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Leicester Middle School runners will take part in an invitational meet next month.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER – Continuing to expand the footprint of its program, the Leicester Cross Country team will host its first middle school invitational meet next month.

The first annual Wolverine Invitational and Community Race will take place on Saturday, Nov. 2, at Leicester Middle School. After the middle school races and awards are completed, there will be a community 3K race over the same course. Younger runners may also choose to run a shortened 1K kids race as well.

Middle school races will take place between 9-11 a.m., with the community race immediately following it at noon. For school leaders and athletes, it is exciting to get the community involved in the event and familiar with the cross country program. With the addition of fifth grade students to the middle school this year, officials had the opportunity to create a middle school running club that is open to grades 5-6 (seventh and eighth graders run with the high school team).

"This meet is meant to help build both our middle and high school running programs by providing runners with the opportunity to compete against other teams in a fun invitational," said Norman Everett, a coach with the Leicester cross country program. "The community race is meant to encourage participation in running

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Courtesy Photo

# Public hearing planned on community development grant program

SPENCER – The town will hold a public hearing next month regarding its Fiscal Year 2018 Community Development Block Grant program.

# Second Chance gears up for Barktacular

BY KEVIN FLANDERS STAFF WRITER

SPENCER

Halloween-themed event will take place on Saturday, Oct. 26. Set for 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., the fundraiser will bring costumed pet owners and their best friends to Camp Marshall for a day of fun and festivities.

Lindsay Doray. "We look forward to meeting more of our supporters. All of the money raised will be helping pets in need." The event will feature games, prizes, food vendors, and of course a costume contest for guests and pets.

The hearing will take place on Monday, Nov. 4, at 6 p.m. in the selectmen's meeting room at Town Hall (157 Main St.).

Current community development block grant activities in town include designs for infrastructure improvements to Cherry Street, Wall Street, and Lloyd Dyer Drive.

Future projects under consideration will also be discussed at the public hearing.

Any resident or organization with questions or comments concerning community development programs will have an opportunity to be heard.

For more information, visit www.SpencerMa.gov.



Courtesy Photo

A Chestnut Street resident is facing illegal dumping charges after discarding this sofa and other items in Howe Park.

falloween season will feature plenty of treats for our furry friends, as residents and their pets are gearing up for the annual Barktacular.

The

Organized by Second Chance Animal Services, the second annual "The Barktacular has something for everyone," said Second Chance communications director

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# Resident's detective work leads to arrest for illegal dumping

SPENCER – Thanks to a concerned resident who embraced the role of investigator, a suspect is facing charges after illegally dumping several items.

Police were notified about the incident on Oct. 2. After reading a local blog about illegal dumping that occurred in Howe Park, a Spencer resident went to the park and began to dig through the items. Embedded within the cushions of a discarded sofa were concert tickets with the suspect's name on them, police said.

After a brief police investigation, a resident of Chestnut Street in town returned to the park and cleaned up the discarded items. This resident will be summoned to Western Worcester District Court to face charges of illegal dumping, police said.



# Community mourns passing of local legend

### **BY KEVIN FLANDERS** STAFF WRITER

SPENCER - Residents continue to celebrate the life and legacy of Robert McPherson, who spent decades giving back to his community in several capacities.

McPherson, 79, passed away earlier this month. The longtime town moderator's life was honored during an Oct. 12 memorial celebration at Town Hall, where residents and officials came together to remember a life of service.

'He was the epitome of a public servant. He always wanted to help his town," said Spencer Fire Chief Robert Parsons. "He supported the town in every possible way. You just don't see enough people like that any-

### more.

In addition to his 28 years as town moderator, McPherson also served as an ambulance driver for the town in the seventies and eighties. Moreover, he led Spencer Cable Access for 12 years and was always eager to assist residents with sharing their accomplishments. He even produced his own show highlighting Spencer residents and venues.

No matter who you speak to in town, almost everyone has worked with McPherson on one project or another over the years. Several town officials collaborated with him for over three decades, and he is remembered as treating all residents and officials with respect.

"With the passing of Bob McPherson, Spencer has lost its number one citizen," said Selectman Ralph Hicks. "No one in my lifetime cared more and did more for the town of Spencer than Bob McPherson." Added Selectman Gary Woodbury, "Bob was always there. It was never about the politics for him - he only cared about doing what was best for the town and giving back."

McPherson and his wife, Carol, have been involved in countless volunteer efforts over the years. Together they launched Operation Undercover, a project that has seen them collect packages of underwear for more than three decades and distribute the donations to local shelters and organizations. The holiday season project has assisted the Massachusetts Veterans Shelter, Abby's House, and Jeremiah's Inn, among others. After gathering all of the donations each year, the McPhersons wrapped the gifts and loaded them into their vehicle, then drove them to the respective organizations. The tradition has been so long-standing that many residents have taken to leaving donations at their doorstep.

The McPhersons were also dedicated to voting engagement at all levels, and they encouraged others to get involved in the democratic process. Carol McPherson was honored by local officials last year for a 50-year perfect voting record,

and her husband only missed one primary election due to illness during that same timeframe.

Many residents and officials have shared stories over the last week about how the McPhersons inspired them to get involved and give back. At a time when area towns often have difficulty filling open seats on committees, local leaders are hoping more residents will follow the example set by Bob and Carol McPherson.

"Bob and Carol have been staples of this community for a long time," said State Representative Peter Durant. "Bob was larger than life in this town, and his passing is incredibly sad for our community."

# Exciting season ahead at Haston Library

### **BY KEVIN FLANDERS**

NORTH BROOKFIELD - Guests of all ages are looking forward to an exciting autumn season at Haston Free Public Library.

The busy stretch will get underway with some Halloween-themed instruction for parents and kids. With help from professional face painter Noelle Perry, learn how to create the perfect Halloween face for your trick-or-treater. Perry will offer a face painting class on Thursday, Oct. 24, from 6-8 p.m. This is a hands-on class, so be sure to bring along a model eager to have his or her face painted. For a \$5 registration fee, you will receive instruction, paints, and other supplies to take home. Please call the library at 508-867-0208 to reserve your spot at this program.

Meanwhile, children are invited to create Halloween crafts every Thursday in October from 4-5 p.m. Several fun and spooky craft activities will take

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place in the children's library, and the library will offer treats for youngsters on Halloween night from 4-6 p.m.

Also this fall, be sure to join the Haston Public Library in celebrating its 125th anniversary. As part of the celebration, the Friends of the Library are sponsoring a drawing competition. Elementary and junior-senior high school students are encouraged to draw a picture of the library - either in color or black and white - and submit it to the library by Nov. 7. All drawings will be exhibited at the library, and winning drawings will be silk-screened on T-shirts by North Brookfield High School students.

The winners of the drawing competition will be announced at a reception later in November (date to be determined).

On Nov. 7, Peter Christoph will present his popular program, "Discover the Owls of New England" at 7 p.m. Guests of all ages are looking forward to this event.

"As we move closer to winter, the owls are becoming more active. Come learn more about these amazing birds," read a statement released by Library Director Dawn Thistle.

Ongoing programs at the Haston Public Library include an adult coloring group (Mondays from 5:30-6:30 p.m.); LEGO Club (Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m.); Robotics Club (Thursdays from 2:30-4 p.m.); and Book Group (meets on the last Tuesday of each month from 7-9 p.m.).

Story hours continue to take place on Tuesdays from 10-11 a.m. Meanwhile, the library's Parent-Child Playgroup meets on Wednesdays from 9-11 a.m.

The library is closed on Friday and Sunday.

For more information about upcoming events at the library, visit www. NorthBrookfieldLibrary.org. You can also call 508-867-0208 to sign up for programs.

Camp Marshall announces participation in "Ride for the Ribbon" event

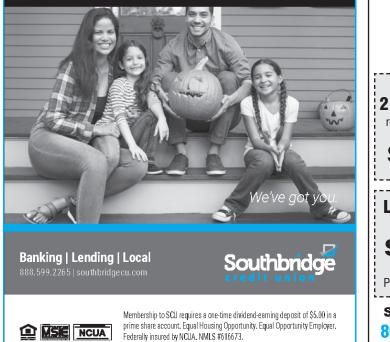
 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{SPENCER}}$  — On this day of October at Felton Field in Barre, the Camp Marshall Equestrian Team Participated in the "Ride for the Ribbon" Breast Cancer Ride.

In our small Equestrian Program, we have had three moms in the past few years diagnosed with Breast Cancer, so the team Ride's in their honor for beating the disease. With their support the Team was able to Raise \$250-plus per rider to enter the event. Many members have been touched by Cancer in some sort of way and have lost those we love. So honoring the survivors, those that have passed and those that are now fighting this disease and other forms of Cancer. We ride for you.

These funds that were raised by this team total in excess of \$1,500, thanks to the generous donations of the Camp Marshall Community and Team Members Families will go to help to find a cure in the future for Breast Cancer

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# Bay Path PN students participate in annual Paxton Senior Health Fair



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### **ATTENTION** WEST BROOKFIELD RESIDENTS Hydrant Flushing

The West Brookfield Water Department will be flushing hydrants Oct. 21, 2019 thru Nov. 1, 2019 during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Flushing will cause some disturbance in the water mains. The water may appear cloudy but will eventually dissipate. Please plan water use accordingly.

**TOUCH DOWN! CHECK OUT THE SPORTS ACTION!** 

Volunteers for the Paxton Senior Health Fair are Rachel Carlisle (Oxford), Sandra Melton (Woonsocket, R.I.), Alyssa Misiano (Rutland), Sikorrya Seguin (Dudley), Fjolla Shehu (Worcester) and Renee Welch (Dayville, Conn.).

PAXTON — The Paxton Senior Health Fair provided Bay Path Practical Nursing students with an opportunity to interact with Paxton Seniors, the Paxton Senior Center and various community organizations and vendors that all shared a common goal: Live, Life, Healthy.

The free event was held Wednesday, Sept. 25 at the Paxton Senior Center, 17 West St., under the coordinating efforts of Mr. Bob Wilby, Secretary, Paxton Lions Club. In attendance is Gretheline Bolandrina MSN Ed, RN, CRRN Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy Director.

Bolandrina said the decision to participate in this event was made even last year as the Academy have participated in the last two years under Mr. Wilby's invitation. Health care is a concern and service learning are an important factor in the practical nursing student's academic success during their school career.

Bolandrina said there are many factors to think about with service learning.

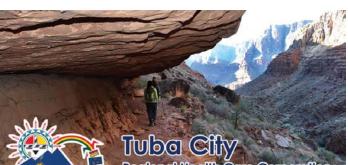
"There's a need for health care, and service learning means many different things to different people," Bolandrina said, "with practical nursing student

volunteers, they touch on not just physical care for disease prevention, it's mental, spiritual, emotional, financial, social. There's a lot of different elements in service learning that they take and even more, give back."

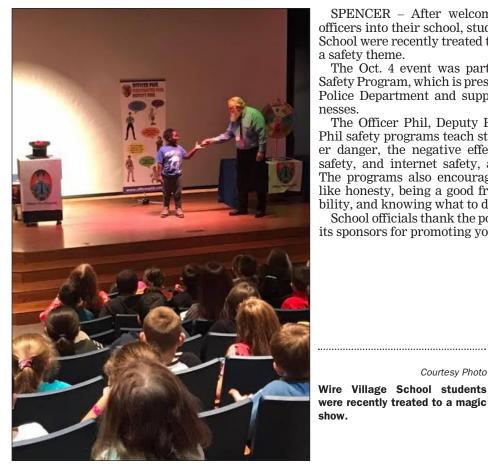
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Bolandrina said being invited by Mr.

Wilby to participate in the event at the beginning of the semester gives students the opportunity to set service-learning goals for themselves and move forward.



# Magic show promotes safety at Wire Village



SPENCER - After welcoming Spencer police officers into their school, students at Wire Village School were recently treated to a magic show with a safety theme.

The Oct. 4 event was part of the Officer Phil Safety Program, which is presented by the Spencer Police Department and supported by local businesses

The Officer Phil, Deputy Phil, and Firefighter Phil safety programs teach students about stranger danger, the negative effects of bullying, fire safety, and internet safety, among other topics. The programs also encourage positive behavior like honesty, being a good friend, civic responsibility, and knowing what to do in an emergency.

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# Put Fall leaves to work in your landscape



GARDEN Moments MELINDA **MYERS** 

Raking fall leaves can seem like a chore and a never-ending one, at that. Reduce time and effort spent managing fall leaves by putting this valuable resource to work in your landscape.

Use your mower to recycle leaves right where they fall. As you mow the grass, you'll shred the leaves into smaller pieces. If they are the size of a quarter or smaller, your lawn will be fine. As these leaf pieces decompose, they add organic matter and nutrients to the soil.

Another option is to attach a bagger to shred and collect the leaves with every pass of the mower. Only use grass clippings collected from lawns that have not been treated with a weed killer this fall. Or burn a few extra calories and rake the leaves into a pile. Shred with a leaf shredder or mower and spread them over the soil surface around perennials. Leaf mulch helps insulate plant roots, conserve moisture, suppress weeds and improve the soil as it breaks down.

Bag shredded leaves vou want to save for next season. Tuck them out of sight for winter under trees or around the foundation of your house for



Shred and collect fall leaves with every pass of the mower. Then place a layer in flower beds to insulate perennial plant roots, conserve moisture, suppress weeds and improve the soil as it breaks down.

added insulation.

Dig extra shredded leaves into vacant annual flower and vegetable gardens or incorporate them into the soil as you prepare new planting

beds. They will break down over winter, improving the drainage in heavy clay soils and the water-holding ability in fast-draining soils.

Create compost with shredded leaves and other landscape trimmings. Do not use meat, bones or dairy that can attract rodents. Avoid diseased, insect-infested trimmings and weeds that can survive in compost piles that don't produce enough heat to kill these unwanted pests.

Start with a compost pile that's at least three feet high and wide for efficient decomposition. Place a mixture of shredded fall leaves, grass clippings free of herbicides, vegetable scraps and other landscape trimmings in an 8- to 10-inch layer. Cover with compost and sprinkle with a low nitrogen, slow release fertilizer.

Repeat the layers until the pile is the desired height. Then moisten until it's the consistency of a damp sponge. Turn the pile occasionally, moving the material in the center to the outer edge and the less decomposed trimmings to the hotter center. It's a great workout and speeds decomposition. Or pile the materials in a heap and let nature do the work; it just takes longer.

Oak and large maple leaves both make great mulches and additions to the compost pile but are slow to break down. Shred them with your mower or leaf shredder first for better results. Avoid black walnut leaves that contain juglone, a compound which is toxic to

many plants. Once the leaves are fully decomposed the compost is safe to use.

As you begin putting fall leaves to work in your landscape, you'll start considering them a gift versus a curse from nature especially as you see the results of your efforts - a more beautiful landscape.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses How to Grow AnythingDVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV and radio segments. Myers' Web site, www.MelindaMyers. com, features gardening videos, podcasts, audio tips and monthly gardening checklists.

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### through all ages and help to draw spectators to the middle school event.'

"I like the idea of using a cross country meet as a way to bring people to the park, which is in the process of being used again," Everett added.

on a different date.

The North Medford Running Club, Central Mass Striders, and Sneakerama have also donated to the Boosters to help support the race. Additionally, Leicester Middle School's Communi-teen club will send its members to the event as volunteers.

### **CLUES ACROSS**

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- 5. Something to take
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- Last year, the district successfully hosted the Central Massachusetts Middle School Invitational after the original host backed out. Leicester hosted 400 runners from across the state that day, and officials hope the event next month continues to cement the town as a great venue for competitions.

The meet was originally planned to take place at Burncoat Park, but

a concern was brought up over the park's use by hunters during archery season. As a result, the event was relocated to Leicester Middle School, but officials hope to use the park setting next year

The Wolverine Invitational will serve as the running club's fourth race of the season. The event might still feature more teams competing, but currently Leicester Middle School is facing Marlborough's Advanced Math and Science Charter School.

Officials thank everyone who came together to make the event possible, including the LHS Boosters. The club is covering the costs of running the meet. which include invitational shirts, professional timing, police details, and other expenses.

Moreover, Ashland-based \_\_\_\_\_NEC Trophies donat-Ashland-based ed trophies that will be awarded to the top two teams for each middle school race, along with ribbons for the top 15 finishers.

All proceeds from the community race and T-shirt sales will go to the Boosters Club and benefit Leicester athletics. The community race participation fee is \$10 per person and \$20 for a meet T-shirt.

Meet times are as follows:

Boys middle school race: 10 a.m.

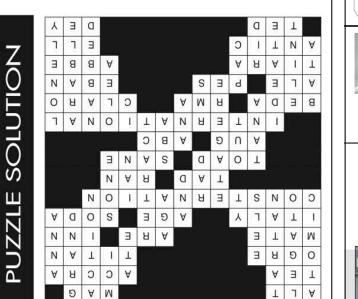
Girls middle school race: 10:30 a.m.

**Community Race: Noon** 

Parking is limited, but shuttles will be available from the Leicester Walmart.

To obtain an entry form, contact Norman Everett, Leicester Middle School, 70 Winslow Ave., Leicester, MA, 01524.



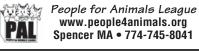


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### BARKTACULAR

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A new fundraising contest is also being held this year; the theme is Barktacular king and queen, and pet royalty will be announced during an epic coronation.

