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Friday, July 26, 2019

Local senior becomes target of anti-Semitic vandalism

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – Police continue to investigate after anti-Semitic images were painted on a resident's door at Senior Living at Prouty.

Police responded to the senior housing facility on July 15 after multiple stars and swastikas were found on Alan Saltz's first-floor apartment door. The images, which have since been painted over by the building's maintenance staff, were photographed and documented by police as part of their investigation.

"I was completely shocked and appalled when I saw what had been done," said Saltz, who has lived at the facility for nearly three years.

Saltz, who is Jewish, told the New Leader he has never been the target of hate crimes before. He did previously contact Spencer Police over allegations of theft at the facility, claiming his keys and other items were briefly stolen and then returned to his apartment three days later. That police investigation did not lead to any sus-

pects or arrests.

After the July 15 incident, Saltz, 73, said he is considering moving out of the 195 Main St. facility. In addition to the incidents he reported to police, he also described his rocky relationship with a member of the building's maintenance staff. He said leadership at the facility has not attempted to find solutions to these ongoing issues.

"I have had problems with this man since the day I moved in. He just doesn't like me," Saltz said.

The facility does not feature interior cameras to monitor its corridors, but the building does have a secure entry system preventing non-residents from gaining access.

"You can't get in there without a key, so whoever did this is likely a resident or a guest of a resident," said Spencer Police Chief David Darrin. "This is someone who has legitimate access to the building."

Saltz asked police if he could see the photos taken of the images, but department policy prevents the photos from

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NORTH BROOKFIELD SAVINGS BANK NAMES HAT CONTEST WINNER

Courtesy Photo

Long rainy days and spring storms have been chased away and summer is finally here, bringing with it sunny days, summer fun, and warm weather. For Ronna Shea, a resident of Ware, the summer fun began right away when she found out that she was the lucky June winner of North Brookfield Savings Bank's Hat Contest. Each month, anyone spotted wearing a North Brookfield Savings Bank hat in the community by a Bank representative is entered into a drawing to win a \$100 gift certificate to a local establishment. Ronna Shea was spotted wearing her North Brookfield Savings Bank hat by Branch Support Specialist Wendy Swallow in Ware. She later visited the Ware branch location to collect her \$100 gift certificate to the local and loved Salem Cross Inn located in West Brookfield.

To learn more about North Brookfield Savings Bank Hat Contest and all of the convenient banking products and services offered, visit www.NorthBrookfieldSavingsBank.com.

East Brookfield students invited to help design centennial calendar

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

EAST BROOKFIELD – A year of celebration is almost here, and local students are invited to help residents mark their calendars for a busy 2020.

In advance of the town's centennial celebration next year, the East Brookfield 100th Anniversary Committee is hosting a calendar page design contest. Students ages five to 18 are asked to submit a

high-quality photograph of a location in town, as well as a poem or narrative related to the image.

Ten winners will be chosen, each receiving a \$25 Amazon gift card. The contest is open to all students who live in town or attend a school in the Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District.

Members of the 100th Anniversary Committee are excited to bring students into the festivities, which will include a packed schedule of celebratory events.

And what better way to keep track of them all than a town-themed calendar?

"We want to get as many people involved in our celebration as possible. We are a small town, but we traditionally have big celebrations," said 100th Anniversary Committee member Heather Gablaski. "The calendar will help promote the events we have planned, especially

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Road work continues on Route 9

LEICESTER – Drivers are reminded that a construction project on Route 9 will continue throughout the summer from the Worcester line to Paxton Road.

Work began on July 21, and night construction is expected to last through the next eight weeks. Work will take place on Sundays through Thursdays, from approximately 7 p.m. to 5 a.m.

Drivers are asked to seek alternate routes during those times, as significant traffic delays are expected. Motorists who must use Route 9 in that section of town are reminded to drive slowly and stay alert for police and construction personnel.

CELEBRATE THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE APOLLO MOON LANDING!

The Wizard and his Rocket and Airplane Building Workshop will appear at the Merrick Public Library in Brookfield on Thursday, Aug. 8, starting at 6 p.m. Learn how to build your own Air Powered Rocket and Airplane. Learn the basic properties of flight as you test your skills for: flight length, flight accuracy, controlled banks, turns, and stunts. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Brookfield Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency." This program is free and opened to the public but may require pre-registration. Please contact the library for more information: 867-6339.



Courtesy Photo

Explore the universe with Merrick Library summer programs

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

BROOKFIELD – Are you searching for a place to beat the summer heat? Look no further than Merrick Public Library, which has a busy August schedule of events.

Many of the activities coincide with this year's summer reading program – "A Universe of Stories" – which cele-

brates the 50th anniversary of the moon landing.

On Thursday, Aug. 1, at 6 p.m., the library will present a program called "Challenger – Soaring with Christa." The program focuses on the life of Christa McAuliffe, a teacher and astronaut who died along with six other crew members in the Space Shuttle Challenger disaster. An educational pioneer,

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Spencer Parks and Rec sponsors concerts at Powermill

SPENCER — The Spencer Parks and Recreation Commission is sponsoring its second summer concert series at the pavilion at Powdermill Park. This park with its playground provides the perfect setting for a series of concerts designed to promote family fun and provide a positive step forward in improving Spencer's cultural quality of life. The project is supported in part by a grant from the Spencer Arts Council (a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council) and the Spencer Parks and Recreation

Commission. Rain location for concerts is Great Hall at Spencer Memorial Town Hall. Bringing of lawn chairs is advised.

The concert dates are as follows:
 July 8 at 6 p.m.: South Spencer Jazz Quartet-Its Jazz night at the Powdermill Pavilion. Jazz lovers do not miss this one!
 July 15 at 6 p.m.- Ragtime 5- Take a trip back in time to the era of the 1890's through 1920's with this five piece group. Prepare to enjoy Sousa marches, Joplin rags, and popular music that

marked the era known as the Roaring Twenties.

July 22 at 6 p.m.- Dixieland Stomp-Don't miss this high energy performance that will get your feet stomping to lyrics that will get you laughing. Louis Armstrong fans will really love this show.

July 29 at 6 p.m.: Rhythm-Come enjoy music from the '20's to the '90s. Come make your requests and listen to our favorite music from across the decades.

Aug. 5 at 6 p.m.: The Jolly Kopperschmidts- This band is a six-

piece professional Bavarian orchestra with trombone and or flutes, trumpets, accordion, drums, and tuba. This group is own of the best German style bands around!

Aug. 12 at 5 p.m.- The Bad Tickers-Close out the summer concert series with the group known as Central New England's Go to Party Band. Whether you like country, blues, jazz, funk, or rock, the Bad Tickers will play it from the heart. If you have been to the East Brookfield fireworks, you know what a treat you are in for!

Legislators announce safety grants for local schools

BOSTON – Rep. Todd M. Smola (R-Warren), Rep. Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr. (R-Spencer) and Sen. Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) are pleased to announce that the Pathfinder, Quaboag and Tantasqua school districts have all been awarded funding through the "Safer Schools and Communities Initiative."

will receive \$8,696 for exterior locks, security and ID cutout numbers. Quaboag Regional School District will receive \$34,900 for portable analog/digital radios, repeaters, and Public Safety Link. Tantasqua Regional School District will receive \$36,400 for additional security cameras.

"Ensuring the safety of students and school staff members is paramount," said Rep.

Smola. "I want to commend our local school districts for all the work they do throughout the year and the Office of Public Safety and Security for making these funds available."

"The safety of students, faculty, staff and visitors to our schools and grounds is a priority," said Sen. Gobi. "These grants will help our schools to continue to upgrade with newer technology and equip-

ment and I am glad to support those efforts."

The Massachusetts Office of Public Safety and Security is releasing \$7.2 million in funding for school districts and charter schools. This funding will assist public schools and local municipalities with enhancing school security and the safety of students and staff. Grants will be used for retrofitting and upgrading school

buildings with safety and security enhancements including, but not limited to, classroom door locks, security cameras or active shooter detection systems.

For additional information please contact Representative Smola at Todd.Smola@mahouse.gov or (617) 722-2100.

Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical School

Farmers' market coupon distribution planned for local seniors

LEICESTER – Local seniors are invited to attend a farmers' market coupon distribution event next month.

The event is slated for Thursday, Aug. 1, beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the Leicester Senior Center. To be eligible to take

part in the program, residents must meet the following requirements:

Recipients must be at least 60 years old

Recipients must meet federal income requirements (at or less than 185 percent of the poverty level; at or less than \$23,107 annually or \$1,926 per month)

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Bad Tickers take the stage in East Brookfield

Kevin Flanders Photos

EAST BROOKFIELD – The town’s summer concert series is rolling along at Connie Mack Field, most recently with a performance from The Bad Tickers on July 18.

The Thursday night concerts will continue throughout August, with each free show beginning at 6 p.m. Hotdogs, hamburgers, and refreshments are available each week at the snack shack.

Upcoming performances will include a local talent night (Aug. 1); Rosie Porter and the Neon Moons (August 8); and Big Gunz (Aug. 15). A rain date is slated for Aug. 22 if weather cancels one of the shows.

The program is sponsored by the East Brookfield Cultural Council.



Dean Iacobucci, left, and Nathan Gershman help keep guests well fed.



The Mulrain family, of Brookfield, spends a night at Connie Mack Field.



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VANDALISM

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being released until the investigation is complete. Meanwhile, officials from MHPI, Inc., which runs Senior Living at Prouty, continue to work with police as the investigation evolves.

“MHPI takes allegations of anti-Semitism and racism very seriously, and there is a zero tolerance policy in place,” said Jeffrey Turk, an attorney representing MHPI, Inc. “We are active-

ly working with the police, and we will take all appropriate legal action once the investigation is complete.”

Officials from MHPI, Inc., declined to comment for this story, referring all inquiries to Attorney Turk’s office.

Senior Living at Prouty, located at the former David Prouty Intermediate School, features 35 senior housing units. MHPI, Inc., runs several other supportive housing facilities throughout the state.

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North Brookfield Savings Bank hires Jennifer Flowers as Mortgage Loan Processor and Closer

NORTH BROOKFIELD — North Brookfield Savings Bank is pleased to announce the recent hire of Jennifer Flowers as Mortgage Loan Processor/Closer within the Residential Lending Department.

“We are so pleased to announce Jen joining the Mortgage Center team,” said North Brookfield Savings Bank President and CEO Donna Boulanger. “With her previous experience and her proven commitment to excellence, I am confident that she will be a great asset to NBSB, helping the Bank to continue to offer our customers a positive and supportive loan experience.”

Jennifer Flowers, of Worcester, joins the Mortgage Center team located at the Loan Center, 35 Summer Street in North Brookfield. In her role as Mortgage Loan Processor/Closer her responsibilities are originating and processing consumer loans, reviewing applications, helping customers choose the best loan product for their needs, preparing and delivering all applications, related documents, and disclosures in a timely manner, communicating with credit bureaus, outside service providers, real estate agents, employers, and



Jennifer Flowers

other financial institutions related to loan verification and closings, and preparing loan files for closing.

Flowers most recently served as the Assistant Director of Financial Aid/Loan Coordinator for Anna Maria College in their Financial Aid Office where she audited student files, certified and distributed all federal and private funding, reconciled all federal funding, monitored various on-campus budgets, and trained new employees. She has also served as a Loss Prevention Detective for Macy's, a Teller for Country Bank, and an Asset Protection Specialist for Best Buy. In addition, Flowers is an actively licensed Notary Public for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Flowers has a Bachelor of Science in Forensics Criminology, a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, an Undergraduate Certificate in Victim Studies, a Master of Science in Criminal Justice, a Graduate Certificate in Victim Studies, a Graduate Certificate in Fraud Examination/Forensic Accounting, and is currently pursuing her Master of Business in Business Administration/Management and is expecting to graduate in August 2019.

Flowers has held many volun-

teer positions, most recently serving as a Financial Representative on the Retention Committee at Anna Maria College and as a Staff Representative in the Parking Committee at Anna Maria College. She has also served as both President and Vice President of her undergraduate class, and proudly volunteered for Day of Caring and the Susan G. Komen/Relay for Life events.

“I am excited to be a part of the tight-knit community here at NBSB and to get to know our customers and communities,” said Mortgage Loan Processor/Closer Jennifer Flowers. “I look forward to building strong professional relationships with my colleagues and connecting with our customers as I assist them through the mortgage process. I hope to continue to grow my lending knowledge and to further develop my customer service, financial analysis, and auditing skills.”

Jennifer Flowers, Mortgage Loan Processor/Closer, NMLS ID# 1868728 can be reached directly by calling 508-637-7414 or by emailing JFlowers@BankNBSB.com. For loan information, contact the North Brookfield Savings Bank Loan Center at 508-867-1302 or visit NorthBrookfieldSavingsBank.com for up to date rates and offers.

North Brookfield Savings Bank announces promotion

NORTH BROOKFIELD — North Brookfield Savings Bank is pleased to announce the recent promotion of Cheryl Orne to a new role within the Retail Banking Department.

“Cheryl has continually shown her dedication to providing North Brookfield Savings Bank's customers, communities and her coworkers with the absolute best service and

support. We are so pleased to announce her well-deserved promotion and to have her continue to grow with North Brookfield Savings Bank,” said North Brookfield Savings Bank Senior Vice President Patty Ostroff. “She is highly experienced and I have no doubt that she will bring a wealth of knowledge to her new position that will help NBSB continue to offer our customers a great banking experience.”

Cheryl Orne, of North Brookfield, has been promoted to Branch Operations Manager. Orne will be responsible for managing internal reporting tools, managing the Bank's supply warehousing system, maintaining, updating and implementing procedures & forms, providing training for retail staff, managing Instant Issue, as well as providing fire, robbery and fraud training. Orne will assist the Senior Vice President of Retail Banking with departmental needs and in addition, she will process consumer loan applications and mortgage applications.

Orne most recently served North Brookfield Savings Bank as a Senior Operations Specialist which entailed providing customer service and

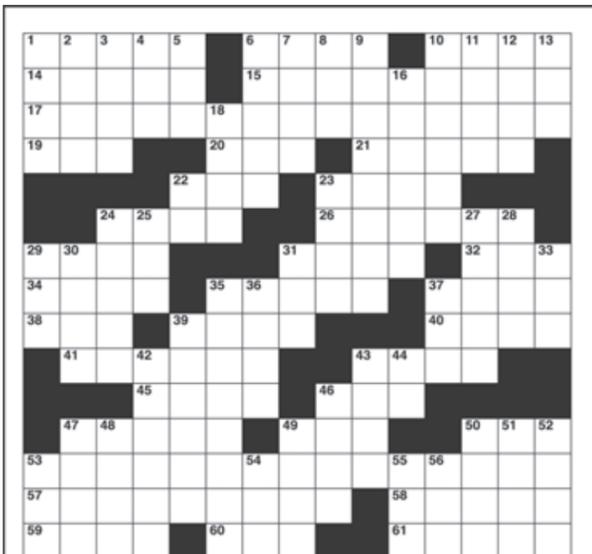


Cheryl Orne

involved in two Camp Putnam fundraising events and presented the Bank's scholarship to a deserving student at North Brookfield High School. In addition, you will see her at the upcoming North Brookfield Savings Bank sponsored July 3 Concert and Bonfire for West Brookfield Concerts on the Common where she will hand-out giveaways and help children make crafts.

“I am so glad to be able to utilize the experience that I've gained in the back-end operations of banking and apply it to our retail department,” said Branch Operations Manager Cheryl Orne. “I am happy to begin creating new procedures and help train fellow employees, it's a part of the job I find really exciting. I'm also greatly looking forward to getting to meet our customers face-to-face, to build relationships and be a part of what makes banking at North Brookfield Savings Bank so great.”

If you want to reach Cheryl Orne to discuss North Brookfield Savings Bank deposit accounts or your consumer lending needs, call 508-637-7401 or email corne@BankNBSB.com. NMLS ID# 1854125.

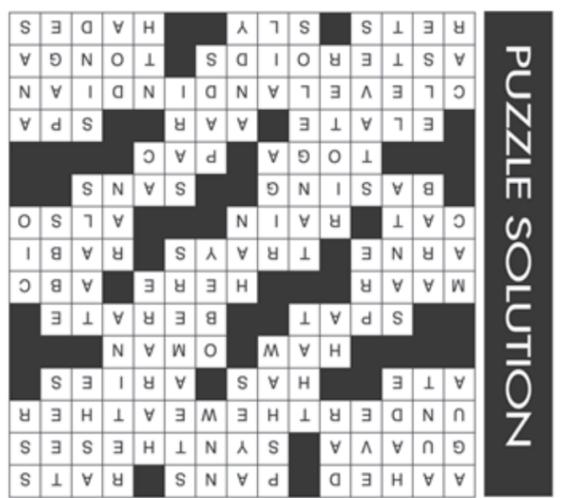


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- 10. Turncoats
- 14. Tropical fruit
- 15. Combinations of ideas
- 17. Sick
- 19. Consumed
- 20. Is in possession of
- 21. Zodiac sign
- 22. Hem and ___
- 23. Small country along the Arabian Peninsula
- 24. Petty quarrel
- 26. Scold
- 29. Volcanic crater
- 31. Present
- 32. TV network
- 34. "Rule Britannia" composer
- 35. Some hold lunches
- 37. Spring harvest in South Asia
- 38. Feline
- 39. Precipitation
- 40. In addition
- 41. Using as a foundation
- 43. Without
- 45. Ancient Roman garment
- 46. Political action committee
- 47. A way to excite
- 49. Swiss river
- 50. A place to relax
- 53. NE Ohio ballplayer
- 57. Rocky bodies orbiting the sun
- 58. Horse-drawn vehicle
- 59. Soaks
- 60. Cunning
- 61. The underworld

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Water (Spanish)
- 2. Your parent's sister
- 3. Incline from vertical
- 4. The night before
- 5. Female descendants from American revolutionaries
- 6. Exclamation of disgust
- 7. Affirmative votes
- 8. Midway between north and northwest
- 9. Soft-shell clams
- 10. Layer at the back of the eye
- 11. Tennis great Arthur
- 12. Where golf games begin
- 13. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 16. Capital of Zimbabwe
- 18. This and ___
- 22. Laugh
- 23. Adhere to the rules
- 24. He comes each December
- 25. Before
- 27. Hindu cymbals
- 28. ___ and flows
- 29. Personal computer
- 30. Semite
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- 33. Data executive
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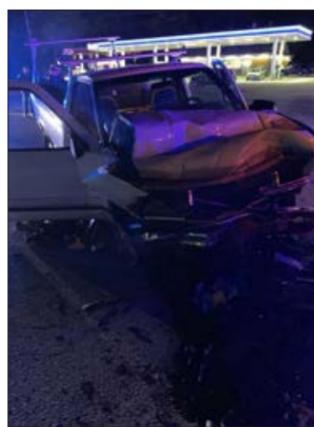
Three-town chase ends in arrest

SPENCER — A three-town police pursuit last week ended with a collision and an arrest. Early on the morning of July 19, Spencer Police pursued a 1998 Chevrolet pickup truck fleeing the scene of a domestic assault

incident. The chase continued with additional officers into Charlton and eventually Oxford, where the pickup truck collided with a tractor trailer rig.

The pickup truck driver, Joshua James Sampe, 40, of 10 Church St. in Spencer, was transported to UMass Memorial Medical Center in Worcester with non-life-threatening injuries. As of press time, he remained in the hospital's intensive care unit.

Police will provide a full list of charges against Sampe after the completion of their investigation.



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A Spencer man crashed his pickup truck last week after fleeing police through three towns.

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Cruise into Joe's Drive-In for classic cars and conversation



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Matt Kunesch, of Barre, shows off his 1966 Ford Mustang.

LEICESTER – Summer nights are made for cruising, and residents have enjoyed classic cars and good conversation each week at Joe's Drive-In Restaurant.

From 5 p.m. to dusk each Thursday, plenty of classic vehicles from throughout the area are on display at the restaurant. On July 18, the New Leader caught up with a few owners who enjoy hitting the road and grabbing a bite to eat at Joe's.

"It's a lot of fun to meet people and talk with them about all sorts of things," said Barre's Matt Kunesch, who brought his 1966 Ford Mustang.

John Tebo, of Spencer, and several other guests brought cars they have restored over the years. It took Tebo about six years to complete his work on a 1978 Chevy Malibu.

If you would like to show off your ride, cruise down to Joe's Drive-In on Thursday evenings (1673 Main St.).



It took Spencer's John Tebo six years to complete work on this 1978 Chevy Malibu.

LIBRARY

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McAuliffe's many goals and accomplishments are explored in this multi-media performance experience, which debuted in 2016. Suitable for all ages, the running time of this program is approximately 75 minutes.

A rocket workshop with Ed the Wizard will be held at the library on Thursday, Aug. 8, at 6 p.m. Sponsored by the Brookfield Cultural Council, this event will enable youngsters to build their own air-powered rocket and airplane while

learning the basic properties of flight. Participants will also be able to test their skills in flight length, flight accuracy, controlled banks, turns, and stunts. This program is recommended for kids ages seven and up.

Drop-in craft time sessions will take place on Fridays in August from 1-4 p.m. Kids can color various designs, decorate with stickers, and make buttons and magnets with a new device secured by the library. This program is suitable for kids of all ages.

Meanwhile, the Banister Book Group will meet on

Tuesday, Aug. 27, at 6:30 p.m. "Something in the Water", written by Catherine Steadman, tells the story of a newlywed couple that discovers far more than tropical paradise on the island of Bora Bora. While scuba diving in the crystal blue sea, the couple's mysterious discovery forces them to make a dangerous decision that could have far-reaching implications.

The library's adult book group meets on the last Tuesday of every month from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at 18 Common St.. For kids, don't forget to take advantage of the library's partnership with Brookfield

Elementary School that rewards youngsters for books read this summer. The prizes currently available are on display, so bring in your completed summer reading list and pick up a prize (open to kids of all ages).

The library also reminds residents of its ongoing services, including free home delivery and pick-up of library materials for anyone housebound on Fridays. Please call the library for more information.

Patrons are also

reminded of the library's policy for computers and the photocopier to be shut down 15 minutes prior to closure each day. Please plan your projects accordingly.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

How evil began!

To the Editor:

Evil began when Lucifer, God's beautiful created perfect angel was so impress with himself, his own beauty, intelligence, power that he began honor and glorify himself that belonged to God. Lucifer's pride represents the actual beginning of evil, sin in the universe preceding the fall of the human race, Adam.

It starts with the accounts of Lucifer also known as the morning star, and today he is better known as Satan, Satan was Lucifer before his fall.

Pride was Lucifer's [Satan's] sin. Pride cost Satan to be cast from heaven [Isaiah 14: 12] as pride will cast us from God, Jesus presents.

Lucifer [Satan] was created by God, the model of perfection, full of wisdom, perfect in beauty and anointed the guardian cherub [angel] by God. However, Lucifer [Satan] was driven from his place of honor because of his pride [Ezekiel 28: 12-17]

Now today for us, what we will experience because of the pride and fall of Lucifer [Satan] and the fall of Adam through Satan, narrow will be the way for us and we will be expected to carry our cross daily. [Matthew 7: 13-14, & 10: 38] and God ordained Jesus His Son to be the way for us.

