier photos

# SPORTS

## Uxbridge boys, Grafton girls claim SWCL cross-country championships



Nick Ethier photos

At the SWCL league meet, Jovic Tyler of Quaboag led his team with an 18th place finish.

BY NICK ETHIER  
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

WEBSTER — The annual Southern Worcester County League cross-country championships were again held at Memorial Beach, this time on Wednesday, Oct. 24.

There, the Uxbridge High varsity programs — both the boys' team and girls' squad — headed in undefeated at 10-0. The boys cruised to the team title, while the girls were edged by Grafton High.

"It was a real team effort," Spartans' head coach Walter Berkowicz said of the boys' team. "It was our second year winning this meet in a row and we had five boys in the top nine, which is one

place better than last year [when] we had five in the top 10."

With third (Colin Caso), fourth (Ryan Semle), fifth (Stephen Sanches), seventh (Thomas Burke) and ninth (Patrick Burke) place finishes, Uxbridge accumulated just 28 points. Second place Millbury High was far behind with 69 points.

"They've been running close together most of the season," Berkowicz said. "We've got a pretty tight pack one through five."

Uxbridge's sixth and seventh runners — each team is allowed to bring up to seven, with the top five scores counting — still finished near the top in 12th (Aidan Ross) and 19th (William

Chenis) place.

On the girls' side, Berkowicz knew that both Grafton and Millbury would provide a tough challenge to the Spartans, and the Indians certainly did so. And although Uxbridge's Hannah Jones won the 5k (3.1-mile) race in 22:19.8, Grafton's cumulative total was 57, two better than the Spartans' 59. Millbury finished in third with 73.

"I knew they had their hands full today," said Berkowicz. "My fifth girl used to be my No. 2, she's had some hip problems."

On Jones' win, Berkowicz added: "That was a nice race. Hannah [Jones] is a senior and she had a great day. She ran a nice back half of the course."

Uxbridge's other scoring finishers included Abigail Deary (seventh place), Anastasia Achiaa (12th place), Kathleen Redgate (13th place) and Bridget Redgate (26th place).

The team scores and top-10 individual results — where those athletes won medals — are as follows:

### BOYS' TEAM RESULTS

1. Uxbridge, 28 points
2. Millbury, 69
3. Grafton, 90
4. Tantasqua, 101
5. Bartlett, 108
6. Auburn, 145
7. Quaboag, 189
8. Leicester, 209

### Boys' Top-10 Individuals

1. Aidan Gilmore, Grafton, 18:18.4
2. Avinash Bissoondi, Millbury, 18:26.2
3. Colin Caso, Uxbridge, 18:52.8
4. Ryan Semle, Uxbridge, 18:59.0
5. Stephen Sanches, Uxbridge, 18:59.6
6. Keegan Gleason, Millbury, 19:03.9
7. Thomas Burke, Uxbridge, 19:33.9
8. Armando Chung, Tantasqua, 19:36.7
9. Patrick Burke, Uxbridge, 19:54.2
10. Cameron Szalay, Auburn, 19:56.0

### GIRLS' TEAM RESULTS

1. Grafton, 57 points
2. Uxbridge, 59
3. Millbury, 73
4. Leicester, 93
5. Tantasqua, 99
6. Bartlett, 161
7. Auburn, 170
8. Quaboag, 173

### Girls' Top-10 Individuals

1. Hannah Jones, Uxbridge, 22:19.8
2. Emma Bouvier, Grafton, 22:30.1
3. Dani Blodgett, Tantasqua, 22:59.0
4. Anabelle Nelson, Millbury, 23:02.1
5. Jena Taubert, Millbury, 23:04.4
6. Emily Moughan, Leicester, 23:07.5
7. Abigail Deary, Uxbridge, 23:11.9
8. Ellie Hills, Leicester, 23:50.8
9. Abigail Hamilton, Grafton, 23:58.8
10. Megan Wajer, Grafton, 24:04.0



Leicester' Emily Moughan took sixth place in the SWCL cross-country championships at Memorial Beach.



Finishing in third place at the SWCL cross-country league meet, Dani Blodgett of Tantasqua traverses the course at Memorial Beach.



Tantasqua's Armando Chung earned a medal with his top-10 finish — he placed eighth — at the SWCL cross-country championships.



Bartlett's Johnathan Wilson runs through Memorial Beach during the SWCL cross-country championships. Wilson was the Indians' top performer, finishing in 15th place.

## Leicester Middle School shines at cross-country meet

The Southern Worcester County League's middle school teams also competed in the cross-country championships on Wednesday, Oct. 24 at Webster's Memorial Beach, and Leicester had four sixth grade girls compete. Jaden Jaillot ran her best race of the season, finishing 35th overall with a time of 12:25 on the 1.51-mile course. Layla Gustin finished second for Leicester and 53rd overall. Lilith Field and Allie Decelle followed with times of 13:50 and 15:23. All four ran their best times of the season. The Leicester boys were led by Jason Fournier, who finished sixth overall with a time of 9:44 on the same 1.51-mile course. Giovanni Aguiar Ortiz ran a great race with a time of 12:06. This was his first ever race. Finishing third for Leicester was Edward Rose.

## ATHLETE of the WEEK

Emily Moughan

The Leicester High senior and cross-country star has recently been selected as the recipient of the "MIAA Student-Athlete of the Month Award" for September, 2018. Not only did Moughan go 7-0 in regular season meets, but she is inside the top 10 of her class. Congratulations!

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# SPORTS

## Warriors run wild while getting by Bartlett, 44-16

WEBSTER — Playing in their final regular season games, playoff-bound Tantasqua Regional defeated the Bartlett High varsity football team, who didn't qualify for the postseason, 44-16, on Friday, Oct. 26 at Memorial Athletic Field.

The Warriors — who advanced to the Central Mass. Division 4 Tournament — improved to 6-2, while the Indians — competing in Central Mass. Division 8 — slipped to 3-5.

The scoring plays from the contest are as follows:

**First Quarter**  
 Tantasqua: Sean Farland two-yard run; Jarred Spratt kick — 7-0  
 Tantasqua: Ryan Sears 35-yard run; kick blocked — 13-0  
**Second Quarter**  
 Bartlett: Logan Paranto seven-yard pass to Alex Nunez; Paranto two-point pass to Nunez — 13-8  
 Tantasqua: Liam Gore one-yard run; Sebastian O'Leary two-point run — 21-8

Tantasqua: Farland 69-yard pass to O'Leary; Spratt kick — 28-8  
 Tantasqua: Farland 50-yard pass to O'Leary; kick no good — 34-8  
**Third Quarter**  
 Tantasqua: Sears 34-yard run; Spratt kick — 41-8  
**Fourth Quarter**  
 Tantasqua: Spratt 33-yard field goal — 44-8  
 Bartlett: Paranto 23-yard pass to Joseph Grundel; Romeo Soto two-point run — 44-16



Jason Mckay photos

Tantasqua's James Burgess breaks free from a Bartlett would-be tackler while carrying the ball.



Eastyn Davis of Tantasqua takes a carry through the middle of the field.



Sebastian O'Leary of Tantasqua has plenty of daylight ahead to run in a touchdown.



Tantasqua's Ryan Sears carries the ball down the field while following the block provided by teammate Tom Flynn (72).

## Tantasqua starts slow, then picks it up to defeat Pioneers



Hannah Raymond of Tantasqua sets up a pass for a teammate to spike over the net.

BY NICK ETHIER  
 SPORTS STAFF WRITER

**SOUTHBRIDGE** — Sometimes it's not about how a team starts, but instead how they finish. That was the case on Wednesday, Oct. 24 when the Tantasqua Regional varsity volleyball team took on Southbridge High.

The Warriors struggled early and trailed late in the first set, but rallied to win it late. They then dominated in the second set before holding on in the

third to defeat the Pioneers, 3-0. Set scores were 25-21, 25-8, 25-18.

"We didn't come out strong," said Tantasqua head coach Brittany Sargent. "They moved quicker and were playing better in the second game."

On the other side of the fence, Southbridge head coach James Proulx believed that his team gave away the first set — which was tied on seven different occasions — before stumbling in the second on the side of the

court that they have struggled to play on for unknown reasons.

"We were up 19-18 I think and we made three errors," he explained. "That brought their morale down and we play notoriously bad on this side. When we came over here and with them being demoralized, I think that really hurt them."

The Warriors' Lindsey Zak had a strong hand in winning the first two sets, as she rattled off five and eight consecutive service points in the beginning of both. She also put the first set away with a winning kill on a lofted tip over the net that could not be returned.

"She's got really good court awareness," Sargent said of Zak. "She's got a great serve and when she's playing middle she knows where to put it."

After Southbridge returned back to the side of the court that they prefer for the third set, the team played much better and hung tough, which impressed Proulx.

"It was more competitive," he said of the final game. "That shows that they weren't giving up. They could have just packed it in, so that's a great sign."

The Warriors' Morgan Smith, standing over 6-feet tall, was a strong presence in the middle of the court — whether

it was registering a spike for a point or a block on the defensive end.

"She's just improved tremendously last year, even from this season," Sargent said of her sophomore. "She can hit and she can block really well."

Sargent was also pleased by the play of setter Emily Reyes and the back row performances of Nicole Morris and Jess Shiers.

The win improved Tantasqua's record to 12-5 and they will enter the Central Mass. Division 2 Tournament at 12-6 after finishing their regular season a day later with a 3-2 loss to Pittsfield High.

"They're playing well together. They're resilient," Sargent said of her squad.

Southbridge, meanwhile, dropped to 9-10 and had to win its final game over North High on Monday, Oct. 29 — a 3-0 victory for the Pioneers, with set scores of 25-13, 25-20, 25-21 — to qualify for the Central Mass. Division 3 Tournament for the third straight year.

"The seniors know, they've had the taste so they don't want to just pack it in," Proulx said of finding a way to get to 10-10 and advance into the playoffs.

The postseason brackets for Tantasqua and Southbridge came out after press time.



Nick Ethier photos

Tantasqua's Lindsey Zak was a strong server in the Warriors' win over Southbridge.

# SPORTS

## Bay Path clinches Tournament bid by blanking Pirates

BY NICK ETHIER  
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

OXFORD — All the Bay Path Regional boys' varsity soccer team needed was a tie when they played Oxford High on Thursday, Oct. 25. That result would get the Minutemen into the Central Mass. Division 3 Tournament.

And Bay Path was tied with the Pirates at halftime, 0-0, but they weren't playing with much passion. Following a spirited speech by head coach David Martinson at intermission, the Minutemen turned it up and won a 3-0 decision.

Bay Path improved to 9-6-1 and has officially punched its ticket into the playoffs.

"The first half was definitely not our type of play," said Martinson. "We came out flat and made some adjustments for the second half. They controlled it well and settled it down a little bit."

Martinson added that his team has been decimated by injuries. Six players, including four starters, are out — so the fact that they made districts has impressed the coach.

"I'm very pleased with the fact that we did make districts considering all the injuries that we have," he said. "The kids that came in off the bench obviously stepped up and did a good job throughout the season."

After 11 minutes of second half play the score remained 0-0, but Bay Path was peppering the Pirates' net. Joseph Starr had a shot the just skidded over the crossbar and he followed that up minutes later with a shot that did clang off the pipe.

Then, in the 52nd minute, Starr was the facilitator on the team's first goal. Starr dribbled the ball into open space, sent a pass down to Devin Hanlan, and

Hanlan sent a rocket into the upper portion of the right side of the goal.

"I moved him positionally in the middle a little bit more to be become more of a quarterback," Martinson said of Starr in the second half.

In regard to Hanlan's goal, Martinson added: "That was a nice shot. He's been doing that all season."

The Minutemen doubled the lead to 2-0 in the 60th minute on an own-goal that saw Starr launch a deep throw-in that bounced off a pair of Oxford defenders and into the net. Bay Path then finished the scoring in the 70th minute when Starr received a pass from Benjamin LaPointe on a corner kick — of which they earned an astounding nine in second half play — and sent a shot past keeper Calib Goyette.

But Goyette was sensational for the Pirates, finishing with 12 saves — some from point blank range — to keep his team in the game.

"Calib is a great shot stopper, junior goalie, so he's one of our captains and we'll have him back next year," said Oxford head coach Paul Frykberg.

Frykberg added that he was pleased with the way his team played against a talented Bay Path club for most of the contest.

"That's a district team [and] we weren't supposed to really compete with them on paper, but they played well," he said. "We knew they were going to come out hard and we tried to match their intensity, match their effort, and I think we did that for 60 [of the 80] minutes."