If your furry friend dreams of achieving monarch status, the application window is still open for the fundraising contest. To be eligible, start

a Facebook fundraiser for Second Chance in the name of the applicant and the desired title for your pet. (For example, Lucky's Fundraiser for Second Services Chance Animal Barktacular King.)

Donation funds for the contest should be allocated directly to Second Chance. Also, please include a description of why your pet is a good choice for king or queen.

Contest participants who raise the most funds by October 23 will have their pets crowned. In addition to bragging rights, the king and queen will each get the opportunity to be a celebrity guest judge at an upcoming costume contest. Winners will also receive a \$100 gift certificate to Klem's in Spencer, which offers a wide range of pet supplies.

Pet owners of all ages are already coming up with their costumes to show off at the event. The program will also feature appearances from local

authors whose books promote the importance of supporting shelter pets and offering a second chance to animals in need.

Camp Marshall is located at 92 McCormick Rd. in town. The Halloween Barktacular will be held rain or shine, so be prepared if the forecast calls for chilly or damp weather.

Event organizers thank all guests, sponsors, and vendors for their continued support of shelter pets. The Halloween Barktacular serves as one of

Second Chance's final major fundraising events of the year.

For more information about upcoming events at Second Chance and how you can join the mission, visit www. SecondChanceAnimals.org. You can also call 508-867-5525. The organization runs facilities in East Brookfield and North Brookfield, among other locations.



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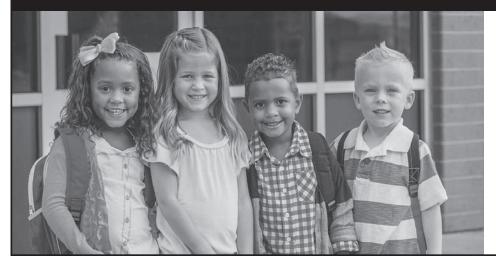


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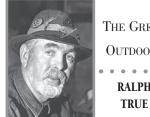
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# A perfect time to be outdoors







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This past weekend was just perfect to be outdoors for most activities. The Uxbridge Rod & Gun club opened their pond to fishing after a healthy stocking of trout in the club pond. Very few took advantage of the trout stocking, with only a hand full of members fishing at the noon time opening. The rainbow and brown trout were nice size, and

will provide some great fishing in the coming weeks.

This writer fished Wallum Lake in Douglas this past week, and was rewarded with some impressive rainbow trout. The rainbows were not hitting flys I was using, so I switched over to a couple of Repala stick baits, and was having some fast action on two rods. Shore fishermen were also doing very well using the popular power bait. Because Wallum Lake is under Rhode Island regulations, anglers are able to retain five fish daily .

Duck & Goose hunting opened under ideal conditions this past Monday in Massachusetts. Some local marshes held many birds for hunters this year, and it should only get better in the next couple of weeks. The big blow that we had last week stated the migration of ducks and geese, bringing some great shooting for the season opener.

Pheasant hunting opened a couple of weeks ago at the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club under their preserve permit. Turnout of members was great, and they did very well harvesting pheasant. This week's first picture shows Frank and Joyce Dagineault taking a break during one of the hunts. Enjoying the fall colors and some bird hunting prior to the opening of deer hunting in Rhode Island, the pair still get out and do as much hunting as possible being in there 80's, although they will tell you that they are slowing down a bit. We all are.

Tautog fishing in Rhode Island waters is heating up with reports of some impressive fish being caught daily. If you have never gone tautog fishing, you need to go now. Catching tautog on green crabs, using light tackle is a blast. Eating the fish is one of the best tasting fish in the ocean, if you use the simple following receipt: Cut the fillets into medium to large size chunks.

Drop them in a pan of boiling water that has a couple of table spoons of white vinegar added to it. When the boil returns the fish only need to cook another couple of minutes or until it flakes apart with a fork. Do not overcook. Strain the fish and drop the fish chunks into some hot butter. Salt & pepper to taste. It taste better than lobster. This week's picture shows a world record tautog, also known as blackfish.

Take A kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

### If your surroundings are looking a little drab this season, the solution could be as simple as adding color to your space. Whether you plan to completely renovate a tired room or just focus on a wall or two, nothing spruces up a room like paint. Best of all, paint products and ideas available today make it easier than ever to be a do-it-yourselfer! The

Even if you can't find a color you like, remember a light color can often be used as a primer to cut costs.

And if you're lucky you can alter the hue a little to better suit your needs, as some stores will -tint these barga paints.

### **Painting Tips** TAKE THE

Don't know what to paint first? : Experts advise painting in this order: ceiling, walls, HINT trim, cabinets, and doors. KAREN

TRAINOR When painting new plaster. OI a siinnai porous surface, paint on a solution of water mixed with PVA glue first. This will seal the surface and stop the paint from soaking into the plaster. Not only does it give a much better finish, but the paint will go further too.

marks.

If you are painting a baseboard heater or radiator with enamel paint (made for this purpose) the finish will last longer if the surface is warm. The enamel will "bake" on the metal for a chip-proof finish.

Are your paintbrush bristles "shedding" on a freshly painted surface? Even the best of brushes sometimes come loose. To prevent this, try soaking a new brush in linseed oil overnight before using it. As a bonus, the pre-treated brush will last longer and be easier to clean!

following tips offer some smart solutions to cut your next project down to size.

To tell if bargain paint is a true deal, rub a little between your fingers. if it feels perfectly smooth, it's a quality paint. If it has a gritty feel, the paint's not up to par.

Want to get the best price on paint? Consumer groups claim April is the best month to purchase paint at a discount.

Be sure to check out the "oops" gallons of paint at your favorite paint or home store. When consumers return mixed paints or don't accept them once the colors are blended, they are often sold at a fraction of their original price.

Flat paint is a top choice for ceilings, but quality differs. Here's how to tell the good from the bad. Buy tiny samples of flat paint, then place a spoonful of each on a flat surface. Put a drop of food coloring on the paint blobs. The one that spreads the least is the best quality paint.

Want to repaint but you're not sure if that dried paint surface is latex or oil based? Here's a trick to test: Scrub a small painted area clean and dry well. Soak a cotton ball in rubbing alcohol and rub over the cleaned spot. If traces of paint come off, it's latex and should be repainted with the same. If it doesn't come off, it is oil based.

To prevent paint peels on cement floors, wash them down with full strength white vinegar before you paint them. Once dry, apply the paint. It will adhere and prevent future peels. This trick also works to help paint adhere to galvanized metal finishes.

When painting with a brush, always keep a wet edge as you paint, and work away from that wet edge. If you paint over a dry edge, you will get overlap



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To remove varnish or oil-based paint from hands easily, try spraying them with a laundry pre-treat solution, such as Spray and Wash. Rub hands together and rinse well. This does the job without harsh chemicals such as turpentine.

After cleaning brushes, place a rubber band around the tip of the bristles until dry. It will keep the shape of the bristles and prevent them from fanning out during drying.

Avon Skin So Soft cleans paint brushes easily, and as a bonus, leaves the brushes soft and silky.

Instead of tossing out that old rubber spatula, why not store it with your painting supplies? When pouring paint the spatula helps you get every bit out of the pan. There is no waste and less mess!

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 renown restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I'm in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I'm counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints!

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

# <u>TRIPS</u> <u>OFFERED</u>

The "Trips Offered" section is for non-profit organizations and will run as space allows. Mail your information to Trips Offered, c/o Brendan Berube, PO Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550; fax to (508) 764-8015 or e-mail to news@stonebridgepress.news.

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### Fall 2019 catalog offerings

New England Patriots vs. the Baltimore Ravens — "Tours and Pours" 3 Days/2 Nights Nov. 2-4

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For a brochure and complete itinerary, please contact Lori Douthwright at (508) 248-5971, ext. 1715.

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What's included: Roundtrip airfare from Logan Airport, including transportation, three-night lodging, seven meals, Gaylord Opryland exclusive dinner show, ticket for holiday show at Opry House, tour of the Ryman & Grand Ole Opry, ICE Gaylord Opryland, General Jackson Showboat river cruise, and so much more!

Standard view room \$1,899pp double occupancy, \$2,249pp single occupancy

Atrium view room \$1,999pp double occupancy, \$2,399pp single occupancy.

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Wine Country Pacific Coast Cruise 9 days/8 nights April 6-14, 2020

Roundtrip What's included: Motorcoach transfers, roundtrip airfare from Logan Airport, one night precruise stay in Los Angeles, 8 day/7 night cruise on board Princess Cruises-The Star Princess, visiting Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, San Francisco, Astoria Oregon, Victoria, B.C., Vancouver, B.C., winery tours, all meals on board ship, and more!

\*A valid passport is REQUIRED for this trip

Prices starting at \$2,499pp double occupancy (plus tax, transfers & government fees)

For a brochure and complete itinerarv. please contact Lori Douthwright at (508) 248-5971, ext. 1715.

This trip is with Collette Travel. An informational meeting is planned for Wed. June 12th at the Douglas Senior Center, 331 Main St., Douglas, at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested in the trip, this is a great opportunity to get a description of the travel arrangements and itinerary with a representative from Collette Travel who will also answer any questions you have about the trip. For more info call 508-476-4474.

### DUDLEY SENIORS

Dudley Seniors presents a Branson Show Extravaganza, Saturday, May 2 through Sunday, May 10, 2020, \$905 per person, double occupancy. Incredible price includes motorcoach transportation, eight nights lodging including four consecutive nights in the Branson, Mo. Area, 14 meals (eight breakfasts and six dinners), admission to seven fabulous Branson shows, including New Jersey Nights, Amazing Acrobats of Shanghai, Doug Gabriel, Presley's Country Jubilee, "Noah the Musical," and the Hughes Show; and one dinner show on the Showboat Branson Belle. For pictures, video and information, visit www.GroupTrips.com/dudleyseniors. Departure point: Dudley Town Hall, 71 W. Main St., 8 a.m. Saturday, May 2, 2020.

For more information, please call Evelyn at (508) 764-8254.

FRIENDS OF THE STURBRIDGE SENIORS

Tuesday, Dec. 3 to Thursday, Dec. 5 Overnight Trip 3 Days/2Nights. Prices are \$459 for Double Occupancy and \$559 for Single Occupancy. On Wednesday see the Spectacular Awe Inspiring Special Effects and complete with Live Animals "Miracle of Christmas Show " at the Milenium Sight and Sound Theater. Following the The Miracle Show is Dinner at the always delicious Plain and Fancy Restaurant. Also included in this trip and happening on Tuesday is a Dinner Show produc-tion of Irving Berlin's Musical "Holiday Inn" featuring thrilling dance numbers, laugh out loud comedy and a Parade of Irving Berlin's Hit Songs. Thursday features a visit to Hershey's Chocolate World and Milton Hershey School and Founders Hall before we head home with rest stops on our way back. This Trip includes 2 nights Lodging, 2 Breakfasts, 2 Dinners, Tickets to The Miracle of Christmas and Tickets to the Holiday Inn Show and a Full Commentary Back Country Tour of the Farmlands of Lancaster Country.

Dec. 31 New Years Eve "DAY" at the Lake Pearl in Wrentham, Mass. Let's Celebrate the New Year during the "DAYTIME". Featuring the dynamic Tom LaMark Orchestra as they cover original classics from the Swing Era, the Best in Ballrooom Dancing, our Favorite Line Dances, and on up to the Best songs from the '50's, '60's and '70's. Sing along, Dance along and Party strong to this Live Band. For \$89. enjoy Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation, Salad, Breads, Choice of Entree, Potato, Vegetable, N.Y. Style Cheesecake, Coffee/Tea and let's not forget a CHAMPAGNE TOAST.

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### LEICESTER SENIOR CENTER

Wednesday, Nov. 13: Indian Head Christmas Spectacular and Luncheon. Bus leaves at 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$89.

Friday, Jan. 17, 2020: Foxwood Casino. Free lunch buffet or \$10 food voucher and \$10 casino slot play. Cost is \$30.

Friday, Feb. 14, 2020: Foxwood Casino. Free lunch buffet or \$20 food voucher and \$10 casino slot play. Cost is \$30.

Friday, March 20, 2020: Foxwood Casino. Free lunch buffet or \$10 food voucher and \$10 casino slot play. Cost is \$30.

MARY QUEEN OF THE ROSARY PARISH

SPENCER - Mary Queen of the Rosary Parish, 60 Maple St., Spencer, is offering the following trips. For more information, call Bernard Dube at (508) 885-3098.

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JAPAN: March 26 to April 9, 2020

JAPAN & CHINA: March 26 to April 22.2020

9-24, 2020

### SOUTHBRIDGE SENIOR **CITIZENS ASSOCIATION**

Contact Jim Julian at the Casaubon Senior Center Monday, Wednesday, or Friday 9-10 a.m. or call (774) 922-4049 or e-mail jimtrips@yahoo.com.

Trips are open to the public! Make checks payable to the Southbridge Senior Citizens Association, payment due at sign up:

SOUTHBRIDGE SENIOR CITIZENS 2019 TRIP SCHEDULE OPEN TO PUBLIC

PAYMENT DUE AT SIGN UP

November 12. 2019 – Tuesday

FRIENDS OF **STURBRIDGE SENIORS** 

We are proud to announce the following upcoming Bus Trips which are open to everyone age 21 and over. The following One Day Bus trips are 92.00 which includes a Deluxe Bus Transportation, Delicious Lunch, Tax, Gratuity and Fabulous Entertainers.

Sunday May 19th See The Edwards Twins, the Best Impersonators of all the **Biggest Stars**.

Tuesday June 18th See The 3 Red Neck Tenors, Down Home Laughs + Big City Music, Pop to Opera.

Wednesday August 28th Tribute Show hear Songs of Neil Diamond, Carole King, Johnny Cash, Janis.

We also have the following 2 to 5 Day Overnight Trips for Singles and Double Occupancy.

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Hershey's Chocolate World and more 459.00 Double occupancy

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### Sturbridge Recreation

New York City Holiday bus trip: Saturday, Dec. 14; depart from Burgess Elementary School at 7 a.m. on our Lizak charter. Arrive approximately 10:30 a.m. (a rest stop will be made along the way) for a day to do as you please in the wonderful Big Apple! Ice skate at Rockefeller Center, take in a show on Broadway, do some Christmas shopping, marvel at the light displays, and more! Drop off will be as close to Rockefeller Center as possible. Depart from the city at 6:30 p.m. and enjoy a peaceful ride home. Arrive back home in Sturbridge by 10 p.m. Cost: \$50 per person. Contact the Sturbridge Recreation Departmetn at (508) 347-2041 or recreation@town.sturbridge.ma.us for more information.

### SPAIN & PORTUGAL: September UNION SAINT-JEAN-**BAPTISTE CHAPTER 12**

Union Saint-Jean-Baptiste, Chapter #12, Southbridge, is sponsoring a variety of excursions for all to enjoy in 2019. We are a non-profit family oriented Franco-American fraternal society since 1900. As always, you do not have to be a member to participate in any of the scheduled events. All are welcome. Gift certificates purchased in any amount can be used by the recipient to any event at face value. For information or reservations contact Ted at (508) 764-7909.

### 2019

2019 is the Society's 27th anniversary in providing members and non-members alike the opportunity to experiexcursions of a day or days. All are welcome to travel with our organization.

### **CHARLTON SENIOR** CENTER

Trip Coordinator Dotti Murphy -Please call 978-424-7010

Sign up sheets & flyers available at the Senior Center / Flyers also available on our web page www.townofcharlton. net Click on Departments then click on Council on Aging/Senior Center

Pick up is from St. Joseph's Church 10 H Putnam Rd. Ext., Charlton 2019 Day Trips

Nov. 14 (Thurs) Ricky Nelson Remembered - Ricky Nelson's twin sons their father's hit songs perform - Venus DeMilo, Swansea \$95.00

Dec3(Tues) Johnny Mathis Christmas Tribute - Ultimate tribute to Johnny Mathis with Christmas songs and some of his biggest hits - Davensport Yacht Club -\$92.00

2019 Overnight Trips

Sept 20 - 22 Lake George Balloon Festival - 3 days, 2 nights -\$449pp double, \$599 single

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The Daughters of Isabella proudly present our 2019 Fantastic Worldwide Tours!

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Sunny Portugal next April. The Douglas Sunshine Club is planning a trip to sunny Portugal April 21-30, 2020.

May 15, 2020 to May 22, 2020 Cruise 8 Days/7 Nights Boston to Bermuda aboard the Norwegian Cruise Lines "GEM" SHIP. Leave Boston Friday, May 15 and return Boston Friday May 22. Included are All of the Following, Roundtrip Transfers from Sturbridge to Boston and back. The Ultimate Beverage Package, The Ultimate 4 Night Dining Package, Specialty Restaurants for Free, Exclusive Best of Times Cocktail

Foxwoods \$25 - 10 - AM bus.

For \$25 You get a deluxe motor coach ride to the casino You will have 5 hours at the casino as the bus will leave Foxwoods at 4 PM. You will receive \$10 for gaming and \$15 meal voucher.

Trips are open to the public!

Make checks payable to the outhbridge Senior Citizens Citizens Southbridge Association.