Pride is a high opinion of one self and to some it is an overly high opinion of one self, and, prideful people can be

conceited and can lead their downfall as it did for Lucifer [Satan] and today Satan uses his pride and talents to trap people like us. It is our responsibility to heed God's warning in 1 Peter 5: 8 that Satan the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

Lucifer became Satan after the Great War in heaven when Lucifer and his followers, yes, Lucifer is very cunning and was able to convince other angels to join him, and there was a war, a supreme effort for Lucifer to try and defeat God. As we all know or should know or ought to know Lucifer and his angels were defeated and cast to earth. [Revelation 12: 7-12] today, Satan is making every effort to defeat as many of God's people, Christians, encouraging them to renounce God, and, Satan is also making every effort to continue to entice the unrepentant people to continue living their immoral life style so that they will one day be united with Satan in his kingdom, eternal hell. That is Satan's greatest pleasure and would be his greatest accomplishment today to take as many with him in hell as he can. Satan has been defeated and cast from heaven and has power only on earth and he will continue to use his power to keep anyone from accepting God, Jesus and join him in hell. Misery welcomes company. Satan's pride has defeated him and his pride

will give him great pleasure when he is able to tempt people to reject God, and most of all, if Satan can seduce, tempt a Christina to backslide, this gives Satan great victory

Satan has no greater pleasure then to seduce Christians to sin against God, Jesus.

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Christmas comes to the Common

Kevin Flanders Photos

LEICESTER – Despite near 100-degree temperatures last weekend, residents still enjoyed Christmas festivities on the Town Common.

For the second straight year, families from throughout the region visited Leicester to enjoy the spirit of the season. But even Santa Claus and his friends couldn't bring a refreshing chill to the July 20 event, which featured sev-

eral vendors, raffles, children's activities, and other programs. All proceeds will support the town's Christmas on the Common endeavor.

Last year, the event debuted with an impressive number of vendors, and even more crafters took part this year. By the time the afternoon rolled around, exhausted vendors were grateful that organizers decided to end the event a few hours early to beat the extreme heat.



It might be 100 degrees, but this snowman is thriving on the Common.



Christmas displays popped up throughout the Common.



Leicester-based Vibra Healthcare representatives handed out plenty of gifts throughout the day.



Hudson Fontaine, two, of Leicester, shows off his Santa beard.



Rose Cleveland, left, and Jill Hultquist, of Leicester, welcome guests to their tent.



Santa and Mrs. Claus show off their summer attire.



The Derrick family, of Leicester, chills out with tasty treats on a hot day.



Landon Durant, two, of Leicester, gets a ride through a Christmas village.

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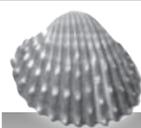
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

God bless the USA...we need all the help we can get!

To the Editor:

Greetings to all the people who contribute their time and thoughts to these editorial pages. Namely, Mr. McRae, Mr. Pacenti, Mr. Blais, Mr. Ivel and others that I cannot recall. You all have something to say which, if it makes someone stop and think just for a moment, empowers us all. I enjoy reading all of you.

That being said, I would like to throw my two cents worth into the fray if I may. First of all, I just want to let everyone know that I am not a "Trumpeteer." I did vote for President Trump in 2016, however. My expectations were low, but my hopes were high. He has certainly lived up to my expectations. I had hoped that he could be a unifying force for our political parties. Get the Legislative Branch off its petard and do right by we the people who elected them.

Instead, President Trump has become the head clown in the flying circus that we call our government. If only Melania would take his phone away until he can use it responsibly, he would save himself a lot of back pedaling and the American people some embarrassment. I understand that he's not a politician. That's why so many people, myself included, voted for him. To put an end to the Status Quo of the political parties, at least in the Executive Branch to begin with. Right out the gate, both parties attacked him. The conservatives don't like him because he certainly is not an old school conservative. The liberals hate him because he doesn't cow tow to every whiner with a cause. Disliked by his own party and hated by the opposition party. That's a tough place to be in. So he Tweets or says something ridiculous off the cuff. He needs to remember that he represents US, the American people, at all times. Show a little decorum DJT. If you want to tear members of Congress a new one, go to those hallowed halls and do it the name of the people who elected them. The people that they work for! The people that you work for, Mr. President!

Enough Trumpetizing, and back to point. These letters to the editor are an open forum to speak your mind, and some people get a little wound up in doing so. Mr. Graham's rabid,

nationalist zeal makes me laugh and cringe at the same time whenever I read him. Mr. Graham once said that the United States is the only superpower on the planet, and that the other 194 countries only exist because we allow them to do so, which I thought was pretty big of us. Sorry, bubba, no superpowers at all. The US and Russia have exactly the same number of active nuclear missiles — 1,600, give or take a few. That's a fact, sir. We're both saddled with a boatload of nuclear paperweights. Here's another fact Mr. Graham. There are currently nine nuclear powers on the planet. There used to be 10 but one came to their senses and dismantled their nukes. The reason why? They are totally useless because they can never be used and they are damned expensive to maintain. A big old thumbs up to South Africa for leading the way.

One last point to ponder, if you would, Mr. Graham. You mention that we have our "traditional American stock, our own language and our own religion, which is Christianity." So, I must assume, sir, that you believe in Jesus, and that Jesus was the Christ. Some more facts coming at you, sir, and I halfheartedly apologize for them, as I was not there to witness this myself, so I cannot attest to them. The Bible tells us that Jesus was born in a manger. I guess that kind of makes him poor. We know for a fact that Jesus was born in the Middle East. That's going to make him brown, sir. And to top it all off, Mr. Graham, Jesus was Jewish. If I were a betting man, I would say that all 12 Apostles would fit into at least two of those three categories.

Where do you fit in, Mr. Graham? Are you not your brother's keeper, Mr. Christian? How does one become so malignant in thought and word Mr. American Stock? Your vitriol would have been perfect during the McCarthy era witch trials sir but it is wasted on me and the other Americans like me who keep an eye on their government and demand accountability. "Trumperica" is something that only exists in your mind sir. Seems like a pretty dark and scary place to me.

MIKE GOGUEN
LEICESTER

Coin Operated Electric

To the Editor:

Due to the incredible heat wave, many of us received an email from the electric company asking us to reduce our usage. They suggested turning thermostats up, refraining from using large appliances, and reducing the use of window air conditioners. I imagine these emails will become more frequent as our planet warms, our infrastructure ages, and we do nothing about either.

Kudos to National Grid for trying to control energy usage; however, I doubt the emails have much effect. I know people in this area who live in poorly insulated cheap apartments in more than 100 year old converted farm houses yet they are the most climate controlled residential spaces around. With the help of three or four window air conditioners, it is a refrigerator in the summer and crank the thermostat in the winter to the point where I'm not appropriately dressed wearing a sweater. All the while, they are thousands of dollars in arrears to the electric company and sinking deeper into a debt they'll never pay.

I know what you're thinking - these people must be Trumpers. Nope, the people I have in mind are fans of Bernie Sanders, get all of their news from Facebook, and don't read any newspapers (Spencer New Leader included). Ill informed is not a monopoly on the right.

I was pondering how to solve our energy gluttony. My first thought was an energy tax with a carbon surtax. In an area of the world I have family connections to, the cost of electricity as compared to median wages is four times what it is here, and people are judicious with their energy usage. One of the most significant differences in countries that don't require heating is that electricity can be cut off as quickly as an unpaid cell phone bill. Expensive bills and the fact it gets turned off for non-payment forces people to act responsibly. I can't see Republicans ever getting on board with an energy tax despite any benefits it would bring to society and the planet, so that's out. Turning off power isn't reasonable in

cold climates due to safety, so that's out.

I realized that cranking the thermostat gives instant gratification and the consequences (a big bill) won't come for about a month, with about two more weeks to pay for it, and non-payment consequences taking months. I had an idea - coin operated electric meters.

We should start minting \$10 coins and then require that electric account be either pre-paid or coin fed at the side of the house. When somebody put in a \$10 coin it would turn their house on until the \$10 of electricity was exhausted. While there would be instant gratification from cranking a thermostat, it would mean the meter running out quicker - much like a gas tank on a car.

The benefits would be vast. Everybody would start using less energy. Even high income people would likely cut back due to the quick tangible feedback that comes from 'feeding the meter.' A bill that arrives in four weeks is too abstract to drive a change in behavior where feeding a meter would change behavior. Lower income people would budget better and avoid surprise bills they can't pay. In addition to lower usage, all of us will have lower rates because there would be no cost of collection and no unpaid bills which are ultimately absorbed by the rest of us.

Most importantly it will lead to lower consumption, less carbon emitted into the atmosphere, and a cleaner planet.

What about people freezing who don't have the money? Plug a thermometer indoors that wirelessly connects to the electric meter. If it is out of money and the temperature is below 50 degrees then it should turn on for one hour, then off for three to create a localized rolling blackout. This will keep the indoor temperature livable while still encouraging the residents to pay for their energy.

OMAR HAR-YAROK
EAST BROOKFIELD

Some suggestions for the Opinion page

To the Editor:

In my opinion, the letters to the editor are too long, too repetitive, and too political. Shorter letters have a better chance of being read. Most of the letters are about national politics. Perhaps a better mix with the inclusion of more local issues. They are repetitive, with 168 letters being written by 10 individuals over the past 12 months. How many times do you need to say the same thing?

it. The letters reflect the division of opinion in this country, but this will diminish in time. The letters should not be used to attack others. Disagree without being disagreeable.

The individual who signs off with "God bless America and no place else!" is wrong. The song "This is my Song" appears in the Lutheran hymnal and the Catholic missal. It includes the phrase "God of all Nations."

RICHARD GRUSELL
SPENCER

If you think your reasoning is going to convince the other side, forgot

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for Letters to the Editor

Friday's Child



Selena ~ Age 7

Hi! My name is Selena and I like to color!

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Fear of missing out

Vacation photos...birthday party pics...cute selfies at a concert...the evidence is everywhere, on Facebook and other social connection platforms, and certainly in the pages of your community newspaper: lots of people are doing a ton of fun things. And some of those fun things are better than the fun things you're doing. OUCH.

While social media certainly has provided an excellent way to connect people, it is safe to say it has also been one of the unique causes of a specific type of anxiety: that everyone else is doing something great and you aren't. To put it succinctly, it's the fear of missing out. And summer is a prime breeding ground for this worry, because there is something going on somewhere, all the time.

There are the fairs and festivals, which seem to occur every weekend of every month in summer and well into fall. There's the Oyster Festival, the Sailfest; the Jazz Festival: the Craft Expo. There are festivals to celebrate blueberries, garlic, smoked meats, Irish heritage and butterflies. It's safe to say there's truly something for everyone.

There are countless "Bring a Friend" days at the local farmers market; the zoo; mini golf courses; aquariums. (These events can be twice as stressful, as it will lead to a person thinking that they are not only missing out, but are also lacking friends. Not true! Be the person who does the inviting and make someone else's day.)

One cannot overlook the special stress-inducing "Once a Year" events that speak for themselves in terms of missing out: who really wants to admit they didn't watch the Fourth of July fireworks? Or the summer solstice moon viewing? How about the first sweet corn harvest? (The stress level is multiplied by the number of children in a household who will also obsess over missing out on any yearly event.)

As we reach the mid-point of summer and all it has to offer, the fear of missing out increases with each Facebook post of That Other Family's vacation, or their perfect picnic, or their berry-picking excursion. Every edition of your community newspaper features pics of people enjoying local events. The good news is that there are tons of local events that will appeal to people of all ages, life stages and areas of interest. And the better news is that all it takes to prevent the fear of missing out is to get out the door and enjoy them!

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OPINION AND COMMENTARY FROM SPENCER, LEICESTER AND THE BROOKFIELDS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

L'état, c'est moi

To the Editor:
"L'état, c'est moi" is a phrase attributed to Louis XIV of France, who reigned from 1643 - 1715, and while often cited as a quote is most likely apocryphal. The English translation is "The state is me" or "I am the state."

This past week, President Trump attacked four members of congress. Three were born in the United States, and are thus natural born citizens; one came here as a child and was naturalized. It is worth noting that even the naturalized citizen has been in the country longer than Melania, has been a citizen longer than Melania, and never overstayed a visa previously. All were U.S. citizens with equal right to this country and equal voices to change this country to any of us. All four were duly elected by the U.S. Citizens in their districts to push their worldview on the federal stage. I would argue that given their party and election campaigns, criticizing President Trump is their job. We the People pay them a salary to do exactly what they are doing.

Telling these members of Congress to "go back" is simply inappropriate. They are Americans representing Americans in Congress. Their home country is the United States of America. Treating any citizen as "less than" is un-American. The fact that all were non-white American citizens and that three of them have never had a home other than the United States makes the statement blatantly racist. It isn't the first and won't be the last racist statement out of the President so in some ways it isn't news.

The President doubled down, and then he tripled down. Most recently he said that these congresswomen were "incapable" of loving America. While they may be incapable of loving President Trump, I believe they do love America and are performing the job they were elected to do. President Trump's assertion that they are incapable begs the question on what grounds? Ethnicity?

It seems that in contemporary America we all agree that 'racist' is unacceptable but we don't agree on the definition or where the line is. Lindsey Graham has recently said that the President is not a racist, but instead a narcissist.

Sen. Graham said, "If you're a Somali refugee who likes Trump, he's not going to say, 'Go back to Somalia.' ... It's not about being from Somalia. It's about whether you support him or not." On Thursday, Graham presented a similar defense of the "Send her back" chant. "If you're a Somali refugee wearing a MAGA hat, he doesn't want to send you back. You'll probably have dinner at the White House," said Graham. "If you embrace his policies, it doesn't matter where you come from."

McRae is nothing for the Faux Five to be afraid of

To the Editor:

Thank you to the Spencer New Leader staff for publishing the letters to the editor. I look forward to the commentary and opinions of my neighbors in every edition.

In particular, I have enjoyed reading the ongoing back and forth of John McRae and the Faux Five. I value listening to both sides of the story and drawing my own independent

conclusions. Mr. McRae sparked my interest in a recent letter inviting the group he calls the Faux Five, who enjoy responding to his articles, to Cumby's for a chat. He seems to have this idea there is some kind of conspiracy going on.

Well, that did it for me. I have to admit, my curiosity got the best of me, and I just had to visit and see if the vision I had of this man in my head was anything close to accurate. When I arrived, I approached a gentleman I suspected was Mr. McRae, and he verified my inquiry. I introduced myself, and we sat in a booth to have a chat, during which I confessed my curiosity. We spoke casually while I hoped any or all of the five who enjoyed poking this guy in the eye for fun, would arrive, no luck. I was disappointed, as I know the conversation in person would have been better than the newspaper ink feud between

While I believe that is an accurate assessment of how the President thinks, and that Sen. Graham is largely correct, this reality is, in many ways, scarier. It's an elaboration, not a refutation, of the President's bigotry. He is a narcissist and a racist. He uses racism as a weapon to serve his narcissism. And his narcissism, in turn, shapes his racism. Because the President equates love of America with love of himself, he treats his domestic critics—particularly those of African, Middle Eastern, or Latin American ancestry—as enemies of the United States.

Trump has been playing this l'état, c'est moi game for years. Throughout his first presidential campaign, he impugned the patriotism of people who disagreed with him. He targeted Latinos, Muslims, Arab Americans, and African Americans. Even giving one's life in military service wasn't enough, in Trump's eyes, to overcome the sin of opposing Trump. When Khizr Khan, the father of a slain Muslim U.S. Army officer, criticized Trump's proposal to ban Muslims from entering the United States, Trump repeated his warnings about "radical Islamic terrorism" and suggested that Khan's wife, as a Muslim woman, "wasn't allowed to have anything to say." Trump justified his smear by complaining that Khan had "viciously attacked me."

We get it - our President likes autocracy. His embrace of autocratic leaders like Putin, Kim, Chinese President Xi Jinping, Saudi Arabian Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman and President Recep Tayyip Erdo an of Turkey during his recent trip to Asia. Past presidents have maintained some distance from leaders who were openly hostile to democratic values and individual freedoms; This President offers them praise and friendship and echoes their rhetoric. Tanks on the Mall might be the most overt way in which Trump emulates these leaders, but his political arguments are the more alarming way in which he does so.

The United States is a country of its people. We are a universalistic country with no ethnicity, language, or religion where what binds us is our ideals and documents. President Trump felt that patriotism in 2012 meant opposition to President Obama but in 2019 feels that those who don't support his policies need to find a new country. This attitude is un-American. Americans of all stripes should hear "l'etat, c'est moi" and vote appropriately.

EDITH MILLER
LEICESTER

them. My curiosity satisfied, meeting adjourned.

Low and behold, arriving home, the latest edition of the New Leader. A response from Mr. Omar Har-Yarok to Mr. McRae's Cumby invitation. A wonderful article which made me laugh and inspired me to respond to Mr. Har-Yarok, and here is why.

Mr. Har-Yarok, you don't have to be afraid of Mr. McRae. After meeting him, I can tell you this; you should sit down with him and discuss your differences. I would suggest the following; sit very close to him and speak very loud and clearly; don't be concerned about him. At his age, and by my estimation, he can't possibly muster up any anger or have enough energy to raise his voice, let alone shout. Brawling is out of the question, as I'm sure he's as fragile as a stained glass window. Getting shot, not a concern; even with his glasses on and sitting directly across from him, I don't think he could see me.

As for accepting the challenge of a dual from a local Trump supporter, I think you should. I haven't met you, but I think you'd have a pretty good chance.

MATT DEFOSSE
SPENCER

Don't chase last year's mutual fund category winners



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The world of mutual funds can be confusing. With more than 9,000 funds on the market, how can you choose the ones that are right for you?

One way to start is by considering the various categories of mutual funds - and there are quite a few of them: Small Cap Growth, Large Cap Growth, Large Cap Value, Diversified Emerging Markets, Foreign Large Cap Blend and more - the list is extensive, and for many people, confusing.

However, with a little study, you can understand why these funds have their names - for example, a Small Cap Growth fund will contain stocks of smaller companies thought to offer growth potential. Once you know the goals of different categories of mutual funds, you can determine which ones fit into your overall investment strategy.

This is important, because you want to ensure your portfolio is appropriately diversified. For example, if you find that almost all of your mutual funds come from the above-mentioned Small Cap Growth category, you may be taking on more investment risk than you'd like, because funds that offer the greatest growth possibilities also usually carry the highest degree of market volatility. Typically, you may be better off owning an array of mutual funds drawn from several different categories, with the percentage each category occupies in your portfolio based on your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon. (Keep in mind, though, that while diversification can help reduce the effects of volatility, it doesn't guarantee a profit or protect against losses in a declining market.)

You might be tempted to choose categories by looking at which most recently outperformed the others, and just stick with those groups. But is this a good idea?

It probably isn't - and the main reason you shouldn't chase performance this way is things change very quickly in the mutual funds arena. It's quite possible - and has happened many times - that the top category last year can fall into one of the worst-performing ones this year, and vice versa. Consequently, your efforts to capture a winning trend may be futile.

Of course, within the context of investing in various mutual fund categories, you still need to choose individual funds. And, as is the case with categories, you might be tempted to give considerable weight to a fund's track record. But, similar to the situation with fund categories, "chasing performance" is typically not a good strategy - after all, last year's "hot" fund may have cooled off considerably this year. Nonetheless, reviewing a fund's longer-term track record can help you understand how it might perform through the ups and downs of the financial markets. Always keep in mind, though, that past performance can't guarantee how the fund will perform in the future.

Mutual funds are popular investments - and for good reason. Since each fund generally contains dozens of securities, you get a degree of diversification you can't achieve from owning individual stocks or bonds. And, as discussed above, you can diversify further by owning funds from several categories. Just remember, though, that as you build your mutual fund portfolio, don't get caught up in last year's results - because old news just may not be that relevant today.

Mutual fund investing involves risk. Your principal and investment return in a mutual fund will fluctuate in value. Your investment, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than the original cost.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

God isn't dead, but Fred is!

To the Editor:

Having reached 57 years of age since my last letter here, I can assure especially younger readers that one of the best things about growing up in 1970s America was watching comparatively great television shows. An occasionally risqué British comedy that ran on American TV called "The Benny Hill Show" did a short skit one evening that brilliantly illustrated the futility of man to pronounce God dead.

The two-part scene opens with a blackboard, upon which is inscribed the assertive statement "God is dead. [Signed by] Fred." The next and final scene shows the same blackboard inscribed with the accurate and proven statement "Fred is dead. [Signed by] God." The somewhat humorous but serious lesson or moral there, for anyone who missed it, is that we are created beings; we are not our own. We don't control our own birth, nor can we extend our own life beyond that which God gives us here on earth.

While I sincerely respect and support the inquiry made and resultant logic/decision of my good friend John McRae to not respond to those whom he has previously identified here as "the faux five," after reading Mr. Omar Har-Yarok's letter in the July 19 New Leader, I've decided to take the bait and do so myself. His letter's title, "God is dead," is, of course, taken from the movement attributed to and popularized by German philosopher Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche (let's call him "Fred"), a sick homosexual atheist who went insane at age 44 and died in 1900 at age 55, suffering from a syphilitic infection to the brain.

For starters, and to be fair, Fred never knew Adolf Hitler, nor was the philosopher anti-Semitic. He might well have opposed the Nazi rise to power had he lived a little longer and been of right mind. Nevertheless, what is rather telling in examining history is how Hitler and the Nazis felt about their famous late philosopher and countryman, and it was a love fest!

Fred called Christianity and democracy the moralities of the "weak herd," and argued for the "natural aristocracy" of the Uebermensch, or superman, whose "will to power" was grounded in the material world. (ibid.). Fred's unflattering opinion of women was widely known. His works were peppered with attacks against women, and like the German pederasts of the Community of the Elite, he relegated women to the role of breeders and sexual slaves. Men, on the other hand were to be bred for war. (McIntyre, "The Pink Swastika," 4th Edition). Hitler and the Nazis were indebted to Fred for his contribution to German nationalism. Historian George Lichtheim writes "It is not too much to say that but for Nietzsche (Fred) the SS—Hitler's shock troops and the core of the whole movement—would have lacked the inspiration to carry out their programs of mass murder in Eastern Europe." (ibid. at 134). Fred's most cele-

brated book, "Thus Spake Zarathustra," was considered the "bible" of the Hitler Youth and was enshrined with Hitler's "Mein Kampf" and Alfred Rosenberg's "Myth of the Twentieth Century" in the vault of the Tannenberg Memorial, which had been erected to commemorate Germany's victory over Russia in the First World War. Hitler and the Nazis often used Nietzschean phrases such as "will to power," "live dangerously," and "Superman." (ibid. at 135). Adolf Hitler himself commissioned a shrine to Nietzsche (Fred), a memorial auditorium and library "where German youth could be taught Nietzsche's doctrine of a master race." (ibid. at 137). Nietzsche's (Fred's) influence on the Nazis is reflected in all they did. "Become hard and show no mercy," Nietzsche taught, "for evil is man's best force." One wonders whether history might have been different if Germans had been aware that the writings of their fascist "genius" may have been influenced by impaired brain function "caused by...the tertiary phase of cerebral syphilis." (ibid. at 138-139).