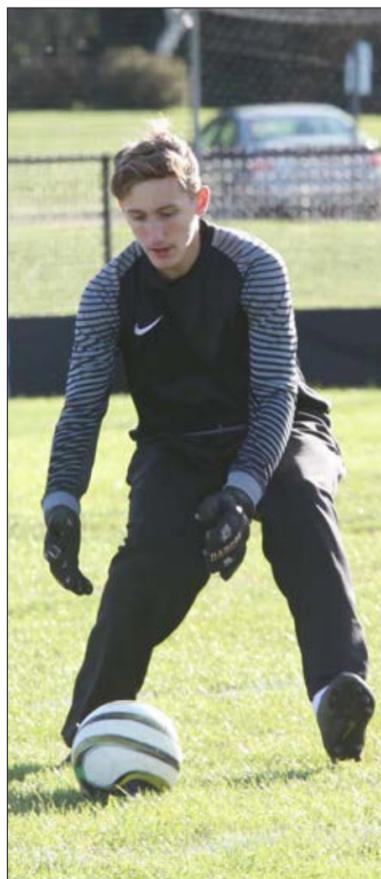
The year was a rebuilding one for the Pirates, who dropped to 1-13-3 with the loss, but Frykberg noted that the team should be better next season.

"We're looking ahead, seeing where



Tyler Anderson of Bay Path collects the ball with the inside of his left foot.

guys are going to slot in. We have some fantastic pieces," he said. "They have the speed and they have the ability — we just have to get to the point where it's 11 guys doing the same thing and not 11 guys playing 11 different games."



Bay Path keeper Aiden Sabatinelli leaves his net to run down a loose ball.



Nick Ethier photos

Bay Path's William Carlson holds off an Oxford defender and sends a pass down the field.



Oxford's Myles Craft intercepts a ball intended for Bay Path's Tyler Anderson and clears it out of the defensive zone.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Worcester State University to hold baseball clinics

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

There are multiple upcoming clinics to choose from. For questions, please call (508) 929-8852 or (774) 230-3872, or email dbaker1@worchester.edu. Also, please visit wsulancers.com/camps-clinics for more information.

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### Quail Hollow golf results and news

Still Harts Golf League looking for players in 2019

For 2019, the Tuesday evening nine-hole afternoon Still Harts League at Quail Hollow is seeking players. All the players have a ball with the on and off course festivities, especially with our great bar staff and food in the clubhouse. Their format consists of individual weekly quota competition. Prizes are awarded weekly. The league promises fun, laughter and "brutal" competition where every swing can make or break you, grueling pressure, which is why a spot at the bar is always open. Please contact Marc Kokanski for details at (508) 847-9843.

### Softball pitching lessons coming to Southbridge Community Center

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

### Leicester Rec Basketball League to hold final signup

A final signup for the Leicester Rec Basketball League is set for Nov. 11 at the Town Hall from 12-2 p.m. If interested, please head to the Town Hall and sign up for the league!

## SPORTS

## Spartans spread out passing to open the field, defeat Quaboag

COUGARS THEN EARN PLAYOFF BID WITH WIN IN FINAL REGULAR SEASON CONTEST

BY NICK ETHIER  
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

UXBRIDGE — Patience is a virtue, and for the Uxbridge High girls' varsity soccer team, patient passing all while looking for the proper opportunity to strike worked wonders en route to a 2-0 victory versus Quaboag Regional on Friday, Oct. 26.

"As a soccer player myself, I wouldn't have it any other way," Spartans' head coach Brian Linnehan said. "We train all the time with combinations—just passing, passing, passing."

"The only thing that concerns me a little is our lack of quality finishes," Linnehan added. "We can get into the third and we can penetrate, we just need to get that quality shot."

But Uxbridge did score twice—once in each half—which proved to be enough for the win.

The Spartans scored the eventual game-winner just past the midway point of the first half. Bella Borjeson-Troupe sent a pass in to Lindsey Moss, who directed her shot toward the inside left corner of the net. Quaboag goalie Victoria Morgan guessed correctly and dove to her right,



Nick Ethier photos

Quaboag's Kiarra Dorman clears the ball out of her team's defensive end with a booming left-footed kick.

but the ball narrowly escaped her grasp and Uxbridge took the lead.

It wasn't until the 76th minute when the Spartans put the game away, Moss collecting a pass from Elena Franzosa and giving it back to her. Franzosa then beat Morgan (eight saves) for the second and final goal.

The Cougars didn't generate too many offensive chances, but they found a golden one back in the first half when they were looking to tie the score.

Kirah Czub chased down a long pass, got ahead of Uxbridge's defensive unit and only had keeper Sydney Bretana to beat.

Czub one-touched the ball to try and dribble around Bretana, but the Spartans' goalie intercepted the touch with her foot and cleared it out.

Aside from that one play, Uxbridge's defense was a rock—forcing nearly 10 offside calls against Quaboag—and Bretana needed to make just four saves for the shutout.

"We spend a lot of time on defense," said Linnehan. "We talk about the pressure defender, which is the first defender, the second defender, which is a cover defender, and the third defender, which is our balance defender. We've had games this year where our cover defender always seems to be there when our pressure defender gets beat, so we do a really nice disciplined job of that."

Linnehan added that he likes where his team is at as they improved to 11-5-1 and will play in the Central Mass. Division 4 Tournament.

The Cougars, meanwhile, slipped to 6-7-4 as they were without the



Keeper Victoria Morgan of Quaboag keeps her eyes on the ball as a shot sails toward her net.

services of three starters in Paige Baldwin (illness), Julissa De Leon (injury) and Jordan D'Angelo (injury). Baldwin is normally a center back defender, so Kiarra Dorman slid back and filled in nicely. Dorman, with well over 100 career varsity goals to her name, came up to Quaboag as a defender in the seventh grade, so the transition was seamless.

"Wherever you put her on the field she's going to be the best player on the field. It's just you're robbing Peter to pay

Paul; wherever you pull her from it's going to be weaker," explained head coach Chris Bailey.

With Dorman playing defense until the final seven minutes—when she went up to offense, looking for the equalizer—Bailey was content with playing for a draw.

"You're hoping for zero goals and then you'll settle for a tie and be happy with it and not move her up," he said.

But the Cougars lost and had one final regular season game to try and win to earn a spot in

the same Central Mass. Division 4 Tournament as the Spartans.

"Everyone has known it for a week now that we have to get one," Bailey said of the regular season's final few games.

And Quaboag was able to surge past Notre Dame Academy, 5-0, on Monday, Oct. 29 to advance to districts, finishing 7-7-4. Dorman scored four times, Isabella Clowes added the other goal, and Morgan had an excellent game in net to post the shutout.

## Douglas tops David Prouty in battle of postseason-bound teams

BY KEN POWERS  
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

SPENCER — Aidan Ferguson scored a pair of goals and set up a third as the Douglas High boys' varsity soccer team qualified for the Central Mass. Division 4 Tournament with a 5-0 shutout of David Prouty Regional on Wednesday, Oct. 24 at Eugene R. Hurley Memorial Field.

With the win the Tigers improved to 7-4-5 and then upped their record to 8-4-5 the following day with a 1-0 victory over Tyngsborough High.

"Back-to-backs are tough, so we wanted make sure this was the day we came out and played and took care of business," Douglas head coach Alex Ferguson said after defeating the Panthers. "We needed at least a point in this game to make Districts. They knew how important this game was."

Douglas took a 1-0 lead in the first minute, being credited with a goal after a defensive miscue by David Prouty. The Tigers doubled their lead to 2-0 in the 29th minute of the first half, freshman Aidan Ferguson—one of the two sons of coach Ferguson on the team—scoring

ing off a corner kick.

Tigers' senior Connor Goncalves placed his corner kick in the middle of a group of players from both teams who were set up right in front of the net. The ball ricocheted around within the group before squirting out right onto the foot of Ferguson, who slammed it into the back of the net.

Douglas put the game away with three second half goals.

Ferguson put the Tigers in front 3-0 when he scored with 15:15 remaining off an assist by his older brother, junior Keegan Ferguson. The pair worked like a well-oiled machine, passing the ball back and forth until Aidan Ferguson had enough space to tuck the ball past Prouty goalkeeper Alex Skov.

"The third goal was a result of Aidan and Keegan moving the ball back and forth and finding each other. They slot the ball pretty well," coach Ferguson said. "They work well together when they're on the soccer field, but not so well when they're at home. They like to fight a lot. When they're on the field, though, soccer takes precedence."

Douglas sophomore Ethan Moulder made it a 4-0 game when he scored with 9:18 remaining and eighth-grader Michael O'Toole closed out the scoring with a goal in the final two minutes.

Coach Ferguson said he feels good about where his team is at heading into the postseason.

"Looking at the seeding, everything that's going on and the teams that are in, I think Division 4 is pretty stacked, especially on the top end," coach Ferguson said. "At the top you've got Sutton, Bromfield, Maynard and Hopedale, and they are all really good teams, and then you've got everybody else in the mix that's in the middle—Douglas, David Prouty, Leicester, and those types of teams. I think there will end up being about 13 to 14 teams in Division 4. It's going to be a big field."

David Prouty, despite falling to 6-9-2 due to its loss to Douglas, has also qualified for the Central Mass. Division 4 Tournament. The Panthers are in as a result of the Sullivan Rule.

The Sullivan Rule states that in leagues where a team's schedule is comprised of 70 percent or more of higher division schools, and there is no small and large breakout, all Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) league and MIAA non-league contests played against equal and/or lower divisions may solely be considered in the 50 percent qualifying criteria.

Since the Panthers are assured of finishing against those teams with a winning record—the worst they could end up is 5-4-1—they have advanced to the postseason.

"Since we had already qualified for the tournament we didn't start most of our regulars in the game. We had a lot of kids getting some rest today," David Prouty head coach Jed Prouty said. "We went with a heavily freshmen-weighted team today. We want to see what they've got coming into the postseason."

"Going into the second half is when we really went heavy with the freshmen, giving them the bulk of the playing time. I was impressed with what I saw from our freshmen. There are definitely some players from the freshman class that I think we'll be able to use in the playoffs. Brendan Auger in particular is a standout, and Evan Fournier, too, he's outstanding. He's a big, strong young



David Prouty's Nick Soter steps into a kick versus Douglas.



David Prouty's Evan Fournier, right, fights for possession of the ball against a counterpart from Douglas.



Kaden Wells of David Prouty races down the field with possession of the ball on his foot.



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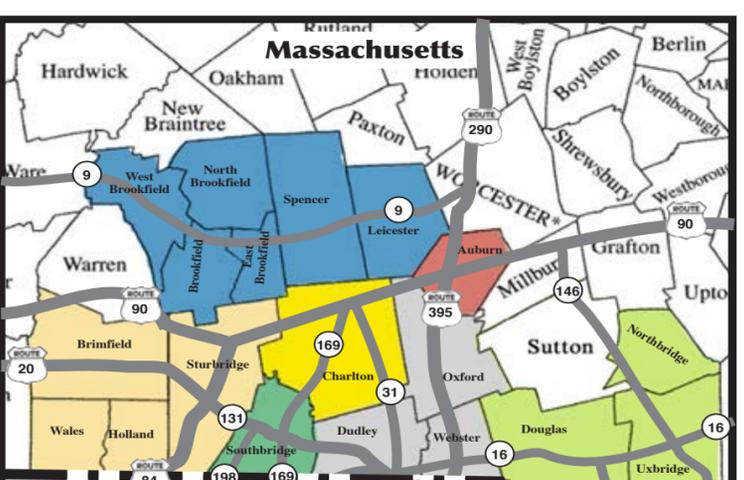
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# POLICE REPORTS

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17

12:03 a.m.: building checked, secure; 12:09 a.m.: suspicious mv (Paxton Road), spoken to; 12:11-12:59 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:11 a.m.: medical/general (Wall Street), lift assist; 1:14-3:25 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 7:29 a.m.: citizen complaint (Elm Street), noise complaint; 7:49 a.m.: fire/woods/grass (North Spencer Road), services rendered; 8:04 a.m.: mv complaint (West Main Street), erratic operation; 8:07 a.m.: disturbance (Maple Street), neighbor dispute; 8:40 a.m.: citizen complaint (Mechanic Street), spoken to; 8:44 a.m.: animal complaint (East Charlton Road), loose dog; 8:49 a.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 9:13 a.m.: animal complaint (Mechanic Street), loose dog; 9:48 a.m.: animal complaint (Temple Street), dog bite; 10:14 a.m.: animal complaint (North Brookfield Road), cat came home w/a note; 10:24 a.m.: disabled mv (Meadow Road), assisted; 10:51 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 11:21 a.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 11:58 a.m.: gas odor (Greenville Street), spoken to; 12:18 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), unwanted party; 12:33 p.m.: larceny (Donnelly Road), report taken; 12:38 p.m.: residential alarm (Wm. Casey Road), services rendered; 1:07 p.m.: residential alarm (Charlton Road), services rendered; 2:10 p.m.: officer wanted (Donnelly Road), escort requested; 2:14 p.m.: mv complaint (Route 49), erratic operation; 2:36 p.m.: disabled mv (Route 49), assisted; 3:26 p.m.: 209A service (West Main Street), spoken to; 3:46 p.m.: 209A service (Pleasant Street); 4:58 p.m.: officer wanted (Brown Street), alleged harassment; 6:56 p.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), spoken to; 7:00 p.m.: medical/general (Chestnut Street), intoxicated party; 7:33 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), spoken to; 8:06 p.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), spoken to; 8:46 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (McDonald Street), bonfire; 10:08 p.m.: building checked, secure; 10:58 p.m.: medical/general (Pleasant Street); 11:16 p.m.: disabled mv (North Spencer Road), assisted.