Contact Jim Julian at the Casaubon senior center Monday, Wednesday or Friday mornings from 9:00 to 10:00 AM or call 774 922 4049, or e-mail me jimtrips@yahoo.com

Nov. 16 — "Do As You Wish Day in New York City" - shop for Christmas, do some sightseeing, visit a museu, attend a Broadway matinee, dine at a special restaurant, a visit to the aircraft Intrepid, visit the 911 Memorial complex. There is much to do and enjoy. Departure is 6:30 a.m. from the Southbridge RMV parking lot, and the return departure from New York City is 6:30 p.m. Included are rest stops to and

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### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS DISTRICT COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT EAST BROOKFIELD DIVISION

### ORDER PERMITTING DESTRUCTION OF COURT RECORDS

It is hereby Ordered that, in accordance with the provision of Supreme Judicial Court Rule 1:11:

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### Certificate of Clerk Magistrate

I certify that the dockets of this court for the above cases contain essential information including entries, in hose cases in which counsel is required, indicating representation by counsel or waiver of counsel and including in civil cases, information sufficient to permit execution on a judgment within twenty years after the date of the judgment.

Elizabeth M. Maunsell

2. A copy of this order shall be published and posted, and any responses received as a result of such publication shall be sent by the Clerk-Magistrate to the First Justice of this court and the Chief Justice of the District Court Department, at least thirty days before any such papers or records are destroyed.

Further information may be obtained from Elizabeth M. Maunsell, Clerk Magistrate, East Brookfield District Court, 544 East Main St., East Brookfield MA 01515.

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### Editorial

# Healing through service

At a time when our country seems more divided than ever, and tempers are quick to flare over such hotbed issues as the border war, gun control, human rights violations and climate change, it's become increasingly common to hear our peers speak of strange times and an undefined feeling of malaise. Interpersonal violence has been on the rise, and an overall sense of disconnectedness has led many to feel isolated and fearful.

The international playing field seems full of land mines, both literal and metaphorical, and each day brings unpredictable media headlines. As the national stage normalizes disrespect of others and that behavior seeps into everyday interactions, it becomes more necessary than ever for all of us to practice goodwill toward others. The opioid epidemic touches a growing number of families. Many people hide behind their social media personas; quick to fire volatile opinions they would otherwise be unable to say in face-to-face interactions. We hear that climate change isn't real, while also being told that a mass extinction is underway and life as we know it will end in thirty years. Every day we send our children to school, secretly questioning whether they will be safe.

Some days, the problems of the world feel insurmountable. While there is no simple one-solution-fits-all approach to the issues swirling around us, sometimes the best way to make sense of the world is simply by helping others. Rosalynn Carter summed it up best when she said, "Do what you can to show you care about other people, and you will make our world a better place.' Volunteering provides countless benefits to both the giver and the recipient. Uplifting others, even something as simple as making another person smile, can change the path of an entire day if not a life. We are well aware of the gift of service and how it benefits others who may be less fortunate. But we do not often consider the impact volunteering can have on our well-being. As we each consider our path to wellness, we would be wise to include community engagement alongside cardio and strength training. Research has shown that volunteering not only increases self-confidence and combats depression, it also helps us stay physically healthy and lowers mortality rates. Through community service, we form tangible bonds with others, and our social and relationship skills improve. And just maybe, each charitable act we perform will help offset that malaise that hangs in the air. As civil rights leader Dorothy Height once said, "Without community service, we would not have a strong quality of life. It's important to the person who serves as well as the recipient. It's the way in which we ourselves grow and develop."

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR There are forms of suppression more dangerous than banning books

To the Editor:

Right on schedule, along with the falling leaves and orange pumpkins, comes every liberal's favorite reason to roll into the fetal position and call for smelling salts: "Banned Book Week" (third week of September every year since its misbegotten inception in the 1980's). And, not surprisingly, the local newspaper was on the case with a lengthy editorial warning the bumpkins of the dangers of allowing parents of young children--and who pay the taxes which build, augment the collections, and staff their local libraries--to have any say whatsoever as to what materials will be made available for their-often very young-- children to access.

Let me say at once that compared to his predecessor, the author of the editorial which caught my eye has so far been the definitive model of what an editor ought to be with regard to respect for the First Amendment; he seems willing to print just about anything submitted, as long as it stays within the bounds of decency and the laws regarding libel. There are precious few places left in this fractured culture of ours where one has the opportunity to express views which are not consonant with the prevailing, progressive political and social ethos of the general area and culture; the New Leader, at least for now, is one of them. But, I have to challenge the editorial.

My first encounter with the so-called "book banning" issue occurred about fifty years ago when I, fresh out of the service, learned about a novel being added to the curriculum of the public schools from which I had sprung. It was, to me in my naïve state, completely unacceptable to require young students to have to read it, filled, as it was, with filthy language, obligatory and explicit sexual depictions, and countercultural in every respect. At an overflow meeting of the city's school committee, I was magnanimously granted two whole minutes to address those august board members who were serving the community "for the children." Right. My intention was to simply read aloud selected passages from the book in question to see what kind of reaction I would get. Almost immediately, the chairman, a young lawyer who had been a classmate of mine in high school--and a liberal--gaveled me down and growled, "This is not the time and place for that!"

and these books don't reflect her values." She prevailed, naturally. We were in Massachusetts.

Opinion and commentary from Spencer, Leicester and the Brookfields

For several years, I fought battles with the Library Board of Trustees in my town after I learned they had embraced the American Library Association's radical position that no librarian anywhere should be permitted to deny access to materials of any nature to anyone--including the youngest of children-regardless of the wishes of parents. At the time, the book in question across the country was the pornographic autobiography of the mental case Madonna. At a board meeting, the question was asked if portions of the book could be read to the board to see if they themselves would hand the book over to a, say, ten year old child. No, no, no....that was not going to happen. I voted against the library budget request every year for the remainder of my tenure on the town's finance committee.

In his editorial, the Editor points to the "Bible Belt" of the South as the primary region where the book banners are running amok. I have this image of a home in Ham Hock Hollow, W.V. at 2 a.m. with little Ella Mae and Junior bursting into their parents' bedroom crying, "Mom! Mom! Wake Up! There's men on horses outside with white robes and hoods and masks and torches! They've got Muffy, and they said they want all our Harry Potter books so they can burn 'em---if we don't bring them out they said we'll never see Muffy again! Mom?!"

Well, it's not really like that. In fact, I don't see it as censorship at all if the question is should taxpayers in socially conservative areas be required to subsidize things which routinely mock their beliefs and values (books, movies, music, etc.) produced by an alien, hostile culture thousands of miles away which detests the very people upon whom they force their materials? The good burghers of Brooklyn may be just fine with their local drag queens coming to the library in full regalia to read aloud to the munchkins, butI don't know the folks in Pigeon Cove, Tennessee are ready for that next step in our cultural devolution.

Face it, Mr. Editor, the American

# Be creative when withdrawing from retirement accounts

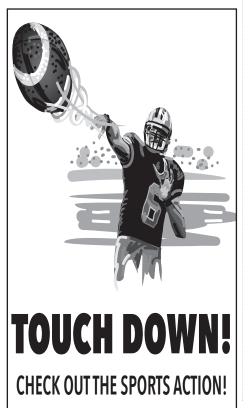


Like many people, you may spend decades putting money into your IRA and your 401(k) or similar employ-

er-sponsored retirement plan. But eventually you will want to take this money out - if you must start withdrawing some of it. How can you make the best use of these funds?

To begin with, here's some background: When you turn 70 and a half, you need to start withdrawals - called required minimum distributions, or RMDs - from your traditional IRA and your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan, such as a 457(b) or 403(b). (A Roth IRA is not subject to these rules; you can essentially keep your account intact for as long as you like.) You can take more than the RMD, but if you don't take at least the minimum (which is based on your account balance and your life expectancy), you'll generally be taxed at 50% of the amount you should have taken - so don't forget these withdrawals.

Here, then, is the question: What should you do with the RMDs? If you need the entire amount to help support your lifestyle, there's no issue – you take the money and use it. But what if you don't need it all? Keeping in mind that the withdrawals are generally fully taxable at your personal income tax rate, are there some particularly smart ways in which you can use the money to help your family or, possibly, a charitable organization?



I responded by saying, "Let me get this straight, Mr. Chairman — am I to understand that here, in this room full of adults with no children present, the material is too raw to be narrated to illustrate a point, but it's perfectly O.K. for young minds still being formed to be given unfettered access to it?"

He still doesn't speak to me five decades later at our high school reunions. I just give him a nice, warm, crinkly-eyed smile and move on to find my old buddies--those who are still around.

On another occasion in a school where I once worked, I wanted to gift to the library an eight-volume set of books known as "The Little Britches' series, which were popular at the time with American home schooling families due largely to their themes of overcoming impossible odds, love of family, the value of hard work, of never giving up, of overcoming fear, and other values which we home school parents believed had helped build our country. They were (are) the collected memoirs of an old man whose father had died leaving him the "Man of the Family" (The title of the first volume) at the age of six or seven. My kids and their friends loved them even though they were devoid of thematic violence, drugs, gangs, rape, bloody weapons, raunchy language and scenes, etc.

I offered to foot the bill (about a hundred bucks), and there was shelf space available. These books stood in stark contrast to the adolescent reading fare omnipresent in the library, the R.L. Stine horror genre full of gore, terror, gratuitous violence, and, to boot, written at a level a fourth-grader could understand. In other words...crap.

Unfortunately, I wasn't surprised when, during a show-down conference with our principal, the librarian, a proud liberal and big backer of "Banned Books Week" declined my offer. My comment to the principal who had to make a decision was, "For all this talk about banned books and censorship, there's your censor right there. Her values will decide the issue,

Library Association and probably nearly every librarian in the country espouses pluperfect liberal causes and convictions. Just like National Public Radio and Television, they insist that what they believe, what they want, be force-fed the American people who will also be required to pay for it whether they like it or not.

If he is looking for something to really sink his teeth into, something that is a real menace to the future of the Republic, the Editor might investigate what is all around him here in New England and across the country. The systematic suppression of any kind of expression outside that of liberal orthodoxy whether in colleges and universities (where freedom of speech and association are now dead letters), the workplace (where incorrect thought or expression can cost you your career), or even in the family environment where no one dares express anything that deviates from the party line mandated by the leftist elite who run everything.

I'm not worried about the "Bible Belt," Mr. Editor. I've been all over that area many times, and for the most part, I've found them to be among the nicest and friendliest people in the country. The "belt" vou should be concerned with is what I call "The Cummerbund of Coercive Conformity" or that mindless insistence by liberals on our campuses that you either agree with them or you keep your mouth shut. There is hardly a New England campus--including and especially the so-called "elite" halls of ivy--where guest speakers, their student supporters, conservative political and religious student groups, and alumni haven't been shouted down, bullied, injured, threatened, and vilified by these avatars of tolerance and inclusion, these left-wing crackpots.

Do some research on something that matters, Mr. Editor. This systematic, casual, and routine suppression of free speech and expression, of ideas and beliefs, is occurring all around you on a regular basis. It is incredibly dangerous, and can only lead to massive--and probably violent--upheaval if not checked. I can't wait to read of your findings.

> JOHN MCRAE EAST BROOKFIELD

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Help your grown children with their retirement accounts. Your grown children may not always be able to afford to "max out" on their IRAs. You might want to help them with any excess funds from your own retirement accounts. You can give \$15,000 per year, per recipient, without incurring any gift taxes an amount far higher than the current annual IRA contribution limit of \$6,000 (or \$7,000 for individuals 50 or older).

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Your RMDs can contribute greatly to your retirement income, but, as we've seen, they can do even more than that - so use them wisely.

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# Country music finds beauty in our imperfections

I just finished watching the final of eight episodes of the Ken Burns Country Music documentary. Last week, I wrote of how Country Music was the soundtrack of my life. Every Country song up until a specific date in my life triggers a memory for me. As is life, some memories are happy and others not, but in almost every moment of my life until 1983, a Country song was playing in the background.

My dad was a devoted Country Music fan. His favorite artists were Merle Haggard, Waylon Jennings, Willie Nelson, Ernest Tubb, Bob Wills and many others, but Merle Haggard topped his list. He knew all the words and after a beer or two on a Saturday night he'd begin singing them.

My sisters and I idolized our father for many reasons. He was always there for us regardless of the problem. He always had a kind and encouraging word and could make us laugh at the drop of a hat. We loved Country Music because he did.

I can name the specific moment that I pushed Country Music out my life. It was 6:15 PM on May 13, 1983. My dad died suddenly and unexpectedly of a massive heart attack and for me, Country Music died with him. The music I grew up listening to became representative of the loss of the pillar of our family. I shut it off. Every musical memory included my father and he was now gone. Ken Burns brought me back to the music of my youth and I am grateful.

And I have a lot of catching up to do! So many new artists came after that date and I missed them all. I find myself especially attracted to the music and sound of Dwight Yoakam. To me he's a country music newcomer even though he's been around for thirty years. It's as if I turned off the radio and fell asleep for over three decades and I'm hearing many of the stars and their music for the first time ... and loving it.

None among us is perfect. Not one.

What is it about this enduring musical genre that captivates millions around the globe? I think that Country Music finds beauty in our imperfections. Death, addiction, divorce, pain, loss, failure ... it doesn't matter which of life's problems are featured, Country finds a way of creating acceptance. It let's us know we are not alone, and others have

experienced the same and suffered with us. It shares that as bad as things may be, 'the music' understands and will stay by our side as it helps us sort through the pain and find a way to overcome. Country Music is more than notes on a page or organized sounds, it is a friend when you need one the most.

Country Music is also respect. I've never heard of a Country star trashing his or her hotel room or cursing at fans. I have not seen a Country star give his fans the finger or walking off stage during a temper tantrum. Country Music stars genuinely seem to understand they are nothing without the people who buy tickets or download their songs. I always am touched by their respect.

Arlene and I were at a business meeting in Branson, Missouri in 1993 and was having breakfast on our last day. I looked aver after we were seated, and I saw Merle Haggard sitting at a table talking to a younger band member. He was telling the younger that it is okay to make mistakes if you learn from them. He was coaching a younger musician about something that had happened. I remember the kindness in his voice.

I asked our server to please give me his check, which she did. After a while, Haggard stood and asked his server for his check and she pointed over to our table and said we had paid it. He walked over and thanked us then asked, "Why'd you want to buy our breakfast?"

"My dad loved your music and you made him happy for many years. He died in 1983 and he never got the chance to thank you himself. So, this is his son's way of thanking you on his behalf." He responded, "Thank you. I'm sorry I never had the opportunity to meet him." We exchanged a few other

POSITIVELY SPEAKING By Gary W.

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pleasantries and he turned to leave the restaurant, then he stopped, turned back and laughed. "Where will you be for lunch?"It was a beautiful experience for me to be able to thank Merle Haggard for his music, and I was genuinely touched by his kindness.

I think most importantly for me, Country Music is forgiving. I dropped it without notice and left thirty-five years ago and didn't look back. But now, that I have returned, Country Music has welcomed me back with opened arms and only responded with the title of the Kathy Mattea hit song ...

"Where've you been?"

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# <u>LETTERS TO THE EDITOR</u>

### ROE Act is an assault on the unborn

### To the Editor:

Every morning, I say the following prayer: God of all goodness, You have entrusted us with the gift of life. Help us to appreciate that gift from the first moments of conception to the last breaths of old age. Send Your strength to all those who defend the unborn, the weak and the dying against attempts to cut short their lives. May Your Holy Spirit touch the hearts of those who are tempted to choose the way of death rather than life. Grant that Your people may always be a sign of Your love in the world. Amen.

Our illustrious state lawmakers are poised to approve a new law called the ROE Act. This repulsive law would allow, among other things, abortion up to the very moment of birth, the killing of a baby if the abortion is botched, and elimination of the requirement to give parental notification or to get parental consent for a minor. Think about it: your water breaks – abort it; a baby is born alive – kill it; if the girl is 12 or 13 years old - hide it from her parents. A school nurse can't give that minor child an aspirin without parental consent. but an abortion is okay as her right to reproductive healthcare. Wow!

For me, one of the saddest parts of ROE is the fact that this law is supported by some lawmakers who, at election time, claim to be Catholic and parade themselves up to the alter to receive Holy Communion – all in the view of the voters. I learned at a young age that there was one sin that cannot be forgiven; the sin of causing or encouraging the innocent to sin.

To paraphrase an Irish Rebel song about England's cruelty following the Easter Rebellion – God's curse on you lawmakers, you cruel hearted monsters, your deeds they will shame all the devils in hell.

To our brave local superhero Mr. Richard Taylor; in the six weeks from Sept. 6 to Oct. 11, I wrote four letters that were in support of President Trump – one was rejected by the Editor. In addition, one letter, unrelated to politics, was also rejected, and I decided to take one week off. Please inform me as to the number of letters I need to write because it's your enjoyment that makes my life complete.

> JIM REID SPENCER



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Dec. 14 — "Festival of Christmas Lights" at Our Lady of La Salette Shrine, seasonal concert with Fr. Pat, the singing priest, visit the International Museum of Creches, Gift and Book Shop, Chapel of Light, a Bistro for refreshments and snacks, a Carousel for the children, an optional trolley ride for a small charge to view the display of more than 400,000 lights and a complete inclusive luncheon at Wright's Farm Restaurant. Cost is \$54 per person, \$44 for children three to 10, under three free. Departure is 10:45 a.m. from Southbridge and 11:15 a.m. in Webster, with the return about 7:45 p.m. Reservation deadline is Dec. 5.

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It's not too early to think about Christmas! Join the Silver Club for Boothbay Harbor, "Christmas by the Sea" in Portland, ME, or Reagle Players Christmas Show for Christmas 2019!