Further, I disagree with the assertion Mr. Har-Yarok advanced, whether it be his own, and/or Fred's: "The idea that the universe is governed by physical laws and not divine providence was pretty much settled by the 19th Century." Understanding that we, and the world we live in, are created beings/entities both can be and are in play. They are not mutually exclusive. Even physical laws have a basis, a genesis, a creation; that is, they are present and apply because... Finally, Mr. Har-Yarok also asserts that "The situation we are in today (presumably referring to President Trump, made possible with Christian voter support) is so much worse than Nietzsche could ever have imagined." Well, Omar, since Fred kicked off in 1900, well before the Third Reich kicked in and ended in the world tragedy fully witnessed by 1945, he might have been pretty damn horrified at what his fellow German admirers, the Nazis, did with his own words and philosophy (killing off 85 percent of European Jewry, et al.), don't you think? You think he'd be sweatin' Trump and American evangelicals? My take from this contrast is that the Godless, secular world of Leftist Darwinian evolutionary socialists and fascists is a far graver danger to humankind than is Western Civilization, even with the latter's most dramatic examples of Judeo-Christian imperfections and hypocrisy. We all are human (imperfect), including President Trump and Mrs. Clinton. Last time I looked, neither Jesus Christ nor His Father in Heaven, Yahweh, were candidates for President of the United States (thus, we cannot allow the theoretical "perfect" to become the enemy of the "good"). No, I don't believe that Fred would be sweatin' Trump, nor the "moral majority," as you put it!

DANA GEORGE REED
SPENCER

Trump's actions have left me no choice but to vote Democratic

To the Editor:

Mr. McRae, Thanks for responding to my original question to you several months ago: Why should I vote for President Trump in 2020, and how will he keep our Constitutional Democracy alive and well for all.

I am a registered Independent, knowing that both the Republican and Democratic parties have good policies and not so good policies for our country and all the individuals who legally live here.

Since Donald Trump has proven to try to be the spoiler of our Democracy, all the Republicans have not stepped up to defend us from him, leaving it up to the Democrats.

As I see it now, that leaves me with no other choice but to vote for a Democrat that can beat Trump in the 2020 presidential election, unless a Republican comes forward to challenge Trump and who is not a carbon copy of him and has all Americans' best interests in mind.

As you know, there are hundreds of publications and news broadcasts, including Fox News at times, that are unraveling the truths about Trump and the direction he is trying to take this country. They are all still available to us.

The Robert Mueller Hearings with Congress this week on his initial report a few months ago of Trump's corruptions, along with his close supporters' indictments, Russia's involvement in our last presidential election, should point out many concerns about Trump continuing as our President.

In addition, the small volume "On Tyranny: Twenty Lessons From The Twentieth Century" by Timothy Snyder reveals how a dictatorship develops.

According to Google: "The U.S. is a Federal Republic and a Constitutional representative democracy."

Please correct them and let us know if they are wrong.

CAROL RIZZO
SPENCER

Thank you, Ms. Cohen, for opening my eyes to a world without right and wrong

To the Editor:

I may have been one of only a handful of proud, truly faithful, life-long Irish Catholic Conservative Republicans in the great Commonwealth of Massachusetts. My family and friends back in the Berkshires would cringe whenever I referred to President Nixon as the greatest President of my life-time. Over my voting life, I voted for only one Democrat (he was a pro-lifer who ran for State Rep.), and until the July 12 edition of the Spencer New Leader, I intended to remain true to the cause. Thank you, Ms. Cohen (real or imagined), for making me see the error of my ways.

I lived all these years never knowing that all individuals are free and equal moral persons. I thought that there was good and evil, right and wrong, legal and illegal. How could I have been so misguided? I apologize for a life lived, although I still believe President Nixon is #1 (arguably of all times).

Open our borders and, while we are at it, eliminate all state borders. Open all our sea ports and airports. Let everyone in and give them all automatic citizenship with full benefits and freedom of movement. Close all the jails and prison (these people have been ripped from their families) and repeal all federal, state and local laws (people break laws in order to provide a better life for themselves and their families). Let all Russians in and we will solve the problem of them interfering in our elections - we will make them full participants in our elections. We can do the same for Iranians, Chinese and North Koreans.

Bring home our military including our NATO troops. Eliminate the Coast Guard, Army, Navy and Air Force. Keep the Marines but only as an unarmed police force to protect against any free and equally moral foreign invaders. In order to do all this we may have to rip up the Constitution but don't worry we can get a team of collage educated bartenders to rewrite it. Ms. Cohen, you are brilliant - a true American hero.

One final thought. John, you never fail to amaze me. I made a bet with myself - that way, if I lose, I will also win. On the one hand, I bet that the warrior in you would address only one of the 126 words in my letter. On the other hand, I bet that the educator in you would actually read the entire letter and only comment on the content. By the way, I was going to use Sanctimonious Six, but there were more than three syllables and it may be considered rude (especially to a non-believer) and that would be contrary to what I was trying to express. Finally, my absence was due, in part, to my care for a person that is near and dear to me. Caretaker duties can at times be 24/7. I would identify who it was, but the last time I mentioned her, you degraded and disrespected her like you and the five are apt to do. That, John, was the main point of my letter, but you didn't get it. My God, John, you even ended up disrespecting St Paul, who arguably is the greatest of all letter writers. You are right - not Silly but Sad.

JIM REID
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"Whew!" What a hot spell last week. The air conditioners were running full speed, at least at my house. Now that we have seen some cooler temperatures, fishing and other outdoor activities have resumed. This week's picture shows Sam Bloniasz with a nice three-pound smallmouth bass he caught while fishing in Maine with his dad Keith. They consistently caught smallmouth bass at the Down River Camps area in Princeton Maine, with most fish in the two-to-three-pound size. They sure had a blast catching smallmouths. Locally, bass anglers are catching some impressive large-

mouth and smallmouth bass, with many coming from Webster Lake in Webster and Wallum Lake in Douglas.

Wallum Lake has seen a surge in smallmouth bass populations at the popular fishing spot which normally produced nice size trout, but over the past ten or 15 years, it is well known that smallmouth bass were transported to Wallum by local bass anglers in their live wells. It is illegal to transport live fish from one body of water to another, but fortunately, it worked out well. Wallum Lake has some great structure to sustain the bass population, as well as crawfish and schools of baitfish for them to feed on. Four and five pound smallmouth bass are caught annually at the lake.

With August only a couple of weeks away, fly fishing anglers are eager to enjoy some great fishing for Bonito and

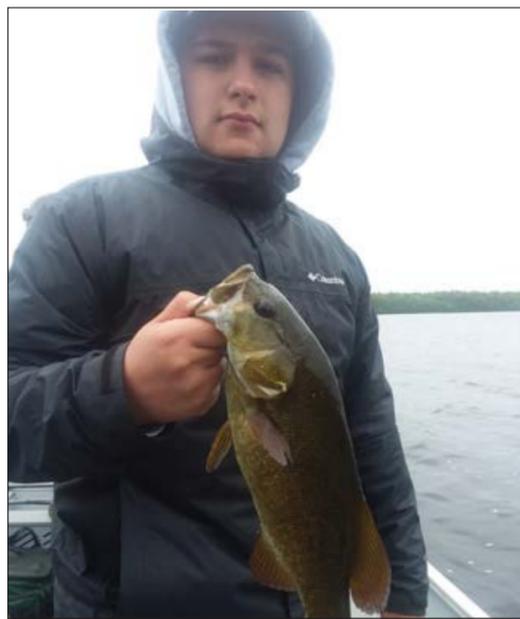
False Albacore in Rhode Island waters. The hard fighting fish do not provide very good table fare, but they sure can give the anglers that fish for them some great fishing opportunities. The fast moving schools of fish need to be constantly chased with a boat, but provide an angler with a lot of fun when one is hooked.

The absence of weakfish, also known as sea trout, are a very rare fish to catch in Mass. and Rhode Island waters these days. At one time, they were a great game fish that provided anglers with some exciting fishing opportunities, using fresh water rods with a bucktail lead head jig. Fly fishermen also had a lot of fun catching this hard fighting fish. Some also prepared the fish for the table, although this writer found it to be a very soft and tasteless eating fish.

They had extremely soft mouths, being

the reason for their name, but landing one provided some great fishing excitement. An area like Sally's Rock in Apponaug was a favorite spot for catching numerous weakfish back in the day. Some blame the rise in water temperatures over the years for their absence today, and they could be right.

The Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club will hold another archery shoot at the club off of West Street on July 28, starting at 8 a.m. The 3-D shoot is open to the public. The kitchen will be open for breakfast. Noel Rabidor is archery chairman, and he and his committee has done a great job setting up the archery course. Numerous life size 3-D targets will test everyone's skills. Bring out the family and enjoy the grounds. The club will also host a chicken BBQ and 3D shoot on Aug. 11. Tickets are now available at the club.



The Blackstone Valley Beagle Club will hold a Pig roast on Aug. 24, which is open to the public. Tickets are \$20 each. The club is located off of Walnut Street in Douglas! Get out and enjoy some of there great

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Unconventional Cooking Fixes

Clever kitchen strategies are nothing new. Generations of cooks have devised creative ways to get a job done quicker and easier. Born of necessity, many familiar kitchen tactics have served both novice and veteran cooks well. While popular prep and cooking techniques are common knowledge, a revolution of "fearless cooking" has spawned new and unconventional ideas. From separating eggs with a water bottle to using a chopstick to gauge frying temperatures, the following kitchen maneuvers bring a fresh new approach to tackling age old culinary challenges.

Culinary Problem Solvers

Problem: Separating eggs
Solution: Suck it up.

First introduced via an internet clip from China, this unconventional method offers a clean separation of yolk from the white. It's quick, easy and entertaining. Best of all, it eliminates any mess.

To do: Break an egg into a plate. Using a clean empty water bottle (standard 16 oz works well); squeeze to expel a little air from the bottle. Place neck of bottle on top of yolk and release bottle pressure. Voila! The yolk is "sucked" up into the bottle.

Problem: Cooking corn for a crowd
Solution: Cool it.

This effortless cooking trick employs an ice cooler and a little patience. Perfect for camping trips as kettles of hot water are readily available, the method works just as well for large cookout crowds.

To do: Shuck corn and place into a clean cooler. Pour in enough boiling water to cover corn. Cover cooler (make sure it has a tight fitting lid). Keep lid on for 30 minutes (don't peek)! When lid is opened, corn should be cooked to perfection.

Problem: Chill wine quickly
Solution: Salty Solution.

When pressed for time, this common sense method does the trick. The secret is salt, which lowers the freezing tem-

perature of the ice water, escalating the chill factor (same principle as ice cream).
To do: Fill a large bucket, sink, or metal pan with cold water. Add a bowl of ice cubes and a palmful of table salt to the water. Place bottle of wine in the ice water and swish around. Leave for about 12-15 minutes and the wine should be well chilled in record time!

Problem: Husking Corn
Solution: Pop corn out.

Super smooth, silk free corn on the cob is the result of this innovative procedure that uses the microwave to tame the task of husking corn!

To do: With husks intact, Cook an untrimmed ear of corn in the microwave on high setting for about four minutes (or eight minutes for two). Remove from microwave and with a serrated knife, slice the husk off the end (into the first few rows of the kernels). Using a silicone glove or potholder, grasp corn from the silky top end and give it a few hard shakes. The cob will literally slide out of the husk, leaving the silk behind!

Problem: Peeling several heads of garlic is a hassle
Solution: Shake it up!

This ingenious trick results in clean, separated garlic cloves. As an added bonus, the required shaking helps relieve kitchen tension!

To do: You'll need two large stainless steel mixing bowls. To peel several garlic heads at a time, smash each with the heel of your hand. Toss all into a large stainless steel mixing bowl. Top with another bowl and shake vigorously for about ten seconds. You'll find all the cloves clean, peeled and ready to use!

Problem: No thermometer to check oil temperature
Solution: Chinese take-out tool.

Take a tip from Asian cooks: A chopstick makes a quick and easy gauge to



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check the temp of oil to ensure fool proof frying!

To do: Dipping an unvarnished wood or bamboo chopstick into frying oil works to monitor the cooking temperature. If oil is hot enough to fry, a stream of bubbles (created by trace moisture trapped in the wood) will appear from the submerged end of the stick. Saveur Magazine reported the following temperature gauge: 320 degrees: a frail line of bubbles; 350 degrees: a swirl of bubbles all over; 375 degrees: the swirl was fast and furious. While the chopstick trick isn't an exact science, the technique can be used as a rough estimate of temperature when a thermometer is not available.

Problem: Need a travel friendly sweet that's hearty (and hardy)!
Solution: Monkey around with this jar recipe.

Old fashioned monkey bread gets a "re-do" that makes the sticky sweet treat easy to eat, store and send.

To do: Spray small (8 oz.) canning jars with non stick cooking spray. Cut each large refrigerator biscuit (Pillsbury Grands size) into eight pieces. Mix together one half cup sugar and one tablespoon sugar. Melt one half stick butter. Dip biscuit pieces into butter, then into cinnamon and sugar mix. Place eight dipped pieces into each canning jar.

Bake jars in a 400 degree oven for about 18 minutes. When jars have cooled slightly, spoon a glaze of confectionary sugar and water over the monkey bread (or dollop with frosting). To store, seal warm jars (listen for the "pop" and check for inverted cover to ensure seal).

Note: Monkey bread in a jar should be eaten within a few days. Sealing does not preserve for a long period of time, but keeps the baked good fresh and viable for transporting safely.

Here are a few more unconventional kitchen ideas:

*Want to keep your frozen fish ocean fresh? The secret is in the preparation for storage. Rinse fresh fillets in salted ice water. Fill up a ziplock freezer bag with regular water. Submerge the fillets in the water. Expel air from the bag and seal. The water keeps away freezer burn and keeps fish "just caught fresh!"

*Tame the mess of chopping herbs by spreading table salt on the cutting board. The grains help keep herbs in place.

*For perfectly clean-cut slices of cheesecake, briefly run a thin-bladed slicing knife through an open flame, then cut. Wipe the blade and reheat between cuts.

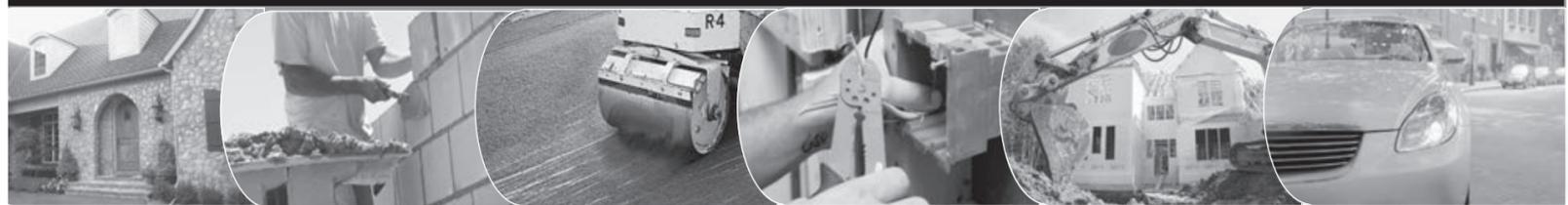
*To quickly create dried citrus zest: Grate a lemon and allow to dry on a sheet of wax paper. The next day, fold over the wax paper, press down and there you have it - lemon zest powder!

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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 E-mail KDRR@aol.com. Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.

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SPORTS

Sturbridge holds off a rallying Post 443 in Zone 4 Playoffs

POST 109 THEN SEES SEASON END AT HANDS OF MILFORD IN FOLLOWING GAME



Jason McKay photos

Cherry Valley's Jason Panient comes up firing a missile from the outfield.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

MILFORD — The Sturbridge Post 109 American Legion baseball team strung together a few hits and took advantage of some Cherry Valley Post 443 errors to score four runs in both the second and third innings en route to an 8-6 win in the sweltering sun at historic Fino Field on Saturday, July 20.

With the win Post 109 advanced to the Bracket A final of the Zone 4 playoffs, where it lost to Milford Post 59, 4-3, later that day and was eliminated from the tournament. Sturbridge finished its season with a 13-13 record. Cherry Valley (who defeated Sturbridge to open the tournament but then lost to Milford, 5-1, on July 19) finished its sea-

son 14-11.

"We didn't leave runners in scoring position today," Sturbridge manager Jim Rosseel said, referring to Post 109's 5-0 loss to Cherry Valley in the Zone 4 playoffs two days before, during which Sturbridge left 10 men on base, five in scoring position. "We showed what we can do today. That's what we can do; this is the team we are."

After a scoreless first inning for both teams Sturbridge jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the top of the second inning.

Nate Carty (two hits) walked to get the inning started and then moved to second on a bunt single by Avery Wetherbee. Carty went to third and Wetherbee to second on a single to right field by Mick Sullivan, and then Carty scored

to make it 1-0 on a sacrifice fly by Pat Wilbur (three RBI). Jon Reardon kept the inning going by reaching on a Cherry Valley error, Wetherbee scoring from second on the play to put Post 109 up, 2-0.

Colin Eliason followed with a fielder's choice to third base, which erased Reardon at second but moved Sullivan to third. Sullivan scored to make it 3-0, coming home on an RBI single by Sean Clark. Eliason moved to second on Clark's hit and then scurried to third on a passed ball. Eliason pushed the Sturbridge lead to 4-0 when he scored on an infield single to short by the next batter, Jared Langevin.

Cherry Valley cut the Sturbridge lead in half in the bottom of the second inning. Edgar Lopez (two hits) led off with a single to left, but was cut down at second when Evan Brindisi followed with a fielder's choice to short. Mike Bordeaux (3-for-3) then singled to right, moving Brindisi to second. Brindisi then went to third and Bordeaux to second on a wild pitch, and both scored to make it a 4-2 game on a two-out, two-run single by Matt Kustigian.

Sturbridge picked up in the third inning where it left off in the second. The first four Post 109 batters reached base and all four scored to extend the Sturbridge lead to 8-2.

Carty reached on a leadoff single to left and went to second when Wetherbee walked. Sullivan was next and he was hit by a pitch, loading the bases. Wilbur followed with a two-run double down the left-field line, Carty and Wetherbee scoring on the play to increase the Post 109 lead to 6-2. Sullivan made it 7-2 when he scored on a wild pitch, and Wilbur increased the lead to 8-2 by scoring on a groundout.

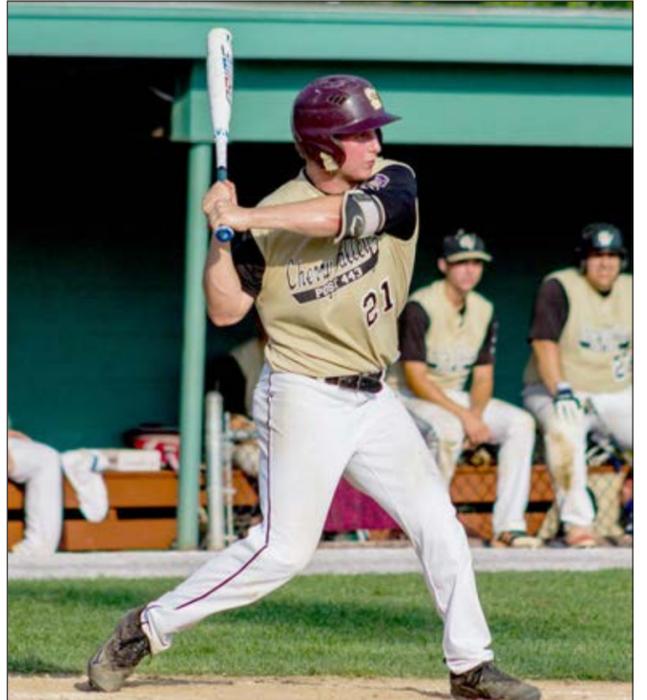
Cherry Valley again cut the lead in half, scoring twice in the bottom of the fourth to close the gap to 8-4.

Lopez started the rally by belting a double to left-center field. With one out he went to third on a single to left by Bordeaux, who alertly moved to second when the throw back to the infield went to third. Lopez and Bordeaux both scored when the next batter, pinch-hitter Ryan Berry, singled to center.

Cherry Valley added two more runs in the bottom of the fifth to cut its deficit to two runs.

With one out Tyrus Garvin (two doubles) was hit by a pitch. Chris Kustigian then walked. Jason Panient followed with an RBI double, scoring Garvin to cut the Post 109 lead to 8-5. Chris Kustigian then raced home to make it 8-6 when the throw in from the outfield was mishandled by the Sturbridge infield.

"We just couldn't get out of the hole we put ourselves in," Cherry Valley manager Jim Stephens said. "We made too many mistakes, especially early and they got a couple of key hits in the wrong spots. We battled. We weren't going to just quit. I got a great group of kids. We had a good year and next year we'll be better."



Chris Kustigian of Cherry Valley begins his swing as the ball approaches the plate.



Cherry Valley's Chris Kustigian prepares to uncork a pitch versus Sturbridge.



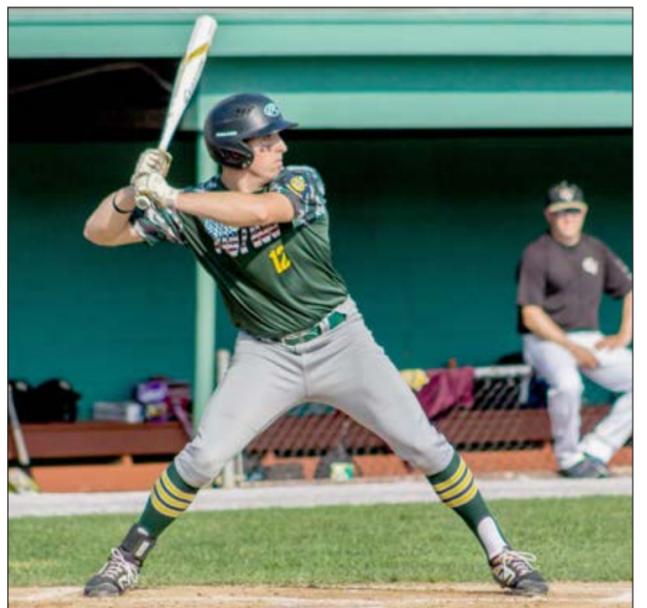
Cherry Valley's Jason Panient swings away and makes contact with the pitch.



Sturbridge's Spencer Cipro lets go of a pitch versus Cherry Valley.



Evan Brindisi of Cherry Valley steps toward his target before firing the ball off.



Jared Langevin of Sturbridge leans back before the pitch heads his way.

SPORTS

HOW THEY GOT THERE

Post 109 posts walk-off win, ending Northbridge's season



Jason McKay photos

Sturbridge's Pat Wilbur keeps his eyes peeled on the plate before releasing a pitch.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

STURBRIDGE — Sean Clark's bases-loaded walk in the bottom of the ninth inning brought Pat Wilbur home with the winning run and delivered Sturbridge Post 109 a 5-4 victory over Northbridge Post 343 in the second round of the American Legion Zone 4 playoffs on Friday, July 19 at Tantasqua Regional's William R. Emrich Field.

With the win Sturbridge advanced in the loser's bracket of the double-elim-

ination tournament to face Cherry Valley — a team that had beaten them a day prior in the tournament — in a win-or-go-home game. Because of the loss Northbridge (who lost to Milford Post 59 a day earlier, 8-0) was eliminated from the Zone 4 playoffs.

Wilbur, who started on the mound for Sturbridge, walked to begin the bottom of the ninth. He advanced to second on a balk and to third on a bunt single by Niko Gidopoulos. Gidopoulos then stole second to remove the possibility of the



Deven Kingman of Sturbridge eyes the Northbridge runner as he throws over to first base.