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18

12:50 a.m.: officer wanted (Temple Street), welfare check; 12:52-1:26 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:26 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), street lights out; 1:31-2:57 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 3:20 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 6:48 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 9:04 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), escort requested; 9:33 a.m.: gas odor (Summer Street), services rendered; 10:11 a.m.: residential alarm (Buteau Road), services rendered; 10:30 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC

change of address; 11:10 a.m.: juvenile matter (Bond Street), spoken to; 11:36 a.m.: medical/general (Bay Path Road); 11:45 a.m.: mv lockout (West Main Street), assisted; 12:35 p.m.: mv lockout (McCormick Road), assisted; 12:49 p.m.: burglary (Borkum Road), report taken; 1:05 p.m.: officer wanted (Lakeshore Drive), threats; 2:22 p.m.: mv lockout (Main Street), assisted; 2:47 p.m.: harassment prevention order service (Smithville Road); 3:31 p.m.: juvenile matter (Wet Main Street), spoken to; 3:36 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 3:57 p.m.: animal complaint (Clark Road), loose dog; 4:11 p.m.: mv complaint (Greenville Street), erratic operation; 4:32 p.m.: West Main Street, 209A violation; 4:51 p.m.: accident (Route 49), report taken; 5:22 p.m.: animal complaint (Howe Village), barking dog; 5:54 p.m.: building checked, secure; 5:57 p.m.: suspicious activity (Ash Street), spoken to; 6:10 p.m.: fraud (Lake Street), scam IRS call; 7:15 p.m.: mv repossession (High Street), assisted; 7:25 a.m.: disturbance (Main Street), unwanted party; 8:49 p.m.: fire alarm (Ash Street), services rendered; 8:54 p.m.: animal complaint (Greenville Street), bear; 11:09-11:50 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

12:07 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 12:11 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Town House Road), open line; 12:21 a.m.: disturbance (Chestnut Street), fight; 12:36 a.m.: mv complaint (West Main Street), erratic operation; 1:10 a.m.: suspicious activity (Main Street), spoken to; 1:27-1:30 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:51 a.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 1:51 a.m.: disturbance (Chestnut Street), fight; 2:28-2:37 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 5:17 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), spoken to; 7:18 a.m.: medical/general (Wall Street); 9:24 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no service; 10:08 a.m.: DPW call (Main Street), branch on wires; 10:17 a.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), lost dog; 10:25 a.m.: medical/general (Thompson Pond Road); 10:39 a.m.: officer wanted (Mechanic Street), spoken to; 10:47 a.m.: medical/general (May Street); 11:49 a.m.: residential alarm (Cherry Street), services rendered; 12:05 p.m.: officer wanted (Browning Pond Circle), financial dispute; 12:22 p.m.: medical/general (Sunset Lane); 2:26 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 4:07 p.m.: accident (West Main Street), spoken to; 4:32 p.m.: mv stop (Charlton Road); 5:10 p.m.: medical/general (Briarcliff Lane); 5:36 p.m.: building checked, secure; 5:51 p.m.: mv complaint (Route 49), erratic operation; 6:07 p.m.: residential fire

(Smithville Road), services rendered; 7:00 p.m.: mv complaint (North Spencer Road), erratic operation; 10:39 p.m.: animal complaint (Pleasant Street), bear in yard; 11:11 p.m.: medical/general (Chestnut Street); 11:45-11:59 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

12:08-3:26 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 4:43 a.m.: mv stop (North Spence Road); 5:13 a.m.: suspicious activity (Main Street), spoken to; 6:02 a.m.: accident (Charlton Road), report taken; 7:01 a.m.: officer wanted (Maple Street), spoken to; 2:03 p.m.: school alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 2:20 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village Road); 2:59 p.m.: medical/general (Wall Street); 4:18 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 4:37 p.m.: 911 call (Bixby Road), medical; 6:00 p.m.: officer wanted (South Spencer Road), spoken to; 6:19 p.m.: officer wanted (Donnelly Road), 209A questions; 7:22 p.m.: officer wanted (Summit Street), spoken to; 8:27 p.m.: fraud/impersonation (Deer Run Road), fake FB account; 8:38 p.m.: medical/general (Wall Street); 10:01 p.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 11:14 p.m.: medical/general (Town House Court).

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 22

12:48-1:23 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:44 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village Road); 1:48 a.m.: building checked, secure; 1:58 a.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 2:32 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), Southbridge PD bolo; 3:36-3:37 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 4:48 a.m.: officer wanted (Paxton Street), welfare check; 7:41 a.m.: medical/general (Maple Street), lift assist; 8:03 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), misdial; 9:49 a.m.: disabled mv (Hastings Road), assisted; 10:17 a.m.: building checked, secure; 11:06 a.m.: DPW call (North Street), wire down; 11:25 a.m.: 209A service (West Main Street); 11:42 a.m.: animal complaint (Marble Road), loose dog; 12:08 p.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 12:32 p.m.: 209A service (West Main Street); 12:48 p.m.: building checked, secure; 1:34 p.m.: animal complaint (Terkanian Drive), porcupine; 2:15 p.m.: building checked, secure; 2:26 p.m.: animal complaint (Ash Street), loose dog; 3:32 p.m.: RV complaint (Greenville Street), go cart on road; 3:57 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 3:58 p.m.: suspicious activity (Wire Village Road), spoken to; 4:01 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 4:55 p.m.: accident (North Spencer Road), report taken; 5:27 p.m.: medical/general (Pleasant Street); 5:33 p.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 5:44 p.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 5:57

p.m.: fire/woods/grass (Casey Street), services rendered; 6:22 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 7:51 p.m.: medical/general (Summit Street); 7:56 p.m.: accident (Hastings Road), spoken to; 8:24 p.m.: suspicious activity (Smithville Road), spoken to; 9:43 p.m.: officer wanted (Summit Street), welfare check; 10:00-10:07 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 10:10 p.m.: medical/general (Olde Main Street); 10:12 p.m.: building checked, secure; 10:12 p.m.: 911 call (Paxton Rd), medical; 11:36-11:53 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 11:55 p.m.: mv stop (Charlton Road).

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23

12:04-12:13 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:15 a.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operation; 12:27 a.m.: mv lockout (Mechanic Street), assisted; 12:35-1:56 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 5:00 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), misdial; 5:33 a.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), stray dog; 6:26 a.m.: residential alarm (Water Street), services rendered; 6:48 a.m.: DPW call (Wire Village Road), low wire; 9:02 a.m.: suspicious activity (Main Street), spoken to; 10:05 a.m.: animal complaint (West Main Street), cats found; 10:33 a.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), lost phone; 10:37 a.m.: residential lockout (Pope Street), assisted; 12:26 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village Road); 12:55 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), neighbor dispute; 12:55 p.m.: medical/general (Summit Street); 1:19 p.m.: officer wanted (Adams Street), spoken to; 2:15 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village Road); 2:38 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), open container; 2:48 p.m.: 209A service (West Main Street), 2:59 p.m.: 911 call (Sherwood Drive), accidental; 3:30 p.m.: suspicious activity (Pleasant Street), spoken to; 3:51 p.m.: commercial alarms (Mechanic Street), services rendered; 4:24 p.m.: intelligence (West Main Street), drug info; 5:52 p.m.: officer wanted (Mechanic Street), issues w/creepy people; 5:52 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Howe Village Road), disconnected; 6:36 p.m.: suspicious activity (Hastings Road), suspicious package; 6:32 p.m.: harassment prevention order service (Langevin Street); 6:59 p.m.: animal complaint (Craig Road), bear in yard; 8:26 p.m.: citizen complaint (Main Street), spoken to; 8:29 p.m.: officer wanted (Route 49), spoken to; 8:32 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), assisted; 8:57-8:58 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 10:06 p.m.: medical/general (Woodside Road); 10:31-11:56 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.



Senator Anne Gobi speak to guests during a Spencer Exchange Club program last week.

## CANDIDATES

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great idea to invite the entire slate of local candidates for an informal meeting," said Spencer Exchange Club President Tom Lowkes. "It's a good opportunity for our membership to meet the candidates and learn about their campaigns."

The candidates' introductory speeches varied in terms of

content, with some speakers focusing on broad community issues and others keeping it light with anecdotes. After months of campaigning, candidates are eager for Election Day on Nov. 6 – but there are still a few last-minute events to attend.

Issues discussed at the event included the opioid crisis, judicial oversight, and assistance for schools and seniors, among others. During their campaigns this summer and fall, all of the candidates have met struggling seniors in Worcester County and hope to do more to assist them.

"I have been surprised by the number of seniors I meet who are selling their homes because they can no longer afford their property tax," said Hall, who promoted the need to help local seniors through various initiatives.

Hall is challenging incumbent Senator Anne Gobi, who reflected on the pride she and other leaders on both sides of the aisle have taken in assisting the community in many forms. She also praised the Exchange Club for its myriad efforts in bettering Spencer.

"[As a Senator] there are things you're involved in that get a lot of attention, but it's the things you do that don't get noticed that often mean the



Steven Hall speaks to guests at the program.

most to people," Gobi said. "It's all about just helping people however you can."

Representative Berthiaume also spoke to guests about the importance of community involvement and assisting with as many projects as possible. He has frequently worked with Exchange Club members over the years.

"It has been an honor working with them on local issues, and we can never appreciate

enough what they are able to do for residents of our area," Berthiaume said. "Thank you to the Exchange Club for hosting this candidate meet and greet."

For Strauss, who has knocked on thousands of doors during her campaign, it meant a lot to meet more residents and have a chance to discuss issues.

"The Spencer Exchange Club provided a marvelous oppor-

tunity for candidates to meet some very special folks, all of whom care deeply for our citizens and the town of Spencer. It was a true privilege to meet all in attendance," Strauss said.

Even though State Representative Peter Durant is running unopposed, he still attended the event to connect with residents and talk about his goals for upcoming years. District Attorney Joseph Early Jr., was also in attendance.

## JOGGING

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and awareness through multiple events.

"In the 32 years that I have been managing my diabetes, there have been so many changes in the treatment of this disease," Hubacz-Kiley said. "Originally, the only option was to check your blood sugar with a device that took over two minutes to render a result, then inject insulin via hypodermic needles. Today, it takes only five seconds for my glucose meter to give me an

accurate blood glucose reading, and that result is communicated instantly to my insulin infusion pump, which I first acquired in 1991."

Because of these medical advancements, Hubacz-Kiley is able to take part in several events that wouldn't have been previously possible. She serves as the chief operating officer for Bond Construction Corporation in Spencer, where she has worked since 1988 in many capacities. Whenever she talks with kids and families dealing with the disease, she always promotes education and outreach opportunities.

"Camps for youngsters diagnosed with diabetes such as Clara Barton in Oxford provide the education and support that forms the critical basis for diabetes management," Hubacz-Kiley added. "Diabetics must always monitor their sugar intake, sometimes estimating the amount of carbs in a given food, then analyze how much insulin is required to offset that intake. Much of the time it is a guessing game, as the sugar content of foods affects each person differently. There is no doubt that diabetes is a debilitating disease. However, working closely with your endocri-

nologist is the key to successful diabetes management."

Hubacz-Kiley also promoted the need for constant research. She praised the work conducted by the UMass team, and she urges residents to keep supporting their research efforts through fundraising.

"They have a wonderful team at UMass Medical Center," Hubacz-Kiley told the New Leader. "It's because of them that I learned to manage this disease. Through diligent monitoring and prudent choices, diabetics can lead healthy, productive lives and achieve whatever goals they set for

themselves."

Hosted by the Brookfields' Lions Club, the Apple Run/Walk is now in its sixth year. Water stations will be available at the event, and a partnership with Rapsallion Brewery in Sturbridge will allow for several fun activities.

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November 5, 2018 TO November 30, 2018

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There is so much coming up in my advertising world so I'm going to list it here. If you have any questions or would like to reserve space, please let me know!

- TIS THE SEASON TO SHOP LOCAL:** This section runs on Page 2 of the Spencer New Leader with spot color, and runs November 16 thru December 14. BUY 4 weeks get 1 FREE! \$192 for the five week run. Space is limited. Deadline is Fri. Nov. 9 noon to run the five weeks and get the deal.
- BLACK FRIDAY EXPRESS:** Runs in 7 Mass paper on November 16 and Wednesday November 21 (paper delivered early this week). Color space starting at \$300/wk for 1/8th page (reg. \$810); 1/4 page \$500/wk (reg. \$1426); 1/2 page \$800/wk; full page \$1500/wk (if available). Special deal to run both weeks. Space and ad copy by Thurs. Nov. 8 for 11/16 and Wed. Nov. 14 for 11/21.
- HOLIDAY TRIPLE PLAY:** Also on page 2 of the Spencer New Leader with spot color. These ads are 2.4" X 2.5" and run Dec. 21 (Holiday messages); Jan 4 New Years resolutions; Jan 11 Milestones. Cost is just \$25 per week and you must run all 3 weeks to participate. Space is limited. Deadline Fri. Dec. 14.
- DECEMBER 28 ISSUE -** We only publish one issue that runs in all 12 of our newspaper territories. If you're already running, your ad will automatically run in 12 papers! Deadline to advertise in this issue is Wednesday, Dec. 19 for space & ad copy. Color is extremely limited.
- A NEW weekly COMMUNITY CONNECTION** page starting up in January with chances to advertise in one, three, or all seven papers in different sizes at a discount! Ask me about it!