Nov. 21-22~2 day Boothbay Harbor w/lunch at the Harraseeket Inn in Freeport. -- 2 days w/"Gardens Aglow" (beautiful light show at the botanical garden) at the Boothbay Harbor Botanical Gardens. 1 lunch, 1 breakfast. \$199. double occupancy, \$259. single.

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Dec. 8 - Reagle Players Christmas show.... TBA

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There is a trip to Boothbay Harbor, Maine for the Gardens Aglow on Nov. 21 and 22 for the great price of \$199. After traveling along the Maine Coast, we'll arrive in Freeport, Maine to explore this quintessential Maine village. There will be time for shopping at the dozens of brand-name outlets, flagship L.L. Bean Store, and local boutiques housed in historic brick buildings; then enjoy an included late lunch buffet at the Harraseeket Inn. We will arrive in Boothbay Harbor in the late afternoon and check in to the Flagship Inn. This evening we'll experience Gardens Aglow; walk through the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens' dazzling, outdoor display of 650,000 lights illuminating their meticulously cared for gardens. You'll also have a chance to peruse the visitor's center & gift shop and get a bite to eat. We will stop in the village of Boothbay Harbor afterwards to expe-rience "The Festival of Lights." After breakfast we will head home with a stop in Kennebunkport for lunch and shopping. \*Please note this tour includes periods of outdoor walking on dimly lit, potentially uneven surfaces, and overnight accommodations that require walking up and down stairs.

On December 5 and 6th there is a trip to the Trapp Family Lodge and it includes one dinner and one breakfast both at the lodge, glassblowing at Simon Pearce Company, a meeting with a member of the Von Trapp family, a stop in Montpelier, and of course the

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# **SPORTS**

# Wing brothers and company ground and pound Oxford past Panthers



David Prouty's Patrick LaCascia zeroes in on Oxford's running back.

### **BY KEN POWERS** SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

OXFORD — The Wing brothers took flight during Oxford High's Homecoming varsity football game against David Prouty Regional on Saturday, Oct. 12, combining to rush for 242 yards and help lead the Pirates to a 28-0 shutout of the Panthers.

Junior Sam Wing led the team and family effort against David Prouty, gaining 208 yards on 17 carries. Freshman Ben Wing added 35 yards, which included a two-yard touchdown run Oxford's first TD of the game on eight carries.

With the win the Pirates snapped a two-game losing streak and improved to 3-2 overall and 1-0 in Southern Worcester County League B Division play. The Panthers fell to 1-4 overall, 1-4 in league play with the loss.

"As a team we just came out





Patrick LaCascia of David Prouty has the help from a lineman providing a hole to be able to carry the ball for positive yardage.

last three games and make the playoffs.

Oxford rolled up a total of 361 yards on the ground against David Prouty on 46 rushing attempts. Eight different players had at least one rushing attempt for the Pirates. Ben Wing said every running back on the team knows there is one certainty in successfully running the football — at any level.

"When we have success in the running game it's because of our offensive linemen," Ben Wing said. "They do everything for us. When we have a good run we have to thank the linemen — Alex Green, Nick Geragonis, Jacob Sund-Lucier, Jacob Sullivan and Teegue Olson — because they're the reason why. Those guys are my boys. Because of them I thought we came out and dominated today."

Oxford head coach Jeff Clarkson said he is pleased with the progress Ben Wing has made this year.

"Ben is a good kid. He's always striving to be a better player," Clarkson said. "He's one of those guys who wants to improve as a football player every time out; every practice and every game. Everything he does seems to involve getting the first quarter, junior Tyler Jacques (eight carries, 34 yards) plowing in from four yards out. The Pirates took a 21-0 lead into the locker room at halftime, junior quarterback Devin Audette and senior captain Nick Sellig connecting on a four-yard scoring strike with 4:09 left in the second quarter.

Oxford closed out the scoring in the fourth quarter, freshman Chris Best recovering a David Prouty fumble in the end zone to push the Pirates' lead to 28-0.

David Prouty may not have gotten into the end zone against Oxford, but it wasn't for a lack of trying, especially from junior quarterback Zack Paine. Paine completed 21 of the 40 passes he attempted, gaining 239 yards in the process.

"I thought Zack had a phenomenal game," David Prouty head coach Pat Rossi said. "We put some trust in him to make some calls and he took control of our offense. He made a lot of very good decisions with the ball.

Junior Vincent Clarizio was Paine's favorite target against the Pirates, Clarizio catching eight passes for 107 yards. Sophomore Stephen Ceccarini had seven catches for 63 yards. "I thought we left some points out on the field," Rossi said. "I was really happy with the way we played together and competed with Oxford, a team with a lot of seniors, for the entire game, even though we're mostly sophomores and juniors. I feel like this was a positive step for us and we're coming together. I think we'll be a different team in the second half of the season."

Jason Mckay photos



David Prouty's Vincent Clarizio has plenty of daylight while breaking free from Oxford's defense.

etter as a football player.

Clarkson said the game was much more competitive than the final score might indicate.

'It was a good win. They definitely challenged us," Clarkson said. "The whole game they were one pass away from taking off on a big play. They're a big-play team. Our defense played decent.'

Oxford extended its lead to 14-0 with nine seconds left in



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The Leicester High varsity cross-country and Leicester Middle running club teams both took part in the Quabbin Invitational this past weekend.

### HIGH SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

### Monday, Oct. 7

Tantasqua 173, David Prouty 238 Playing at Kettle Brook Golf Club, the Warriors' golf team defeated the Panthers. Tantasqua co-captain Grace Farland was the medalist, as she carded a 4-over par 40 in blustery conditions. The Warriors are now 8-7.

Tantasqua 184, East Longmeadow – Andrew Lafaille shot a 6-over 197 par 42 at Hemlock Ridge to help lead the Warriors' JV golf team to victory. Marcus Przybycien was next low Warrior with a 45. Tantasqua JV golf is now 3-4.

Tuesday, Oct. 8

Holy Name 173, David Prouty 222 -In a loss to the Naps, the Panthers' golf team was led by Gavin Haynes' 47. Dan Bowen, Tyler Johnson and Jared Holmes also scored for Prouty.

Tantasqua 1, North 0 — The Warriors' Jack Leland scored the game's lone goal as the boys' JV soccer team saw a shutout from Matt Schirm. Defensively, Dominic Murphy, Noah Genest and Hunter Hill kept the other team from scoring.

### Wednesday, Oct. 9

Leicester 25, Auburn 39; Leicester 26, Northbridge 32 — Competing on Northbridge's 2.5-mile course, the Wolverines won a pair of cross-country meets in boys' competition. The pair of wins brings their record to 6-3. More importantly, Leicester secured a winning season for the first time since its creation seven years ago. The pair of wins was a total team effort with Jason Fournier, Seamus O'Connor, Brett Carroll, Justin McLeod, Tyler Herron, Cole Parke, Jacob McGrail and Tim St. John all running season best races.

Leicester 15, Northbridge 50; Auburn 28, Leicester 43 — The Wolverines went 1-1 in girls' cross-country competition on Northbridge's 2.5-mile trek, defeating the Rams and losing to the Rockets. Abby Bernabei led Leicester with a fourt- place finish. Molly Ledbetter and Lilith Field had their best races of the season. They finished as the second and third Wolverines through the finish. Joely Fontaine also ran a strong race, finishing a minute faster per mile than any other race she has run this season.

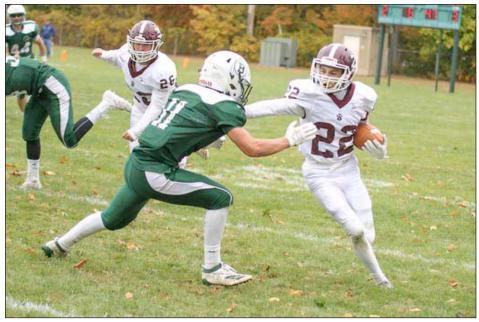
### Saturday, Oct. 12

Tantasqua 42, Marlborough 14—Ryan Sears (17 carries, 200 yards) rushed for touchdowns of 15, 9 and 62 yards to help lead the Warriors' varsity football team to victory over the Panthers. Liam Gore added a rushing and receiving score, and quarterback Dante Reno threw his second touchdown to Seaunn Lauritsen. Jarrod Spratt kicked six extra points.

Leicester girls' cross-country competes at Quabbin Invitational — The Wolverines' varsity squad ran the 3.1mile course, and Abby Bernabei led the team despite having to push through a cold. Katheryn Stapel and Lilith Field finished second and third for Leicester, while Bella Ortiz and Joely Fontaine finished out the Wolverines' top five.

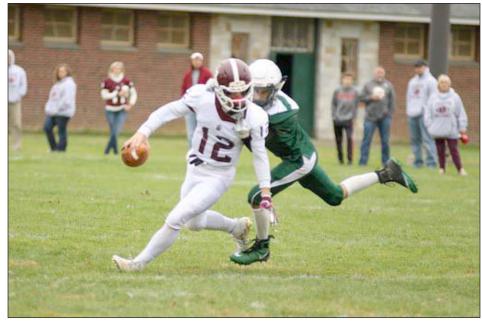
The Middle School running club also competed in Quabbin, racing on a 1.87-mile course. Fifth graders Ainsley Whittemore and Madylyn Schrader led Leicester, while sixth graders Serenity Pollard and Isabella Van Linden finished as the Wolverines' third and fourth runners. Isabella had a great final sprint to beat out a Thomas Prince runner.

# SPORTS Wolverines score early, often to take down Bartlett



Photos courtesy Lisa Kontoes

Leicester's Xavien Rosario provides a stiff-arm to a Bartlett defender while carrying the foot-



Quarterback Dan Mero of Leicester attempts to elude a Bartlett defender.







Leicester's Joseph Barbato pounces on Bartlett's ball-carrier for a tackle.

### BY KEN POWERS SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

WEBSTER—Dan Mero and Jack O'Neill connected on a pair of long touchdown passes and Stephen Olsen added two rushing scores to lead the undefeated Leicester High varsity football team and its high-octane offense to a 42-6 victory over Bartlett High on Saturday, Oct. 12 at Memorial Athletic Field. Mero, who completed 9-of-13 passes for 180 yards, hooked up on the first play from scrimmage with O'Neill (five catches, 127 yards), the completion going for 53 yards and a touchdown. Nolan Power tacked on the first of his five extra points following the score to give Leicester (5-0 overall, 2-0 in the Southern

Worcester County League B Division) a 7-0 lead just 13 seconds into the game.

"I have to give it up to my blockers. Our line played pretty good today," Mero, a senior, said. "When my linemen — centers Nik Dagostino and John Nichols, left Chris Miranda, guard left tackle Jack Larson, right guard Joe Barbato, and right tackle Andrew Zawalich — are blocking for me and I can get the ball out to my receivers, it's a good game. It gives me a lot of confidence going forward.' Olsen (11 carries, 95 yards) helped extend the Wolverines' lead to 14-0 on their next possession, finishing off a short fourplay drive by plowing up the middle for a 17-yard touchdown run. The drive was set up when Bartlett quarterback Logan Paranto was intercepted by Power.

"We knew Stephen was going to help us this year, but he has been better than we expected," Leicester head coach Tim Griffiths said. "He is a good battering ram, which helps our offense because we got O'Neill and some other kids on the edge and then we can run him right at you." even matter if it's a very high ball; he jumps over his defender to get it. He's an all-around playmaker. I can rely on him to go get any pass I throw to him." Xavien Rosario and

Olsen added rushing touchdowns for Leicester in the third quarter, after which the Wolverines led, 35-6. Rosario scored on a three-yard run, while Olsen found the end zone on an 11-yard run. a what's-the-fuss look before answering.

"I just keep trying to go forward until they get me on the ground. I don't stop running until the defense makes me stop running," Olsen said. "Our O-line opens the holes and I run through them. We could have fit a pickup truck through the holes they opened up for me today. Mero said he is pleased Wolverines have the started out 5-0, but he believes the team still has much work to do. "We're playing well, but we can always play better," Mero said. "Penalties are killing us right now. If we clean up that sloppiness I think we're going to be good." Griffiths said the tables have turned on the Wolverines since the beginning of the season.

"We went from the hunter to the hunted by starting out 5-0. That's a different role for our kids and they're adjust-ing to that," Griffiths said. "Leicester is a football town, so our fans are starting to come out of the woodwork because we've gotten off to such a fast start. The momentum is building in town.' Bartlett (3-2 overall, 1-2 in league action) scored its lone touchdown in the third quarter on a 36-yard touchdown pass from Paranto to Jesse Dunphy. "Our kids played hard. Sometimes when you're out there against a good team you've got to play perfect and we didn't play perfect today," Indians' head coach Dane Laboissonniere said. "We're on to Oxford."

The Wolverines extended their lead to 21-0 with 7:08 left in the first half, Mero hitting O'Neill with a 35-yard scoring strike.

"Jack is just such an athlete. He can make every play on the field. He can catch everything," Mero said of his fellow senior. "It doesn't "[Olsen] hits the hole very hard. As much as he is a bigger back, he can still juke," Mero said of his backfield mate. "He runs into everything that is in front of him and he just doesn't go down. He doesn't go down without eight kids tackling him."

When asked after the game about his production in the Leicester run game, Olsen flashed

### Quail Hollow Golf & Country Club Results

### Pit's Crew

First place: Steve Varnum, Peter Mimeault, Joe Condelli, Rick Gendreau; -10

Second place: John Desimone, Ron Jette, Charlie Keyes, Gene Befford; -7

Third place: Stan Nolin, Howard Tillotson, Al Petkus, Dennis King; -6

# Softball pitching lessons available in Southbridge

A 17-week softball pitching lesson (for children 7 years old and up) is available at the Southbridge Community Center (152 Chestnut Street) on Sunday mornings from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. The 50-minute sessions start Oct. 20 and go through Feb. 23, 2020. There will be no pitching on Dec. 22 or Feb. 23, 2020. Ask about team/league discounts. Pitchers must bring a catcher. Please contact Bill Rahall (Clark University) at wlrah@ yahoo.com or (860) 576-3440 for more information. Hitting lessons are also available every week.

Leicester Parks and Recreation to hold basketball sign-ups

### Sports Briefs

Boys and girls in grades 3-8 are eligible for basketball sign-ups through Leicester Park and Recreation at the Town Hall. The dates and times are as follows:

Saturday, Oct. 19: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 20: 1 to 4 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 23: 6 to 8:30 p.m.

The third grade fee is \$50, while the fourth through eighth grade fee is \$70 with a family maximum fee of \$100. Any questions can be directed to Bob at (508) 892-9592.

### First Wolverine Invitational and Community Race at Burncoat Park

The Leicester cross-country team will be hosting its first Middle School Invitational meet on Nov. 2 at Burncoat Park in Leicester. After the middle school races and awards are completed, there will be a community 3K race over the same course. Younger runners may also choose to run a shortened 1K kids race as well. If you would like to spectate the middle school races before the community race, those will be held from 10 a.m. to 11:20 a.m. The community race will start at noon.

The entry fee is \$10 to run in the race and an additional \$20 if you would like to purchase the race shirt. All proceeds to back to the Leicester Boosters Club. Checks must be made payable to "LHS Athletic Boosters Club." All runners under age 14 will be given a finishers certificate. The course is a wheel measured 3K course through Burncoat Park and will mostly consist of trails. Plenty of cones will be used to mark the course. Volunteers will be used to direct runners at every course turn. With parking limited, there will be a shuttle from Walmart to Burncoat Park.

### Ski or snowboard at Wachusett Mountain

Are you interested in having a lot of fun while also helping to make the winter fly by? Any students in grade 3 and up, parents or teachers from any of the surrounding towns and states can ski or snowboard eight consecutive Saturday nights at Wachusett Mountain for just \$158 through the Southbridge Ski Club. You drive to Wachusett Mountain on your own. The eight-week program begins on Saturday, Jan. 4 and ends Saturday, Feb. 22. Ski or snowboard rentals as well as lessons are also available at a very reasonable cost. You may also be able to ski or snowboard for free through your health insurance coverage. Also, anyone (students or non-students) can purchase Gold, Silver and Bronze Season Passes at a lower discounted price through our Club. For more information, please contact Dick Lisi at (508) 410-1332 or at lisirichard15@yahoo.com.



The Leicester High wide receiver hauled in five passes for 127 yards and two touchdowns in the Wolverines' 42-6 victory versus Bartlett High on Saturday, Oct. 12. O'Neill's scores were big strikes, coming from 53 and 35 yards out as Leicester remained undefeated at 5-0.

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# **SPORTS** Warriors fight through Quaboag for 1-0 victory



Quaboag's Darian Shepherd maneuvers the ball away from a Tantasqua defender.

### **BY KEN POWERS** SPORT NDFN1

WARREN — In a game that featured relentless defense by and limited scoring opportunities for both teams, the Tantasqua Regional varsity field hockey team scored the game's only



**Isabelle Burgess of Quaboag** shoots the ball toward Tantasqua's cage.

goal in the seventh minute of the second half to defeat Quaboag Regional, 1-0, before a Columbus Day crowd of about 200 family and friends.

With the win the Warriors improved to 5-3-5 overall and 4-0-3 in Southern Worcester County League (SWCL) A Division play. Tantasqua needs three more points to send its senior class — and everyone else on the roster — to the Central Mass. Division 1 Tournament for the first time.

With the loss the Cougars were eliminated from Central Mass. Division 2 playoff contention, falling to 3-10 overall and 1-6 in SWCL action.