Sturbridge's Nolan Kingman attempts to lay down a bunt versus Northbridge.



Jared Langevin of Sturbridge stands in the box, patiently waiting on his turn to swing away.

Northbridge defense turning a double play.

Nolan Kingman (two hits) then loaded the bases by reaching on a bunt single, setting the stage for the always-patient-at-the-plate Clark (two hits, RBI).

There were no outs when the winning run scored.

"It came down to executing the bunts and they were good bunts," said Sturbridge manager Jim Rosseel, who, with the win, picked up his first American Legion coaching victory. "I give all the credit to Ray Sullivan, my assistant coach. He's the one that wanted to put in Niko, he said Niko would get the bunt down and he did.

"And then Nolan Kingman laid down the bunt, too," Rosseel continued. "We had been trying for two nights to do that and we couldn't do it, we did when it counted."

The drama of Sturbridge's game-winning rally in the ninth inning was only surpassed — maybe — by the team's seventh-inning comeback. Post 109 sent the game into extra innings by erasing a 4-1 Northbridge lead in the bottom of the seventh inning.

With one out Jared Langevin reached on an infield single to short, stole second and the scored to make it 4-2 when Avery Wetherbee singled to center field. Up next was Wilbur, who reached on a Northbridge error.

The next batter, Colin Eliason (two hits, RBI) followed with an RBI single to center that scored Wetherbee to cut the Northbridge lead to 4-3. Post 109 tied the game, 4-4, when Wilbur scored on a botched Northbridge pickoff attempt during the at-bat of Kingman.

Sturbridge had a chance to win the game in the seventh, loading the bases with two out, but Deven Kingman (two hits) popped out to end the rally and send the game to the eighth inning.

"The key was the kids' attitude. It was good coming into the dugout in the seventh inning after Northbridge went ahead, 4-1," Rosseel said. "They showed me we had a backbone. I didn't really know if they did or not at that point, but I saw that we did."

Northbridge had a rally of its own in the top of the seventh inning, scoring three times to take the aforementioned 4-1 lead.

With one out Matt Ceruti reached on a Sturbridge error. He went to second on a sacrifice bunt by Connor Gniadek and then, after an intentional walk to Dave Meech (single, double), advanced to third when Derek Angell was hit by a pitch, which loaded the bases. Ceruti put Post 343 ahead, 2-1, when Northbridge's next batter (after Angell) Zack Roberts, was also hit by a pitch.

Jon "Buck" Cray increased

Northbridge's lead to 4-1, Meech and Angell scoring when Cray's soft line drive to center field was just out of the leaping reach of Langevin, Sturbridge's second baseman.

Sturbridge grabbed a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning. Clark led off with a single to center field, went to second when a balk was called on Meech, Northbridge's starting pitcher, and took third on an infield single by Deven Kingman. He scored when Langevin was issued a bases-loaded walk.

Northbridge tied the game, 1-1 in the top of the fifth. With two out Meech doubled to right field and then scored on an RBI single to center by Angell.

"I'm frustrated. We had so many chances. I thought at 4-1 we had them," Northbridge manager John Demagian said. "We just couldn't get it done. I'm just so frustrated right now. It just doesn't seem to happen for us. Even when we do something good it doesn't seem to carry over for us. We got the lead and we couldn't close it out. We even got [Roger Leland, Sturbridge's first hitter in the seventh] out, but we still couldn't close it out."



Sturbridge's Jared Langevin throws the ball over to Roger Leland at first base.

CALENDAR

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our Roaring Twenties dance in April, the Independence Day events in July, and our huge parade and family fun day in September."

All contest entrants must include their name, age, grade, phone number, and email address with their submissions. Poems and narratives should not exceed 150 words, and photographs must only depict locations in town, not people.

All submissions must be received by Sept. 20. Please submit your entries to: East Brookfield 100th Anniversary Committee, Heather Gablaski, 275 Howe St., East Brookfield, MA, 01515. You may also drop off your submission at Town Hall, or email it to EB100th@gmail.com.

Meanwhile, plans for the centen-

nial celebration continue to come together. As the newest town in the Commonwealth (incorporated in March of 1920), East Brookfield has come a long way in a relatively short time. Residents and officials alike can't wait for the yearlong party, which will offer fun activities for families and guests of all ages.

"Our plans for celebrating the 100th anniversary of East Brookfield are coming together," Gablaski added. "We have many exciting events planned over the course of the 2020 anniversary year. A calendar will be printed with the events included on it, and we hope local children and young people will use their creativity to help us gather images for the calendar."

Additional events slated for the 2020 celebration include a reenactment of the signing of the bill that made East Brookfield its own town; the unveiling of an anniversary quilt created by the

Lashaway Quilt Guild; and a parade with a variety of marchers and floats.

The family fun day will feature such activities as tug-of-war, sack races, three-legged races, a movie, and several other offerings. Moreover, a community baseball game will be played using old-time rules as part of the 100th celebration.

For those who wish to take a glimpse into the past, historical discussions, tours of local sites, and a cemetery walk will also take place next year, providing longtime residents and newcomers with a chance to learn more about the town.

For more information about the 100th anniversary celebration, contact the organizing committee at EB100th@gmail.com. A Facebook page has also been set up to provide additional information.

ATHLETE of the WEEK

Scott Clemence

Golfing at Quail Hollow Golf & Country Club, Clemence recorded the first ace of his career on the 121-yard 17th hole, using an 8-iron. The hole-in-one was attested to by Dave Provost, Chris Keenan and Bill Lemay.

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SPORTS

EARLIER IN THE WEEK

Gilman bears down, pitches Cherry Valley past Sturbridge, 5-0



Cherry Valley's Aidan Gilman winds up and delivers a fastball to a Sturbridge batter.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

LEICESTER — It's not how you start, it's how you finish.

Cherry Valley American Legion pitcher Aidan Gilman showed just how accurate that age-old sports cliché can be in Post 443's 5-0 victory over Sturbridge Post 109 in the opening game of the Second Round of the Zone 4 playoffs on Thursday, July 18 at Rochdale Park.

Five minutes into the game Gilman — Cherry Valley's ace — faced a bases loaded, no outs predicament. It was not how the recent Quaboag Regional graduate envisioned the start of the game unfolding. At that point he took a moment to take a deep breath and gather his thoughts.

"That's a big situation to be in, especially in the playoffs," Gilman said. "So, I walked behind the mound and said to myself, 'don't let them score.' I wanted to keep it 0-0 and give my guys a chance to score some runs."

Gilman did just that, striking out the next three Sturbridge batters he faced, two on called

third strikes. The right-hander went on to have a game to remember, pitching 5-2/3 innings of five-hit, six-walk, no run ball, finishing with an eye-popping 14 strikeouts.

"Aidan was a monster tonight," Cherry Valley manager Jim Stephens said. "That's just the kind of pitcher he is; he's a dynamite pitcher. Sturbridge loaded the bases on him in the first but then he re-focused, took it a pitch at a time and got the job done. Aidan's a bulldog. He thrives on the battle. He was so pumped up coming off the mound in the first after striking out the side; it was incredible."

From the Post 109 perspective, Gilman thwarted its opportunity to take control of the game.

"It would have been a whole different game if we had gotten a hit there," Sturbridge manager Jim Rosseel said. "We had pitch count up; he threw 28 pitches in that inning. If we had gotten a hit his pitch count would have gone way up and it would have been a whole different game. But, [Gilman] pitched one hell of a game;

you can't take that away from him."

Rosseel, however, was not happy with his team's inability to put the bat on the ball.

"We struck out 14 times, eight looking," Rosseel said. "That's unacceptable."

Cherry Valley took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the third inning.

Joel Erickson (two hits) got the inning started with a single to center field and he advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt by Matt Kustigian. Erickson scored to make it 1-0 when Tyrus Garvin — in a two-out, 0-2 hole — singled sharply to center field. The hit was the first of two Garvin had in the game.

Post 443 increased its lead to 5-0 in the bottom of the fifth inning.

Erickson again led off with a single — this time a bloop hit that barely made it into left field — and went to second on a groundout by Kustigian. He scored to make it 2-0 on an RBI single to center by Dan Mero. Garvin followed with a single to center, moving Mero to third base. Garvin then got himself into scoring position by stealing second and both Mero and Garvin then came home — to push the Post 443 lead to 4-0 — on an RBI double to left-center off the bat of Chris Kustigian, Matt's older brother. Chris Kustigian scored to make it 5-0 later in the inning on a sacrifice fly to right field by Edgar Lopez.

"I was happy when we took a 1-0 lead in the third, but I didn't think one run was going to be enough, so I thought our ability to manufacture a few more in the fifth was very important," Stephens said. "The kids played well; this was a good win. Every time we step onto the field we're trying to play the perfect game and today was as close as we could be. The team played very well today; they did everything I asked."

Sturbridge's five hits — all singles — came off the bats of Sean Clark, Deven Kingman, Roger Leland, Colin Eliason and Nolan Kingman.



Dan Mero of Cherry Valley stands in the box, waiting on his turn to swing away.



Cherry Valley's Chris Kustigian prepares himself for the incoming pitch.

POLICE REPORTS

Spencer Logs

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

12:01 a.m.: suspicious mv (West Main Street), spoken to; 12:29 a.m.: animal complaint (Shore Drive), barking dog; 3:07-3:08 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 7:32 a.m.: medical/general (North Spencer Road); 8:09 a.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 8:28 a.m.: accident (Mechanic Street), report taken; 8:56 a.m.: 911 call (Wall Street), hang-up; 9:11 a.m.: fire alarm (Chestnut Street), services rendered; 9:35 a.m.: animal complaint (Grove Street), animal bite; 9:40 a.m.: officer wanted (Pleasant Street), unwanted party; 9:51 a.m.: 209A service (West Main Street); 10:14 a.m.: residential alarm (Donnelly Cross Road), services rendered; 12:05 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), Harrington CT down; 1:07 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 2:14 p.m.: RV complaint (Howe Road), spoken to; 2:31 p.m.: medical/general (North Spencer Road); 3:20 p.m.: RV complaint (Roys Drive), spoken to; 5:50 p.m.: animal complaint (Charlton Road), dog attack; 5:56 p.m.: fireworks complaint (Clark Street), spoken to; 6:49 p.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), cell phone found; 7:00 p.m.: animal complaint (Cranberry Meadow Road), dog bite; 7:45 p.m.: building checked, secure; 8:06 p.m.: intelligence/drugs (West Main Street), info taken; 8:14 p.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 8:41 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (Main Street), services rendered; 9:02 p.m.: building checked, secure; 9:46 p.m.: entire incident redacted from police log; 10:09 p.m.: fireworks complaint (Donnelly Road), spoken to; 10:11 p.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 10:34 p.m.: building checked, secure; 10:43 p.m.: fireworks complaint (Marble Road), neighbors w/fireworks; 11:19 p.m.: mv

stop (Watson Road); 11:42 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 11:49 p.m.: OUI alcohol/drugs (Main Street), Tyler N. Reid, 25, 31 Northwest Road, Spencer, OUI liquor, negligent operation, marked lanes violation, speeding, arrest.

THURSDAY, JULY 4

12:04 a.m.: officer wanted (Wilson Street), lg. amt. of smoke; 12:05 a.m.: fireworks complaint (Maple Street), spoken to; 12:30 a.m.: medical/general (Bay Path Road); 2:11-3:47 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:38 a.m.: disturbance/intoxicated party (Main Street), Emily M. Murphy, 33, 204 Main Street, Spencer, violations not detailed in police log, arrest; 9:48 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 10:34 a.m.: lost/found (Main Street), lost wallet; 10:35 a.m.: mv fire (Hastings Road), report taken; 11:41 a.m.: officer wanted (Maple Street), welfare check; 12:18 p.m.: accident (West Main Street), Cody D. Conlon, 25, 19 Kimball Street, Brookfield, op w/suspended license, arrest; 12:25 p.m.: animal complaint (Wall Street), hawk w/broken wing; 1:07 p.m.: officer wanted (Chestnut Street), apt. lockout; 1:22 p.m. officer wanted (West Main Street), info given; 1:23 a.m.: fire alarm (Howe Village), accidental; 1:38 p.m.: animal complaint (Condon Drive), raccoons; 1:49 p.m.: officer wanted (Summit Street), welfare check; 1:50 p.m.: 911 call (McDonald Street), misdial; 3:06 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 3:36 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 4:06 p.m.: disturbance (Church Street), unwanted party; 4:07 p.m.: animal complaint (Donnelly Road), bear in yard; 4:21 p.m.: RV complaint (McCormick Road), boats in swim zone; 5:02 p.m.: animal complaint (Chestnut Street), dog found; 5:04 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), spoken to; 6:07 p.m.: mv stop (West Main Street); 6:16 p.m.: mv stop (North Brookfield Road);

6:42 p.m.: suspicious persons (Valley Street), spoken to; 6:49 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 8:27 p.m.: suspicious persons (Wilson Street), spoken to; 8:29 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Cherry Street), no contact; 9:07 p.m.: building checked, secure; 9:15 p.m.: fireworks complaint (Bixby Road), spoken to; 9:16 p.m.: fireworks complaint (Brooks Pond Road), spoken to; 9:31 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:48 p.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), spoken to; 10:01 p.m.: building checked, secure; 10:03 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), erratic operation/Leicester; 10:14-10:28 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 10:55 p.m.: fireworks complaint (Prospect Street), spoken to; 11:25 p.m.: suspicious mv (Park Street), spoken to; 11:53 p.m.: building checked, secure.

FRIDAY, JULY 5

12:00 a.m.: mv stop (West Main Street); 12:02 a.m.: mv stop (Meadow Road); 12:27-1:13 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:02 a.m.: medical/general (Wilson Street); 9:54 a.m.: fireworks complaint (Hastings Road), spoken to; 10:30 a.m.: animal complaint (Sampson Street), bear in area; 11:19 a.m.: animal complaint (Hastings Road), loose horses; 11:46 p.m.: DPW call (Maple Street), low-hanging wires; 11:57 a.m.: medical/general (Valley Street); 12:19 p.m.: 209A service (Main Street); 12:24 p.m.: 209A service (West Main Street); 12:29 p.m.: building checked, secure; 12:43 p.m.: officer wanted (Park Street), beach closed; 12:51 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 12:53 p.m.: mv complaint (Greenville Street), erratic operation; 1:27 p.m.: 209A service (West Main Street); 1:44 p.m.: fraud (South Spencer Road), utility scam call; 2:28 p.m.: disturbance (Church Street), spoken to; 2:33 p.m.: officer wanted (Kingsbury Road), welfare check; 3:50 p.m.: mv lockout (Brown Street), child locked in mv; 4:29

p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), assisted; 5:43 p.m.: building checked, secure; 6:34 p.m.: officer wanted (Duggan Street), services rendered; 8:21 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 8:31 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), bear on deck; 8:36 p.m.: mv stop (Charlton Road); 9:25 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 8:32 p.m.: suspicious persons (Main Street), spoken to; 11:11 p.m.: mv stop (West Main Street); 11:25 p.m.: mv stop (West Main Street); 11:43 p.m.: suspicious mv (Valley Street), spoken to.

SATURDAY, JULY 6

12:20-1:45 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 4:53 a.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), noise complaint/roosters; 6:43 a.m.: mv lockout (Meadow Road), assist; 7:22 p.m.: officer wanted (Park Street), spoken to; 7:23 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), services rendered; 8:03 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), disconnected; 9:34 a.m.: officer wanted (South Spencer Road), spoken to; 9:38 a.m.: medical/general (Thompson Pond Road); 10:36 a.m.: officer wanted (Mechanic Street), domestic issue; 10:39 a.m.: medical/general (Bell Street); 10:56 a.m.: officer wanted (Route 49), traffic hazard; 12:38 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 1:42 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 2:32 p.m.: 911 call (Main Street), no contact; 3:32 p.m.: mv complaint (Old East Charlton Road), erratic operation; 3:41 p.m.: 911 call (Crestview Drive), no issue; 4:19 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 4:37 p.m.: mv stop (Mechanic Street); 5:14 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 5:26 p.m.: DPW call (Pleasant Street), loose manhole covers; 5:28 p.m.: DPW call (South Spencer Road), localized flooding; 5:31 p.m.: residential alarm (G.H. Wilson Road), services rendered; 5:39 p.m.: DPW call (North Spencer Road), water

SPORTS

Local teams do battle in Auburn Recreation and Culture Girls' Basketball Summer League

AUBURN — On Thursday, July 18, Leicester High and Quaboag Regional were hoping for victories to gain momentum as the playoffs loom in the Auburn Recreation and Culture Girls' Basketball Summer League.

The games, played at Auburn High, were a mixed bag for the local teams. Leicester was scheduled to match up with David Prouty Regional, but the Panthers were unable to gather a squad, so the Wolverines won by forfeit. Not to waste a trip to Auburn, though, Leicester wound up playing one half against Burncoat High, who had just played Auburn High in the previous game. Quaboag then played Worcester Union in a back-and-forth affair, with the Cougars coming up just short, 38-28.

Leicester is now a perfect 8-0, while Quaboag and David Prouty are both 2-6.



Nick Ethier photos

Leicester High and Quaboag Regional took part in Auburn Recreation and Culture Girls' Basketball Summer League games on Thursday, July 18.

SPORTS BRIEFS

9Round Worcester — James Street naming sponsor for second annual Running Out Of Summer 5K

WORCESTER — Wormtown Milers and RapsCALLion Brewery are pleased to announce 9Round Worcester — James Street as the Naming Sponsor of the second annual Running Out Of Summer (ROOS) 5K. The race, which begins and ends at RapsCALLion Brewery in Sturbridge on Aug. 24 (with a 10 a.m. start time and a cap of 500 runners), benefits Second Chance Animal Services with locations in Worcester, East Brookfield, North Brookfield, and Springfield. One can register online at www.roos5k.racewire.com.

"We are so proud to be naming sponsor for the second year in a row," commented Sheri Barrette, Owner of 9Round Worcester — James Street. "The focus on both fitness and animal welfare in the local community is the perfect fit for 9Round Worcester and for me personally."

Conceptualized as a means to promote philanthropy, fitness, and positivity in the south-central Worcester county community, ROOS 5K has already become a local favorite. The race, which is co-hosted by Wormtown Milers and RapsCALLion Brewery, sold out with an extensive wait list in its inaugural year. Post-race feedback was extensive and extremely positive.

"ROOS 5K 2018 was one of the most wonderful events I've ever been a part of," said Lindsay Doray, Director of Development at Second Chance Animal Services. "Not only was it a day filled with smiles and laughter, but the race also donated over \$7,000 to Second Chance AND we adopted out two dogs from our mobile adoption van on race day."

"We are thrilled to once again be co-hosting the Running Out Of Summer 5K with Wormtown Milers," said Cedric Daniel, Co-Proprietor of RapsCALLion Brewery. "This event is all about caring and community —

key RapsCALLion values — and we are looking forward to ROOS 5K being an annual event here at RapsCALLion for years to come."

Participants in ROOS 5K will enjoy a scenic, timed 5K race that is dog- and kid-friendly, and will also receive a tech shirt, medal, and a free beer specially brewed by RapsCALLion for the event — the Running Out Of Summer Ale.

In addition to 9Round Worcester — James Street being announced as Naming Sponsor for ROOS 5K, additional sponsors include JFC Pros as a Gold Sponsor, Security Engineered Machinery and Southbridge Credit Union as Silver Sponsors, and Country Bank, Brenda M. Bianculli CPA, and OFS as Bronze Sponsors. Businesses interested in sponsoring should contact Emma Thibault at wormtownmilersrun@gmail.com or (617) 680-1112.

Bay Path Golf Course Results

Friday Night Couples — July 19
First place: Lisa and Jim Kularski, -2

Second place: Lucille and Andy Newton, -2

Third place: Rich Hebert and Mike Arraje, +6

Eighth Annual Walter F. Lee, Sr. Memorial — July 20

Nicklaus Division

First place: Jim Vasalofsky, Bill Deeds, Blaise Lee, Matt Ford, -12

Second place: JP Leboeuf, Gary Fuller, Jim Ford, George Fiske, -10

Third place: John Winkler, Mike Lavin, Ken Laliberte, Doug Brown, -9

Player Division

First place: Chris Fuller, Jerry Dufresne, Ed Kosla, Bob Ford, -10

Second place: Andy Newton, Mike Morgan Lisa Kularski, Dean Malin, -8

Third place: Pat Burns, Tom McCarthy, Mike Waterman, Walter Lee, Jr. (Bo), -7

Palmer Division

First place: Brad Earle, Brandon McEvoy, Robin Winkler, Dave Earle, -6

Second place (three-way tie): Matt Desimone, Beth Potvin, Jarad Danaitis, Greg Wypych; Gigi Donahue, Bob Demaio, Matt Brown, Ed Peloquin; Dennis Trela,

Norm Laliberte, Jim Gregoire, Dick Whippee, -5

Closest to the Pin Winners

Fifth Hole: Dick Whippee; 7 inches

Eighth Hole: Jared Danaitis; 13 feet, 6 inches

Join PinkHippy.org for a family event for cancer patients and survivors

Come join the fun. Paddle for Recovery with Casi, bring the entire family and play volleyball with the Holy Cross volleyball team, enjoy a potluck BBQ, hang out on the beach, swim and enjoy the end of summer!

It's no secret that Mother Nature can help heal. Just step outside after a stressful day and you immediately start to feel relief. Add in movement or exercise and the benefits grow. New studies have shown that outdoor activity can aid in recovery from disease, reduce stress, increase concentration, and improve your overall health and wellbeing. If you can enjoy these benefits while burning calories and building muscle, then that is what the doctor ordered.

Paddle for Recovery is a free SUP class for those currently undergoing or who have recently completed treatment for cancer. Our mission with this program is to provide an opportunity to escape on the water and maybe even find a new passion that can assist in recovery.

Join us on Tuesday, Aug. 27 at Lake Siog Park in Holland. Grills and picnic tables are on site. Bring your own chairs or blankets to sit on. Carry in carry out!

Schedule of events:
4-5 p.m. Registration, BBQ, Social
5-7:30 p.m. Volleyball Clinic and pick-up game (for kids and adults)
5:30-7 p.m. Paddle for Recovery for survivors (limit 10 spots, sign up early!)

8 p.m. Group photo of Survivorship
Contact info@pinkhippy.org, or call (508) 304-3463 for more information. Registration is required to attend this event.

Annual golf tournament to benefit Saint Jean Baptiste Educational Foundation

Join the Saint Jean Baptiste Educational Foundation on Monday, Aug. 19 at Pleasant Valley Country Club for their 23rd annual golf tournament. The cost is \$150 per person, twosomes and singles are welcomed. There will be a hole-in-one contest, a putting contest, door prizes and a special golfers raffle. The event features 18 holes of golf on the PGA and LPGA course with valet parking, bag handling services, unlimited use of the driving range, chipping area and putting areas prior to the 10 a.m. shotgun start with a Florida-style scramble. Early registration is at 8 a.m. and carts with big rain covers, a gift bag, coffee, a continental breakfast and snacks will be served. The dinner to follow is an executive buffet. For additional information and registration please call Golf Committee member Ken at (508) 277-5314 or Foundation Trustee Ted at (508) 764-7909. Deadline for payment is Aug. 9. Golfers who make the entire payment by July 29 will be placed into a raffle for a chance to win a gift certificate from the pro shop at Pleasant Valley.