If you have any questions about any of these upcoming specials, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Have a great week...and don't forget to VOTE November 6th!

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# OBITUARIES

## Judith A. Giggey, 85



LEICESTER- Judith A. (Moreau) Giggey, 85, of Leicester, died Friday, Oct. 26th. at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester surrounded by her loving family.

She leaves her husband of 62 years, Robert L. Giggey, her children; Brad M. Giggey of Leicester, Dana A. Makie and her husband Paul of Leicester, Jay S. Giggey and his wife Ann of Spencer, Bryce R. Giggey of Leicester and Andrea R. Culross and her husband Christopher of Leicester, her sister Jane Moreau Bates of Leicester, 12 grandchildren; Aimee, Neal, Brandon, Andrew, Nikolas, Tristen, Karlee, Alyson, Mitchel, Tatum, Quinn and Jordan, 3 great grandchildren; Jayden, Grace and Amelia, nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by a sister Norma Moreau Macarchuk of Rutland.

Born in Worcester, she was the daughter of Neal and Alice (McClure) Moreau. Judy graduated from

Leicester High School where she played half court basketball and played in the drum corp. where she made dear friends whom she still enjoyed getting together with.

Judy was an independent floral designer for several area florists including Green the Florist in Spencer.

She was a founding member of the Leicester Mother's Club and member of the Federated Church of Leicester and Bethany United Christian Parish of Worcester where she made life long friends. She was an avid gardener, enjoyed her work on the family farm and above all her loving family and Dundee.

At her request, funeral services will be private. A memorial gathering will be held at the family's home at a later date to be announced.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Leicester Food Pantry, c/o St. Joseph's Church, 759 Main St., Leicester, MA 01524.

MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main St., Leicester is directing arrangements for the family.  
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## Julie Ann Macuso-Russell, 58



LEICESTER- Julie Ann Macuso-Russell, 58, of Leicester died Sunday, Oct. 21st. in The Meadows of Leicester after a brief illness.

She leaves her husband of 40 years, Thomas P. Russell, her daughter Haley M. Russell of Leicester, her father Thomas Mancuso and his wife Patricia of Auburn, her sister Tina Mancuso of Albany, NY., nieces; Ashley, Jessica and Amy, nephews; Charlie, Padrick, Tristan, Trace, Sullivan and Charlie, Jr. She is prede-

ceased by her sister Karen Salgado.

Born in Worcester, she was the daughter of the late Shirley (Guerro) Mancuso and later graduated from Auburn High School.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. at Hillcrest C.C., Rte 56 in Leicester from 2 to 6 p.m.

Please omit flowers. Memorial contributions in Julie's name may be sent to the Leicester Food Pantry c/o St. Joseph's Parish, 759 Main St., Leicester, Ma. 01524.

MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main St., Leicester is directing arrangements.  
www.morinfuneralhomes.com

## Chelsea M. Friel, 24



LEICESTER- Chelsea M. Friel, 24, of Henshaw Street, died Thursday, October 25, 2018.

She leaves her father Edward M. Friel of Rochdale, her mother Dawn C. Reeks and her significant other, Bill Brousseau of Worcester, a brother Justin E. Friel of Rochdale, her grandfather Maurice Slaney of Spencer, her several aunts including Sherry Stumpo and her husband Paul of Spencer, Rhonda Sanchez and her husband Larry of Auburn, Cheryl Bullard of Auburn and Kathleen Abasciano of Shrewsbury, several cousins including; Tiana, Matthew, Michael and Tiffini. She was predeceased by paternal grandparents; Barbara and Ernie Dionne and Edward A. Friel, maternal grandparents; Hazel

Slaney and Donald Kalil and an aunt June "Gidget" Sanchez.

Chelsea was born in Worcester. She was a former employee at Dunkin Donuts in Leicester, a job she absolutely loved. She enjoyed music, drawing, playing basketball, shopping and the beach. She loved spending time with her family and friends and always made everyone she was around feel special. She could light up a room with her smile and had a heart of gold. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her. She will be forever in our hearts.

Funeral services were held on Friday, Nov. 2 at 10 a.m. in Greenville Baptist Church, 684 Pleasant St., Rochdale. Burial followed in Pine Grove Cemetery, Leicester.

Calling hours for Chelsea was held on Thursday, Nov. 1 from 4 to 7 p.m. in the MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main St., Leicester.  
www.morinfuneralhomes.com

## Lucille J. Messier, 94



SPENCER- Lucille J. (Morin) Messier, 94, of Howe Village, died peacefully, Friday, Oct. 26 in Christopher House, Worcester.

She was the wife of Norman J. Messier who passed in 2005. She leaves her daughter

Dianne M. Harper of Lowell, her son David H. Messier and his wife Chris of No. Brookfield, her sisters Beverly Vincent of Scottsdale, AZ and Carmen Baldwin of Brimfield, four grandchildren; Lori, Christian, Jake and Caleb, nine great grandchildren; Matt, Jeff, Megan, Nick, Indy, Haley, Jared, Madison and Jack, two great great grandchildren; Nolan and Harrison, several nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her grandson Jay Harper.

Born in Spencer, Lucille was the daughter of Lorenzo and Rachel (Benoit) Morin where she and her late husband Norman raised their family on Main St.

She loved family life dearly and was a very proud Memere; a name many people lovingly called her through the years. She enjoyed cooking and passing along her treasured recipes to generations of family members. She loved pets, especially poodles; together with her husband operating Lou-

Nom Poodles in the 1960-70's, as well as a dog grooming business. She also had worked in retail business as a cashier and sales clerk.

Lucille volunteered for many programs, including Meals on Wheels at Howe Village, Alzheimer's Support Group at Harrington Memorial in Southbridge, and St. Francis Home in Worcester.

Vacationing with her husband and family at Maurice's Camp Ground in Wellfleet was one of her favorite ways to spend summers. She later fostered many friendships while a resident at Howe Village.

The family would like to say "Thank You" to the caring and compassionate staff at the Christopher House during her years there, as well as to JHC Hospice for all their efforts.

The funeral for Lucille was held Tuesday, Oct. 30 from the J.HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer with a funeral mass at 11 a.m. in Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 7 Church St., Spencer. Burial followed in Mary, Queen of the Rosary Cemetery, Spencer. A calling hour preceded the services on Tuesday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Second Chance Animal Services, P.O. Box 136, E. Brookfield, MA 01535.  
www.morinfuneralhomes.com

## Joseph S. Cook, 35



RUTLAND- Joseph S. Cook, 35, of Rutland, died suddenly, Sunday, Oct. 28th. at home.

He leaves his father, Stephen J. Cook and his wife Kandi of Spencer, his mother Amy (Dansereau) Cook of Melbourne, FL., his sisters Sara T. Cook and her fiancé Joseph Bates of Rutland with whom he lived, Crystal M. Cook and her wife Kimberly Cook of Webster, Colleen M. Cook and her fiancé Michael Beeso of Worcester and Kimberly M. Cook of Spencer, his

nephews Jonathan Cook of Rutland and Zackary Beeso of Worcester along with many loving aunts, uncles and cousins.

Joe was born in Worcester and most recently worked for Mossy Rock Masonry in Oakham. He was an avid New England Sports Fan. He enjoyed the outdoors and hiking.

Calling hours for Joe will be held on Friday, Nov. 2 from 4 to 7 p.m. in the MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main St., Leicester.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Dismas House, P.O. Box 30125, Worcester, MA 01603  
www.morinfuneralhomes.com

## Stjepan Kereshi

WEST BROOKFIELD- We are saddened to announce the death of Stjepan Kereshi. Born September 14, 1948 and passed peacefully on October 28, 2018. He is survived by his wife, 3 children,

and 7 grandchildren. In keeping with the wishes of Dr. Kereshi, there will be a private memorial service for the family.

SEND ALL OBITUARY NOTICES TO THE NEW LEADER,  
PO Box 90, SOUTHBRIDGE, MA 01550,  
OR BY E-MAIL TO JEAN@STONEBRIDGEPRESS.NEWS

# CALENDAR

### Saturday November 3

**RUN-WALK FOR DIABETES:** The Apple Run/Walk for Diabetes is an event organized by the Lions Club of the Brookfields. This year's run/walk will be held on Saturday, Nov. 3 and covers a 5 mile course on scenic country roads beginning and ending at the Brookfield Orchards, 12 Lincoln St., North Brookfield. Walkers will start at 10:30 and runners at 11:00. The Run/Walk will be in its 13th year, with proceeds donated to two diabetes charities: the Clara Barton Camp for Diabetic Girls in Oxford and the UMass Diabetes Research team in Worcester. Run/Walk sponsor Rapsallion Brewery will again be onsite. For more information go to brookfieldlionsclub.org.

**VENDOR & CRAFT FAIR:** The West Brookfield Elementary Parent Teacher Group will be holding their 10th annu-

al Vendor and Craft Fair from 9am to 2pm Nov. 3 at West Brookfield Elementary School, 89 North Main St. There will be crafters, vendors, raffles, and more. Food will be available for purchase. Admission is free, all are welcome to attend.

### Saturday November 10

**STRAWBERRY HILL FAIR:** On Saturday, Nov. 10, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. the Leicester First Congregational Church, 1 Washburn Square, Leicester will hold its annual Strawberry Hill Fair featuring gift baskets, handmade knitted items, holiday decorations, centerpieces, ornaments and much more. There will be second-hand treasures, raffles, baked goods, a country store featuring homemade goods and

fresh winter produce. Enjoy some great lunch specials with apple crisp and ice cream at our cafe.

**HOLIDAY FAIR:** Stella Chapter Holiday Fair on Saturday, Nov. 10 9 a.m.-2 p.m., held at Joel Prouty Masonic Lodge, 780 Southbridge St., Auburn. Featuring: homemade crafts, baked goods, jewelry, plants, wood crafts, candles, opportunities, and much more. Lunch available. Christmas Tree Festival & Auction. Contact: Patricia Stark 508-885-5131

**RED DOOR FAIR:** Christ Memorial Episcopal Church RED DOOR FAIR Saturday, Nov. 10, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m., 133 Main St., North Brookfield. Raffles, exquisite table, Christmas table, bake table, pies, craft table. Luncheon: clam chowder, cabbage soup, sandwiches, and apple crisp.

**SPAGHETTI SUPPER:** Knights of Columbus Council # 11080, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, Brookfield/West Brookfield is sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, Nov. 10 in Dugan Hall, Sacred Heart Church, 10 Milk St., West Brookfield. Proceeds from this event will benefit the S.O.N.G., Inc. (Supporting Orphans Nationally & Globally) 2018 Christmas Drive." More information at www.supportingorphans.org Cost is only a \$12 donation and \$8 for children under 12 years old. Family rates are available! Take out dinners begin at 5:30pm and sit down dinner is served at 6:00 pm. Raffles, door prizes, and more!

Advance ticket purchase is encouraged (and appreciated!) and available by calling 413-813-8100, or by email at: info@supportingorphans.org Tickets will be available at the door while they last!

### Tuesday November 13

**WELCOME TO THE GRAVEYARD!** On Tuesday, Nov. 13, Seniors and the Brookfield Council on Aging will be entertained by "Welcome to the Graveyard", a special program sponsored by the Jeppson Fund. Brenda Sullivan has been studying about the art & history, and symbolism of gravestones for at least 20 years. Come and learn about how this unique art, history, and symbolism "Helps keep the Dead Alive". This program will be held downstairs in the Brookfield Congregational Church at 11:30 A.M.

### Thursday November 15

**LUNCH & CONCERT:** Local senior adults are invited to a Thanksgiving performance at Brookfield Elementary School starring Mr. Healy's fourth grade students. The program will be accompanied by a traditional turkey dinner with all the fixin's provided by our fabulous cafeteria staff on Thursday, Nov. 15. Back doors open at 12:35 p.m., cafeteria seating begins at 12:45 p.m. Please RSVP by Nov. 8 to (508) 867-8774. This is a free event, but any food or cash donations will be given to the Brookfield Ecumenical Food Pantry.

### Friday November 16

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

### Sunday November 18

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

### Monday November 19

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# OBITUARIES

## Charlemagne "Cookie" R. Johnson, 56



OXFORD — Charlemagne "Cookie" R. (Carlson) Johnson, 56, of Larned Road, lost her courageous 8-year battle to Cancer on Saturday, October 20th. She passed away peacefully in her home surrounded by her loved ones. She was a lifelong resident of Oxford.