"We're out of playoffs for the first time since my first year coaching the team, 37 years ago,' Quaboag head coach John O'Neill said following the defeat in what was a well-played game by both teams. "We had a winning record that year [1982] — we were 6-4-2 but at that time a team had to win 70 percent of its game to qualify for the playoffs. This is the only time we have not had a winning season.

"Is it disappointing?" O'Neill asked, repeating a reporter's question. "Yeah, but it's the reality of it. To go as long as we have without having a losing season is amazing. To have kids like these two [O'Neill pointed to two former players who showed up to support him and the team] and the ones before them, has been a blessing. And it's been fun. And it's not over. I'm already excited for next year for the underclassmen on this team, especially the eighth-graders, who have come so far this season and improved so much."

senior Tantasqua Katlyn Shonak scored off a penalty corner with 23:48 left in the game to give the Warriors a 1-0 lead.

"Before I got to the ball it hit the foot of a Quaboag player. When that happened I thought, 'that's a corner,' but I didn't hear a whistle," Shonak explained. "I think the ref had us keep playing because I had just gotten the ball and she didn't want to take away a scoring chance.

'That's when I shot it. I was on the right post and I shot it across and it landed in the left corner of the goal," explained Shonak, who didn't know how the ball got to her. "It was on a corner and corners are really hectic, so I'm not looking to see how I'm getting the ball. I saw the ball, took it from my defender and shot it all in one motion.

The fact that Shonak was on the field at the time of the goal was a little surprising because early in the game she was struck in the jaw in a collision with a Quaboag player. She took herself out of the game at that point because of some soreness in her jaw. She was also bleeding from her chin.

Shonak was attended to on the sidelines by Tantasqua assistant coach Laura McHugh and some of her teammates, and she spent 10 minutes with an ice pack on her jaw, before returning to the game.

"Once the bleeding stopped and my jaw stopped hurting, I was back in there," Shonak said. "This was a big game for us; I wasn't sitting this one out if I didn't have to."

After the game Tantasqua head coach Shelby Green praised the play of her defense, which not only shut out the Cougars, but successfully navigated its way around 14 Quaboag penalty corners.

Those corners really tested our defense,"



Lauren Cook of Quaboag hustles down the field unimpeded toward a loose ball.

Green said. "I'm very proud of them. I think it takes a strong defense to win a game like this and I thought our goalie, Molly Ryan, and our defense — Julia Conti, Katie Lebrun, Alaina Fitzpatrick, Katelyn Mills and Bella Berube all did a great job."

The Warriors' Columbus Day win, coupled with a 4-1 win over Quaboag on Sept. 20, allowed Tantasqua to sweep the season series

with the Cougars, something Green said hasn't happened in the three years she's been coaching the team.

This is a big win for us. They worked so hard; they've been working hard all season and I'm very proud of them," Green said. "I thought they did a great job because Quaboag played a great game; this was a hard win."



Quaboag's Abigail Bouchard winds up before delivering a free hit down the field.

# Rams continue to win, this time over Tantasqua



Nick Ethier photos

Tantasqua's Morgan Smith spikes the ball over the net, plus over a pair of Shepherd Hill defenders.

### **BY KEN POWERS** SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

STURBRIDGE — Senior Kiley Wong-Li recorded five aces, four digs and three kills, plus several long service runs to help lead the Shepherd Hill Regional girls' varsity volleyball team to a 3-1 victory over Tantasqua Regional on Tuesday, Oct. 8.

With the win over the Warriors and a 3-1 victory against Nashoba Regional the following day, Shepherd Hill improved to 9-4 on the season and qualified for the postseason. Since beginning 1-2, Shepherd Hill has won eight of the 10 matches it has since played. Tantasqua's record stood at 8-6 following the loss to the Rams.

Shepherd Hill won the first two sets of the match by the same score, 25-19, before dropping the third set to the Warriors, 25-13. The Rams rebounded, however, closing out the match with a 25-18 win in the fourth game of the bestof-five format.

Shepherd Hill took control of the first set of the match, turning a 12-11 deficit into 21-13 lead, behind Wong-Li's serving.

Sophomore Gabrielle Eberhart (four kills, four digs) then opened the second set with a powerful spike to give the Rams a quick 1-0 lead and Wong-Li added four service points to help increase the lead to 9-4, but Tantasqua battled back, tied the set, 14-14, and took a brief lead (16-14) before the Rams roared back behind the serving of Wong-Li (four service points), junior Samantha Katz (three service points) and Eberhart, who closed the set with a pair of aces.

Tantasqua's third set win featured the play of junior captain Morgan Smith, who had four service winners including two aces — two kills and

two blocks. The Warriors never trailed in the set, which was tied twice, at 3-3 and 4-4

In the fourth set Tantasqua scored the first point, but Shepherd Hill came back to tie the game and then take the lead, 2-1. The Rams never trailed or were tied in the set again, leading by as many as eight points, at 18-10, before settling for the seven-point win. Wong-Li had five service winners in the fourth set, while Katz and Emily Waterhouse each had three service winners.

Katz, Waterhouse and senior Madi Hughes all finished the game with two aces for the Rams. Waterhouse also had six digs and sophomore Alyse Biron added four digs and two kills.

"I'm happy with the win, but we've got a lot of work to do. We didn't play our best game today. We should be a lot better. We can be much better than we were today," said Shepherd Hill assistant coach Tony Wong-Li, again filling in for head coach Chris Lindstrom, who Wong-Li said was out of town on business. "Our ball control was not good today.

"In order for us to run our plays we need to pass the free balls," Wong-Li continued. "We have to have ball control and pass the ball. Today we did not do that very well, so we couldn't run our offense. We did enough to win, but we did not control the ball and pass the ball as much as we have in other games this season."

Tantasqua was led in the match by Smith, who had 11 kills and six aces. Addie Ellithorpe added four kills and two aces, while Sophie Law had four kills. Briana Myran led the Warriors with an eye-popping 21 assists.

"This was a good matchup for us," Tantasqua head coach Danielle Twarowski said. "I think we could have beaten them; we're very evenly-matched teams. A game like this comes down to errors; which team is going to make the least amount of errors and which team is going to get the most earn points. We've worked on that in practice – minimizing our errors and trying to up the ones that we earn."

Twarowski said the Warriors that got her attention in the match were defensive specialist Emily Fritze, Smith, a middle hitter and Myran, the team's setter.

"Emily played well of the bench. She got my attention because I know what she's been working on. Her defense was



Addie Ellithorpe of Tantasqua makes contact with the ball to start her serve versus Shepherd Hill.



Tantasqua's Briana Myran, right, lofts the ball up and over the net and to Shepherd Hill's side of the court.

better today than in any other game we've played," Twarowski said. "With Mo [Smith] we've been working with her on making smarter choices so she's not making unforced errors. She did really well on kills and aces today, and she had a ton of blocks today. Briana did a great job setting today; she's been working her butt off and it showed in her play today."

# POLICE REPORTS

### Spencer Logs

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

12:23-1:35 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:40 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 1:46 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:18 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 8:59 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 9:16 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 9:17 a.m.: 911 call (Maple Street), accidental; 9:25 a.m.: 911 call (Elm Street), misdial; 9:41 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 9:47 a.m.: disturbance (Bixby Road), fight; 9:50 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 10:06 a.m.: fire alarm (Howe Village), services rendered; 10:37 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 11:51 a.m.: medical/general (Paxton Road), lift assist; 12:37 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 1:23 p.m.: suspicious mv (Paxton Road), investigated; 2:12 p.m.: medical/general (Chickering Road); 2:41 p.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 2:47 p.m.: juvenile matter (Main Street), school issue; 3:03 p.m.: LTC issued/2 (West Main Street), assisted; 3:21 p.m.: mv repossession (Sunset Lane), spoken to; 3:50 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), street light issue; 4:24 p.m.: disturbance (Greenville Street), investigated; 5:26 p.m.: fraud (West Main Street), spoken to; 5:43 p.m.: commercial alarm (Maple Street), services rendered; 6:22 p.m.: disturbance (Cherry Street), tenant dispute; 10:16 p.m.: animal complaint (Paxton Road), loose dog; 11:04 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), investigated.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

1:00-2:15 a.m.: buildings checked. secure; 2:16 a.m.: medical/general (Northwest Road); 2:22 a.m.: DPW call (Main Street), crew hit water line; 3:01 a.m.: citizen complaint (Lincoln Street), spoken to; 6:41 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), misdial; 6:51 a.m.: warrant (Main Street), Emily M. Murphy, 33, 204 Main Street, Spencer, warrant arrest; 6:56 a.m.: vandalism (G.H. Wilson Road), mv damage; 8:20 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 8:47 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 9:53 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; 10:03 a.m.: building checked, secure; 10:31 a.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), spoken to; 11:05 a.m.: mv stop (West Main Street); 11:44 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 12:30 p.m.: parking violation (Mechanic Street), ticket issued; 12:43 p.m.: officer wanted (Northwest Road), spoken to; 2:25 p.m.: animal complaint (Lake Street), raccoon under porch; 2:51 p.m.: mv complaint (Clark Street), speeding; 3:17 p.m.: juvenile matter (West Main Street), custody issue; 3:28 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 3:46 p.m.: animal complaint (Lake Street), raccoon under car; 4:04 p.m.: harassment prevention order service (West Main Street); 4:44 p.m.: mv complaint (Lake Street), speeding; 8:17 p.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 11:01 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Laliberte Lane), no emergency; 11:56 p.m.: building checked, secure.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

12:00-2:13 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 3:53 a.m.: commercial alarm (Water Street), services rendered 5:10 a.m. medical/general (Pleasant Street), lift assist; 7:49 a.m.: mv stop (Paxton Road); 7:52 a.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), spoken to; 8:13 a.m.: mv stop (Paxton Road); 8:29 a.m.: parking violation (Ash Street), ticket issued; 9:20 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 10:37 a.m.: officer wanted (Bixby Road), threats; 10:46 a.m.: medical/general (Wall Street); 10:49 a.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), wrong-way driver; 11:00 a.m.: suspicious person (West Main Street). investigated; 11:06 a.m.: DPW call (Greenville Street), no water; 11:20 a.m.: 209A service (West Main Street); 11:21 a.m.: medical/general (Church Street); 11:23 a.m.: 209A service (West Main Street); 11:39 a.m.: suspicious mv (Howe Road), investigated; 11:53 a.m.: juvenile matter (Ash Street), school incident; 12:15 p.m.: medical/general (Borkum Road); 1:08 p.m.: medical/ general (Lakeshore Drive); 2:10 p.m.: 911 call (Main Street), hang-up); 2:17 p.m.: animal complaint (Sherwood Drive), fox in area; 2:22 residential alarm (Jolicoeur Avenue), services rendered; 2:35 p.m.: DPW call (North Spencer Road), tree across road; 2:47 p.m.: disturbance (West Main Street), incident at Knox Trail; 2:47 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 2:57 p.m.: officer wanted (Howe Village), spoken to; 3:04 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 3:45 p.m.: 209A service (Chestnut Street); 4:05 p.m.: LTC issued/2 (West Main Street), assisted; 4:08 p.m.: disturbance (Chestnut Street), neighbor issues; 4:27 p.m.: officer wanted (Chestnut Street), escort/ retrieve belongings; 4:43 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), investigated; 6:19 p.m.: medical/general (Grove Street); 6:36 p.m.: suspicious person (Smithville Road), Daniel M. Reyes, 40, 20 Maple Crest Circle, Holyoke, disorderly conduct, improper storage of a firearm, intoxicated in possession of firearm, arrest; 6:55 p.m.: officer wanted (Bay Path Road), family issue; 8:57 p.m.: school alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 9:09 p.m.: disturbance (Paxton Road), gunshots heard; 9:25 p.m.: mv stop (Paxton Road); 9:33 p.m.: vandalism (North Spencer Road), car windows smashed; 11:27 p.m.: officer wanted (Chestnut Street), info taken.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5 12:30-12:44 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:44 a.m.: disturbance (Chestnut Street), investigated; 12:44-1:11 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:12 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 3:54 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 10:09 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 10:24 a.m.: animal complaint (Charlton Road), dead hawk; 10:40 a.m.: animal complaint (Thompson Pond Road), loose dogs; 11:18 a.m.: mv stop (North Spencer Road); 11:24 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 11:26 a.m.: fire alarm (Mechanic Street), services rendered; 11:30 a.m.: medical/ general (Church Street); 11:50 a.m.: mv stop (Dustin Street); 11:54 a.m.: elderly matters (Route 49), elderly male hitchhiking; 12:01 p.m.: fire (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 12:34 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 12:42 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 12:55 p.m.: fire/ woods/grass (East Charlton Road), services rendered; 12:56 p.m.: animal complaint (West Main Street), baby dear in lot; 2:37 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), welfare check; 2:57 p.m.: 911 call (Northwest Road), misdial; 5:24 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), Leicester PD bolo; 6:10 a.m.: mv fire (Gauthier Road), car fire; 8:25 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), item missing from car; 8:27 p.m.: officer wanted (Paxton Road), spoken to; 9:50 p.m.: disabled mv (Paxton Road), assisted; 10:21 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village);

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

12:06-1:58 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:04 a.m.: DPW call (May Street), water in road; 4:18 a.m.: officer wanted (Lincoln Street), apt. lockout; 8:23 a.m.: animal complaint (Buteau Road), sick possum in yard; 9:29 a.m.: medical/ general (R. Jones Road), lift assist; 9:29 a.m.: medical/general (Hastings Road); 9:49 a.m.: 911 call (Paxton Road), open line; 11:48 a.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 11:53 a.m.: mv lockout (Mechanic Street), assisted; 1:09 p.m.: officer wanted (Grove Street), escort/ retrieve belongings; 1:44 p.m.: medical/ general (Debbie Drive); 3:14 p.m.: disturbance (Mechanic Street), fight; 3:37 p.m.: suspicious person (Northwest Road), investigated; 3:42 p.m.: vandalism (West Main Street), mv window broken; 7:19 p.m.: fire alarm (Lake Street), services rendered; 7:42 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 8:50 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), open line; 9:43 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), road closures.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

12:48-12:49 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:49 a.m.: school alarm (Ash Street), services rendered; 1:29-1:50 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:05 a.m.: suspicious persons (Main Street), spoken to; 6:47 a.m.: sex offender registration (West Main Street), assisted; 7:18 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), East Brookfield PD bolo; 8:22 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 8:35 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 10:15 a.m.: 911 call (Water Street), open line; 11:23 a.m.: harassment prevention order service (Wire Village Road); 11:51 a.m.: fire/ woods/grass (Church Street), bon fire; 11:52 a.m.: fraud (Vista Lane), scam SS call; 12:08 p.m.: medical/general (Northwest Road); 12:11 p.m.: medical/ general (Smithville Road); 12:18 p.m.: building checked, secure; 12:34 p.m.: mv repossession (Maple Street), info taken; 12:58 p.m.: 209A service (North Spencer Road); 12:59 p.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), cats on property; 1:00 p.m.: DPW call (Main Street), water leak; 1:07 p.m.: lost/found (Main Street), c/c found; 1:51 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Paxton Road), no contact; 2:10 p.m.: DPW call (Main Street), water shut off; 2:45 p.m.: mv complaint (West Main Street), erratic operation; 2:54 p.m.: disturbance (Grove Street), fight; 3:00 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), threats; 4:34 p.m.: suspicious persons (Smithville Road), spoken to; 5:11 p.m.: fraud (West Main Street), scam call; 5:52 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), fight; 6:19 p.m.: animal complaint (Maple Street), loose dog; 6:19 p.m.: disturbance (Bixby Road), verbal dispute; 7:20 p.m.: disturbance (Chestnut Street), unwanted party; 8:07 p.m.: mv stop (West Main Street); 8:09 p.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 8:36 p.m.: medical/ general (West Main Street); 8:52 p.m.: fire alarm (Maple Street), services rendered; 8:52 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (Maple Street), services rendered; 8:56 p.m.: officer wanted (Maple Street), power out; 10:55 p.m.: medical/overdose (High Street); 11:58 p.m.: building checked, secure.

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8** 

12:07 a.m.: medical/general (Highland Street); 12:40-2:34 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 5:45 a.m.: *Turn To* **POLICE LOGS** *page* **A16** 



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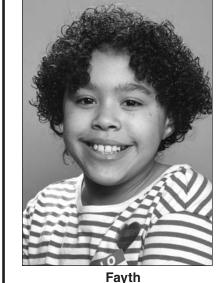
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- 1. Write a poem about Fall.
- 2. Write a scary fictional short story or true story about your best Halloween.
- 3. What can be done to stop the vaping epidemic?
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### Leicester Logs

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

12:18 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 6:18 a.m.: ambulance (Henshaw Street), transported; 7:42 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), citation issued; 7:45 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 8:09 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), mv towed; 8:17 a.m.: ambulance (Auburn Street), transported; 8:50 a.m.: debris in road (Stafford Street), removed; 9:32 a.m.: ambulance

(Winslow Avenue), transported; 11:36 a.m.: suspicious person (South Main Street), spoken to; 12:20 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 1:44 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 1:50 p.m.: investigation (Soojians Drive), services rendered; 3:43 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 3:53 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), citation issued; 4:12 p.m.: mv stop (McNeil Highway), citation issued; 4:50 p.m.: mutual aid (Main Street, Spencer), transported to hospital; 5:55 p.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive), name and address redacted from police log, shoplifting by price tag tempering, criminal application issued; 7:39 a.m.: assist citizen (Henshaw Street); 9:21 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 9:26 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), no action required; 9:55 p.m.: investigation (Soojians Drive), services rendered; 10:11 p.m.: assist citizen (Mannville Street).