Quail Hollow Golf & Country Club Results

Pit's Crew
First place: Rich Ferguson, Matt Stepanski, Ed Messier, Ernis Messier; -8

Second place: Dennis Trela, Tom Emery, Dave Maccomber, Pit Caron; -6

Third place: Tom Crosbie, Bob Varnum, Al Petkus, Jeff Burl; -6

Still Hart's League

First place: Jeremy Griffin and Tom Lowkes, +9

Second place: Marc Kokansky and Dennis Rice, +8

Third place: Peter Berthiaume and Tim Lowkes, +7

Most Over Quota: Jeremy Griffin, +8

Quabbin Classic Golf Tournament

First place (52): Team Shaun Gareau

Second place (53): Team St. Laurent

Third place (54): Team Mitus

Fourth place tie (56): Team Hay and Team Ayer



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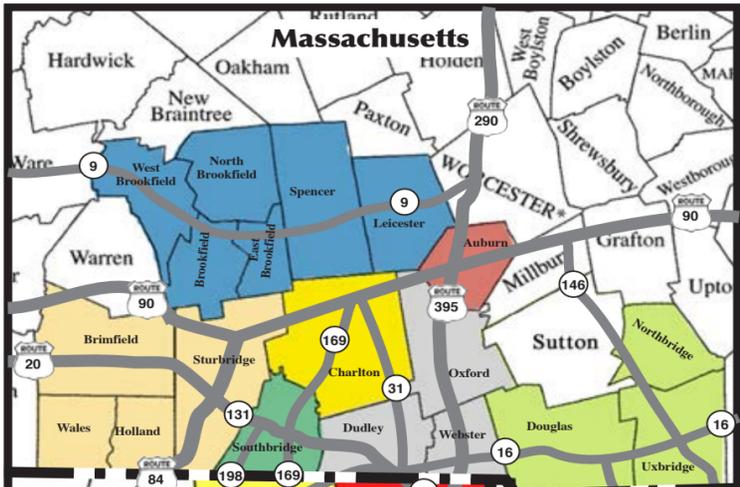
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A modern day “Macbeth”

To the Editor:

Here it is, the dog days of summer, possibly 100 degrees this weekend (Oh, my, a July heat wave in New England... that's never happened before!) and I, for some strange reason, find myself thinking about the cold, dank, wet inner rooms and halls of Inverness Castle in the dark gloom of Scotland in winter. Oh, good for you! You guessed it: “Macbeth.”

Now, why would I be reminded of anything Shakespearian during this season of muggy torpor, of a heat-induced ennui? Good question. But, to understand the answer, you would have had to have read the Bard's great tragedy in high school, when it used to be part of the curriculum of schools that actually expected their graduates to have at least a passing acquaintance with the best literature of western civilization. Sadly, if you're a product of the schools from the last, say, decade or so, Shakespeare, you've been told, is just so passé: too white, too masculine, too brilliant, too old, too dead. And, if you listened to that bull, that's a real tragedy—for you. But, hey, you can always settle in with the unreadable Maya Angelou, if it's real culture, real genius for which you're looking.

For those familiar with the play, I'm thinking of witches, oddly enough. The “weird sisters,” who see themselves as prophets, show up chanting their hideous incantations as they toss loathsome items into the evil brew they are concocting in a boiling cauldron, all as part of an endeavor to convince Gen. Macbeth to murder King Duncan and take his rightful place as King of Scotland. Every school boy and girl used to know their foreboding hex:

«Double, double, toil and trouble,
Fire burn and cauldron bubble.»

Wait a minute. It just came to me. I'm thinking of witches because right now we are witnessing the up-to-date

version of Macbeth's hags whose curse brought on so much misery for the General, his Lady, the King, and the realm of Scotland. But you say, come on old man, it was just fiction. Actually, if you research it yourself, you'll find the playwright had in mind some historical precedent from ancient England which fired his imagination. We all know the old saws that “history repeats itself”, and that “Those who don't learn the lessons of the past are doomed to repeat them.” Maybe I can make the connection for you.

To that end, then, I give you “The Squad,” the distaff, loud-mouthed, not-very bright, de facto leadership-and current face of- the contemporary Democrat Party, that crazed, rabble-rousing, radical, hateful conglomeration known, not so affectionately here, as The Donkey Party. If your powers of imagination are at all active, can you not see the four of them (A.O.Cortez, D-NY; Ilhan Omar, D-MN; Ayanna Pressley, D-MA; Rashida Tlaib, D-MI) standing around their own “bubbling cauldron” and chucking in things sure to produce a potion so toxic no culture, no society could survive if enough of the dullards they exposed to their brew partook of it? I can.

While Macbeth's hags tossed in such ingredients as : “poisoned entrails, fillet of a fenny snake, eye of newt and toe of frog, wool of bat and tongue of dog, adder's fork and blind-worm's sting, lizard's leg and owl's wing, scale of dragon, gall of goat, nose of Turk and Tartar's lips, finger of birth-strangled babe,” etc, etc (you get the point), our Dem Party “weird sisters” are busy creating an even more corrosive admixture, one if allowed to metastasize in the body public, will surely mark the end of the old Republic and of America as we once knew it. Normal people would see that as a calamity, but to these Four Horse-Babes of the Apocalypse, it would be a Great Leap Forward into a Godless Brave New World with all of its attendant horrors. Venezuela, anyone? No. Korea? Communist China? Cuba? Take your

pick of their version of Paradise.

The horses these fools ride? Death, Famine, War, and Conquest. They're all in your (or your children's/grandchildren's) future if the movements they lead ever come to power. Because of a dumbed-down educational system (K-post graduate study); rampant materialism; a rejection of a Judaeo-Christian worldview; an increasing-and gratuitous- sense of shame for one's country, race, and religion; an enslavement to pornography and unbridled sensuality; voter fraud; a controlled press; an unprecedented invasion of millions of uninvited Third Worlders who have no more desire to be Americans than they do to become Armenians, but simply to be maintained by the efforts of working Americans who don't seem to have much say in the matter!----all these and other lamentable trends mean the Four Crazies could conceivably succeed in their myopic, malevolent, and misery-inducing purposes. There are that many millions of stupid people now in this country.

And what would they be throwing into their own simmering pot? Heaping portions of white guilt, for starters. I've never felt that, maybe you have. A few of the Seven Deadly Sins would help poison the brew even more: envy, wrath, greed will always help create bitter, vengeful people. A little pride, the feeling that just because you refuse to work and take care of yourself you're just as worthy as the man or woman who does work and are told they have to support your lazy butt. Heaping portions of ignorance, where you know nothing whatsoever about history, economics, your own language, or anything other than feeding your face--that goes a long way towards creating armies of entitled ignoramus. And that old tattered race card--even though it's finally wearing thin--that is absolutely essential, if not the prime ingredient. Throw in mockery of those who don't share your radical vision, bullying--even to assaulting people on the street just

because you don't like their hat-, constant name-calling (fascist, old white man, Bible thumper, racist, bigot, nativist, etc.). It all helps, and these four America-hating, race-obsessed, ill-educated, foul-mouthed harridans won't hesitate to contribute whatever vile demagoguery to the pot they can think of, no matter the consequences. Count on it. They are not constrained by conscience. Kipling had it right: “The female is the more deadly of the species!”

I don't want to “send them back.” No, please stay, girls, and keep on mouthing your ignorant mantra: “America sucks, white people are evil, socialism is the way to go, tear down the borders,” etc. Keep telling the Jewish donor class of your Party that American border control operations are no different than the concentration camps of Nazi Germany. Keep insisting on free medical care for illegals, while Americans pay for all of it and many don't have their own health care. Every time these grandstanders open their mouths, another hundred-thousand previously uncommitted voters conclude, “It's got to be Trump in 2020.”

And, you Democrats who are reading these words, it's your party! You own these clowns — they're yours. As the witches intoned in Act 1, Scene 1, “Fair is foul and foul is fair!” I don't see much that is fair in your party, but a lot that is foul. Decent Democrats might want to put some distance between themselves and this collection of psychos and malcontents. We know your Party was the Party of slavery, segregation, separate-but-equal; the Party of war; the Party of corruption, etc., but what it is now is certainly no improvement over what it used to be.

Maybe the time has come to just... walk away.

JOHN McRAE
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

American pride

To the Editor:

In the July 19 edition of the Spencer New Leader, Ms. Elliot wrote a provocative and subversive piece. While the administration is allowing such libel to permeate through the fake news media for now, the libel laws will tighten up soon whether legislatively or by executive action.

Despite the liberals' hatred and collective heads exploding at the mere notion that somebody not like them won and that the forgotten men and women of this country selected somebody who speaks for us, he is the President and our Dear Leader. President Trump is the law. The veto power is absolute except in cases of impeachment and there is no credible impeachment case and even if there was, the Senate would never convict.

Barr and others have ignored the partisan House subpoenas as part of their mandate to Make America

Great Again. No presidential harassment! No fishing expeditions! Several administration officials have been held "in contempt of congress" with their cases referred to the Attorney General. Attorney General Barr has the best interests of the country in mind and has used his prosecutorial discretion appropriately. Somebody is standing up for what is right – the Attorney General of the United States of America.

Regarding the criminal illegal aliens and their juvenile accomplices at the border... We are taking pride in America. We are taking pride in our territorial integrity. This is not their home. They have a home elsewhere. If they didn't want to be incarcerated, then they shouldn't have illegally crossed our border and instead made their home countries better. We have to use every tool at our disposal to cleanse this country of this infiltration

and infestation. We need to lower the quality of life in these camps, without limit, until these criminals self-deport and waive the hearing which will send them back anyway. We are not ashamed; we are showing pride in our country and territorial integrity. We are showing pride in our people not letting them become diluted with a less developed population.

We are constitutional republic. The left has gone so far as to say they don't care how we vote; they want to ban people from running for election. It would be tyranny to for all candidates to come off of an approved list.

Speaking of cleansing, the rhetoric out of the un-American so-called congresswomen was simply unacceptable in the aftermath of being told to go back and fix their home countries. They are guests in this country and they aren't acting like it. The quad squad simply isn't capable of loving

this country. They should, but won't, apologize to both America and Israel. I love the ring of "Send her back!" in a chant. You can feel the patriotic American pride in the crowd.

They are destroying the Democrat party, but are weak and insecure people who can never destroy our great nation! Our resolve is greater! While real America and real Americans would gladly raise the money to send them back, if they continue their anti-American rhetoric President Trump should consider executive action for their removal. This has to stop.

God Bless America, and no place else!

GEORGE GRAHAM
NORTH BROOKFIELD

POLICE LOGS

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across roadway; 6:10 p.m.: DPW call (Paxton Road), stones across roadway; 6:11 p.m.: DPW call (Buteau Road), tree blocking roadway; 6:36 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), non-emergency; 6:38 p.m.: DPW call (West Main Street), power outages; 7:38 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 8:23 p.m.: officer wanted (Church Street), restraining order info; 8:32-8:33 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:57 p.m.: suspicious mv (Howe Road), spoken to; 9:11-9:15 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:16 p.m.: fireworks complaint (Lake Street), spoken to; 9:20-9:28 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 10:03 p.m.: animal complaint (Clark Terrace), bear in yard; 10:41 p.m. officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 10:49 p.m.: building checked, secure; 11:08 p.m.: officer wanted (North Brookfield Road), loose horse; 11:13 p.m.: officer wanted (Marble Road), spoken to; 11:41 p.m.: OUI (Main Street), Tyler Anthony Shelby, 21, 350 Main Street, Spencer, OUI liquor, negligent operation, speeding, arrest.

SUNDAY, JULY 7

1:56 a.m.: harassment prevention order service (R. Jones Road), spoken to; 2:56 a.m.: suspicious mv (North Spencer Road), spoken to; 3:01-3:18 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:13 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), Charlton PD bolo; 9:20 p.m.: animal complaint (Lambs Grove), bear in yard; 10:00 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), custody swap; 12:15 p.m.: trash dumping (Adams Street), needle found; 1:14 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), structure fire/Leicester; 1:45 p.m.: DPW call (Cherry Street), broken main; 3:50 p.m.: medical/general (Park Street) 3:50 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Donnelly Road), no contact; 4:10 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), Brookfield PD bolo; 4:59 p.m.: animal complaint (West Main Street), dog left in mv; 5:10 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), Holden PD bolo; 5:47 p.m.; 911 call (Smithville Road), hang-up; 5:58 p.m.: 911 call (Main Street), open line; 6:16 p.m.: fire alarm (Howe Village), services rendered; 7:54 p.m.: officer wanted (Church Street), dispute w/parents; 11:42-11:52 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.

MONDAY, JULY 8

12:14-1:38 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 3:30 a.m.: parking violation (Ash Street), ticket issued; 3:36 a.m.: building checked, secure; 3:45 a.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), crowing roosters; 3:54-5:47 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 7:54 a.m.: suspicious persons (Alta Crest Circle), poss. squatters; 8:02 a.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 8:51 a.m.: residential alarm (Charlton Road), services rendered; 10:56 a.m.: animal complaint (Borkum Road), poss. rabies exposure; 11:06 a.m.: accident (Howe Village), report taken; 11:09 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 12:12 p.m.: residential alarm (Smithville Road), services rendered; 12:33 p.m.: suspicious persons (Woodside Road), spoken to; 12:39 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 12:52 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), info taken; 12:58 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), property issue; 12:59 p.m.: animal complaint (East Charlton Road), loose dog; 1:11 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 1:19 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), Harrington CT down; 1:59 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 2:32 p.m.: 209A service (West Main Street); 2:39 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), domestic issue; 2:42 p.m.: 209A service (Main Street); 2:52 p.m.: disturbance (Mechanic Street), assault; 4:24 p.m.: multiple LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 5:12 p.m.: accident (Wire Village Road), report taken; 5:38 p.m.: officer wanted (Hastings Road), rem. traffic hazard; 6:08 p.m.: officer wanted (Maple Street), welfare check; 6:11 p.m.: mv stop (North Brookfield Road); 6:29 p.m.: mv stop (North Brookfield Road); 7:17 p.m.: medical/general (Point Eastalee Drive); 7:28 p.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), raccoon in dumpster; 7:44 p.m.: officer wanted (Church Street), electricity theft; 8:12 a.m.: fire/woods/grass (Route 49), smoke reported; 9:45 p.m.: suspicious mv (West Main Street), spoken to; 9:52-10:02 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 10:42 p.m.: medical/general (Mechanic Street); 11:16

p.m.: building checked, secure; 11:18 p.m.: animal complaint (North Spencer Road), bat in bathroom; 11:19 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 11:20 p.m.: building checked, secure; 11:20 p.m.: officer wanted (Mechanic Street), info taken; 11:52-11:57 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.

TUESDAY, JULY 9

12:51 a.m.: building checked, secure; 12:54 a.m.: officer wanted (Debbie Drive), missing person; 5:01 a.m.: 911 call (Bixby Road), open line/female crying; 6:59 a.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 7:02 a.m.: animal complaint (Northwest Road), loose horses; 10:38 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; 10:39 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), disconnected; 11:25 p.m.: DPW call (Ethier Drive), low-hanging wire; 11:33 a.m.: DPW call (Main Street), washout/section of road; 11:35 a.m.: RV accident (Charlton Road), poss. fx. leg; 11:53 a.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), tailgating; 12:31 p.m.: lost/found (Smithville Road), abandoned bike; 12:58 p.m.: medical/general (Chestnut Street); 1:15 p.m.: animal complaint (Hebert Road), lost cat; 2:59 p.m.: medical/general (Sherwood Drive); 3:25 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), suspicious activity; 3:30 p.m.: mv complaint (Greenville Street), speeding; 3:47 p.m.: fire alarm (Howe Village), services rendered; 3:48 p.m.: 209A service (West Main Street); 4:53 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 5:58 p.m.: suspicious persons (West Main Street), spoken to; 6:09 p.m.: citizen complaint (West Main Street), complaint re: citation; 6:20 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), harassment complaint; 7:04 p.m.: mv stop (Grant Street); 7:39 p.m.: juvenile matter (Meadow Road), services rendered; 9:19 p.m.: disorderly conduct (Mechanic Street), Monique A. Case, 49, 97 East Charlton Road, Spencer, disorderly conduct, disturb the peace, possession Class B drug, arrest.

Leicester Logs

THURSDAY, JULY 4

8:27 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 9:04 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 9:15 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 9:43 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 10:14 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 12:31 p.m.: forgery/uttering (Marshall Street), report taken; 12:57 p.m.: mv stop (Mannville Street), citation issued; 1:12 p.m.: ambulance (Folsom Street), assisted; 2:42 p.m.: ambulance (Marshall Street), services rendered; 3:50 p.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive), name and address redacted from police log, shoplifting by asportation, criminal application issued; 4:04 p.m.: assist other PD (Charles Street), services rendered; 5:07 p.m.: investigation (White Birch Street), services rendered; 5:49 p.m.: welfare check (Main Street), investigated; 6:25 p.m.: parking complaint (Main Street), spoken to; 6:41 p.m.: investigation (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 6:51 p.m.: ambulance (Market Street), transported; 6:53 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), spoken to; 8:48 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), citation issued; 9:00 p.m.: investigation (Holcomb Steet), services rendered; 9:33 p.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), spoken to; 10:11 p.m.: investigation (Thenius Street, Worcester), no action required; 10:32 p.m.: suspicious activity (Pine Street), unable to locate; 10:50 p.m.: disturbance (Tobin Road), peace restored.

FRIDAY, JULY 5

12:35 a.m.: welfare check (McCarthy Avenue), name and address redacted from police log, op w/suspended license/subsequent offense, arrest; 1:32 a.m.: ambulance (Auburn Street), transported; 8:11 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 8:44 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 9:00 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 10:44 a.m.: summons service (Laurelwood Avenue), served; 10:58 a.m.: summons service (Rawson Street), unable to serve; 11:04 a.m.: summons service (Charles Street), served; 11:11 a.m.: summons service (Burncoat Street), served; 11:30 a.m.: animal complaint (Stafford Street), spoken to; 11:38 a.m.: accident (Main Street), report

taken; 2:20 p.m.: summons service (South Main Street), served; 3:13 p.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive), name and address redacted from police log, shoplifting by asportation, criminal application issued; 5:44 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 6:52 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), verbal warning; 8:28 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), unlicensed operation (Main Street), criminal application issued; 8:30 p.m.: investigation (Soojians Drive), services rendered; 9:42 p.m.: disturbance (Hillcrest Road), investigated; 10:07 p.m.: erratic operation (South Main Street), investigated; 10:17 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 10:41 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Main Street), investigated; 11:28 p.m.: harassment (Stafford Street), report taken.

SATURDAY, JULY 6

12:28 a.m.: suspicious mv (Mannville Steet), investigated; 12:29 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), spoken to; 12:40 a.m.: mv stop (McNeil Highway), Shawn P. Verdini, 38, 48 Barclay Street, #1, Worcester, straight warrant, possession Class A drug, possession Class B drug, arrest; 8:15 a.m.: mv stop (River Street), written warning; 9:48 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 10:43 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), criminal application issued; 12:00 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 12:34 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), criminal application issued; 12:46 p.m.: abandoned mv (Rawson Street), services rendered; 1:59 p.m.: assist other PD (Chapel Street), no service; 3:12 p.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive), name and address redacted from police log, investigated; 3:17 p.m.: erratic operation (Pleasant Street), unable to locate; 3:24 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), mv towed; 3:54 p.m.: parking complaint (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 4:15 p.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive), name and address redacted from police log, shoplifting by asportation, investigated; 4:57 p.m.: investigation (Soojians Drive), services rendered; 5:02 p.m.; abandoned 911 call (South Main Street), investigated; 6:25 p.m.: suspicious person (Pleasant Street), investigated; 6:55 p.m.: assist citizen (Main Street), services rendered; 7:03 p.m.: investigation (Henshaw Street), no action required; 7:21 p.m.: ambulance (Burncoat Lane), transported; 8:40 p.m.: welfare check (Parker Street), services rendered; 10:45 p.m.: debris in road (Pleasant Street) hazard removed.

SUNDAY, JULY 7

2:07 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 2:35 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 8:53 a.m.: written warning; 11:20 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 11:34 a.m.: ambulance (Chapel Street), no action required; 11:41 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 11:55 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 12:26 p.m.: assist citizen (Soojians Drive), report taken; 1:13 p.m.: structure fire (Baldwin Street), services rendered; 1:33 p.m.: ambulance (Carleton Road), referred; 3:37 p.m.: fire/odor of smoke (Carleton Road), services rendered; 4:15 p.m.: larceny (Soojians Drive), report taken; 4:37 p.m.: assist other PD (Pleasant Street), message delivered; 5:16 p.m.: fire/CO detector (Mulberry Street), services rendered; 6:50 p.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 7:06 p.m.: investigation (Main Street), services rendered; 7:43 p.m.: fire/odor of smoke (Baldwin Street), services rendered; 7:47 p.m.: ambulance (Parker Street), transported; 9:02 p.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive), criminal application issued; 9:08 p.m.: debris in road (Huntoon Memorial Highway), removed hazard; 9:36 p.m.: disturbance (Charles Street), investigated.

MONDAY, JULY 8

5:45 a.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 6:46 a.m.: ambulance (Clark Road), transported; 8:24 a.m.: investigation (South Main Street), services rendered; 8:55 a.m.: mv stop (Marshall Street), written warning; 9:09 a.m.: assist citizen (Stafford Street), services rendered; 9:41 a.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 10:23 a.m.: fraud (White Birch Street), report taken; 11:10 a.m.: assist other PD (Chapel Street), services rendered; 11:53 a.m.: ambulance (Paxton Street), transported; 12:55 p.m.: ambulance (Craig Street), transported; 2:08 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), writ-

ten warning; 2:21 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 2:30 p.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive), name and address redacted from police log, shoplifting by asportation, larceny under \$1200 by false pretense, criminal application issued; 3:13 p.m.: investigation (Main Street), services rendered; 3:14 p.m.: assist other PD (Lincoln Square, Worcester), message delivered; 5:00 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, op w/ suspended registration, mv towed; 6:03 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 8:11 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), spoken to; 8:22 p.m.: arrest warrant service (Stafford Street), unable to serve; 8:25 p.m.: disabled mv (Huntoon Memorial Highway), assisted; 8:51 p.m.: mv stop (Auburn Street), spoken to; 9:22 p.m.: investigation (Main Street), services rendered; 9:29 p.m.: assist other agency (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 10:06 p.m.: assist citizen (Stafford Street); 10:23 p.m.: disturbance (Pleasant Street), no action required; 10:30 p.m.: erratic operation (South Main Street), name and address redacted from police log; unlicensed operation.