Cookie was predeceased by her father Russel H. Carlson. She leaves her mother Lorraine A. (Dion) Carlson of Chatham. She is survived by her daughter, Amanda C. (Johnson) Normandin and her husband Randy of Sturbridge; two grandchildren, Hunter E. Normandin and Jewels C. Normandin, 13 siblings: Crystal Carlson of San Francisco, CA, Claudia Carlson Bunn (Robert Walls) of Leicester, Curt Carlson (Laurie) of Worcester, Cindy Hammond (Alan) of Oxford, Candace LaRoche (Raymond) of Melbourne, FL, Charlene Nappa (Vincent) of Palm Bay, FL, Claudette "Chicky" Tinsley (Gary) of Oxford, with whom she lived, Craig Carlson (Rita Hutchinson) of Oxford, Carrie Fahle (John) of South Chatham, Christina Flanagan (James) of Oxford, Christopher Carlson (Theresa) of North Brookfield, Cassie Maher (John) of Cotuit, and Chad Carlson (Beverly) of Harwich Port; her former husband, Arthur B. Johnson of Southbridge; and 60 nephews, nieces, uncles, aunts, and cousins. She had an especially close bond with her cousin Russ Dion.

Anyone fortunate enough to have known Cookie, would say she was the epitome of strength. After being diagnosed, she took control of her life and fought graciously yet tenaciously for

years. She went through multiple surgeries and procedures as well as extensive rounds of Chemotherapy. After multiple bouts with these obstacles it was only fitting for her to earn the nickname "Tough Cookie". Overcoming all odds, she is an inspiration to anyone who is fighting the same fight.

Cookie was an installation merchandiser for Hallmark for 12 years. Traveling was a passion she enjoyed, with several trips to Maine, Cape Cod, Florida, and California. Cookie fulfilled some of her wishes such as taking her grandchildren to Disney just last year and going to see her favorite musician P!nk with her daughter, Amanda. She enjoyed gardening, playing bingo, pitch, and trips to the casino with her best friend Betty Remillard. Cooking was her passion and she kept a collection of family recipes. "Grammy" may have been her favorite role as she spoiled Hunter and Jewels every chance she got enveloping them with all her love. She loved to attend their games and she went to every event she possibly could. Showering her with love and support, her family who has an inescapable bond allowed her to live every day to its fullest.

We would like to thank Nancy Noonan of Southern Worcester County VNA for her unconditional care and unexpected friendship. We would also like to thank her Oncologist Susan Zweizig, MD of UMass Memorial who never gave up on her.

Services are private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Team Hope and Honor, UMass Cancer Walk and Run, 333 South St., Shrewsbury, MA 01545. Paradise-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements. [paradisfuneralhome.com](http://paradisfuneralhome.com)

## Theresa M. Anderson, 98



SPENCER- Theresa M. Anderson, 98, formerly of Howe Village, died Wednesday, October 24, 2018 at the Holden Skilled Nursing Center. She was born in Worcester, the daughter of Dora (Bourgeois) Lussier and Eugene Lussier and was the second born to a family of twelve children.

Theresa's loving husband of 50 years, Roland "Jim" Anderson, passed away in 1991 and her son, Kenneth Anderson in 2012.

She is survived by her daughters, Ellen Lowkes and her husband, Joseph of Spencer, and Marilyn Sharry and her husband, John of South Yarmouth; and her daughter-in-law, Kathleen Anderson of Sturbridge. She also leaves her

grandchildren, Thomas, Timothy and Patrick Lowkes, Emily Lowkes-Powers, Andrew Sharry, Katherine Sharry, Katherine Guida, John Anderson and Laura Ottaviani; seventeen great-grandchildren; one great, great-granddaughter; two sisters, Constance O'Toole and Jeannette

Dailida and her husband, John of Spencer, her brothers, Raymond Lussier and his wife, Jane of North Grafton, Roger Lussier of Worcester, and Eugene Lussier and his wife, Elaine of Manchester, NH.; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her father's second wife, Blanche Lussier, her sisters, Claire LaJoie, Irene Perra, Muriel Perra and her brothers, Roland, Robert and Gerard Lussier.

Theresa enjoyed the arts, listening to opera, and PBS programming.

She was happiest when in the company of her large, loving family.

Theresa's funeral was held on Friday, Oct. 26th. at 11 a.m. in the J.HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer.

Burial followed in Mary, Queen of the Rosary Cemetery, Spencer. Calling hours on Friday preceded the service from 9 to 11 a.m. in the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Theresa's honor, to a place she always supported, The Barton Center for Diabetes Education, P.O. Box 356, North Oxford MA 01537-0356.

[www.morinfuneralhomes.com](http://www.morinfuneralhomes.com)

## David J. Zaganiacz, 61



NEW BRAintree- David J. "Dave" Zaganiacz, 61, of New Braintree entered eternal life on October 23, 2018 with his family by his side.

David sadly leaves behind his sister, Mary Ann Z. Swistak and her fiancé Mark Valego of Hardwick, his niece Blair K. Robidoux and her husband Andrew of Warren, his great niece Morgan Stelmokas of Barre, as well as many cousins. He was predeceased by his best friend and brother-in-law Michael J. Swistak in 2010. Dave was also tragically predeceased by his beloved niece Randi Lee Swistak-Stelmokas in 2005. David was born in Webster, son of the late Teofil F. and Theresa (Mozdzierz) Zaganiacz of Gilbertville.

It is with heavy hearts that Dave will miss the birth of his great nephew in December.

Dave was an avid outdoorsman, enjoying both hunting and fishing.

He started his career at the Department of Conservation &

Recreation - Quabbin/Ware River Region in 1985, as a Laborer, performing the duties of grounds crew maintenance during the winter months, and Boat Launch Area Attendant at Area 3 in Harwick during the summer. Through promotions he worked his way through the ranks of Ranger I, II and III. In April of 2016, after 30 years with DCR, Dave retired as a Captain of the Ranger Program, where he was highly regarded and respected by his peers and the public for his dedication and familiarity of the Quabbin Reservoir and its vast land.

Dave will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

Calling Hours were held on Monday, October 29, 2018 from 5 to 7PM in Charbonneau Funeral Home, 30 Pleasant St., in Ware. A Graveside Service for David was held on Tuesday, October 30, 2018 at 11:00AM in Saint Aloysius Cemetery, 62-210 Upper Church St., in Gilbertville. Those attending are asked to meet at the cemetery.

An online guest book is available at [charbonneaufh.com](http://charbonneaufh.com).

## Lawrence J. "Larry" Parker, 70



GILBERTVILLE- Lawrence J. Parker, 70, of Gilbertville died on Tuesday, October 23, 2018 at Baystate Medical Center.

He leaves his wife, Kathleen (Johnson) Parker of Gilbertville, three daughters,

Kristin Hadley and her husband Jordan of Gilbertville, Rebecca Burbridge and her husband Andy of Beverly and Julie Smith and her husband Keith of Ware; a son, James Parker of Ware; four grandchildren, Karlie, Keith, Jr., Emily and Soley. He was predeceased by three siblings, Kenneth, Robert, and Elizabeth Ann. He was born in Ware, son of the late James S., Jr. and Eleanor M. (Mathews) Parker.

Lawrence worked for the Quabaug Rubber Company in North Brookfield

for 25 years before retiring in 2010.

Mr. Parker served on the West Brookfield Fire Department for many years as a firefighter. He was a Veteran of the Vietnam War, serving in the United States Navy on the USS Furse Gearing-Class Destroyer.

A Funeral Service for Lawrence will be held on Saturday, November 3, 2018 at 3:00 PM in the Varnum Funeral Home, Inc., 43 East Main St., West Brookfield. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Baystate Mary Lane VNA & Hospice, P.O. Box 690, Ware, MA 01082.

An online guest book is available at [varnumfuneralhome.com](http://varnumfuneralhome.com)

## Paul A. Priestley, Sr, 79



EDGEWATER, FL/ LEICESTER, MA— Paul A. Priestley, Sr, 79, died Wednesday, October 3, 2018. He is predeceased by his wife of 39 years, Barbara Priestley. He leaves three daughters, Deborah Carkin

and her husband William of Sutton, Elizabeth Priestley and her husband John Wintersteller of Santa Monica, CA, and Christine Curci and her husband Anthony of Barre, a son, Paul Priestley, Jr. and his wife Sarah of Hardwick, his brother Walter Priestley and his wife Marcia of Boylston, four stepchildren, June Fish and her husband Mitchell, Susan Streeter, Henry Kobel and his fiance Debbie Wells, and Lori-Ann Piracci and her husband Valentino, sixteen grandchil-

dren, and many nieces and nephews. Born in Worcester, he was the son of Edward and Laura (Dandro) Priestley. Paul graduated from Worcester Boys Trade. He retired from the local 96 International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers after 50 years of dedicated service. He was a member of the Dolphin Athletic Club of Edgewater, FL. Paul enjoyed his time traveling, camping and socializing with friends. His greatest enjoyment was spending time in the warm weather of Florida with his wife. A graveside service will be held on Friday, November 2 at 2 p.m. in St Joseph's Cemetery, Waite St., Leicester.

MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main St., Leicester is assisting the family with arrangements. [www.morinfuneralhomes.com](http://www.morinfuneralhomes.com)

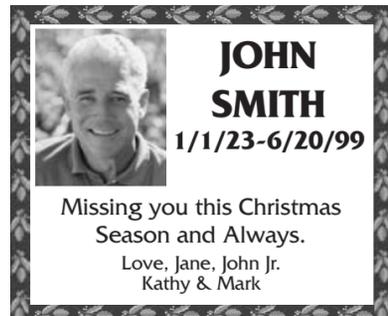
## Christmas in Heaven Memorials

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

for just \$10. Size is 2.4" X 2" and all will run on the Obituary Page December 21. (Includes a photo and your own personal message.)

### Sample Ad:

Ad Shown Actual size of 2.4"x2"



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Southbridge, MA 01550.

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NEWS

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

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**Monday, November 12**  
\*\*No School Today\*\*  
Veterans Day

**Tuesday, November 13**  
Kayem Hot Dog in WG Roll  
Spicy Spiral Fries, Cucumber Slices  
Baked Beans, Fresh Apples & Pear Cups  
WG Chocolate Chip Cookie

**Wednesday, November 14**  
Chicken Stir Fry with Broccoli  
Carrots & Pea Pods in a Teriyaki Sauce  
Rice Pilaf, Buttery Peas, Peaches & Applesauce Cups

**Thursday, November 15**  
Turkey Dinner  
Sliced Turkey & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes  
Stuffing, Green Beans, Rolls & Butter  
Cranberry Sauce, Apple Crisp & Pineapple

**Friday, November 16**  
WG School Made Pizza - Assorted Toppings  
Tossed Salad w/ Assorted Dressings  
Roasted Carrots & Fruit Choices

**Monday, November 19**  
Sweet Orange Chicken  
Breaded Chicken tossed in a Sweet Orange Sauce  
Rice Pilaf, Steamed Broccoli, Steamed Corn  
Mandarin Oranges & Mixed Fruit Cups

**Tuesday, November 20**  
Barilla Pasta with or without Meat Sauce  
Roasted Green Beans  
Garlic Bread, Pear Cups

**Wednesday, November 21**  
**\*\*1/2 Day of School\*\* Teacher PD Day**

## THANKSGIVING!

ENJOY YOUR HOLIDAY!  
SEE YOU MONDAY!