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

2:04 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 9:37 a.m.: ambulance (Towtaid Street), transported; 9:40 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 9:53 a.m.: illegal dumping (Waite Street), assisted; 11:55 a.m.: fraud (Pleasant Street), assisted; 12:29 p.m.: mv fire (South Main Street), assisted; 12:37 p.m.: accident (Stafford Street), report taken; 12:53 p.m.: assist citizen (Main Street); 3:54 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 4:06 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 4:14 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued: 5:19 p.m.: erratic operator (Mayflower Road), spoken to; 6:15 p.m.: ambulance (Winslow Avenue), transported; 6:58 p.m.: ambulance (Sunset Drive), transported; 8:08 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), verbal warning; 8:17 p.m.: suspicious activity (Baldwin Street), investigated; 9:12 p.m.: parking complaint (Main Street), citation issued.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

6:13 a.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street), transported; 9:14 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 9:17 a.m.: ambulance (Deer Pond Road), transported; 10:23 a.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 12:32 p.m.: summons service (River Street), served; 2:34 p.m.: missing person (South Main Street), report taken; 3:17 p.m.: noise complaint (Main Street), unfounded; 4:26 p.m.: suspicious person (Towtaid Street), services rendered; 4:51 p.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), Robert Paul Marcioni, 34, 318 Pakachoag Street, Auburn, op w/suspended license, arrest; 5:57 p.m.: mutual aid (Water Street, Worcester), transported to hospital; 6:43 p.m.: mutual aid (Temple Street, Spencer), transported to hospital; 8:06 p.m.: ambulance (Auburn Street), transported.

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

12:37 a.m.: disabled mv (Paxton Street), gone on arrival; 1:27 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 1:46 a.m.: domestic disturbance (Henshaw Street), report taken; 10:18 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 10:30 p.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), verbal warning; 11:15 p.m.: assist citizen (Market Street), peace restored; 11:57 p.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street), citation issued: 1:52 p.m.: welfare check (Auburn Street), spoken to; 2:06 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), citation issued; 2:56 p.m.: ambulance (Whittemore Street), transported; 3:22 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), Michael A. Ramirez, 22, 13 Erie Avenue, Worcester, op w/suspended license, op w/revoked registration, unregistered mv, arrest; 3:55 p.m.: noise complaint (Main Street), peace restored; 5:13 p.m.: ambulance (Salminen Drive), transported; 5:34 p.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive), name and address redacted from police log, shoplifting by asportation, criminal application issued; 6:42 p...: assist citizen (South Main Street), investigated; 7:09 p.m.: mutual aid (Chickering Road, Spencer), transported to hospital; 7:50 a.m.: assist other PD (Main Street, Oxford), unable to locate; 8:06 p.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive), name and address redacted from police log, shoplifting by asportation, criminal application issued; 8:42 p.m.: fraud (Hemlock Street), report taken; 9:02 p.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), no action required.

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

12:08 a.m.: assist other PD (Main Street), services rendered; 4:18 a.m.: assist citizen (Main Street), transported; 7:54 a.m.: ambulance (Siaini Road), transported; 8:29 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 10:35 a.m.: welfare check (Main Street), gone on arrival; 10:51 a.m.: parking complaint (Soojians Drive), citation issued; 11:08 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 11:22 a.m.: summons service (Clark Street), unable to serve; 11:33 a.m.: suspicious person (Pleasant Street), spoken to; 12:16 p.m.: animal complaint (Moosehill Road), unfounded; 1:03 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), spoken to; 1:18 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued: 2:20 a.m.: threats (Main Street). assisted; 3:59 p.m.: welfare check (Main Street), unfounded; 4:25 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 4:38 p.m.: investigation (South Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, uttering a false check, larceny over \$1200 by single scheme, conspiracy to commit larceny, criminal application issued; name and address redacted from police log, larceny over \$1200 by single scheme, conspiracy to commit larceny, criminal application issued; 7:19 p.m.: investigation (South Main Street), services rendered; 11:42 p.m.: ambulance (Rawson Street), transported.

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

10:11 a.m.: residential alarm (Burncoat Lane), false alarm; 4:55 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), citation issued; 5:28 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 5:49 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 6:10 a.m.: ambulance (Salminen Drive), transported; 6:12 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), written warning; 7:02 p.m.: erratic operation (Main Street), unfounded; 8:27 p.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Way), no action required; 9:21 p.m.: mutual aid (Roys Drive, Spencer), transported; 10:49 p.m.: mv stop (Pine Street), verbal warning.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

2:37 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), verbal warning; 2:53 a.m.: ambulance (Stafford Street), transported; 9:13 a.m.: suspicious person (Paxton Street), unable to locate; 10:15 a.m.: disturbance (Paxton Street), peace restored; 10:40 a.m.: investigation (Talnglewood Road), services rendered; 10:54 a.m. illegal dumping (Waite Street), investigated; 11:41 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 12:13 p.m.: welfare check (Main Street), peace restored; 1:15 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), mv towed; 1:41 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street), advised civil action; 1:48 p.m.: welfare check (Main Street), investigated; 2:47 p.m.: ambulance (Towtaid Street), transported; 3:38 p.m.: disturbance (Collier Avenue), services rendered; 3:44 p.m.: ambulance (Collier Avenue), transported; 5:07 p.m.: ambulance (Waite Street), transported; 6:22 p.m.: disturbance (Towtaid Street), unfounded; 6:25 p.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive), Dawn Sweeney, 54, 52 Cherry Street, Spencer, shoplifting by asportation, arrest; 8:37 p.m.: ambulance (Henshaw Street), transported.



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I'm still accepting submissions for the October 25th THE WRITE STUFF! Please take a stab at writing and email it to me by Monday October 21st. I'm also still accepting photos for the 9TH ANNUAL PET HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST! Please email them to me no later than October 23.

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# OBITUARIES

### Richard "Dick" Whittemore Bemis,91



SPENCER- Richard "Dick" Whittemore Bemis,91, died Saturday, October 12, 2019 after a valiant struggle against Alzheimer's Disease. Son of Roger E. Bemis and Helen (Hobbs) Bemis, he was born in the family farmhouse in Spencer and died next door. Richard is survived by

his loving wife Marjorie (Olson) Bemis; sons Edward & his wife Tina and Gregory; a grandson Carter all of Spencer; a sister Dorothy and her companion Pat Hayes of Florida; many nieces & nephews and grandnieces & grandnephews. He is predeceased by a son Mark and siblings Warren, Betty McCord and Barbara McCarthy.

Richard took Marjorie on their first date to a Vaughn Monroe concert in Framingham. Their paths became intertwined and they married 59 years ago in Sudbury, MA. Prior to that, in 1947 at the age of 18, he took the bold step of starting Bemis Farms Nursery in Spencer. An ornamentals nursery specializing in perennials, before they were widely known and appreciated. Richard graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at UMass Amherst. He took an unexpected break from his fledgling nursery while he served his country as an Artillery Master Sergeant in Korea, responsible for one of the first racially integrated artillery units in US military history.

He was born in a Spencer farmhouse, and passed away next door, on the same farm, in his sons home just 900 feet away. But in that 900 feet he fit in a million miles of touching people's lives. His cheery demeanor accented with humming and whistling, his never ending, kind gestures to everyone he met, and his propensity to provide a seemingly limitless stream of donuts and pastries to family and staff are all things that will never be forgotten.



He was active in 4-H, and worked part-time early on in the Extension Service office. He

spent time in the Worcester County Horticultural society, winning some of the top award for his stunning, but naturalistic landscape displays that were probably a bit ahead of their time. He served as President of the Massachusetts Nursery & Landscape Association, and was active in other local, regional, and national horticultural groups. He attained his Massachusetts Certified Horticulturist status the very first time the test was ever given. He was awarded the prestigious lifetime achievement Silver Medal from the Massachusetts Horticultural Society.

Last weekend as hundreds of children and parents were having a glorious time making scarecrows and playing in the pumpkins on his farm, he was looking down smiling, seeing that he had achieved his dream of making the world a little bit better and happier place. He will be deeply missed.

Friends and family are invited to attend calling hours on Friday, October 18,2019 from 4-7PM in Pillsbury Funeral Home 163 Main St. in Spencer. The funeral will be held on Saturday at 11AM in the funeral home. Flowers may be sent, or memorial donations made to the Mark Bemis Memorial Scholarship at Becker College.

### Armand L.Cote, 95



NORTH BROOKFIELD-Armand L.Cote,95, passed away peacefully at home on Friday, October 4,2019.He leaves his wife Marion (Ackerman) Cote; his son Randy Cote & Marie Croteau; 2 granddaughters Alicia and Staci and 4 great grandchildren. Armand has lived over 30 years in North Brookfield and was a truck driver for many years until he retired. Funeral services are private for the family. Pillsbury Funeral Home 44 GIlbert St. North Brookfield is directing arrangements.



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# **OBITUARIES**

### Walter S. Misiaszek, 87



E A S T B R O O K F I E L D-Walter S. Misiaszek, 87, of Mill St., died Wednesday, Oct. 9 in St. Vincent's Hospital, Worcester. He leaves his wife of 66 years, Theresa M. (Manning) Misiaszek,

his son Larry J. Misiaszek and his wife Lynn of W.Boylston, his daughter Laurie A. Vandale and her husband Mark of E.Brookfield, 5 grandchildren; Amanda Mclaughlin and her husband Krist, Stephen Vandale and his partner Richard Leicht, Christopher Vandale and his wife Rachel, Katherine and Zachary Misiaszek, and a great grandson; Gavin Walter, two nieces; Patricia Fournier and Mary Kolodziejcz. He is predeceased by brothers Rudolph, Theodore, Joseph and Stanley Misiaszek and a sister Wanda Misiaszek. at the former Brookfield Athletic Shoe Co. in E.Brookfield, retiring in 1971.

Born in Warren, he was the son of John and Mary Misiaszek and later graduated from the former Warren High School. He was a member of St. John the Baptist Church, the Lashaway Senior Citizen Club and was an avid N.E. Sports Fan. He enjoyed camping, fishing and Sunday rides in the car.

The funeral was held on Saturday, October 12 from J. HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer with a Mass at 10:00 AM in St. John the Baptist Church, No. Brookfield Rd., East Brookfield. Burial will follow in Evergreen Cemetery, East Brookfield. Calling hours were Friday, October 11 from 5:00-7:00 PM in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to American Parkinson's Disease Association, 72 East Concord Street, C3, Boston, MA, 02118.

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### Walter was a longtime shoe worker Walter P. Therrien, 68

Margaret A. Parker, 94,



WEBSTER-Walter P. Therrien age 68 passed away suddenly Friday, October 11, 2019. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Marie M. (Sciarappa) Therrien, a son Dana M. Therrien and his wife Linda of

Randolph, VT, a daughter Jessica L. Therrien of Webster. He also leaves two sisters, Barbarajean Conant and her husband Michael of Oxford and Doris Angelo and her husband Tom of Spencer. Walter also leaves Brother-inlaw Tony Pisani and sister-in-law Lee Pisani and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by two brothers, Laurence Therrien of Webster and Larry K. Therrien of Melbourne, Florida and a sister Valerie Therrien Mathieu of Springfield, MA. He was born in in Randolph, VT son of the late Lawrence Therrien and Laura (Perry) Therrien and lived in Webster most of his life. He was a US Army Veteran of the Vietnam Era. Walter owned and operated Webster Lake Service Center since 1983 prior to that working with his father for many years. Walter enjoyed cars, woodworking, antiques, socializing with long conversations with friends and family. He was known for creating something from nothing. He was proud of his family and country. A Celebration of life will be held Friday, October 18, 2019 in the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA from 5 PM

– 7PM. Private burial with military honors will be in Mt. Zion Cemetery. Please omit flowers and donations may be made in his memory to the Webster-Dudley Veterans Council, Webster, MA 01570 guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle

### WORCESTER-Margaret A. (Fortune) Parker,

(Fortune) Parker, 94, of Worcester and formerly of Spencer passed away Monday, October 14 in Jewish Healthcare Center after a long battle with Alzheimer's.

Her husband, Robert A. Parker died in 2005. She leaves two sons; Kevin A. Price and his wife Suzanne of Westfield and Stephen W. Price and his wife Darlene of Worcester, Ellen A. daughters her husband Michael of Spencer and Maryanne Price and her companion Phillip Bleicher of South Dennis, a sister Catherine E. Smalley of Worcester, two step-daughters; Jean Abrams and her husband Richard of Westborough and Susan Larson and her husband Lee Clifford of Mashpee, 20 grandchildren, several great grandchildren, several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her first husband Donald J. Price, Sr., a son Donald J. Price, Jr., a daughter Cathleen A. Kelly and a sister Eleanor M. Fortune. Margaret was born in Shelton, CT, daughter of William A. and Ellen C. (Hogan) Fortune. She graduated from North High School and attended the Katherine Ward School of Business and Quinsigamond Community College. She worked in the marketing and technology dept. for Nynex of Boston for 23 years retiring in 1989. She was the original owner and operator of Telephone Answering Service of Spencer from 1963-1971. After retiring she volunteered at the former Foothills Theater, the Worcester Art Museum and the Jewish Community Center. She enjoyed traveling and more than anything else loved spending time with her grandchildren and family.

### William F. "Bill" Pratt, 70

BROOKFIELD -William F. "Bill" Pratt, 70, of Brookfield died on Thursday, October 10, 2019, at Baystate Mary Lane Hospital with his family by his side after being stricken suddenly at his home.

He leaves his wife of 50 years, Sandra J. Pratt; two daughters, Kelly S. Chabot and her spouse Joseph of Brookfield, and Jenny L. Pratt of Brookfield; his brother, Kevin J. Pratt and his wife Sandra A. Pratt of East Brookfield; his sister, Marilyn G. Griffin and her husband Robert of Brookfield; two grandchildren, Katherine Chabot and her long-time partner Matthew Luippold of Greenfield, and Ian Smith, II of Brookfield. He also leaves his loyal and feisty Boston Terrier, Gus, as well as his many friends and neighbors, and former Board and Committee members on which he served. He was born in Worcester, son of the late William X. and Gertrude M. (Killian) Pratt. He grew up in Brimfield and has lived in Brookfield for over 46 years.

Shortly after graduating from Tantasqua Regional High School, Mr. Pratt enlisted in the United States Air Force serving during the Vietnam War. He was always proud of his service and that of fellow veterans and was a true patriot of our country. When the National Anthem was played, Bill always stood with his hat over his heart and loved what our flag represented in the freedoms for so many.

After the service, he worked as a Sales Manager at the former Kesseli and Morse Masonry Supply Company in Worcester for 36 years before retiring in 2008.

Bill was an avid angler, hunter

Rachele Ann Beer, 35

SPENCER- Rachele Ann Beer, 35, passed away in the morning of the 9th of October, 2019 at home surrounded by her loving family after a bravely fought battle with cancer.

Rachele was born Thanksgiving,

on Thanksgiving, November 24, 1983. She was an active, vibrant young woman with autism. She attended the Center of Hope and volunteered at the Christopher Heights in Webster for many years along with other various jobs, enjoyed shopping and all her favorite places in the community, made many friends and touched many lives thanks to her good friend, Moe.

Rachele liked buzzin' bees, collect-





Degree Knight in Council 11080 of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish. He liked John Deere tractors, even though he owned an orange Kubota tractor which he would often use to plow his neighbor's driveways. Bill was a humble and kind gentle giant of man, who often volunteered to help those in need or to carry out projects. He did the brickwork on the path in and around the gazebo on the Brookfield common, built the handicap ramp at the Sportsmen's Club, and the decorative block base for the Blessed Mother statue at St. Mary's Church as just some of his volunteer projects.

A Graveside Service with military honors for Bill will be held on Friday, October 18, 2019 at 1:30PM in the Brookfield Cemetery. Calling hours will be held on Thursday, October 17, from 5 to 7PM in Varnum Funeral Home, Inc., 43 East Main St., in West Brookfield. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, the state's fisheries and wildlife agency. Please make checks payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts – Mass Wildlife, and mail to MassWildlife, c/o Susan Sacco, 1 Rabbit Hill Road, Westborough, MA 01581 with a note that it is in memory of William Pratt.

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niece and nephews.

She is survived by her parents, David Beer and Leslie (Brown) Beer; her older sister, Kimberly (Beer) Sargent and her husband, Christopher Sargent and their children "Q" & "Tre"; her younger sister, Heather (Beer) Elliott and her husband Joshua Elliott and their daughter, Isabel; her grandparents, George Beer and Barbara (Davin) Beer; her step-grandfather, Malcom Chisholm; along with numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

We will miss our sweet Rachele terribly. Her passing has left a huge hole in our lives.

A Memorial Mass will be held on Friday October 25, 2019 at 11:00am in Mary, Queen of the Rosary Church 7 Church St. in Spencer. Burial will be private for the family.

The family is also holding a

The family would like to express their deepest appreciation to the nurses and staff at the Jewish Healthcare Center including JHC Hospice who worked diligently everyday to care for her.

A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, October 18 at 11:00 AM in J. HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer. Burial will follow in Pine Grove Cemetery, Spencer. Calling hours were Thursday, October 17 from 5:00-7:00 PM in the funeral home. Please omit flowers.

www.morinfuneralhomes.com ing Barbie and Disney Princess dolls, Teletubbies, turtles and snowglobes. She loved music and dancing, playing bongos, beading and puzzles.