TUESDAY, JULY 9

12:17 a.m.: assist citizen (Siani Road), spoken to; 1:11 mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 8:42 a.m.: parking complaint (Stafford Street), citation issued; 8:54 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 9:01 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 9:05 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 9:20 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), name and address redacted from police log, unlicensed operation, speeding, criminal application issued; 9:21 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 9:39 a.m.: mv stop (Marshall Street), citation issued; 10:58 a.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), citation issued; 12:39 p.m.: suspicious activity (Main Street), no action required; 1:16 p.m.: assist citizen (Stafford Street); 1:40 p.m.: ambulance (Paxton Street), services rendered; 1:45 p.m.: ambulance (Mayflower Circle), transported; 4:26 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 5:11 p.m.: mv stop (Chapel Street), citation issued; 5:40 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 6:03 p.m.: investigation (Soojians Drive), services rendered; 10:06 p.m.: welfare check (Stafford Street), investigated.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

1:26 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 3:04 a.m.: suspicious mv (Stafford Street), unable to locate; 7:48 a.m.: residential alarm (Shelter Ridge Road), false alarm; 7:51 a.m.: investigation (South Main Street), services rendered; 8:37 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), written warning; 9:41 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 10:35 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 10:48 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 10:52 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 11:04 a.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 11:07 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 12:05 p.m.: investigation (South Main Street), services rendered; 1:15 p.m.: debris in road (Watson Street), services rendered; 1:57 p.m.: ambulance (Chapel Street), transported; 3:17 p.m.: welfare check (Keefe Court), services rendered; 3:55 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), written warning; 4:05 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 4:12 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 4:13 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), mv towed; 5:37 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), no action required; 6:13 p.m.: mv stop (McNeil Highway), written warning; 6:18 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), verbal warning; 6:32 p.m.: mv stop (McNeil Highway), written warning; 6:43 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 8:06 p.m.: ambulance (Mayflower Road), services rendered; 8:24 p.m.: arrest warrant service (Stafford Street), unable to serve; 8:37 p.m.: arrest warrant service (Winslow Avenue), unable to serve; 8:50 p.m.: arrest warrant service (Hemlock Street), unable to serve; 8:59 p.m.: arrest warrant service (Pleasant Street), Heather L. Stolberg, 33, 547 Pleasant Street, Leicester, possession Class B drug, uninsured mv, op w/suspended registration, arrest; 11:15 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), verbal warning; 11:23 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning.



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I'd like to invite you to check out ABC'S OF SUMMER special marketing page running this week and next week. This began last Fall and it's really taken off so we plan to continue it for Fall 2019 to Summer 2020. For the previous seasons we ran a corresponding crossword puzzle. I decided to change it up for Summer to a Scramble, with all the business names from the ABC's of Summer scrambled. Hope you will enjoy this challenging puzzle. You'll need to refer over and over to the ABC's of Summer page for the answers... please support these local businesses!

If you're a car buff, like great food and ice cream, good music, and enjoy partaking in raffles to benefit a great cause, then join JANINE'S FROSTEE on Saturday, July 27 for their ANNUAL CAR SHOW FOR CHARITY from 10-2. Lot opens at 9 am for registration. All cars must be registered to be in the lot. See the ad this week for all the details. They are also on our ABC page!

There's a FOR SALE BY OWNER house in Spencer ad in our Real Estate Section this week. Looks like a beauty! Check it out!

If you need something to look forward to this summer, SALEM CROSS INN has some great dining events coming up! See the ad this week for details on their Farmers Dinners...in its 6th season! They also offer outdoor grilling Wed and Thurs nights at 5 pm, weather permitting, for the summer, and complete dinners Sundays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays for just \$22! Try their fresh lobster rolls and oysters on the 1/2 shell for lunch or dinner, and live music Friday nights in the Hexmark Tavern. A great place to dine for a special occasion or just anytime. Stop by and see why they were voted Best of New England 2018 by Yankee Magazine! Some of their dining events require advanced tickets. See the ad or their website for details.

If you're looking for something to do this summer, try some creative writing. Poems, essays, short stories... we'll publish them in the Spencer New Leader! Send them in anytime and I'll save for September. The Write Stuff will resume in September and run monthly. If you have any questions about this section, or would like your business to be a sponsor, please contact me.

If you were in our MEET YOUR MERCHANTS special supplement and haven't taken advantage of our special offer, there's still time... please give me a call or email me!

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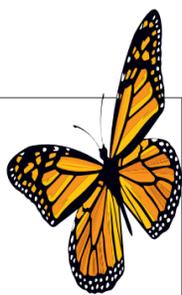


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Donald Joseph Murray, 89



N O R T H B R O O K F I E L D - Donald Joseph Murray, 89, passed away peacefully at Quaboag Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center on July 18, 2019.

Donald married Margaret, the love of his life in 1950, who predeceased him in 2017. Donald is survived by 2 daughters, Anne and Catherine and his son, James Murray and his wife Leslie, 6 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

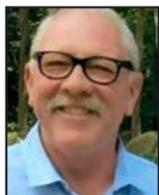
Donald was born on November 20, 1929 in Worcester, the son of William and Annie Murray. He graduated from Commerce High School Class of 1949 and later from Northeastern University for Civil Engineering with the assistance of the GI bill. Donald served in the U.S. Army in Korea as a civil engineer. He worked for many years with the Commonwealth of Ma

as a bridge engineer and had a surveying partnership.

Donald was known for his love of driving his pontoon boat around Lake Lashaway. He may have been one of the first on the lake with the concept of party boat, using a row boat and outfitting it with lawn chairs. Donald was a member of the Lake Lashaway Association and participated in many events. He also loved music and was a member of the folk group at St. Joseph's church in North Brookfield.

A funeral mass will be held on July 27, 2019, 10AM, at St. Joseph's Church, North Brookfield. The family requests all to please go directly to the church. There are no calling hours. Memorial donations may be made to St. Joseph's Church, 28 Mt. Pleasant Street, North Brookfield, Ma 01535 or Lake Lashaway Community Association, Inc., PO Box 72, East Brookfield, MA 01515. Pillsbury Funeral Home, 44 Gilbert St, North Brookfield is directing arrangements.

John "Jake" F. Wood, 67



LEICESTER - John "Jake" F. Wood, 67, of 103 Pine St. died Thursday, July 18 at St. Vincent Hospital after a short battle with cancer.

He leaves his wife of two years, Mary Ann (Stoever) Wood, a son, Daniel J. Wood of Worcester, a daughter, Sarah M. Wood of Leicester, a sister Patricia M. Wood-Southard and her husband Thomas of Rochdale, three grandsons; Aiden and Jace Martins, Lawrence Meersman, two step-sons, Larry Meersman, Ben Snow, a step-daughter, Abigail Snow, nieces and nephews: Jilliana and Christina Southard, Patrick, Shannon, and Timothy Wood. A close cousin Madelyn Hennessy and Lee Ann Wood of Leicester to whom he was once married.

He was recently pre-deceased by a brother William J. Wood on July 17.

Born in Worcester, he was the son of William J. Wood & Marie "Betty" (Lacroix) Wood-Sottak.

Jake was a driver for the US Post office for 30 years, working out of the

Shrewsbury Post Office, retiring in 2017.

He started his Catholic up bringing attending St. Joseph's School in Leicester and graduating from Leicester High School.

He attended St. Pius X Church in Leicester. He was an avid golfer and enjoyed watching and rooting for the Red Sox and Patriots. He also took pride in playing on his John Deere tractor inadvertently cutting the lawn. His infectious laugh would light up a room. A good friend of Jake's once said: "Jake is the friend you are waiting to have." No truer words have been spoken. To know Jake was to love him and he will be missed dearly by all.

His Funeral was held Wednesday, July 24 from the MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main St., Leicester, with a Memorial Mass at 11 A.M. in St. Pius X Church, 1161 Main St., Leicester. Calling hours were Tuesday from 4-6 P.M. in the Funeral Home. Burial will be at a later date and at the convenience of the family.

Please omit flowers, contributions may be made to The Jimmy Fund, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284-9168. www.morinfuneralhomes.com

Paul E. O'Connell, 72

Thompson, CT - Paul E. O'Connell passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, July 14, 2019. Born in Putnam, CT on September 10, 1946, Paul was the son of the late George D. O'Connell, Sr. and Simone (Joly) O'Connell.

Paul will be missed by many and remembered for his love of cards, horse racing, dining out and cooking. He was most proud of his famous spaghetti sauce. He enjoyed all types of sports and was a guy who loved life and was determined to live it his way.

Paul is survived by his four children, Michelle Thompson and her husband Joe of Dudley, Massachusetts, Kevin O'Connell and his wife Kim of South Carolina, Erin O'Connell of Worcester, Massachusetts and Meghan Gerardi of Leicester, Massachusetts; five grandchildren, Tyler Reich, Emily and Joseph Thompson and Riley and Ashley O'Connell and six sisters:

Gloria Benard and Shirley Lynch, both of Brooklyn, Connecticut; Evelyn Mathieu of York, South Carolina, Priscilla Midboe of Winchester, Kentucky; Jane Delaney of Griswold, Connecticut and Susan Smith of Lisbon, Connecticut, with whom he shared a special bond. In addition, he leaves countless nieces and nephews as well as a very special friend, Douglas Gates.

Paul was predeceased by his parents, a brother, George, Jr. and two sisters Beatrice and Deanna.

Family and friends are invited to attend a reception in loving memory of Paul to be held at the American Legion Hall, 17 Thompson Hill Road, Grosvenordale, Connecticut on Sunday, July 28th from 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Ralph W. Voellings, 90



LEICESTER - Ralph W. Voellings, 90, of 35 Winslow Ave., died Saturday, July 20 at the Hermitage Healthcare in Worcester.

He was the husband of Ruth M. (Potter) Voellings who died in

2009.

He leaves three sons; John E. Voellings and his wife Susan of Worcester, Daniel P. Voellings and his companion Rena Doyle of Worcester, Paul E. Voellings and his wife Karen Burnor Voellings of Spencer, a daughter Kathleen A. Daly of Leicester, a brother, Paul Voellings of Auburn, a sister-in-law, Dotty Voellings of Worcester, 7 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Ralph was predeceased by five brothers; John, William, Herman, Ernest and Conrad Voellings, two sisters; Eleanor Perry, Dorothy Morang and a son-in-law Thomas Daly in 1991.

Born in Worcester, he was the son of

John C.F. & Hilda T. (Nelson) Voellings.

Ralph was a machinist for 33 years working at Heald Machine Co. and also worked as a security guard at TJX Companies for 10 years. He served his country in the Navy during WWII. He was a former member of the Leicester Rod & Gun Club, a member of the American Legion Post 462 in Boston and the VFW Post 7556 in Rochdale. He was an avid hunter, fisherman and enjoyed target shooting.

A Private Graveside Service will be held in St. John's Cemetery, Worcester at the convenience of the family. Contributions may be made to Beacon Hospice, 36 Williams St., Leominster, MA 01453. The MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main St., Leicester are assisting the family with arrangements.

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Kevin Desautels, 67



Oxford MA - Homosassa FL - Kevin Desautels 67 died Monday July 8, 2019 from complications after surgery. He is survived by his wife Bonnie and two daughters, Cheryl Anderson of

Oxford, Chrissy Latour and Aaron of Spencer; three grandchildren, Kyle Anderson, Angelyna Latour and Anthony Latour; two brothers, Dennis Desautels and Diane of West Warren,

Raymond Desautels and Sharon of East Falmouth; one sister, Eileen Gould and Brian of Oxford; many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He is predeceased by parents Raymond and Helen (McMenemy) Desautels. Kevin lived most of his life in Oxford, but recently retired and moved to Florida. He was Massachusetts state elevator inspector for many years before retiring. Kevin was a long time member of the 200 Sportsman Club, an avid fisherman and golfer. He will be greatly missed. No services. Memorial to be held at later date.

OBITUARIES

Edith R. Ramaska, 65



OAKHAM - Edith R. (Webb) Ramaska, 65, of Oakham died on Saturday, July 20, 2019, at her home after a courageous battle with cancer.

Edith is survived by her husband of 29 years, Robert J. Ramaska; her sister, Judith Webb and her husband Joseph Chenevert of New Braintree; her mother-in-law, Rita Ramaska of North Brookfield; her brother-in-law, Thomas Ramaska and his wife Sharon; three sisters-in-law, Karen Kennan and her husband Richard, Joanne Caron, and Roxane Ramaska; two nieces and five nephews, including her godson Andrew Chenevert of Portland, Oregon, as well as great-nieces and great-nephews, and eighteen Waugh first-cousins, having been predeceased by two. She is also survived by a few close friends, including Elizabeth Weeks of West Brookfield who assisted with her medical care.

She was born in Spencer, daughter of the late W. Kenneth and Alice G. (Waugh) Webb and grew up in New Braintree. She has resided in Oakham since 1986.

Edie is a graduate of North Brookfield High School and earned an A.S. degree from Becker Junior College, and a B.S. Degree (cum laude)

from the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. Throughout her adulthood, Edith was employed. She worked as a greenhouse manager, secretary, office administrator, owner of Oakham Country Gardens, and finally, as a self-employed antiques dealer. She was an avid reader. In her spare time, when not reading, she enjoyed gardening, traveling and antiquing with her husband Bob. She was a member of the Oakham Historical Society.

Graveside Service for Edie will be held on Saturday, July 27, 2019, at 11:00AM in Evergreen Cemetery in New Braintree. At her request, there are no calling hours, and everyone should meet directly at the cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the New Braintree Public Library, 45 Memorial Drive, New Braintree, MA 01531, Attn: Alice Webb Fund; or the Oakham Historical Association, P.O. Box 236, Oakham, MA 01068.

Varnum Funeral Home, Inc., 43 East Main St., in West Brookfield is assisting her family with arrangements. An online guest book is available at varnumfuneralhome.com

William (Bill) John MacWilliams Jr., 57



E A S T B R O O K F I E L D - William (Bill) John MacWilliams Jr. - Born on December 4th, 1961 died at home July 12th, 2019, at the age of 57, after a long battle with multiple myeloma, a rare &

incurable type of bone marrow cancer.

He is survived by Susan, his wife of 36 years, and their children Ben & Emily. Bill was born in Bridgeport, CT; the first son of William Sr. and Barbara MacWilliams, his loving mother who passed in 2011. He is also survived by his three younger brothers; David & his wife Maria of Southwick, MA, Todd & his wife Mary of Concord, GA, and John & his wife Mary of Knoxville, GA. Bill was the beloved nephew of Gwen & Joe Palmer of Fairfield, CT. He will be greatly missed by his large extended family - cousins, nieces, nephews, brothers and sisters-in-law, as well as his greatly supportive network of friends.

Bill spent many years working at Charter Communications, formerly Greater Media Cable, first in sales and later in collections. While climbing triple-deckers wasn't his favorite, he left that position with lots of interesting stories to tell, and experience that helped him make the transition to copywriting and ad sales for multiple radio stations in New England. Although he was a natural salesman and thrived in this environment, Bill truly prided himself on his past work as a landscaper. If you ever rode in a car with him, you knew a lawn he used to mow the moment you drove by. He'd be quick to tell you, "It looked better when I did it."

Anyone who knew Bill knew how important sports were to him. He followed not just his teams, but everyone's teams. He had an unfathomable number of statistics in his brain and out of his mouth before you even needed to ask. Even more than watching, Bill loved playing sports. He was a talented athlete from an early age, and his mother was his first and most vocal fan. He was a track star at Bethel High School (class of 1979) and always worked to maintain relationships with teammates from his youth.

Throughout his life, Bill spent time playing basketball, baseball, softball, and darts, but more than any of these, he loved playing golf. When his illness made his body weak, his eyes were always on the next round of golf. Just one month before his passing, he played a round with some old friends, finishing with a 52 and outscoring everyone in his foursome. If you don't know golf, this amazing score for someone whose body is fighting such a difficult battle, and a perfectly respectable score if you were healthy. However, this was still not a score that met the high standards that Bill set for himself. Those who were lucky enough to play a round with him in his prime know why.

One day over 30 years ago, Bill picked up a hitchhiker who changed the course of his life by introducing him to a new sport - a kind of golf played by throwing hard plastic discs into baskets. From that moment on, golf became "ball golf", and his energy was focused on learning and perfecting this new challenge. By becoming involved in the disc golf community, Bill helped grow this virtually unknown sport throughout New England and beyond, while making lifelong friends in the process. Bill was an early and active member of the New England Flying

disc Association (#12), and loved spending his time traveling to & playing new courses, organizing & participating in tournaments, and pointing out big open spaces of land he thought would make a great disc golf course. During his life, Bill helped with the design & construction of dozens of courses all across New England, an accomplishment that his family takes enormous pride in.

His ability to make friends in any situation truly shined after his cancer diagnosis, when he was brought into a whole new community of people - the doctors, nurses, and caregivers at UMASS Memorial Medical Center - University Campus on North Lake Ave in Worcester, MA. Bill made true connections with the wonderful individuals who helped care for him, and the family wants to send these people their deepest thanks.

Bill was a natural athlete, and he never wanted to lose. His final battle with cancer is heartbreaking, but we like to think of him as he is in our memories - healthy, fit, and strong - making it to the finish line after an impossible race.

These are some other ways he would like to be remembered: Taking a drive in a storm, car shows with Ben & Brent & Ben, talking about "the stuff we used to get away with" with Dave, Todd, John, Bruce, and Pat, having a drink with "your name here", dinner at Enrico's, mussels at the Lobster Pot, Local takeout brought to the Quaboag boat ramp and feeding the leftovers to the birds, any Yankee game - in person or on TV, bitching about the Red Sox, a lazy afternoon with a golf match on the television, finding a little league bat or a Frisbee pie tin at an antique store, reminiscing around the fire, being a human playground for all the kids at a family party, winding up a toddler and watching them go!, grabbing a kid by their ankles and mopping the floor with their hair, saving EVERYTHING, Scituate vacations, Cape Cod weekend, tapping on the steering wheel, and playing piano on the dashboard

Bill's family sends out their loudest and most sincere thanks to everyone who stood by and stepped in to help him & them during this 6 year battle with cancer. We wouldn't have been able to get through it without you.

Calling hours will be held on Saturday August 3rd 2019 from 3pm to 5pm at Robert J. Miller-Charlton Funeral Home; 175 Old Worcester Rd Charlton, MA. Celebration of Life to follow - 6pm at Rapsallion Brewery & Disc Golf; 195 Arnold Rd Sturbridge MA

Please, No Flowers. Instead, take the money you would use to buy flowers, and make a donation in Bill's name to one of these causes that Bill was passionate about.

The Adam Bullen Memorial Foundation uses your donations to support "Adam's Angels", an organization that helps the families of people battling cancer with travel expenses, so that no one has to face their fight alone. Please email BullenFoundation@AdamBullen.com to make a donation.

Bill was extremely proud to have helped make the dream of a Disc Golf course at Crystal Pond Park in Woodstock, CT a reality. By donating to the upkeep and maintenance of this place, you can help keep that dream alive. This course was very close to his heart, and somewhere we can all go to feel close to him. Please visit www.crystalpondpark.com/volunteer-donate.html for more information.

CALENDAR

Saturday, July 27

MASS PIKEMEN GAMING CLUB: The next gaming session of the Mass Pikemen Gaming Club will be on July 27 from 2-7 p.m. at the East Brookfield Senior Center, 110 Pleasant St., in East Brookfield. There will be a Sci-Fi game scenario called "Attack of the Warbots." The biological Alliance (Star Ducks, Space Dwarves, Space Roos, Frinx, and Aphids) have captured a Warbot Mark 1 Sphere tank and are attempting to repair and convert it to their use. The Warbots and their Martian allies have landed a large force and aim to deny their enemy this loss of technology. Can the Warbots be stopped? New players always welcome and will get to play!

Monday, July 29

CHALLENGER: SOARING WITH CHRISTA MCAULIFFE: 3 p.m., Merriam-Gilbert Public Library, West Brookfield. Judith Kalaora of History at Play reprises her role as America's Teacher in Space. Suitable for all ages. This event will be held in the Great Hall (Town Hall) and is co-sponsored by the West Brookfield Historical Commission and the Quaboag Historical Society. Please register.

Wednesday, July 31

LEICESTER CONCERTS ON THE COMMON — THE OTTERS & CRUISE NIGHT: 6:30-8:30 p.m., Leicester town common. Rock 'n Roll fun! The band plays a mix of '50s, '60s & '70s rock! Bring your classic car and your best gal! Sponsored by LCAC. Rain date Aug. 1.

Wednesday, August 7

CONCERTS ON THE COMMON — CHANGES IN LATITUDE: 6:30-8:30 p.m., Leicester Town Common. Premier tribute show to Jimmy Buffett. Come to the beach party, wear your grass skirt, your Hawaiian shirt, kick off your shoes, and join a Conga line! Get your "Latitude" adjusted here! Sponsored by Mapfire Insurance and G.E. McKenna Insurance Agency. Rain date Aug. 8.

Wednesday, August 14

CONCERTS ON THE COMMON — THE LOVE DOGS: 6:30-8:30 p.m., Leicester Town Common. Jump Blues, Funk, Swing, and Jazz! Major red hot horn section & boogie woogie piano with the best rhythm section in the business. Rain date Aug. 15.

Wednesday, August 21

CONCERTS ON THE COMMON — THE BOOMBOX BAND: 6:30-8:30 p.m., Leicester Town Common. A tribute act in costume doing a '70s set and an '80s set. All local musicians. Don't miss this fun night! Rain date Aug. 22.

Saturday, August 24

RUNNING OUT OF SUMMER 5K CHARITY RACE: The Running Out of Summer 5K is a charity race to benefit Second Chance Animal Services, with locations in Central and Western Massachusetts. The race will start and finish at Rapscaillon Brewery in Sturbridge, and is expected to sell out with a 500 runner cap this year. The event features live music, giveaways, and food and beer after the race. Taking place on Aug. 24, the last weekend before Labor Day, this race is sure to be a fun and festive event. Register today at <https://racewire.com/register.php?id=10504>.

Saturday, September 21

SEVENTH ANNUAL CRUISE FOR CRITTERS CAR SHOW: The 7th Annual Cruise for Critters Car Show is an event to benefit animals in need at Second Chance Animal Services hosted by Al Widlan's Service Connection. It will take place on Saturday, September 21, 2019, at Westview Farms Creamery. There will be plenty of food and several fun activities for families to enjoy, including raffles, a corn maze, pumpkin picking, and a vendor fair. Entering a car into the show costs \$20, and all spectators can enter for free. Bring the pups! All dogs must be leashed.

Thursday, October 31

SECOND CHANCE ANIMAL SERVICES HALLOWEEN BARKTACULAR: Halloween event bringing families and pets together to benefit Second Chance. Indoor and outdoor event activities including trick-or-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!

ONGOING EVENTS

ECONOMY SHOP HOURS FOR AUGUST 22 through June 28, 2019

Open every Wednesday 8 a.m. to noon; Thursday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. & 6 to 8 p.m.; Friday 8 a.m. to noon at the First Congregational Church, 207 Main St., Spencer. **Come in and see our daily specials.** (508) 885-2149.

DEJA NEW: Art, Antiques & Collectibles Marketplace which is open in the St. Joseph's Rectory building at 759 Main Street Leicester. Hours are Tuesday 5-7 p.m., Wednesday 9 a.m.-noon, Thursday 3-6 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.-noon, all proceeds going back into the town's Food Pantries, Hearts for Heat and programs for the needy. We are non-profit and run on volunteers. We are open May into December.

EAST BROOKFIELD LIBRARY PROGRAMS: The East Brookfield Public Library is currently conducting their fall registration for children's programming. Rhythm and Rhyme is for toddlers aged 18 mos. to 3 years. This program runs from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. and includes lots of music, finger plays, physical activities and a story with a related craft.

Preschool story time is geared for children aged 3 to 5 years old. It runs from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30a.m. Seasonal songs, poems, and gross motor activities are part of this program, as well as a story and craft that encourages fine motor skills. Both programs are held on Thursday mornings. Parents and caretakers are asked to remain with their children. For more information or to register by phone call (508) 867-7928. You can also like us on Facebook and visit our website @www.eastbrookfieldLibrary.com. We look forward to seeing you!