**YO!**  
Join us for our Thanksgiving Feast

Featuring Turkey & all your favorite trimmings

### Thursday, November 15

## DON'T 4 GET!

To make a lunch, choose at least one

Fruit/Juice or Veggie

Grains Milk Protein

Fruit/Juice and 3-5 items total Vegetables

LEICESTER HIGH SCHOOL

### Featured Specials of the Day

**Monday, November 26**  
Chicken Fajita's - Sautéed Peppers & Onions, Salsa  
Seasoned Potato Wedges  
Crunchy Carrots, Applesauce Cups & Fresh Apples

**Tuesday, November 27**  
Shepard's Pie  
Green Beans, Roll & Butter  
Apple Crisp & Peach Cups

**Wednesday, November 28**  
Chicken Alfredo Pasta  
Available with or without Broccoli, Peas, Pear Cups & Strawberry Cups

**Thursday, November 29**  
Popcorn Chicken  
Assorted Dipping Sauces  
Potato Puffs, Baked Beans, Corn  
WG Cookie & Mixed Fruit Cups

**Friday, November 30**  
French Bread Pizza  
Romaine Tossed Salad  
Roasted Carrots & Assorted Fruit Choices

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## Leicester Primary & Memorial School

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## TURN BACK TIME

### SUNDAY, NOV. 4

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**Leicester High School**  
Wendy Harmon, Manager

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## Available Daily

**Monday**— Spicy or Regular Chicken Patty on WG Roll or Pizza  
**Tuesday**— Hamburger on WG Roll, Spicy or Regular Chicken Patty  
**Wednesday**— Assorted Pizza Choices or Spicy or Regular Chicken Patty  
**Thursday**— Hamburger on WG Roll or Spicy or Regular Chicken Patty  
**Friday**— Chicken Patty on WG Roll

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## Featured Specials of the Day

**Thursday, November 1**  
 Ham & Cheese Croissant  
 Lettuce & Tomato, Baked Beans  
 Crunchy Carrots, Mandarin Oranges & Pear Cup

**Friday, November 2**  
 Stuffed Crust Pizza  
 Romaine Tossed Salad w/ Assorted Dressings  
 Green Beans & Fruit Choices

**Monday, November 5**  
 Hamburgers, Lettuce & Tomato  
 Baked Beans & French Fries  
 Pear Cups & Peach Cups

**Tuesday, November 6**  
 Crunchy Beef Tacos  
 Lettuce, Tomato, Shredded Cheese  
 Buttery Corn, Pineapple & Apples

**Wednesday, November 7**  
 Grilled Cheese Sandwich on WG Bread  
 School Made Vegetable Chicken Soup  
 Romaine Salad & Dressing, Crunchy Carrots  
 Pear Cups & Applesauce Cups

**Thursday, November 8**  
 Chicken Parmesan Sandwich  
 Crisp Chicken Breast topped with  
 Marinara Sauce & Mozzarella Cheese  
 Potato Puffs, Green Beans & Fruit Choices

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Valerie Thompson, Manager

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 Crunchy Carrots & Mandarin Oranges

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 Stuffed Crust Pizza  
 Romaine Tossed Salad w/ Assorted Dressings  
 Green Beans & Fruit Choices

**Monday, November 5**  
 Hamburgers, Lettuce & Tomato  
 Baked Beans & French Fries  
 Pear Cups

**Tuesday, November 6**  
 Crunchy Beef Tacos  
 Lettuce, Tomato, Shredded Cheese  
 Buttery Corn & Pineapple

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 Grilled Cheese Sandwich on WG Bread  
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 COLONY PIE  
 COOK PILGRIMS  
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 ENGLAND PUMPKIN  
 FALL SAIL  
 FAMILY SETTLERS  
 FEAST SQUASH  
 FREEDOM STUFFING  
 GRAVY THANKSGIVING  
 HARVEST TURKEY  
 MAIZE YAMS

S M K E Y D E Z I A M C N N  
 P U M P K I N G G K A O G Z  
 M C M R G L G M C O L O N Y  
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<b>Monday, November 19</b> Chicken Tenders Tyson Breaded Chicken Tenders French Fries Steamed Carrots Applesauce Cups Alternate Entrées: Bagel, Cream Cheese & Yogurt Or Peanut Butter & Jelly	<b>Tuesday, November 20</b> Pasta w/ Meat Sauce Barilla Pasta served with Or without Meat sauce Green Beans WG Roll & Butter Peach Cup Alternate Entrées: Bagel, Cream Cheese & Yogurt Or Peanut Butter & Jelly	<b>Wed., November 21</b> **1/2 Day of School** Teacher PD Day Bagged lunches available to go! Includes a sandwich, Vegetable & Fruit or Fruit Juice FREE for approved Free paying students and only \$.40 for approved Reduced Paying students, \$3.00 regular price Order yours in the morning and it will be ready for you before you leave.
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<b>Monday, November 26</b> Hot Dog Kayem Hot Dog in a WG Roll Smile Fries Crunchy Carrots Pear Cup Alternate Entrées: Bagel, Cream Cheese & Yogurt Or Grilled Cheese & Soup	<b>Tuesday, November 27</b> Tacos Seasoned Beef with Crunchy Taco Shells Lettuce, Tomato & Cheese Salsa & Sour Cream Buttery Corn Peach Cup Alternate Entrées: Bagel, Cream Cheese & Yogurt Or Grilled Cheese & Soup	<b>Wed., November 28</b> Macaroni & Cheese Elbow Pasta mixed with Land O Lakes Cheese Sauce Steamed Broccoli Roasted Carrots Mixed Fruit Cups Alternate Entrées: Bagel, Cream Cheese & Yogurt Or Grilled Cheese & Soup	<b>Thursday, November 29</b> Chicken Nuggets All White Meat Chicken Chunks w/ Assorted Sauces Mashed Potatoes Baked Beans Fruit Choices Alternate Entrées: Bagel, Cream Cheese & Yogurt Or Grilled Cheese & Soup	<b>Friday, November 30</b> School Made Pizza Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Tossed Salad Assorted Dressings Green Beans Assorted Fruit Choices Alternate Entrées: Bagel, Cream Cheese & Yogurt Or Grilled Cheese & Soup
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# kids' corner

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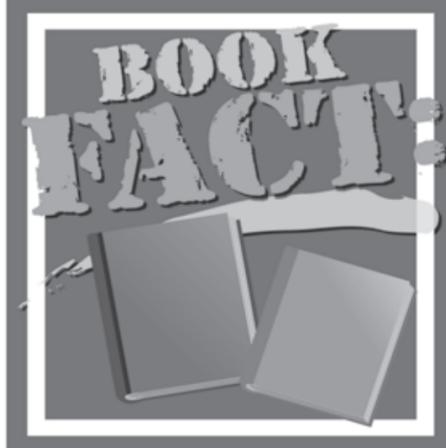
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## HISTORY

- 1787: MOZART'S OPERA DON GIOVANNI RECEIVES ITS FIRST PERFORMANCE IN PRAGUE.
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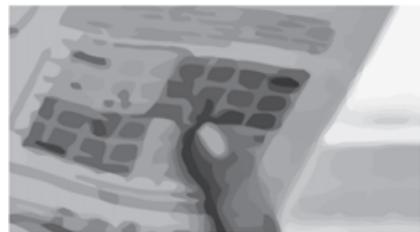
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ANSWER: READING NEWSPAPER

# HERE & THERE → Local Events, Arts, and Entertainment Listings

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7-10 p.m. in the bar  
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10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
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700 Pleasant St., Rochdale, MA  
8 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Indoor yard sale, bake sale, raffles, face painting, balloon animals for kids. Early birds. \$10 entrance fee. Proceeds to benefit Eddie Besse, a local 5-year-old with brittle bone disease in need of a van with a wheelchair lift.

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### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
LADIES' NIGHT  
Free raffles from local businesses & in store baskets  
Wine (must be 21 years or older)  
Refreshments  
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## Trivia Night

TRIVIA SATURDAY NIGHTS  
7:00 p.m. register  
7:30 p.m. start up  
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WISE GUYS TEAM TRIVIA  
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### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30

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### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

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**Open House Saturday 12-2pm 237 Marcy, Southbridge**  
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**Open House Saturday 12-2pm 41 Chartier Lane, Southbridge**  
PRISTINE CONDITION! All beautifully remodeled! 6 rooms 3 bedroom 2 1/2 baths! Master bathroom is stunning! Open Spacious eat in kitchen w/under counter lighting, recessed lighting, all updated. Living room gas fireplace, gleaming hardwood floors, with French doors opening out to private patio to inground pool. Wait till you view the lower level! **\$275,000.**

**Open House Sat., 12-2pm 17 Cedar St., Southbridge**  
Beautiful Ranch with 5 rooms 2 bedrooms & 2 baths. Spacious living room with hardwood floors, formal dining room. Large master bedroom with double closets & huge master bath w/white floor, walk in shower and washer & dryer. 1 car garage. CAIR. Many updates done. **\$199,900.**

**Open House Saturday 12-2 19 Mary Ellen Lane, Southbridge**  
Pride of Ownership. Expandable cape with updated, kitchen, bath, roof, furnace. Fully Appliance kitchen. Hardwood and tile throughout. One car garage. Expansion possibilities. 19 Mary Ellen Lane. **\$219,900**

REAL ESTATE

## OPEN HOUSES SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH

 <p><b>\$499,900</b></p> <p><b>11:30am - 12:30pm</b> 22 Morton Station Rd Charlton, MA 01507</p> <p>Here's your new dream home you've been wishing &amp; waiting for. This high-end home comes with hardwood flrs throughout all the rooms except the bathrooms, which have beautiful ceramic tile flrs. Builder has given great attention to details with stately crown molding &amp; decorative wainscoting.</p>	 <p><b>\$329,900</b></p> <p><b>1pm - 2pm</b> 114 Ramshorn Rd Charlton, MA 01507</p> <p>Magnificent cape near dudley town line! Here's your opportunity to enjoy the country living in this big, beautiful home with all the fabulous features you've been looking for. New granite kitchen with stainless steel appliances, new granite baths with high-elevation vanities, hardwood floors, &amp; heated garage with plenty of room for storage.</p>	 <p><b>\$349,900</b></p> <p><b>2:30pm - 3:30pm</b> 146 Berry Corner Rd Charlton, MA 01507</p> <p>This sprawling home is exactly what you have been looking for to accommodate your growing family. The property has many recent updates with granite kitchen &amp; baths, new paint, new deck &amp; so much more. You will love the open floor plan with the cathedral ceiling in the living room &amp; the stone fireplace with pellet stove insert. The huge great room above the garage could be used as the master bedroom for a total of 4 bedrooms if needed. Located in a quiet neighborhood only 1.4 Miles to heritage country club.</p>
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(P) Land	(L) Mobile Home	(A) Apartment	(W) Waterfront

ADDRESS	STYLE	TIME	PRICE	REALTOR/SELLER/PHONE
<b>SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3</b>				
SOUTHBRIDGE				
237 Marcy St	S	12-2	\$179,900	Aucoin Ryan Realty 508-765-9155
19 Mary Ellen Ln	S	12-2	\$229,900	Aucoin Ryan Realty 508-765-9155
WEBSTER				
81 Lakeside Ave	S	11-1	\$225,000	ReMax Advantage 1 /Maureen O'Connor 508-981-4902
<b>SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4</b>				
CHARLTON				
114 Ramshorn Rd	S	11:30-12:30	\$329,900	Keller Williams /George Goulas 508-509-3833
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146 Berry Corner Rd	S	2:30-3:30	\$349,900	Keller Williams /George Goulas 508-509-3833
DUDLEY				
348 Dudley Oxford Rd	S	11-1	\$320,000	ReMax Advantage 1 /Maureen O'Connor 508-981-4902
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**OPEN HOUSE SUN 11-1**

**Webster:** Great location! 1+ acre lot, 2.5 baths, 2400 sq. ft., 1st floor family room, 4 bedrooms  
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**Dudley:** Nature Lovers Lot! Private backyard abutting conservation land, Eat-in kitchen with double pantry, updated baths, 3 bedrooms, and New Septic System

348 Dudley Oxford Rd ~ \$320,000



**Dudley:** 2500 sq. ft. Cape, 1 hour to Boston, Hartford, Providence. 6.7 acres, 1/2 wooded and 1/2 cleared. 2-story barn with stalls, workshop and storage, 8 room, 4 bedrooms, 3.5 bath, cherry cabinet kitchen.

7 Dudley Oxford Rd ~ \$449,900



**Shrewsbury:** Master bedroom suite, 3-4 bedrooms, 1st floor family room, fireplace, 2 baths, Dead-end Street  
 14 Lebeaux Dr ~ \$404,900



**Southbridge:** 2.5 acres, 2 baths, 3-4 bedroom, hardwoods, family room, near hospital area  
 153 Highland St ~ \$274,900



**Webster:** Condo, 3 bedrooms, 2.5 bath, garage, upgraded cabinets/granite counter tops  
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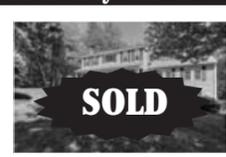


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**130 English Neighborhood Rd. Woodstock \$475,000**  
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**OPEN HOUSE SAT 11/3 1:00-3:00**



**20 Fire Tower Rd. Eastford \$200,000**  
 2002 Country Ranch with 3 BR 2 BA. New deck, and appliances. Across from Natchaug State Forest, on Pomfret line.  
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**Woodstock \$460,000 NEW LISTING**



Lovely classic Colonial in private setting & landscaped 2.14 acres w/a lg 3 car attached garage. There is nothing remaining to do but move in!  
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**Eastford \$319,000**



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**Putnam \$4,000/mo. Commercial Lease**



Location! 2,696 SF commercial space for lease with ample parking. Convenient to I-395.  
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**Killingly \$220,000**



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**Putnam \$254,900**



Victorian, wood flrs, 4 BR, 2 BA, w/ front porch, updated kitchen & baths. Possible rental above garage. Close to shopping & I-395 & 44.  
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**Tolland \$299,900**



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**Woodstock \$350,000**



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**Brooklyn \$545,000**



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**Ashford \$189,900**



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**Woodstock \$1,390,000**



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 860-336-6677

**Woodstock \$169,900**



5 BR Colonial in desirable E. Woodstock Village. Private setting, porch, handicapped accessible, HW, 1st floor master. A must see!  
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**Thompson \$149,000**



Unique opp. for a commercial/mixed use building in great location! The owner will sell building w/all contents (antiques/collectibles).  
 The White/Cook Team:  
 Diane 860-377-4016

**Putnam \$400,000 NEW LISTING**



LAND FOR SALE  
 This 26.12 acre lot includes a rustic sportsman's cabin that is currently occupied. The property is near route 44 and 395.  
 The White/Cook Team:  
 Charlotte 860-931-6006





# LEGALS

## MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

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

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

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

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

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

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

ALSO GRANTING A RIGHT OF WAY OVER THE SAID OAK LANE NORTHEASTERLY TO THE OLD COUNTY ROAD, SAID RIGHT OF WAY BEING TWENTY (20) FEET IN WIDTH, TO BE USED IN COMMON WITH OTHERS. PARCEL 2

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

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

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

BEING ALL AND THE SAME LANDS AND PREMISES CONVEYED TO STEVEN H. RAFER, MIRIAM M. RAFER AND REBECCA S. RAFER AS J/T/W/R/S BY STEVEN H. RAFER IN A DEED EXECUTED 5/16/2000 AND RECORDED 5/23/2000 IN BOOK 22610, PAGE 074 OF THE WORCESTER COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS LAND RECORDS.