Rachele liked to remind everyone of what holiday was coming up next, and whose birthday was coming, and making cupcakes for the occasions. Her favorite colors were purple and orange.

She loved her family, especially her sisters and her brothers-in-law and her

Halloween Costume Party in Rachele's memory as it was one of her most favorite holidays. It will be held on Saturday, October 26, 2019 at 6pm at the Polish Naturalization Club, 290 Millbury Street Worcester. All are welcome.

Pillsbury Funeral Home 163 Main St. Spencer is directing arrangements. For an online tribute and guestbook please visit: Pillsburyfuneralhome.com



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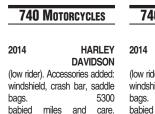
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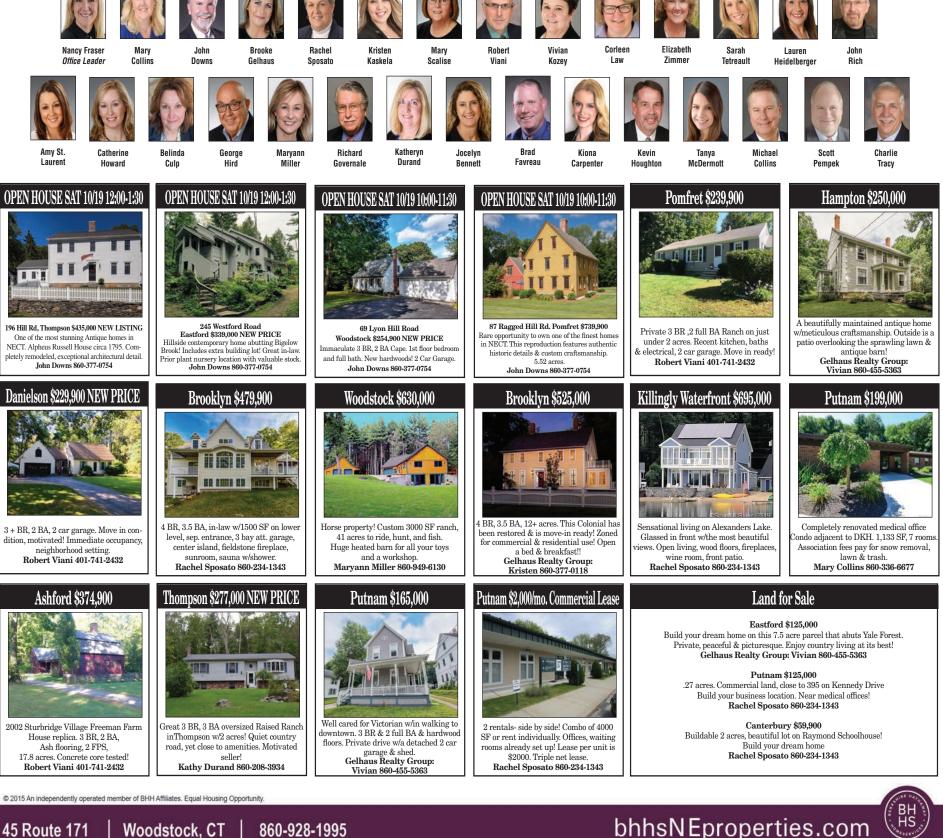
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# **LEGALS**

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Maureen R. Ravenelle, Rene G. Ravenelle to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Sherwood Mortgage Group, Inc., dated July 27, 2005 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 36958, Page 305, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from:

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., as nominee for Sherwood Mortgage Group, Inc. to Green Tree Servicing, LLC, recorded on March 20, 2014, in Book No. 52136, at Page 102 Ditech Financial, LLC, successor by merger to Green Tree Servicing, LLC to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as Trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust, recorded on August 9, 2016, in Book No. 55771, at Page 76

for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 12:00 PM on November 6, 2019, on the mortgaged premises located at 100 Oakwood Drive, East Brookfield, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, TO WIT:

The land in East Brookfield, Worcester County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron pipe on the westerly side of Rice Road at the southeast corner of tract herein described, and the northeast corner of Lot No. 15, now or formerly of Escape Estates, Incorporated;

THENCE North 57 degrees 53' 22" West along said Lot No. 15, a distance of two hundred ten and seventy-five hundredths (210.75) feet to a point;

THENCE North 48 degrees 52' East along land now or formerly of Escape Estates, Incorporated, a distance of one hundred eighty-five (185) feet to a point on the southerly side of Oakwood Drive;

THENCE South 51 degrees 57' 14" East along the southerly side of Oakwood Drive, a distance of one hundred forty and sixty-five hundredths (140.65) feet to a point;

THENCE running easterly and southerly along the westerly side of Rice Road, on a curve to the right, having a radius of 38.11 feet and length of sixty-one and eight hundredths (61.08) feet to a point;

THENCE South 39 degrees 52' 27" West along the westerly side of Rice Road, a distance of one hundred twenty and sixty-five hundredths (120.65) feet to the point of beginning.

Containing an area of 32,285 square

premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

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

WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT INDIVIDUALLY BUT AS TRUSTEE FOR PRETIUM MORTGAGE ACQUISITION TRUST Present holder of said mortgage By its Attorneys, HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C. 150 California St. Newton, MA 02458 (617)558-0500 2015040387 October 11, 2019

October 18, 2019 October 25, 2019

### TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD office of the collector of Taxes 10/18/2019

The owner(s), occupant(s) and public are hereby notified that the following described parcels herein, located within the municipality of TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD and WORCES-TER County, of the commonwealth of Massachusetts, have taxes for the year 2019 as committed to the collector of Taxes, by the Board of Assessors of this municipality which remain delinquent and unpaid, and that the property herein described will be taken by TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD on Friday, 11/01/2019, at 10:00am for non payment of taxes, including interest and all legal costs and charges thereon,

unless the property shall be previously discharged.

LISA TAYLOR

collector of Taxes

Property Location: 32 ST JOHN ST Assessed owners: BALCHUNAS, ADELLA & DUPREY, PAUL J.

Bill Number: 90 2019 REAL ESTATE TAXES 1,431.61

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Description:A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.230 acres described as parcel 1040 0020 00320 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD identified in book and page 27654 0241, WORCESTER county Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 8 WALNUT ST Assessed owners: WELLS FARGO BANK Bill Number: 736 Subsequent owner: M&K Realty Inc. 2019 REAL ESTATE TAXES

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Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.230 acres described as parcel 1070 0030 00080 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD identified in book and page 13040 0278, WORCESTER county Registry of Deeds. ALD Bill Number:1344 2019 REAL ESTATE TAXES

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Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 2.800 acres described as parcel 1070 0007 00710 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD identified in book and page 52018 89, WORCESTER county Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 17 OAKHAM RD Assessed owners: MURPHY, JAMES W

7 FOREST ST Bill Number: 1488 2019 REAL ESTATE TAXES

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Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 4.600 acres described as parcel 0210 0083 00170 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD identified in book and page 05144 0599, WORCESTER county Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 34 OAKHAM RD Assessed owners: RAMSEY, ANNE Bill Number: 1723

2019 REAL ESTATE TAXES

1,085.02

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Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.280 acres described as parcel 0210 0083 00340 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD identified in book and page 57636 110, WORCESTER county Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 8 AYERS ST Assessed owners: ROBERTSON, JOHN H & BARBARA E EST OF C/0 HEATHER CHARTIER Bill Number:1763 2019REAL ESTATE TAXES 372.17

Description: A parcel of land with any

buildings thereon, containing about

0.780 acres described as parcel 1050

0048 00080 in the office of the Asses-

sors of the Town of TOWN OF NORTH

BROOKFIELD identified in book and

page 05108 0083, WORCESTER

Property Location: 97 BROOKFIELD

owners: STRICKLAND,

county Registry of Deeds.

2019 REAL ESTATE TAXES

372.17

October 18, 2019

### Notice of Public Hearing Planning Board

The Spencer Planning Board will be holding a Public Hearing on Tuesday November 19, 2019 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 sor'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. Major Site Plan Review/ Special Permit/ Subdivision - Applicant: Spencer Solar LLC; Owner: Ash Spencer Realty LLC, Location: Ash Street; Spencer Assessor's Map R27-01. 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 applicant is also seeking a Subdivision approval as part of this project. 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. The Planning Board 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 18, 2019

Recorder 17384 October 18, 2019

(SEAL) THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT Docket Number: 19 SM 004769 ORDER OF NOTICE

To:

Kathleen M. Harding and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq): Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Spencer, numbered 16 Sunset Lane, given by Paul B. Harding and Kathleen M. Harding to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Drew Mortgage Associates, Inc., dated July 30, 2007, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 41601, Page 203, as modified by a certain modification agreement dated June 3, 2016, and recorded with said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 55983, Page 235, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before November 25, 2019, or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act. Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on October 11, 2019. Attest: Deborah J. Patterson Recorder 14429

1001.

Being all of Lot No. 14 on "Plan of Lots at Lake Country Estates Section "B" owned by Escape Estates, Incorporated," by Commonwealth Survey Corp., dated July, 1977, and recorded at Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 445, Plan 8.

TOGETHER with a Right of Way, northerly of Lot No. 125, as shown on above mentioned plan.

The mortgagor(s) expressly reserve(s) my/our rights of Homestead, if any, and do not wish to teiminate my/ our rights of homestead by granting the within mortgage, provided, however, that mortgagor(s) expressly waive(s) my/our rights of homestead with respect to this mortgage, pursuant to Paragraph 24 of this mortgage. Being the same premises conveyed to the herein named mortgagor (s) by deed recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Bool 16090, Page 107.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 16090, Page 107.

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

A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the Property Location: 42 WILLOW ST Assessed owners:GLINSKI, MARKE. Bill Number: 772

2019 REAL ESTATE TAXES

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Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.250 acres described as parcel 1040 0023 00420 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD identified in book and page 33226 0068, WORCESTER county Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 63 SUMMER ST Assessed owners: LANDPHERE, EL-LEN J. & BATCHELOR, PAMELA Bill Number: 1178 2019 S LIEN REAL ESTATE TAXES

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Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.320 acres described as parcel 1060 0039 00630 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD identified in book and page 51300 381, WORCESTER county Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 34 WARD ST Assessed owners: LANGLEY, ROB-ERT & CHRISTINE Bill Number: 1188 2019 REAL ESTATE TAXES 605.81

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605.81

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.420 acres described as parcel 1110 0100 00340 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD identified in book and page 30182 0006, WORCESTER county Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 71 ELM ST Assessed owners: MCALISTER, GER- -----6.79

6.79

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 0.160 acres described as parcel 0460 0055 00970 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD identified in book and page 57785 183, WORCESTER county Registry of Deeds. October 18, 2019

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Assessed

JOSHUA P.

Bill Number: 1954

### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT 19 SM 004755 ORDER OF NOTICE

To: Andrew A. Robert; Catherine M. Robert and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 et seq.:

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Spencer, numbered 25 Bixby Road, given by Andrew A. Robert and Catherine M. Robert to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Drew Mortgage Associates, Inc., dated August 25, 2014, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 52718, Page 139, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before November 25, 2019 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of said Court on October 11, 2019. Attest: Deborah J. Patterson October 25, 2019

# CALENDAR

### Thursday, October 17

COMMON GROUND LAND TRUST ANNUAL MEETING: 6 p.m., Swan Tavern, 1 Paxton St., Leicester. A light supper will be served. After the business meeting, expert forager and author Russ Cohen will present a program at 7 p.m. on "Nibbling on Native Plants in your Back Yard and Beyond."

### Saturday, October 19

ANNUAL BOOK AND BAKE SALE: The Friends of the East Brookfield Public Library will be holding their Annual Book and Bake Sale today from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. There will be a variety of books, DVDs and audio books for all family members. We will also be offering fresh baked goodies for sale as well raffle tickets for a "Fall Gift Basket." Stop in and browse and stock up from a great selection of material for your winter reading. We'll be set up in the lobby of the Municipal Town Complex at 122 Connie Mack Dr. at the library entrance. All proceeds go directly to the library for programming and supplies.

LAKE WICKABOAG BOAT CLUB: The Lake Wickaboag Boat Club is hosting a Coast Guard certified boating safety course from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (with a break for lunch) at High view Campground, 58 Gilbert Rd., West Brookfield. This course is open to the public and classes are for adults and youth,12 years of age or older. Family participation is encouraged and has proven to be very rewarding. Mr. Dave Raphael is an instructor with Boat Massachusetts and will be teaching this necessary course. Boat Massachusetts is a recognized safety course that meets the national boating education standards and is approved by the national association of state boating law administrators. All classes are free of charge. Registration is required. Walk ins are welcome on the day of the course. Please be there by 7:30 a.m. to fill out registration form. All graduates will receive a safety certificate. Graduates in the 12 -15 youth range group will be issued a certificate allowing them to operate a motorboat without adult supervision, as required by state law. The same is true for 16 & 17 year old youth who wish to operate a personal watercraft (jet skis, Sea Doos). For information on registration please call Mark O'Donnell at (508) 867-2776 or Jennifer Vasil (508) 867-2261.

HARVEST FAIR: 9 a.m.-2 p.m., First Congregational Church, 207 Main St., Spencer. Plants, jewelry, gift baskets, baked goods, holiday and gift items, children's toys, antiques and collectibles. "Coffee And" available; lunch served from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Free admission. Public invited.

FALL FAIR: 9 a.m.-2 p.m., First Congregational Church, North Brookfield. The Fair will feature plants, jewelry, baked goods, homemade items, attic treasures, and a drawing. Lunch will be served, and will consist of a number of different soups, assorted sandwiches, and apple crisp with ice cream. The public is invited.

SPENCER DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE: 10:30 a.m., McCourt Social Hall, Spencer Town Hall. Please join us for a lively discussion of important issues that face us, such as public transportation. Our voices are important in a democracy, and we are stronger together. OKTOBERFEST: 12:30-2:30 p.m., North Brookfield Senior Center. Enjoy schnitzels, bratwurst, potato salad, green salad, dessert, and take part in a 50/50 raffle, all to the accompaniment of traditional German music. Tickets \$10.

### Tuesday, October 22

HOSPICE VOLUNTEER TRAINING: If you have the time and heart to share, vou could become a valuable part of the Overlook Hospice Team. Hospice Volunteers provide companionship and support to hospice patients and their families...reading to patients, watching movies, playing cards, walking dogs, fixing a meal, gardening, supporting family members, sitting with patients who are actively dying and making bereavement calls. We are also seeking volunteers to provide Reiki, pet therapy, and veterans to visit our veteran patients. Our next training begins on Oct. 22 at 6 p.m. To attend or get more information about becoming a Hospice Volunteer, contact Susan Fuller at 508-434-2200.

### Thursday, October 24

THIRD ANNUAL PUMPKIN RECIPE CONTEST: 6 p.m., West Brookfield Library. Choose a recipe from a cookbook available @ the Library or one of your own! By special request your favorite fall apple recipes are eligible, too! Stop by or call the Library to sign up & let us know what you will be bringing.

### Saturday, October 26

SECOND CHANCE ANIMAL SERVICES HALLOWEEN BARKTACULAR: Halloween event bringing families and pets together to benefit Second Chance. Indoor and outdoor event activities including trickor-treating for kids and pets, haunted hayrides, pony rides, indoor Kid Zone with carnival games, bouncy castle by Central MA Jump, dog massages and agility 'Try Its,' music, food & craft vendors and other Halloween fun for families and pets. Special featured events include a Costume Contest judged by the Barktacular King & Queen, Your Dog Can Paint with CC Lowell and an indoor RC racetrack sponsored by Turn4 HobbyTown. Free admission! Families and pets are welcome!

### Tuesday, October 29

"GHOSTS & LEGENDS" WITH JEFF BELANGER: 6:30 p.m., West Brookfield Library. Jeff Belanger is back with all new stories. This multi-media adventure will take you on a journey through your backyard, and around the world. Join one of New England's premiere storytellers for a trip through the unusual and the unexplained. Be sure to stop by or call the Library to reserve your seat!

### Saturday, November 2

11TH ANNUAL WEST BROOKFIELD ELEMENTARY VENDOR AND CRAFT FAIR: The West Brookfield Elementary Parent Teacher Group will be holding their 11th Annual Vendor and Craft Fair from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 2 at West Brookfield Elementary School, 89 North Main Street. There will be crafters, vendors, raffles, and more. Food will be available for purchase. Admission is free, all are welcome to attend.

### LEGALS

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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. WO19C0530CA CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME In the matter of: Nicolette Jordan Busuito

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Nicolette Jordon Busuito of Spencer MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Nic Parker Busuito

**IMPORTANT NOTICE** 

followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS

UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

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

Date: October 03, 2019

Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate Thence southerly along the easterly side of land of said Devanski 125 feet to the northerly side of A Street;

Thence easterly along the northerly side of A Street, 30 feet to the point of beginning.