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

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP: On the third Wednesday of each month, 6-7 p.m. at the Overlook Independent Living Building, fourth floor Solarium, 88 Masonic Home Road, Charlton. The intent is to build a support system, exchange practical information, talk through issues and ways of coping, share feelings, needs and concerns and to learn about community resources. Contact Kathy Walker at (508) 434-2551 or kawalker@overlook-mass.org for more information. Presented by Alzheimer's Association MA/NH Chapter, visit (800) 272-3900 or alz.org.

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

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

SUPPER TIME: A free, community meal is held on the first Tuesday of the month at The Cross Roads Café

Coffeehouse, from 4:30-6:30 p.m., at the Emmanuel Church, 25 Winthrop Terrace, Warren. All ages are welcome. There is no cover charge; however, a love offering is accepted as a gift to the band or musician as thanks to God for their sharing of their talent and gift for the glory of God (www.emmanuelorthodox.org).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY JULY 26

JOE MACEY @ 7-10
308 Lakeside
308 East Main Street
East Brookfield, MA 01515
774-449-8333

SATURDAY, JULY 27

10am-2pm (rain date July 28)
JANINE'S FROSTEE 14TH ANNUAL CLASSIC CAR SHOW
To benefit Cancer Services at Baystate Mary Lane Hospital
Lot opens at 9am for registration. ALL cars must be registered to be in the lot. Judging from 11am-1pm with trophies and all prizes by 2 pm.
Delicious Food Specials & Custom Car t-shirts on sale. Tons of Raffles, 50/50, Prize Wheel. Public Welcome
149 East Street (off Route 9)
Ware, MA 413-967-7950

SUNDAY, JULY 28

DAN FEELEY @ 2-5
308 Lakeside
308 East Main Street
East Brookfield, MA 01515
774-449-8333



TUESDAY, JULY 30

FARMERS MARKET 5-7 pm and **CONCERT** from 6-7:30 pm
Jazz and Blues Singer, Ethel Lee
Concerts on the Common
Presented by The Overlook
88 Masonic Home Road
Charlton, MA 01507

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9



RED SOX GAME: for \$105: round-trip motor coach transportation, ticket to game (right field box seating rows A-G) Bus departs

Danielson at 4pm. Call 860-423-2591.
Reserve your spot now!

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22

FARMER'S DINNER
From our gardens to your plate. Featuring local pasture raised chicken. Advanced tickets required
Salem Cross Inn
260 West Main St., W. Brookfield, MA 508-867-2345 salemcrossinn.com

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

OPEN HOUSE & FALL REGISTRATION 11am-6pm
Live dances, free mini trial classes, fun & games, free give-aways, meet the teachers, check out the studio. Also register August 27 and September 4th
6-8 pm at the studio or call/email to register at anytime. Classes begin Sept. 9
Dance Techniques
62 Wall St., Spencer, MA 01562
508-885-4559

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

FARMERS DINNER
From our gardens to your plate. Featuring Salem Cross Farm Pasture raised beef

Advanced tickets required.
Salem Cross Inn
260 West Main St., W. Brookfield, MA
508-867-2345 salemcrossinn.com

SEPTEMBER 12-14

ORIGINAL SEWING & QUILT EXPO

Auburn Sewing Center will be at the DCU Center. Classroom machines on sale. Stop by their Brother & Janome booth for make-it, take-it projects.
Classes and demonstrations 9am-5pm
50 Foster St, Worcester, MA 01608
www.dcucenter.com

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13,

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER
An interactive dinner theater
The Fashionable Murders. 6:30 pm

Join us for a laugh-filled night, a great dinner, and a mystery we need help solving. Advance ticket sales required
salemcrossinn.com or call 508-867-2345. 260 West Main Street West Brookfield, MA 01585

Do Something FUN This Weekend!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27,

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER
An interactive dinner theater
The Fashionable Murders. 6:30 pm
Join us for a laugh-filled night, a great dinner, and a mystery we need help solving. Advance ticket sales required
salemcrossinn.com or call 508-867-2345. 260 West Main Street West Brookfield, MA 01585

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER
An interactive dinner theater
The Fashionable Murders 6:30 pm
Join us for a laugh-filled night, a great dinner, and a mystery we need help solving. Advance ticket sales required
salemcrossinn.com or call 508-867-2345. 260 West Main Street West Brookfield, MA 01585



ONGOING

JUNE THROUGH AUGUST 5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY NIGHT CRUISING FOR CHARITY CAR SHOW AT KLEM'S
All makes and models. Proceeds benefit the Masonic Children's Charity
KLEM'S
117 West Main St., Spencer, MA 508-885-2708 (Ext. 104)
www.klemsonline.com

SUNDAYS THIS SUMMER with live music from 2-5 on the patio
308 Lakeside
308 East Main Street

East Brookfield, MA 01515
774-449-8333



MARIACHI BAND
First Thursday of the month 5-8 p.m.
MEXICALI MEXICAN GRILL
Webster location
41 Worcester Rd.,

Webster, MA
508-461-5070



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

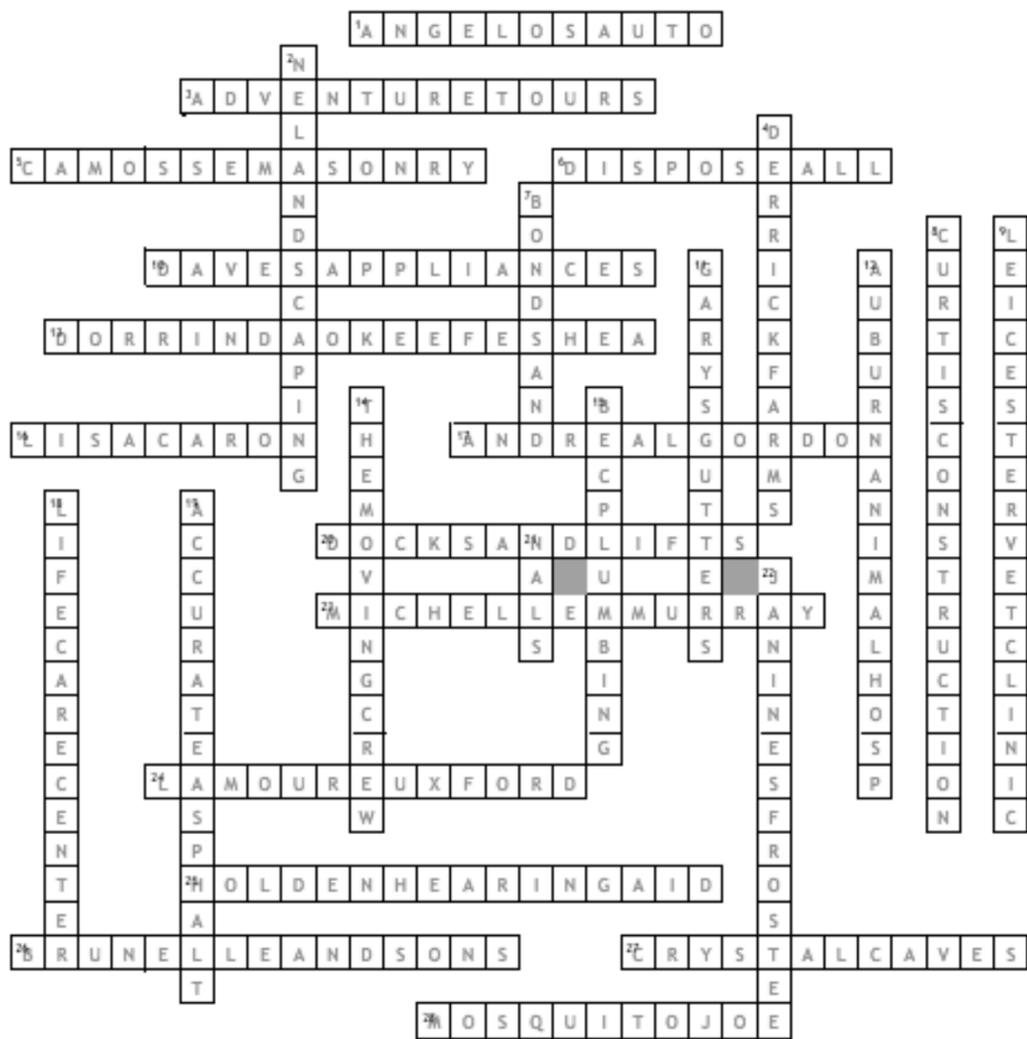


LIVE ENTERTAINMENT FRIDAY NIGHT
HEXMARK TAVERN AT SALEM CROSS INN
260 West Main St., W. Brookfield, MA
508-867-2345 salemcrossinn.com

Lets Hang Out Together!



Meet Your Merchants Crossword Answers

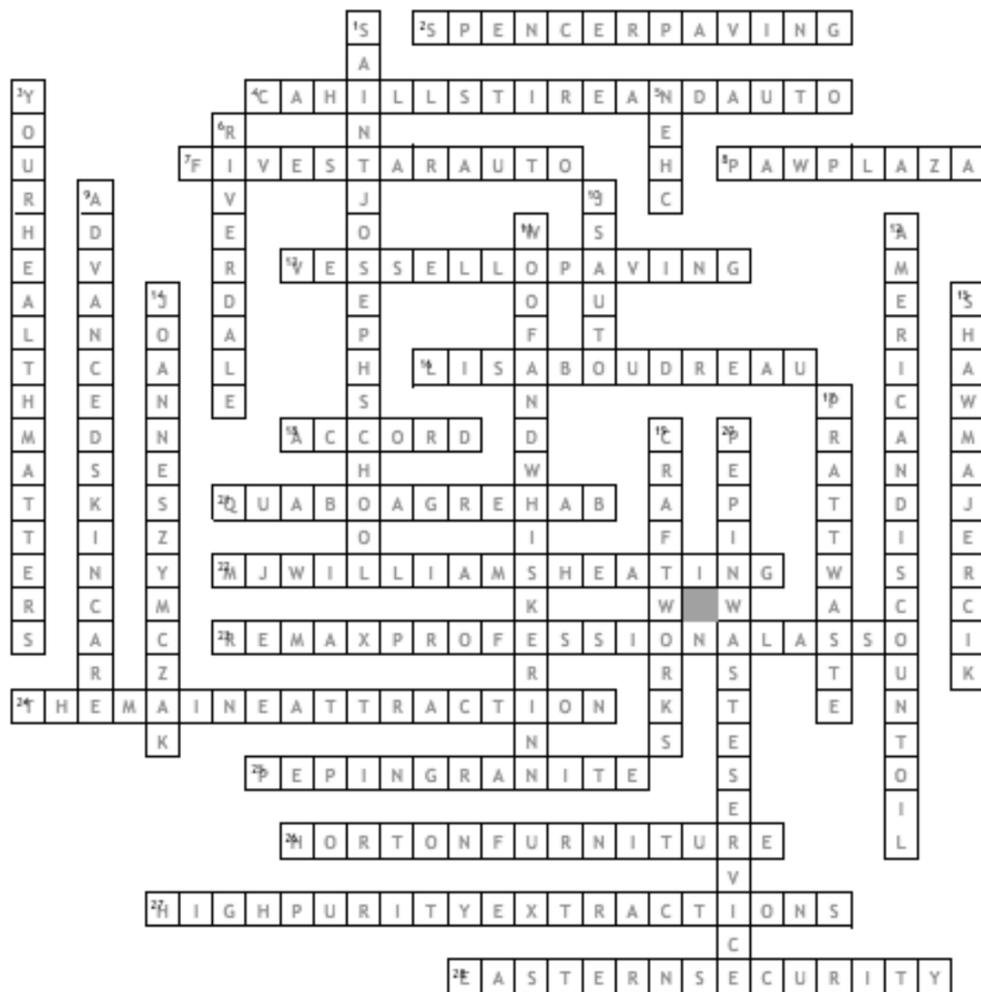


Across

1. Got a job? Get a car!
3. Book early for best cabin
5. Your Home for Hardscapes
6. Biodegradable Waste
10. Visit us last
13. Centurion, Centurion Honor Society CDPE
16. GRI, ABR, LMC, CDPE, SRS, SRES, PSA, Notary Public
17. Probate & Estates
20. 10% off with this ad
23. Welcoming New Clients
24. Everybody Talks
25. Our goal is to improve the lives of people
26. Peace & tranquility in your own backyard
27. Time for some fun - Everyone!
28. \$46 first treatment

Down

2. Warren Monette Chris Monette
4. We cater to seniors and the handicapped
7. Screened loam stored in building
8. General excavation services
9. Dr. Colm Scanlon
11. 50% off gutter guards
12. Superior Veterinary Care Since 1995
14. Call us today 508-868-4291
15. Call us to discuss heating equipment upgrades
18. Helping you get back home
19. Free estimates include tonnage
21. Benjamin Moore Retailer
22. Annual car show July 27



Across

2. Over 30 years Experience!
4. Family owned and operated since 1967
7. Full automotive service facility
8. Where pets are pampered
13. Do it right!
16. Your neighborhood realtor
18. Experienced Adults Day Health
21. Come Grow With us
22. Mitsubishi Electric Ductless
23. We solve real estate problems
24. Outdoor seating across from Hamilton Reservoir
25. Monuments
26. Patty & Steve Duszak, Owners
27. Bulk CBD Oil & Isolate
28. 17th Annual safe tent sale

Down

1. Challenging Minds and Forming Hearts or over 125 Years
3. 20% off when you spend \$50 more more
5. Kitchen & bath sales & design
6. Outstanding career advancements and benefits
9. Yolanda "Jolie" Hatzides
10. Guaranteed financing! You're Approved!
11. Limited availability, book for summer now!
12. Propane 20 cents off
14. Re/Max Advantage 1
15. Direct Cremation \$1475
17. Your local trash hauler
19. Northboro's Gem for handmade local artisan
20. Roll off containers 10, 15, 20

We hope you enjoyed our Meet Your Merchant crossword puzzle.

The randomly chosen winner of all the correct entries for a \$25 gift card of your choice of any of these businesses is
- Wendy T. of Southbridge -

Thank you to all the Meet Your Merchant businesses and to those who completed our puzzle!

June - 508-909-4062
 Spencer New Leader, Charlton Villager, Auburn News

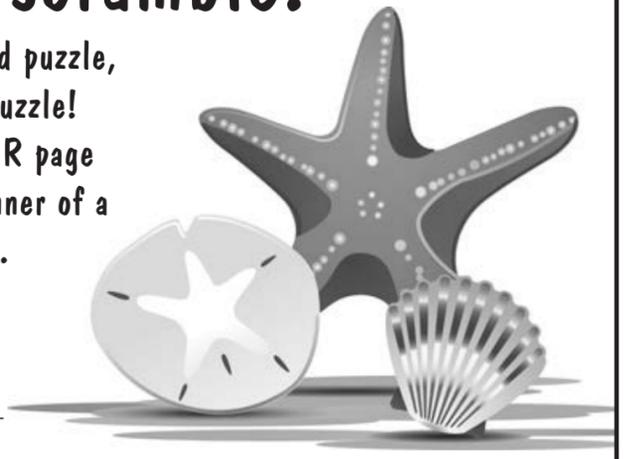
Mikaela - 508-909-4126
 Southbridge News, Sturbridge Villager

Patty - 508-909-4135
 Blackstone Valley Tribune, Webster Times



Welcome to our first scramble!

We've decided to change it up for Summer and instead of a crossword puzzle, we've created a scramble. We hope you'll enjoy this challenging puzzle! Please find the answers (business names) on the ABC's of SUMMER page in this week's issue. We will unscramble for you and announce a winner of a \$25 Gift Card to an ABC Business in the August 16th issue.
Good luck!



Name _____
 Address _____
 Phone _____
 Email (optional) _____
 Newspaper you saw this in, circle one: Spencer New Leader, Auburn News, Southbridge News, Charlton Villager, Sturbridge Villager, Webster Times, Blackstone Valley Tribune
 We love your feedback comments: _____

ABC'S OF SUMMER SCRAMBLE

(These are not in alphabetical order)

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|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. ISEOTNB TNILGGIH INC | 14. EOREBITNSGD SRPES |
| 2. HRIKCAW ARFERSM C-POO | 15. SRPOE RNUICSNTOCOT OC NCI |
| 3. EB TSTALF | 16. SDVAE NCAPLAIEP |
| 4. FTI OHACC | 17. YUIQATL LNGFIORO |
| 5. SAIL OGNAR ETXI ELATRY | 18. IRADNDOR AFHEOSEEKE- |
| 6. WDOO'YS OATU OYBD | 19. LDSF'EEE FOEFEC PPESOH |
| 7. EGI RETISROIN | 20. BURANU WSIGEN RTECNE |
| 8. NCAIERMA UTNCOISD IOL | 21. S'LNA NPIAT ERCNET |
| 9. HSRFE RATT S EHT IMVGON WREC | 22. E'NSSHEA ASNOL AND SPA |
| 10. AGSR'Y TURSEGT | 23. HILLCA ERIT DAN TUAO VREECIS |
| 11. OICERMR JWEERSEL | 24. NNSJIEA ROEETSF |
| 12. OYFX AVTRLE | 25. QAABGUO IAALIOBTHNTREI |
| 13. URLPEP HRCOP PRIRTOPESE | 26. MRECOIR RSELEWJE RAT LYGELAR |

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LEGALS

RECEIVER'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE AT PUBLIC AUCTION PURSUANT TO MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS ch. 111 § 1271

By virtue of an Order of the Worcester Housing Court in Case No.

17CV244, Attorney General for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts vs. Sarah Carter and Wayne Carter, which Order took effect October 19, 2017 appointing WORCESTER COMMUNITY HOUSING RESOURCES, INC. as the Receiver of real estate located at 115 Summer Street, North Brookfield, MA, said Order recorded at the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 60236, Page 13, and the establishment of a lien in favor of the Receiver pursuant to M.G.L. ch. 111§1271 on such property, recorded in Book 60555, Page 211, and for the purpose of satisfying such lien as to 115 Summer Street, North Brookfield, MA, said real estate will be sold at a public auction at 10:00 A.M. on the 13th day of August, 2019, on the premises hereafter described in a deed, to wit:

The land in North Brookfield, Worcester County, Massachusetts being a certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated on the Southwesterly side of Summer Street and on the Northeasterly side of Bigelow Street and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at an iron pin on the Southwesterly side of Summer Street at the corner of land of Arthur C. Prouty et ux; THENCE South 45° 46' East by the Southerly line of Summer Street One Hundred Ninety-Four (194) feet, more or less, to Bigelow Street; THENCE Southwesterly by Bigelow Street to land now or formerly of Walter W. Maki;

THENCE North 34° 56' East by land of said Maki Sixty-Five and Seventy-Five Hundredths (65.75) feet to an iron pipe at land of said Prouty;

THENCE South 55° 04' East by land of said Prouty Twenty-Two (22) feet to an iron pipe;

THENCE North 44° 36' East still by land of said Prouty Forty-Nine (49) feet to a place of beginning.

BEING the same premises conveyed to Wayne M. Carter and Sarah Carter, by deed recorded on August 7, 2008 at the Worcester County Registry of Deeds in Book 39531, Page 165.

TERMS OF SALE: FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) DOLLARS, as a deposit, on said property being sold, to be paid in cash, certified check, treasurer's check or cashier's check, by the purchaser at the time and place of sale, balance within thirty (30) days after date of the sale at the office of WENDY M. MEAD, P.C., 11 Pleasant Street, ste 30, Worcester, MA, Attorney for the Receiver. Said premises are to be sold as is and subject to unpaid taxes, tax sales, water charges and municipal liens and assessments, if any. Any other terms will be announced at the sale. FRANCIS J. TRAPASSO & ASSOCIATES

Mass. State License #252
WORCESTER COMMUNITY HOUSING RESOURCES, INC.
Receiver

Dated: June 20, 2019
WENDY M. MEAD, P.C.
11 Pleasant Street, ste 30
Worcester, MA 01609
July 19, 2019
July 26, 2019
August 2, 2019

Town of West Brookfield Zoning Board of Appeals

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at

the West Brookfield Town Hall, to act on an application for a Variance for Sheila Wenc, for the property located at 78 and 82 New Braintree Road, West Brookfield. The applicant wishes to create a common driveway at the two conforming properties located in Rural Residential District. This requires a variance as per section(s) -1.3 Basic Requirements a (et al). The public is invited to attend.

Renee Adams White
Clerk

July 19, 2019
July 26, 2019

Town of West Brookfield Zoning Board of Appeals

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the West Brookfield Town Hall, to act on an application for a Special Permit for Manuel Pereira for the property located at 48 Long Hill Road, West Brookfield. The applicant wishes to build a new front covered porch in Rural Residential District requires a special permit as per section, -1.5 Nonconformity: §1.52 Nonconforming Structures (a) (et al). The public is invited to attend.

Renee Adams White
Clerk

July 19, 2019
July 26, 2019

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Reginald L. Girouard, Jr. to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for BSM Financial, L.P., its successors and assigns, dated November 1, 2006 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 40103, Page 19, subsequently assigned to EMC Mortgage Corporation by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 45534, Page 131, subsequently assigned to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., ("MERS") as nominee for BSM Financial, L.P., its successors and assigns by EMC Mortgage LLC f/k/a EMC Mortgage Corporation by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 58809, Page 234, subsequently assigned to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for BSM Financial, L.P., its successors and assigns by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 52060, Page 39, subsequently assigned to New Penn Financial, LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing by JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 55936, Page 304 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 AM on August 16, 2019 at 23 Pearl Street, Spencer, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

The land with the buildings thereon in Spencer, Massachusetts situated on the southerly side of Pearl Street, bounded and described as follows: On the North by Pearl Street, and the Spencer Railroad; On the East by land of Arthur Derosier et ux, formerly of S. Dickerman; On the South by land now or formerly of Archambeault, formerly of Michael Casey, about 97 feet; and On the West by land of said Spencer

Railroad; Being the same premises conveyed to Reginald L. Girouard, Jr. by deed of Gary A. Cook and Suzanne M. Cook dated January 8, 2002 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 26013, Page 308.

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

TERMS OF SALE:

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

NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing
Present Holder of said Mortgage, By Its Attorneys,
ORLANS PC
PO Box 540540
Waltham, MA 02454
Phone: (781) 790-7800
19-003971
July 26, 2019
August 2, 2019
August 9, 2019

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Stephen H. Brown to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for 1-800-East-West Mortgage Company, its successors and assigns, dated May 13, 2011 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 47398, Page 181, subsequently assigned to Federal National Mortgage Association by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for 1-800-East-West Mortgage Company, its successors and assigns by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 59002, Page 145, subsequently assigned to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust by Federal National Mortgage Association by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 59926, Page 175 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 AM on August 16, 2019 at 126

Hastings Road, Spencer, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

the land in Spencer, Worcester County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts on the easterly side of Hastings Road in said Spencer being shown as Lot 10 on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Spencer, Mass, surveyed for Conrad J. Lussier surveyed by Donald A. Para, RLS, New Braintree, Mass. October 20, 1986" which plan is recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 566, plan 92 and which Lot 10 is more particularly bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point in the easterly line of Hastings Road which point is the northwest corner of the lot herein described and southwest corner of Lot 9 as shown on said plan; THENCE S. 53 degrees 36' 46" E. 332.41 feet along said Lot 9 to a point at land now or formerly of Donald L. and Shirley E. Smith; THENCE S. 05 degrees 59 35" W. 100.08 feet along said Smith land to a point; THENCE S. 79 degrees 22' 34" W. 341.14 feet along said Smith land to an iron pin set in the easterly line of Hastings Road; THENCE N. 04 Degrees 23' 27" E, 200.00 feet along the easterly line of Hastings Road to the point of beginning. Containing 1.138 acres (49,571 square feet). For title reference see deed recorded at Book 18116 Page 295.