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

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

### TERMS OF SALE:

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

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

Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae)

Present Holder of said Mortgage,

By Its Attorneys,

ORLANS PC

PO Box 540540

Waltham, MA 02454

Phone: (781) 790-7800

15-011860

November 2, 2018

November 9, 2018

November 16, 2018

## Notice of Public Hearing-Spencer Zoning Board of Appeals

At the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting to be held on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 in the McCourt Social Hall of Memorial Town Hall, 157 Main Street, Spencer, MA, a public hearing will be held on the following items starting at 7:15 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard:

**Variance- Applicant/Owner: Matthew Schold. Location: 77 Chickering Road, Spencer Assessor's Map R16/09. The applicant is looking for a variance under Sections 5.1 and 7.3 of the Spencer Zoning Bylaw as the lot does not meet the current zoning standards for minimum side setbacks to allow construction of a 16 x 16 addition. The property is located in the Rural Residential zoning district.**

Interested Parties may review these applications at the Office of Development & Inspectional Services in Memorial Town Hall located at 157 Main Street Spencer, MA 01562, during regular business hours from 7:30am-4:30pm Monday-Wednesday and 7:30am-12:00pm on Thursdays.

The ZBA is committed to ensuring that its public meetings are accessible to people with disabilities. Should you require auxiliary aids, services, written materials in other formats, or reasonable modifications in policies and procedures, please call 508-885-7500 ext. 180 in advance of the scheduled meeting.

October 26, 2018

November 2, 2018

## Town of West Brookfield Zoning Board of Appeals

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the West Brookfield Town Hall, to act on an application for a Special Permit for Coy Hill Solar LLC, property owned by Edward F. Sullivan, LLC, for the property located at 70 Coy Hill Road and 18 Beeman Road, West Brookfield. The applicant wishes to build a solar farm for off premise use. In Rural Residential District requires a special permit as per section, -3.27 Energy Generating Equipment. The public is invited to attend.

Renee Adams White

Clerk

October 26, 2018

November 2, 2018

## ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Brookfield Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 6pm, Tuesday, November 13, 2018 in the Brookfield Town Hall Banquet Room.

The purpose of this hearing is a request by Christopher R Predella for a special permit for a Second Principal Use (Brewery/ Tap Room/Country Store/Wedding Venue) at 80-81 Lake Road located in the Rural Residential District, according to Brookfield Zoning By-laws, Section 4.B.1.c.

Stephen J. Comtois II

ZBA Chairman

October 26, 2018

November 2, 2018

## Notice of Sale of Motor Vehicle Under G.L.c. 255, Section 39A

Notice is hereby given by Durgin's Valley Garage, LLC, Spencer, MA 01562 pursuant to the provisions of G.L.c. 225, Section 39A, at Durgin's Valley Garage on 11/16/18 at 12 noon there will be a private sealed bid sale for the following vehicles to be sold to satisfy the garage keeper's lien thereon for towing, storage, care and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicle. Sealed bids are to be returned no later than 3PM on 11/16/18 to Durgin's Valley garage LLC, Spencer, MA, 01562. Durgin's Valley Garage reserves the right to accept or deny any and all bids for any reason. Durgin's Valley Garage reserves the right to bid at this sale. Viewing of motor vehicles will strictly be by appointment only. Vehicles will be sold as is, as seen, with no guarantees. Winning bidders will be notified by phone and must remove vehicles within 24 hours of notification.

Registered Owner: Carmen Ortiz, Spencer, MA

Towed on 6/18/2018: 2007 Lincoln MKZ SUV. VIN #2LMDU88C87BJ14839

Registered Owner: Eric Berthiaume c/o Donald Berthiaume

Spencer, MA

towed on 4/20/2018: 2016 Taotao Moped VIN#L9NTEACB0H1003134

Registered Owner: Bell Weather Credit Union

Manchester, New Hampshire

Towed 12/10/2017- 2009 Dodge Grand Caravan NH Plate #Z797H

VIN#208HN44ED9R658438

October 26, 2018

November 2, 2018

November 9, 2018

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLANNING BOARD

The Spencer Planning Board will be holding a Public Hearing on **Tuesday November 20, 2018** in McCourt Social Hall of Memorial Town Hall, 157 Main Street, Spencer, MA, on the following item(s) starting at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as can be heard:

**Major Site Plan Review/ Special Permit - Applicant: Sunpin Solar Development, LLC.; Owner: Peter and Carol Gaucher, Location: 22 Norcross Road; Spencer Assessor's Map R40-07. The applicant is requesting a Major Site Plan Review under Section 7.4 and Special Permit under Section 7.2 of the Spencer Zoning Bylaw Zoning to install a Solar Farm. The property is located within the Rural Residential zoning district.**

Interested Parties may review these applications at the Office of Development & Inspectional Services in Memorial Town Hall located at 157 Main Street Spencer, MA 01562, during regular business hours from 7:30-4:30 Monday-Wednesday.

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November 2, 2018

November 9, 2018

(SEAL)

## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT

### DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT

18SM005995

## ORDER OF NOTICE

To:

Marjorie S. Rohde, Individually and as Trustee of the Rohde Realty Trust and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 et seq.:

USAA Federal Savings Bank claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Spencer, numbered 190 Northwest Road, given by Marjorie S. Rohde to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting solely as a nominee for USAA Federal Savings Bank, dated July 8, 2016, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 55610, Page 98, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determi-

nation of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before December 10, 2018 or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act.

Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER Chief Justice of said Court on October 23, 2018.

Attest: Deborah J. Patterson

Recorder

18-033043

November 2, 2018

## TOWN OF BROOKFIELD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at 6:30 pm during the regularly scheduled Selectmen's Meeting in the Brookfield Town Hall – Selectmen's Banquet Hall Meeting Room, located at 6 Central Street, Brookfield, MA, on the application for a Change of Location of an All Alcoholic Retail Package Store Liquor License from Boswell Enterprises, Inc., dba Central Package Store, from the Corner of Central and Pleasant St. to 55 South Maple Street, Brookfield, MA

The public is encouraged to attend this meeting.

Linda M. Lincoln, Chairman

Brookfield Board of Selectmen

November 2, 2018

## Notice of Public Hearing- Planning Board

The Spencer Planning Board will be holding a Public Hearing on Tuesday November 20, 2018 in McCourt Social Hall of Memorial Town Hall, 157 Main Street, Spencer, MA, on the following item(s) starting at 7:00PM or as soon thereafter as can be heard:

**Major Site Plan Review/ Special Permit- Applicant: Ernest Mello, ZPT Energy Solutions II, LLC; Owner: Scott and Joyce Cycz, Location: 17 GH Wilson Road; Spencer Assessor's Map R17- Lot 16 & Lot 9. The applicant is requesting a Major Site Plan Review under Section 7.4 and Special Permit under Section 7.2 of the Spencer Zoning Bylaw Zoning to install a solar farm. The property is located within the Rural Residential zoning district.**

**Major Site Plan Review/ Special Permit- Applicant: Ernest Mellow, ZPT Energy Solutions II, LLC; Owner: Main Street Realty Trust, Location: behind 369 Main Street; Spencer Assessor's Map R35-1-3. The applicant is requesting a Major Site Plan Review under Section 7.4 and Special Permit under Section 7.2 of the Spencer Zoning Bylaw Zoning to install a solar farm. The property is located within the Commercial zoning district.**

Interested Parties may review these applications at the Office of Development & Inspectional Services in Memorial Town Hall located at 157 Main Street Spencer, MA 01562, during regular business hours from 7:30-4:30 Monday-Wednesday.

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November 2, 2018

November 9, 2018

## 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. WO18C0449CA

CITATION ON PETITION TO

CHANGE NAME

In the matter of:

Jonathan Paul Bonin

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Jonathan Paul Bonin of Spencer MA

requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

Jonas Collis-Wales Vaughn

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Worcester Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/06/2018. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

**WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.**

Date: October 10, 2018

Stephanie K. Fattman

Register of Probate

November 2, 2018

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**24 FOOT POOL, ABOVE-GROUND**, 4 years old, filter, motor, all supplies included (except liner) Ready to go \$950 or best offer 508-498-0166 leave message

**4 SNOW TIRES** -235/50 R18 101T used 2 months- paid \$800, asking best offer. 508-414-2474

**ABOVE-GROUND SWIMMING POOL**, 24' x 54", filter system, 1 season. \$1,000 or best offer. 508-943-8769

**ACORN STAIRLIFT** - 3.5 years old; like new condition. 11 feet long. Asking \$1400 or best offer. Call 508-277-6568 if interested.

**ANGLE IRON CUTTER** For Shelving 4W296, HK Potter 2790. Normally Sells For \$700. \$50 OBO. Call 5pm-8:30pm, (508)867-6546

**Beautiful Southwestern style sectional sofa**, gently used, L-shape 112" x 86" Please call to set up time to view 508-885-9962. \$150 firm.

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**CUB CADET SNOWBLOWER**. 13hp Tecumseh OHV. 45 in. width, trigger steering, 6FRWD, 2 REV, new condition. Hardly used! \$1,600.00. 508-347-3775

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**FLY RODS** - 2 ALBRIGHT A/5 490 9 FT. #4 RODS. 2 Onvis reels Battenkill BBS II. Asking \$200 each set or best offer. 508-347-3145

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**VIKING RANGE, PROFESSIONAL SERIES,** propane gas, 6-sealed burner, 36" infrared broiler, as new, never lit, still in original packaging, w/tags. Model VCGSC-5366BSS, trades considered. \$4,600 508-865-7470

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**14' GREAT CANADIAN CANOE** includes 2 clamp-on chair seats, 2 paddles, 2 life-vests. Excellent condition. \$425 508-885-3017

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**262 AUCTIONS**

**ON-SITE ESTATE AUCTION**, Saturday, November 3rd at 10am, 10 Bishop Avenue, Worcester, view: 8am, G Glass-Carbone, MA Lic #1647 contents of 4-bedroom home, G. Stickley bookcases; oak furniture; trains; toys; gold, silver; radios; rugs; stamps; tools, war bond posters; Navy clock; stamps; art; cameras; records; glass; china; lamps; collectibles. 15% BP, cash, cc. auctionzip.com id # 3925 R. Glass Auctions LLC (860) 564-7318

**265 FUEL/WOOD**

**CORD WOOD** - Seasoned, cut, split, delivered. \$250 a cord. 508-826-3312, 508-344-9214

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**FREE TO GOOD HOME** - rescued, older kittens (16 weeks) black short-hair female, gray short-hair male, and black & white short-hair female. All kittens have been spayed/neutered. Dudley. 774-200-8776

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**300 HELP WANTED**

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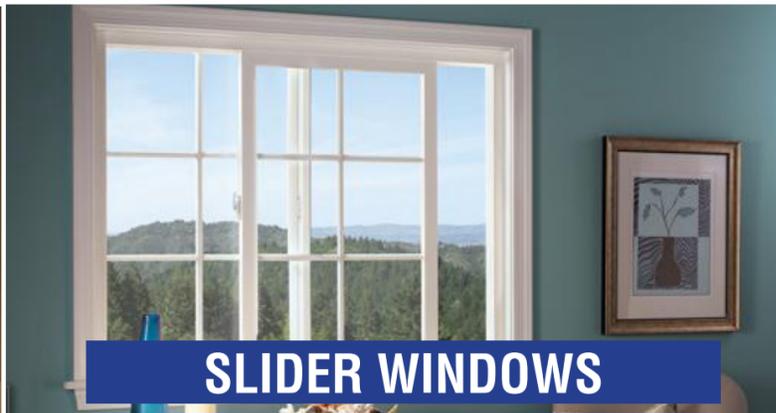


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## HEALTH

## 10 early signs of Alzheimer's disease

Change plays a big role in the aging process. As adults age, both their minds and bodies undergo changes.

The changes associated with aging are not uniform. Some people may experience small changes as they inch toward and ultimately pass retirement age, while others may undergo changes that affect nearly every aspect of their lives.