### PARCEL II:

LEGALS

BEGNNING at the northeasterly corner of land now or formerly of Steven J. Devanski and Stella

A. Devanski as described in a deed recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Book 3103, Page 598;Thence northerly on a course N. 14° 48' W. a distance of 75.18 feet to land now or formerly of one Krymoveck;Thence westerly on a course S. 70° W a distance of 384.77 feet to land now or formerly of one Sekula;

Thence southerly on a course S. 9° 38' E. along land of said Sekula, 41 feet to the northwest corner of land of the aforementioned Devanski, as described in the above-mentioned deed; Thence easterly along the northerly line of land of said Devanski as described in the above mentioned deed to the point of beginning. Being the northerly portion of Lot #39, said Lot #39 is shown on "Plan showing the portion of Land at Auction June 28, 1929, for the Thorndike Company, West Warren, Mass., Wm. I. Thompson. C.E." recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 58, Plan 7. Said parcel of land being the northerly portion of Lot #39 as described in a deed to John Dziwanski and Julia Dziwanski dated August 17, 1932 recorded in said Registry, Book 2569, Page 312. Being the same premises conveyed to the mortgagors by deed of Steven J. Devanski, Administrator of the Estate of Julia Devanski dated November 4, 1966 recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Book 4715, Page 80.

the Estate of Julia Devanski dated October 29, 1966 recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Book 4722, Page 151.

The above premises will be sold subject to and with the benefit of all restrictions, easements, improvements, outstanding tax titles, mortgages, liens, rights of tenants and parties in possession, unpaid taxes, municipal liens and other public taxes, assessments or liens, having priority over the mortgage described herein, if any.

In the event that the successful bidder at the foreclosure sale shall default in purchasing the within described property according to the terms of this Notice of Sale and/or other terms of the Memorandum of Sale executed at the time of the foreclosure, the Mortgagee reserves the right to sell the property by Foreclosure Deed to the second highest bidder provided that the second highest bidder shall deposit with the Mortgagee's attorney, Blaise P. Berthiaume, the amount of the required deposit as set forth herein within three (3) business days after written notice of default of the previous highest bidder and title shall be conveyed to said second highest bidder within twenty (20) days of said written notice. TERMS OF SALE: Three Thousand Five Hundred (\$3,500.00) Dollars, cash or certified check will be required as a down deposit at the time and place of said foreclosure sale, and the balance of the purchase price is to be paid by cash or certified check within twenty (20) days thereafter at the office of Blaise P. Berthiaume, Esquire, 4 Elm Street, North Brookfield, Massachusetts. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

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 11/05/2019. 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 02, 2019

> Stephanie K. Fattman Register of Probate

October 18, 2019

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. WO19P3274EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Estate of: Rene D Lavallee Date of Death: 07/23/2019

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Danielle A Lambert of Worcester MA

requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that **Danielle A Lambert** of **Worcester MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **With Personal Surety** on the bond in <u>an unsupervised</u> administration.

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/29/2019.** This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection October 18, 2019

### MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and execution of the power of sale contained in a Mortgage given by Stella R. Devanski to Ware Co-operative Bank, now held by North Brookfield Savings Bank as successor by merger to Family First f/k/a Ware Co-operative Bank dated September 7, 2006 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 39741 Page 46. of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold a public auction on the premise known as 46 A Street, Warren, Worcester County, Massachusetts on Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at 10:00 am in the forenoon, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit;

The Land in Warren, Worcester County, Massachusetts bounded and described as follows: <u>PARCEL I:</u>

BEGINNING at the southwesterly comer of Lot #37 as shown on "Plan showing the portion of Land sold at Auction, June 28, 1929, for the Thorndike Company, West Warren, Mass., Wm. I. Thompson, C.E. ", recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 58, Plan 7;

Thence northerly on a course N. 14° 48' W. along the westerly side of Lot #37 shown on said plan, 111 feet to the northwesterly comer of Lot #37;

Thence easterly on a course N. 69° 30' E. along the northerly side of Lot #37 and Lot #36, as shown on said plan 114.34 feet to land now or formerly of one Baldyga;

Thence northerly on a course N. 19° 12' W. along land of said Baldyga, 92.34 feet to land now or formerly of one Collins;

Thence westerly along land of said Collins on a course S. 70° W. 157.36 feet to the northeast corner of Lot #39, as on said plan;

Thence southerly on a course S. 14° 48' E., a distance of 75.18 feet to land conveyed to Steven J. Devanski et ux, Thence easterly along the northerly side of land of Devanski 20 feet to a point;

### PARCEL III:

Beginning at the northeast comer of other land of Steven J. Devanski described in a deed recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Book 3103, Page 598;

Thence southerly on a course of S. 14° 48' E. along the easterly side of Lot #39 shown on "Plan showing the portion of Land sold at Auction, June 28, 1929, for the Thorndike Company, West Warren, Mass. Wm. I. Thompson, C.E." recorded with said Registry, Plan Book 58, Plan 7, a distance of 125 feet to the northerly line of A street;

Thence easterly along the northerly side line of A Street, 20 feet to a point in the southerly line of Lot #38 shown on said plan;

Thence northerly on a line parallel with the first described line, a distance of 125 feet to a point;

Thence westerly on a line parallel with die northerly Line of A street a distance of 20 feet to the point of beginning.

Being a portion of Lot #38 conveyed to John Dzwanski and Julia Dzwanski by deed dated July 29, 1929 recorded with said Registry, Book 2503, Page 178.Being the premises conveyed to Steven J. Devanski et ux by deed of Steven J. Devanski, Administrator of NORTH BROOKFIELD SAVINGS BANK

Present Holder of Said Mortgage Blaise P. Berthiaume, its Attorney 4 Elm Street North Brookfield, MA 01535 October 18, 2019

### LEGAL NOTICE Town of Spencer Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

### Public Performance Hearing

The Town of Spencer will conduct a public hearing regarding their FY18 Community Development Block Grant Program. Future projects under consideration will also be discussed. The hearing will be held on **Monday**, **November 4, at 6:00 p.m.** in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at Spencer Town Hall, 157 Main Street, Spencer, MA. Current Spencer CDBG activities include engineering design for improvements to for Cherry, Wall, Lloyd Dyer improvement project and housing rehabilitation.

Any person or organization having questions or comments concerning the programs will have an opportunity to be heard. Persons who require special accommodations should contact the Ware Town Hall at least one week prior to the hearing date at (413) 967-9648, ext 120.

October 18, 2019

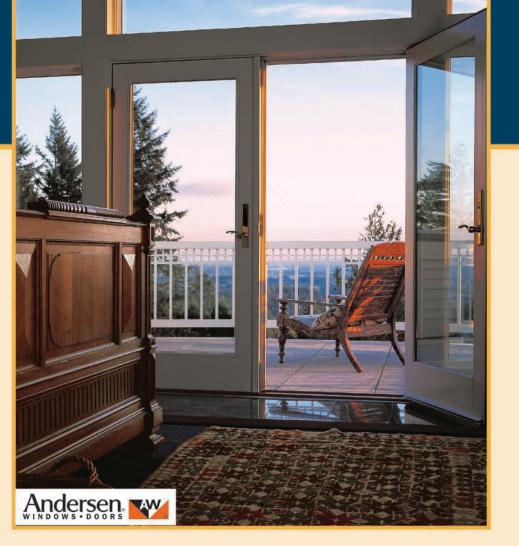


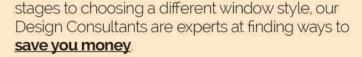
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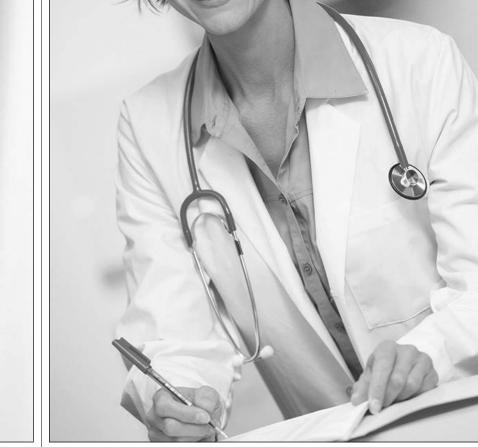
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# HEALTH

# Breast cancer signs and symptoms

# Occupational therapy has many benefits





Breast cancer is a formidable foe. According to the World Health Organization, an estimated 627,000 women lost their lives to breast cancer in 2018. But women are not helpless in the fight against breast cancer, as the WHO notes early detection is critical and could potentially save thousands of lives each year.

A proactive approach is a key component of protecting oneself against breast cancer. While the National Breast Cancer Foundation, Inc.® notes that many breast cancer symptoms are invisible and not noticeable without a professional cancer screening, women can keep an eye out for certain signs of breast cancer they might be able to detect on their own. Monthly self-exams can help women more easily identify changes in their breasts. During such self-exams, women can look for the following signs and symptoms and are advised to report any abnormalities they discover to their physicians immediately. • Changes in how the breast or nipple feels: The NBCF says nipple tenderness or a lump or thickening in or near the breast or underarm could indicate the presence of breast cancer. Some women may notice changes in the skin texture or an enlargement of the pores in the skin of their breast. In many instances, skin texture has been described as being similar to the texture of an orange peel. Lumps in the breast also may indicate breast cancer, though not all lumps are cancerous.

 Change in appearance of the breast or nipple: Unexplained changes in the size or shape of the breast; dimpling anywhere on the breast; unexplained swelling or shrinking of the breast, particularly when the shrinking or swelling is exclusive to one side only; and a nipple that is turned slightly inward or inverted are some signs and symptoms of breast cancer that can affect the appearance of the breast or nipple. It is common for women's breasts to be asymmetrical, but sudden asymmetry should be brought to the attention of a physician. • Discharge from the nipple: The NBCF notes that any discharge from the nipple, but particularly a clear or bloody discharge, could be a sign of breast cancer. The NBCF also advises women that a milky discharge when they are not breastfeeding is not linked to breast cancer but should be discussed with a physician. Learning to recognize the signs and symptoms of breast cancer can increase the likelihood of early diagnosis, which greatly improves women's chances of surviving this disease.

People may be familiar with physical therapy, which many are prescribed after suffering a sports-related injury or being injured in an accident. But less may know about occupational therapy, a form of therapy that can help individuals live full, happy lives even if they're dealing with permanent disabilities or chronic conditions.

The American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc., says that occupational therapy helps people perform daily tasks to reach goals. This can include helping children or adults with disabilities participate fully in work or school. Occupational therapy also may intervene during or after a physical or mental illness so that one can regain lost skills. Occupational therapists tend to focus on treating people who need assistance with a physical, sensory or cognitive disability. OT practitioners address psychological, social and environmental factors that can impact a person's ability to function. Even though one may think OTs primarily treat adults, especially aging seniors, this is not the case. The health and wellness resource KidsHealth, from Nemours, indicates that children also benefit. Occupational therapists can work with children after surgery or help those with behavioral problems.

OTs also help children recover after suffering traumatic injuries, and can even help kids with developmental delays.

Occupational therapy differs from physical therapy. While physical therapy deals with pain, range of motion, endurance, and strength, among other things, the AOTA notes that OT tries to hone fine motor skills, visual-perception skills and cognitive skills and to lessen sensory-processing deficits. Very often OT is used in conjunction with PT.

Occupational therapy can be a rewarding career with many different opportunities. Therapists work in various settings, including schools, hos pitals, rehab facilities, nursing homes, and even in independent practices. In addition, new specialities, such as assisting those with low vision or helping workers adapt to ergonomic tools, enable even more specialized concentrations. People who think they can benefit from occupational therapy should first consult with a primary care physician or a discharge team from a hospital to find out which OT services may benefit them.

# Potential treatment options after a breast cancer diagnosis

A breast cancer diagnosis is something no one wants to receive. But the burden of breast cancer is substantial. In fact, the World Health Organization notes that breast cancer is the most commonly occurring cancer in women worldwide.

Thankfully, breast cancer survival rates are high in many parts of the world, particularly in developed countries such as the United States, Canada and Japan. While survival rates are lower in developing countries, it is encouraging to know that the average five-year survival rates are as high as 90 percent in some nations. That suggests that the strategies used to successfully fight breast cancer in developed nations may one day prove as effective in developing nations, potentially leading to a sharp decline in global breast cancer deaths.

Upon being diagnosed with breast cancer, patients will be educated about a host of potential treatment options. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention note that breast cancer is treated in several ways, and the course of treatment a doctor recommends will depend on the kind of breast cancer and how far it has spread. In addition, accord-



ing to Breastcancer.org, breast cancer is made up of many different kinds of cancer cells, which often necessitates the use of various types of treatments to get rid of the cancer.

The following are some treatment options doctors may discuss with breast cancer

st patients.

• Surgery: Breastcancer.org notes that surgery is typically the first line of attack against breast cancer. The CDC says the goal of surgery is to cut out cancer tissue. Some common breast cancer surgeries include lumpectomy, in which the tumor and a small amount of surrounding tissue is removed, and mastectomy, in which all of the breast tissue is removed. • Chemotherapy:

Chemotherapy is used to treat various types of cancer and involves the administration of special medicines to shrink or kill existing cancer cells. Breastcancer.org notes that chemotherapy is sometimes administered prior to surgery in an attempt to shrink the cancer.

• Radiation therapy: Radiation therapy aims to kill cancer cells using high-energy rays that are similar to X-rays. Sometimes referred to as "radiotherapy," radiation therapy is overseen by a radiation oncologist who specializes in this type of treatment.

• Hormonal therapy: Estrogen makes hormone-receptor-positive breast cancers grow, and hormonal therapy, which may be referred to as "anti-estrogen" therapy, aims to reduce the amount of estrogen in the body and block its action on breast cancer cells.

• Targeted therapies: These therapies, which Breastcancer. org notes are generally less likely than chemotherapy to harm normal, healthy cells, target specific characteristics of the cancer cells. Cancer cells can have many characteristics, so there are various types of targeted therapies.

Breast cancer treatments can be highly effective in the fight against breast cancer, particularly when the disease is caught in its early stages.

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# HEALTH

# **Exercise and aging: How to work out safely after 50**

In an ideal world, people young and old exercise each day. But as men and women age, finding time to work out is not so easy.

Commitments to work and family often take precedence over daily exercise. As a result, many people 50 and over might not have exercised regularly or at all in many years. But as children grow up or even move out, people facing down their golden years are often compelled to get back in the gym. That's a wise decision that can increase a person's chances of being healthy and happy in retirement. But before beginning a new exercise regimen, men and women over 50 should take heed of the following safety tips to ensure their efforts are not derailed by accident or injury.

· Speak with your physician. The National Institute on Aging notes that even people with chronic conditions such as heart disease, diabetes or arthritis can be physically active. However, anyone with such a condition and even those who don't fall into those categories should consult with their physicians and receive a full physical before exercising. Such a consultation and checkup can shed light on any unknown issues, and physicians can offer advice on how to safely manage any problems that may arise.

• Begin with low-intensity exercises. Even if you feel great and have maintained a healthy weight, don't push yourself too hard at the start. Your body needs time to adjust to physical activity, so choose low-intensity exercises like walking and light strength training so



your muscles, tendons and ligaments can adjust. Initially, exercise every other day so your body has ample time to recover between workouts.

• Choose the right places to exercise outdoors. Exercising outside provides the best of both worlds for many people, providing a chance to get healthy all while enjoying the great outdoors. When exercising outdoors, choose areas that are not remote and where others can see you and offer help if you suffer an injury or have an accident. Boardwalks, public parks and outdoor gyms are safer places to work out than wooded areas or other places well off the beaten path.

• Stay hydrated. The NIA notes that many people lose their sense of thirst as they age. But just because you aren't thirsty does not mean you don't need water, especially while exercising. Water regulates body temperature and lubricates the joints, thereby decreasing your risk of injury during exercise.

Exercising after 50 can help people live healthy well into retirement. But caution must be exercised when aging men and women return to exercise after a long break.

# 3 tips to overcome everyday aches and pains



Pain is a significant concern for many people. Estimates from the International Association for the Study of Pain suggest that one in five adults across the globe suffer from pain.

Pain can affect anyone, even people who have not been in an accident or suffered an injury while playing a sport or performing another physical activity. For example, lower back pain, which can be caused by sitting at a desk for long stretches of time, is the most common type of chronic pain in the United States. Such pain may be unavoidable, but that does not mean it and other types of everyday aches and pains cannot be overcome.

1. Begin a well-rounded exercise regimen.

Regular exercise that includes both strength training and cardiovascular exercise increases blood flow and helps build a strong core. A strong core supports the spine and reduces the pressure on it, making it less likely people who sit for long stretches at a time will end their days with lower back pain. Routine exercise also helps other areas of the body by keeping muscles loose and flexible. Before beginning a new exercise regimen, men and women, especially those with existing aches and pains, should consult their physicians about which exercises they should do and which they might want to avoid.

### 2. Employ RICE.

RICE, which stands for rest, ice, compression, and elevation, can help men and women overcome the aches and pains that result as the body ages and tendons begin to lose some of their elasticity. RICE might be most helpful for people who have been diagnosed with tendinitis. Athletes over 40 who engage in activities that require repetitive motion might need to take more days off between rounds of golf or other competitive and/or repetitive activities. If tendinitis flares up, take some time away, icing any sore areas, wrapping them in bandages, and elevating them while resting. Athletes rarely want to sit on the sidelines, but a few days off can go a long way toward alleviating the pain associated with tendinitis.

3. Recognize your body may develop some limitations.

Age should not prevent you from being physically active, and numerous studies have touted the benefits of continuing to exercise into your golden years. However, as the body ages, muscle fibers become less dense, resulting in a loss of flexibility that increases the risk of injury and/or soreness. As men and women grow older, they shouldn't abandon activities like gardening or strength training. But they may need to scale back on the intensity with which they perform such activities. Doing so can prevent the kinds of muscle strains associated with aging.

Pain affects more than one billion people across the globe. But some simple strategies can help people overcome pain and enjoy a rich quality of life.

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