Cognitive decline is the type of age-related change that can have a dramatic impact on a person's life, affecting his or her ability to live independently. A general term used to describe symptoms associated with a decline in memory or thinking skills such as judgment and reasoning, dementia is often mistaken as a normal part of aging. However, the Alzheimer's Foundation of America notes that dementia-related illnesses, including Alzheimer's disease, are not a normal part of aging.

Because many people associate memory loss with aging, they may be compelled to accept some of the early signs and symptoms of Alzheimer's as mere byproducts of growing older. However, the Alzheimer's Association urges men and women to report any of these 10 early signs and symptoms of Alzheimer's to their physicians the moment they're noticed. Family members who notice these signs in their relatives also should



report them to their loved ones' physicians.

1. Memory loss that disrupts daily life: Examples of this symptom include forgetting recently learned information; forgetting important dates and events; and asking for the same information over and over.

2. Challenges in planning or solving problems: Someone exhibiting this symptom may have trouble following a recipe or

paying monthly bills.

3. Difficulty completing familiar tasks at home at work or at leisure: Forgetting the rules of a favorite game or experiencing trouble driving to a familiar location are some examples of this symptom.

4. Confusion with time or place: People with Alzheimer's lose track of dates, seasons and the passage of time.

5. Trouble under-

standing visual images and spatial relationships: Some people with Alzheimer's have difficulty reading, judging distance and determining color or contrast.

6. New problems with words in speaking or writing: Difficulty joining or continuing a conversation and calling things by the wrong name are some examples of this symptom.

7. Misplacing things

and losing the ability to retrace steps: People with Alzheimer's sometimes put things in unusual places and then cannot retrace their steps to find those things.

8. Decreased or poor judgment: Poor judgment and decision-making often affects people with Alzheimer's.

9. Withdrawal from work or social activities: People with this symptom may begin to with-

draw from favorite activities or avoid being social because of the changes they're experiencing.

10. Changes in mood and personality: Mood changes affect people with Alzheimer's, who may become confused, suspicious, depressed, fearful, or anxious.

Learn more about Alzheimer's disease at [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org).

## Seniors' senses of smell and taste change with age



Aging comes with several sensory changes, many of which people expect. Loss of hearing or diminishing vision are widely associated with aging. But one's senses of smell and taste may diminish with aging as well.

The senses of taste and smell work in concert. The sense of smell is vital to personal health, not only because inhaling pleasant aromas can provide comfort and stress relief through aromatherapy and help trigger important memories, but also because smell enables a person to detect the dangers of smoke, gas, spoiled food, and more. The National Institute on Aging says that, as a person gets older, his or her sense of smell may fade, and that will also affect taste. The Mayo Clinic says some loss of taste and smell is natural and can begin as early as age 60.

Adults have about 9,000 taste buds sensing sweet, salty, sour, bitter, and umami flavors, or those corresponding to the flavor of glutamates. Many tastes are linked to odors that begin at the nerve endings in the lining of the nose. Medline says the number of taste buds decreases as one ages, and that remaining taste buds may begin to shrink. Sensitivity to the five tastes also begins to decline. This can make it more difficult to distinguish between flavors.

Similarly, especially after age 70, smell can diminish due to a loss of nerve endings and less mucus in the nose. With the combination of the reduction

of these important sensory nerves in the nose and on the tongue, loss of smell and taste can greatly affect daily life.

Changes in these senses can contribute to feelings of depression, diminish one's enjoyment of food and cause harmful conditions, such as extreme weight loss from disinterest in food to problems associated with overusing salt or sugar.

Although aging is often to blame, loss of smell and taste also may be tied to early symptoms of Parkinson's disease or Alzheimer's disease. Cancer treatments, medications, lack of saliva, colds, flu, and other factors may contribute to sensory loss. Changing medications or treatments may help.

It's important to bring up diminished flavors or smells with a doctor to rule out something more serious and to determine what might help restore pleasure from smells and flavors. An otolaryngologist, or a doctor who specializes in diseases of the ears, nose and throat, may be able to help fix the problem, though some people may be referred to a neurologist or another specialist.

Continuing to use one's sense of smell and taste by cooking, gardening, trying new flavors, and experimenting with different aromas may help slow down the decline these senses. Although age-related loss of taste and smell cannot be reversed, some such cases may be treatable.

## Learn about the causes of adult hearing loss



By learning about what impacts hearing loss, people can make changes to prevent damage.

Hearing loss is quite common and can impact people's lives in profound ways. Although there are some treatments that can improve one's ability to hear and communicate, many people are interested in learning about the ways they may be able to prevent hearing loss in the first place.

Medical experts from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association advise that hearing loss can be caused by different factors. Learning about these causes can help individuals make smart decisions at a young age to prevent future hearing loss when possible. In certain circumstances, hearing loss may be unavoidable. In such instances, audiologists, or doctors specializing in hearing, can help.

Conductive hearing loss refers to problems with the ear canal, ear drum or middle ear and its bones, states the Hearing Loss Association of America. Some of the causes of conductive hearing loss include:

- Otitis media is an infection of the middle ear in which fluid accumulation can interfere with the movement of the eardrum and ossicles.
- Impacted earwax also can cause hearing problems.
- Fluid in the middle ear may obstruct hearing.
- Otosclerosis, which is a middle ear disease, can make it difficult for the tiny bones in the middle ear to move. Surgery can correct the problem.
- Malformation of the outer ear, ear canal or middle ear structure can impact hearing as well.

Sensorineural hearing loss

Sensorineural hearing loss, or SNHL, occurs due to problems of the inner ear. It is often referred to as nerve-related hearing loss.

• Aging is a common cause of hearing loss that may not be reversible. Age-related hearing loss is called presbycusis and is marked by muffled or unclear speech. Treatment with assistive hearing devices can help improve hearing.

• Trauma to the ear or head may impact hearing. Wearing protective gear during sports or other activities can protect against neurological damage that may cause hearing loss.

• Damage to the inner ear can result from prolonged exposure to loud noises, states the Mayo Clinic. These noises cause wear and tear on the hairs or nerve cells in the cochlea that send sound signals to the brain. When these hairs or nerve cells are damaged or missing, electrical signals aren't transmitted as efficiently, and hearing loss occurs. Using hearing protection and turning down the volume can help.

• Ménière's disease is an inner ear problem of unknown origins. It usually starts in people between the ages of 30 and 50. Dizziness and ringing of the ear are common, and hearing loss comes and goes. Some loss can become permanent.

• Viruses and diseases as well as family history also may play a role in SNHL. In some instances, hearing loss may be the result of a combination of factors. Anyone finding their hearing has become less acute should visit with an audiologist. One resource to visit is [www.asha.org/profind](http://www.asha.org/profind). The doctor can then prescribe a treatment plan to help improve hearing.

# HEALTH

## What are hereditary cancer syndromes?

Few families can say they have not been affected by cancer. But some people may feel as though a certain type of cancer runs in their families. In certain instances, such suspicions are warranted.

According to the National Cancer Institute, hereditary cancer syndromes are disorders that may predispose individuals to developing certain cancers. The NCI notes that researchers have associated mutations in specific genes with more than 50 hereditary cancer syndromes.

Before people, or even entire families, begin thinking that a certain type of cancer runs in their families, it's important to first examine certain lifestyle choices to determine if such factors, and not gene mutations, are responsible. In fact, the NCI notes that hereditary cancer syndromes play a role in just 5 to 10 percent of all cancers.

Tobacco use is one lifestyle choice that can cause similar cancers to develop among family members. Smoking greatly increases a person's risk of developing cancer, and even that person's nonsmoking family members may have a higher risk for cancer due to exposure to secondhand smoke. Other factors, such as poor diet, also may increase the likelihood that people within a family may get



cancer. Neither instance, however, is the result of hereditary cancer syndrome.

People who suspect they might be at risk for hereditary cancer syndromes should express their concerns to their physicians. Primary care physicians and other health professionals will then work to determine if patients are at risk. If a person is identified as at

risk for developing hereditary cancer syndromes, then he or she may be referred for genetic counseling and risk assessment, and certain tests also may be conducted as physicians work to develop a plan to manage risk.

A patient's family history helps physicians determine if there is a risk for hereditary cancer syndrome. The NCI notes that physicians may look

for the following features of hereditary cancer in the patient's family.

- One first-degree relative with the same or a related tumor and any of a number of features specific to the patient (a list of individual features of hereditary cancer is available at [www.cancer.gov](http://www.cancer.gov)).

- Two or more first-degree relatives with tumors of the same site.

- Two or more first-degree relatives with tumor types belonging to a known familial cancer syndrome.

- Two or more first-degree relatives with rare tumors.

- Three or more relatives in two generations with tumors of the same site or etiologically related sites.

Hereditary cancer syndromes are relatively

uncommon, but that does not discount the importance of determining one's risk for such cancers. The NCI notes that finding out one is at risk of hereditary cancer can potentially have life-saving implications. More information on hereditary cancers is available at [www.cancer.gov](http://www.cancer.gov).

## Fight the flu with these strategies



Influenza can rear its head any time of the year, but is known to be a particularly bad thorn in one's side during times of year when the weather is cold. According to WebMD, anywhere from 5 to 20 percent of the population will get the flu in an average year and it can take three to seven days for a regular case of the illness to go away, with some effects lingering for up to two weeks.

No one wants to get the flu, which is marked by fever, aches and pains, congestion, fatigue, and other symptoms. As a result, people do all they can to help prevent the flu — or at the very least shorten its duration.

The best way to stave off the flu is to get a flu vaccination each year. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says the vaccine is carefully curated to treat against the flu strains that research suggests will be the most common each flu season. Getting vaccinated by the end of October is recommended.

Steer clear of sick individuals and make a concerted effort to avoid germs and the spread of germs. Diligently washing hands and avoiding touching your nose, eyes and mouth can help you avoid and spread germs. In addition, repeatedly clean and disinfect surfaces that may be contaminated with the flu virus.

You might want to consider prophylactic treatment with an antiviral medication. In 2000, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved the use of oseltamivir phosphate, which is known by the brand name Tamiflu, as a flu preventative. However, many people only reach for the drug when symp-

toms already have set in. Instead, it can be especially helpful in preventing the flu when someone in the household has already contracted the illness. The results of several clinical studies show that Tamiflu, when taken once daily, is up to 92 percent effective in preventing influenza illness in adolescents, adults and the elderly.

Drink plenty of liquids during flu season to keep the body well hydrated so the immune system can be in top form. Fruit juices, water, broth-based soups, and sports drinks can help keep the respiratory system from forming thick mucus that can become laden with bacteria. Should a fever set in, fluids help prevent dehydration.

It also can be wise to take zinc supplements during cold and flu season. Neil Schachter, MD, medical director of the respiratory care department at Mount Sinai Medical Center and the author of "The Good Doctor's Guide to Colds & Flu," says zinc may boost immunity, which can shorten the duration or severity of the flu.

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## Some lesser known allergy symptoms

Allergy symptoms are a result of a person's immune system overreacting to something that is harmless to most people but sparks a reaction in people sensitive to the trigger. Some symptoms of allergic reactions, such as sneezing, are widely known. But people may be surprised to discover some of the other common allergy symptoms.

According to the American College of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology, a host of physical symptoms are indicative of allergic reactions.

- Wheezing, shortness of breath: The ACAAI says that wheezing or shortness of breath are telltale signs of asthma, but notes that such symptoms also may be indicative of an allergic reaction. The ACAAI recommends people see an allergist if they develop unexplained wheezing that keeps returning or if the wheezing occurs alongside symptoms like rapid breathing or difficulty taking in air. Wheezing that appears after a person is stung by an insect, takes a medication or eats something he or she is allergic to is symptomatic of an allergic reaction and requires immediate medical attention.

- Cough: The appearance of a dry, persistent cough may indicate an allergy. Coughs are often a byproduct of a cold or flu, but such coughs tend to taper off after a few days. Chronic dry coughs that linger for more than three weeks may indicate the presence of an allergy. Allergy-related coughs may be more prevalent during certain times of year or in certain environments. The ACAAI notes that chronic dry cough has been linked to allergies such as hay



fever and may indicate an allergy to pet dander, dust, pollen, or mold.

- Headache: Though few people associate headaches with allergies, some headaches can be allergy-related. According to the ACAAI, sinus headaches, migraines have been linked to allergies. Sinus headaches may be characterized by localized pain over the sinus area and/or pain in the face that may or may not be accompanied by a headache. A throbbing pain on one side of the head indicates a migraine, the symptoms of which may worsen when exposed to light. Among the more painful allergy symptoms, headaches should be discussed with an allergist.

- Nausea and vomiting: Nausea and vomiting may be a byproduct of

food allergies. Seasonal allergies rarely, if ever, lead to nausea or vomiting. However, when a person eats a food he or she is allergic to, the immune system reacts to this allergy in much the same way it does to allergies like hay fever, releasing a chemical called histamine. When a person is dealing with seasonal allergies, the histamine his or her body releases can cause sneezing, runny nose or other symptoms commonly associated with such allergies. But when histamine is released to combat food allergies, it can cause nausea and vomiting.

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