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There are four things different between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?

A



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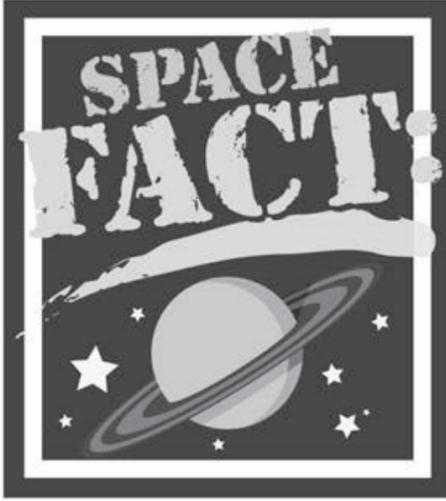
Answers: 1. Paint is white 2. Extra red container on the side 3. Missing star on tube 4. Missing words on paper

THIS DAY IN...



HISTORY

- **1847:** BRIGHAM YOUNG LEADS MORMON PIONEERS INTO SALT LAKE VALLEY, LEADING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SALT LAKE CITY.
- **1866:** TENNESSEE BECOMES THE FIRST CONFEDERATE STATE TO BE READMITTED TO THE UNION.
- **1987:** 91-YEAR-OLD HULDA CROOKS BECOMES THE OLDEST PERSON TO CLIMB MT. FUJI.



THIS IS A MOON, PLANET OR MACHINE THAT ORBITS A PLANET OR STAR.

ANSWER: A SATELLITE



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How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Star

SPANISH: Estrella

ITALIAN: Stella

FRENCH: Étoile

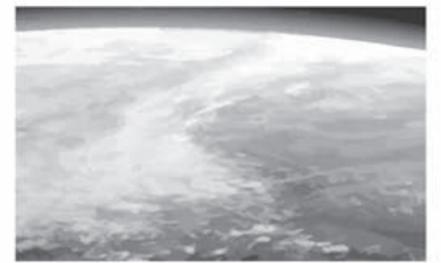
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NOBODY KNOWS JUST HOW MANY STARS ARE IN SPACE.



GET THE PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: EARTH

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CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to mobile phones. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 3 = e)

A. 4 23 21 6 3

Clue: Calling device

B. 7 21 18 9 17 3

Clue: Move freely

C. 25 3 26 25 9 6 11

Clue: Sending messages

D. 13 1 25 1

Clue: Computer quantities and signals

Answers: A. phone B. mobile C. texting D. data

SUDOKU

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Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

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

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

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DUDLEY - 4 Tobin Dr! TOBIN FARM ESTATES!!! 11 Rm 3,638' Colonial! 4 Bdrms! 2.5 Baths! 2 Story Grand Foyer! Liv & Din Rm w/Hrdwds & Custom Wainscoting! Fully Appliance Granite Eat-in Kit w/Maple Cabs & Island! 1st Flr Frplce Fam Rm w/Klipsch Surround Sound, Skylights, Hrdwd Flrs & Recessed Lighting! Sunrm off the Kit! 1st Flr Laundry! Composite Deck w/Winy! Railings! Master Suite w/Custom Wet Bar, Kegeator, Wine Fridge, Stools & Surround Sound! Plumbed for Future Bath! Flat Back Yard w/New Horse Shoe Pit, Garden, Shed, Fire Pit & More! 2 Car Garage! **\$499,000.00**

DUDLEY - 90' WATERFRONT! 12 Lakeview Ave! Full Recreational Merino Pond! 12 Rms, 4/5 Bdrms, 3.5 Baths Total! 2 Complete Residences, Single Family w/In-Law or as a 2 Family! Right Side w/Open Flr Plan! Lake Facing Kit, Din & Liv Rms! 2nd Flr w/2 Lake Facing Bdrms! Finished Walk-out Lower Level! Left Side w/Granite Kit w/ Skylight! Frplce Din/Liv Rm! 2/3 Bdrms! Master w/Bath! Town Services! In Time for Summer! **\$439,900.00**

WEBSTER - 12 Blueberry Way! 3,753' Custom 9 Rm Cape on an Unbelievable 1.69 Acres! From the Circular Drive to the Multilevel Composite Decks to the Incredible Pool w/Waterfall and In-water Stools surrounded by Stamped Concrete & Screened Gazebo to the Lighted Tennis Court! Gracious 2 Story Entry Foyer! New Granite Kit w/Breakfast Bar & Dining Area w/New Tile Flr! Formal Din Rm w/Hrdwds! Spacious 30' Frplce Liv Rm w/New Hrdwds! 1st Flr Bdrms w/Full Bath & New Hrdwds! 3 Second Flr Bdrms! Master Suite w/Full Bath, Dressing Area & Multiple Closets! 4 Bdrms, 4.5 Baths Total! 40' Recently Finished Walk-out Lower Level! Frplce Fam Rm! 2 Car Attached Garage! C/Air! Buderuz 4.0Z Oil Heat! Shed! Landscape Lighting! Make a Move! **\$489,900.00**



PUTNAM - 49 Fox Road! Fantastic 2,680' 9+ Room Center Hall Colonial Set on 3 Beautiful Acres! Featuring Center Island Stainless Appliance Kitchen! Formal Dining & Living Rooms w/Hardwoods! Comfortable Brick Fireplace Family Room! Office/Den! Half Bath w/Laundry! Side Entry Foyer w/Coat Closet! Upstairs to 4 Spacious Bedrooms! Huge Master w/Hardwoods, Full Bath & Walk-in Closet! Full Hall Bath w/Double Sinks! Full Walk-up Attic w/Plumbing Leads for Additional/Future Expansion! 5 Zone Oil Heat! 24X30' Detached Garage w/Second Floor Storage! Convenient to Everything Putnam! **\$369,900.00**

DUDLEY - 9 Nellies Way! TOBIN FARM ESTATES! 10 Rm Colonial Set on 1.2 Acres! Appliance Dine-in Granite Kit! Season Sun Rm off Kit! Din Rm, 2 Story Fam Rm w/Pellet Stove, Bdrms, Full Bath w/Laundry & Gleaming Hrdwds Round Out 1st Flr! 2nd Flr Features an Open Balcony to the Liv Rm! Plenty of Space for an Office, Playroom or Reading Area, Use Your Imagination! Master w/Tray Ceiling & 3 Closets! Master Bath w/Dual Sinks, Shower, Whirlpool Tub & Makeup Counter! 2 Additional Bdrms & Full Bath! Huge Finished Walk-out Lower Level Perfect for Entertaining! Wet Bar w/Wine Cooler & Fridge! Half Bath w/Tile Flr! Irrigation! Shed! JD Riding Mower! Don't Miss Out! **\$469,900.00**

DUDLEY - 2 Brandon Rd! 2 Family! 6/5 Rms! 3/2 Bdrms! 1/1 Baths! Level Corner Lot! 1st Flr w/Appliance Kit! Din Rm! Liv Rm w/Picture Window! 3 Bdrms! Full Bath w/Tub/Shower! 2nd Flr w/Appliance Kit! Din Rm! Liv Rm! 2 Bdrms! Full Bath! Gas Heat! Young Roof! **\$229,900.00**

DUDLEY - 4 Brandon Rd! 2 Family! 6/5 Rms! 2/2 Bdrms! 1/1 Baths! Both Flrs w/Eat-in Pantry Kitchens! Liv Rms! 2 Bdrms! Baths w/Tubs/Showers! Off Street Parking! Recent Roof! Vinyl Siding! Porches! Gas/Electric Heat! **\$209,900.00**



DUDLEY - 24 Hickory Dr! 8 Rm 50' Split on Dble Corner Lot! Fully Appliance SS Kitchen w/Tile Flr, Cherry Cabinets, Corian Counters & Island! Din Rm w/Slider to Deck! Liv Rm w/Cherry Cabinetry, Recessed Lights & Picture Window! Slate Entry w/Coat Closet! Full Bath w/Tile Flr! Master w/Wall to Wall, Triple Closet! Recently Refreshed Master Bath! 2nd & 3rd Bdrms w/Wall to Wall & Dble Closets! Lower Level Fam Rm w/Stone Fireplace w/Pellet Insert! Office/Play Rm w/Wall to Wall! Half Bath w/Recent Vanity! C/Air! Oil Heat! 2 Car Garage! Generator! Replacement Windows! Flexible Floor Plan! **\$299,900.00**



DUDLEY - 94 Tracy Road! 7 Rm 4 Bdrms Colonial on 1.24 Acres! Privacy! Many Upgrades! Hrdwds Throughout! Frplce Liv Rm w/Recessed Lights! Formal Din Rm! Eat-in Kit Updated in 2015! Cherry Cabinets, Granite Counters, Center Isl & SS Appliances! Sunroom w/Skylights, Hrdwd Flrs & Slider to Deck! 1st Flr 1/2 Bath w/Laundry! Master Bdrms w/Dble Closet & Full Bath w/Linen Closet! 2nd Flr Full Bath! Lower Level Game Rm/Office! Utility/Storage Rm! 16X21 Deck! Garage Under! Save on Your Electric Your Bills, 2015 Solar Panels! Level yard w/Shed! Call now! **\$349,000.00**

WEBSTER LAKE - 50 West Point Rd! Killdeer Island! Stunning 4,700' Entertainers Dream! Magnificent Sunsets! Built 2016, It Has It All! Expansive 2 Story Foyer! Cherry Cabinet Kit w/Overized Center Isl, Dble Oven, High End Appliances and Walk-in Butler's Pantry! Din Rm w/Wet Bar, Sliders to 14x30' Deck! Bright & Airy Liv Rm Overlooking the Lake, Custom Built Cabinets, Gas Frplce! 1/2 Bath + Laundry Nearby! An ELEVATOR to Service All 3 Floors! Glorious Stairway leads up to 3 Spacious Bdrms each with their Own Private Baths! Luxurious Master w/Tray Ceiling, Walk-in Closet + Private Balcony! Expansive Master Bath, Soaker Tub & Large Tile Shower! Walk-up Attic w/Expansion Possibilities! Lower Level boasts Full Kit, 1/2 Bath, Lake Facing Fam Rm, Media/Exercise Rm + Lake Facing Bdrms w/Frplce & Private Bath! Slider to Patio! 13 Individual Splits to Control Rm Temps! Oversized 2 Car Garage! This Home is Loaded w/Quality & Detail! Quick Closing No Problem! Don't Delay! **\$1,145,000.00**

WEBSTER - 28 Colonial Rd! Immaculately Maintained 8 Rm Colonial Across from w/Views of & Beach Access to Webster Lake! Appliance Kit! Dining Area! Dining Rm! Fam Rm! 3 Comfortable Bdrms! Master Bath w/Dble Vanity, Whirlpool Tub, Separate Shower! 2.5 Baths! C/Air! **\$285,000.00**

SUTTON - LAKE SINGLETARY WATERFRONT! 5 W. Sutton Rd! 8 Rm Cape! 3 Bdrms! Screen House at Waters Edge! Gradual Access to the Water! Well! Maintained! Kit, Formal Din Rm! Frplce Liv Rm! Den! Sun Rm! Updated Windows! New Furnace & Septic to be installed by Seller! **\$529,900.00**



CHARLTON - GLEN ECHO LAKE! 3 Sunset Dr! Western Exposure = Beautiful Sunsets! Fantastic 105' Waterfront! Ideal 15,941' Gently Sloping Lot! Comfortable 9 Rm Ranch! Stainless Appliance Eat-in Granite Kit! Din Rm w/Hrdwd Flr! Lake Facing Liv Rm w/Panoramic Water Views! 4 Bdrms, 3 Lake Facing including the Spacious Master! Full Hall Bath! Enjoy the Sun Rm w/Lake Views! 32' Walk-out Lower Level Frplce Fam Rm w/Wet Bar & Convenient Half Bath! Nicely Landscaped Front & Back! Lake Level Deck, Dock & Rear Shed! Benefitted by Town Sewer! Start Packing! **\$529,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE - 39 Bates Point! Panoramic Views of South Pond! Southern Exp! Park Like Grounds! Extensive Patio, Paver Walkways & Perennial Gardens! 18X24 Covered Composite Deck, w/Winy! Railings! 90' U-Shaped Deck! Beautiful 7 Rm A/C/D Ranch! 14,549' Level Lot! Lake Facing Cathedral Ceiling Great Rm w/Gas Frplce, Maple Hrdwd Flrs, Custom Granite Wet Bar w/Maple Cabinetry! Appliance Kit w/Maple Cabinets & Porcelain Tile Flr! Formal Din Rm w/Cathedral Ceiling, Skylight & Birch Flooring! 20' Master w/Cathedral Ceiling, Skylight, Ceiling Fans, Walk-in Closet & Dble Closet! Bthrms w/Travertine Flr, Dble Vanity, Custom Tile Shower, Linen Closet & Cathedral Ceiling w/Skylight! Entry Foyer! Mud Rm w/Tile Floor! Finished Walk-out Lower Level w/2 Bdrms, 1 Lake Facing! Liv Area w/Wet Bar & Frig! Full Bath! Laundry Rm! Work Shop & Storage! 26X32 Detached Garage w/2 Stalls & 2nd Flr Storage! Start Packing! **\$749,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE - 17 Wakefield Ave! South Pond! Western Exposure! Protected from the Storms - Quiet Cove! 24 Acre Lot! 104' Waterfront! Water Views! 2,412' 8 Rm Contemporary! Just Renotated! 4 Bdrms! 2 Baths! Cathedral! Skylights! 2 Fireplaces! C/Air! Composite Decks! Patio! 2 Car Carport! **\$535,000.00**

WEBSTER LAKE - 207 Beacon Park! 1,100' Waterfront! 5 Rms! 1 Level Living - No Stairs! Spectacular Sandy Beach! Fantastic Lakeside Pool! Appliance! Kit & Din Rms w/Parquet Wood Flrs! Spacious Liv Rm! 2 Bdrms! Master Bath & Walk-in Closet! 3 Tile Baths! C/Air! Garage! **\$249,900.00**



CHARLTON - 105' WATERFRONT! Baker Pond! 63 Lincoln Pt Rd! East Facing = Fantastic Sunrises! Custom 9 Rm Colonial! Beautiful 1/2 Acre Lot w/Lawn to Water's Edge! 2 Story Foyer! Natural Woodwork! Open Flr Plan! Appliance Granite Kit w/Is, Recessed Lights, Tile Flr & Water View! Din Area w/Slider to Deck! Sunken Frplce Liv Rm w/Hrdwd Flr & Water Views! Din Rm w/Hrdwd! 1/2 Bath w/Pedestal Sink! 2nd Flr w/4 Bdrms, 3 w/Water Views! Master w/Cathedrals, French Dr to Balcony, Bath w/Separate Tub/Shower, Walk-in Closet & Laundry! Hall Bath! 3.5 Baths Total! Finished Walk-out Lower Level w/3! Fam Rm! Full Kit! Full Bath & Laundry! Includes NEW A/C SPLIT SYSTEM! Enjoy Outside from the Farmer's Porch, Deck, Patio, Screened Porch or Dock! 2 Car Garage! Full Recreational Use! **\$524,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE - 50 Union Point Rd! Panoramic Views of Middle Pond - South Facing - Tons of Sun! Principal Residence or as a Second Home this 6+ Rm Gambel Colonial will be Ready for You! You'll Appreciate its Easy Access and Taken Back by the Ever Changing Lake Vistas! Featuring Appliance Kitchen w/Linen, Dining Area, Lake Facing Fireplace Living Rm with Custom Cabinetry, All with Hardwood Floors! Ideal Lake Facing 3 Seasons Rm w/Tile Floor & Anderson Sliders All Around! 3 Second Floor Bedrooms! Spacious Lake Facing Master w/Cathedral Ceiling & 2 Sliders to its Private Deck! 2 Full Baths! Central Air! Composite Decks & Flag Stone Patio for Your Enjoyment! 7,405' Lot with 50' on the Water! Sorry, Closing not before 9/10/2019! **\$649,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE - Steps Away From! 110 S. Shore Rd! Killdeer Island! Access to Swimming & Boating w/Killdeer Island Club Home Membership! Perfect 1st Assoc or Summer Retreat! 7 Rms! 2 Bdrms! Full Bath! 12x25' Deck w/Water Views! Garage! Don't Delay! **\$299,000.00**

WEBSTER LAKE - 206 Treasure Island! 1.874' Townhouse! 6 Rms, 2 Bdrms, Master Bath, 2.5 Baths Total! Recent Cherry & Granite Kit w/SS Appliances! Din Rm w/Sliders to Deck! Frplce Fam Rm! Patio! Newer C/Air, Heat & Hot Water! Garage! 2 Slips! Pool! Beach! Listed by Another - "SOLD" by C21 Lake Realty! **\$345,900.00**

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THOMPSON, CT - 6 LILLIAN AVE, LOT#1

There is No Place Like Home - beautiful newly constructed home! Split level style home has an attractive modern flare! Open floor plan, cathedral ceilings, hardwood floors, tile floored baths, & wall to wall carpeted Bedrooms. Granite counters, center island & dining rm w/sliders! Master BR, private master full bath w/extra wide shower & walk in closet, plus 2 more spacious BRs & a full hallway bath. 24' lower level family room, half bath w/laundry hookups! Two car garage! Central AC. **\$309,900.**

<p>THOMPSON, CT - 8 LILLIAN AVE, LOT #2</p> <p>ON DEPOSIT</p> <p>There is No Place Like Home - especially when it is a beautiful newly constructed home! This split level style home has an attractive modern flare! You'll be delighted with the natural light that will brighten the interior of this home! Open floor plan, cathedral ceilings! Granite counters, center island & dining rm w/sliders! Master BR, private master full bath w/extra wide shower & walk in closet, plus 2 spacious BRs & a full hallway bath. 24' lower level family room, half bath w/laundry hookups & utility closet, two car garage! Central AC. \$309,900.</p>	<p>SOUTHBRIDGE - 79 N. WOODSTOCK RD</p> <p>FRESHLY PAINTED 3 BEDROOM RANCH HAS SO MUCH TO OFFER! ALL HARDWOODS THROUGHOUT! REMODELED BATHROOM! 3 SEASON ENCLOSED PORCH. KITCHEN/DINING AREA HAS A VERY SPACIOUS OPEN LAYOUT! BEDROOMS WITH DOUBLE CLOSETS! CORNER LOT WITH SIDE GARAGE UNDER! CLOSE TO SHOPPING AREA AND MAJOR AMENITIES. Town Water. New Price \$223,000</p>	<p>DUDLEY - 188 WEST MAIN ST</p> <p>COMMERCIAL/BUSINESS LOCATION IN THE HEART OF DUDLEY! 3 BEDROOM, 1.5 BATH RANCH! LARGER THAN IT APPEARS! 19,582 +/- sq ft Lot. Natural Gas Heat! Hard wood floors! BRING YOUR VISION, LARGE FLAT YARD GIVES YOU GREAT PARKING AREA, for a SMALL BUSINESS FROM HOME!! CONTRACTORS DREAM! \$178,500.</p>	<p>WEBSTER - 21 ARKWRIGHT RD</p> <p>ON DEPOSIT</p> <p>Simply Move In & Enjoy this Beautifully UPDATED Ranch! Close to I-395! Town water & sewer, HIGH EFFICIENCY NAVIEN brand heating/hot water system, Bamboo hardwood floors, crown moldings! 2 BRs, full bath w/tiled walk-in shower, 6x16 year-round Sunroom w/outdoor access! (3rd BR, or Office!). \$199,900.</p>	<p>WOODSTOCK, CT - 606 PROSPECT ST</p> <p>Pristine Colonial on 2.54 Acres in Historic Woodstock! 3 BR, 2-1/2 Baths. This Home is a Must See! Peaceful Country Setting! Vaulted Ceiling Family Room w/Built Ins, Cherry Cabinets, Sunken Dining Rm, Cathedral Mstr! Hrdwd & Tile Flr! Potential for Home Office, Teen/In-law Suite, Craft Rm or Media/Game Rm. Resurfaced Driveway \$399,000.00</p>
<p>THOMPSON, CT - 25 BONNETTE AVE</p> <p>SORRY, SOLD!</p> <p>Roomy 1300 sq.ft., Hip roof Ranch Attached 2 car garage! PLUS 32x32 Detached Garage! Eat in Kitchen, Fireplace living room with bow window! 3 bedrooms, enclosed heated sun room, central air, Koi Pond, on .87 +/- acre! New Price \$249,900</p>	<p>WEBSTER - 12 ERNEST ST</p> <p>SORRY, SOLD!</p> <p>Welcome home to this Huge, Sprawling, Ranch Style Home! 2,848 SF +/- of Living Area on One Level! In-ground pool, built-in hot tub, w/fire pit! Carport/pavilion for entertaining! Separate wings for private family living & entertainment, BR suites, 10 rooms total! Simply Amazing! New Price \$299,900</p>	<p>WEBSTER/DOUGLAS/THOMPSON BUILDBABLE LOTS</p> <p>Douglas-Mount Daniels Lot #2-2.5 Acres of flat land that abuts Douglas State Forest \$132,900</p> <p>Webster Lake - 22 South Point Rd. Waterfront, Southern exposure! Town Water & Sewer \$295,000</p> <p>Thompson - East Thompson Rd. White's Highway 23 acres! Abuts Mass. Line Beautiful view! \$99,900</p> <p>Killingly - 37 Katherine Ave River Frontage 2/3rds acre. Town Water & Sewer \$55,000</p>	<p>WEBSTER - 34 EASTERN AVE UNIT A</p> <p>AN AFFORDABLE LIVING OPPORTUNITY PRESENTS ITSELF! This 20 Unit Condo Complex is tucked away at the very end of Eastern Ave, forced in & private, Easily accessible! 1956! There's a lot to love about Webster! Unit 3A is an 1,037 SF +/- END UNIT Large living room w/picture window, an eat-in kitchen, access to rear deck, 2 spacious bedrooms, 1-1/2 baths, full basement! \$169,900</p>	<p>WEBSTER LAND - COOPER RD</p> <p>LAND FOR SALE</p> <p>Attention Developers! 3 abutting house lots, potential to divide into 5-6 Buildable lots! Lake Residential area, not on the lake. Priced to Sell! \$129,400.</p>

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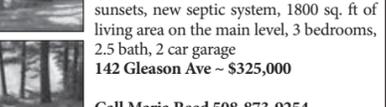
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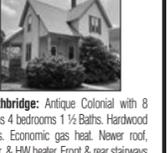
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Southbridge: Antique Colonial with 8 rooms 4 bedrooms 1 1/2 Baths. Hardwood floors. Economic gas heat. Newer roof, boiler, & HW heater. Front & rear stairways to go upstairs. Fireplace. Needs some paint & updating but well worth it! Garage **\$179,900.**



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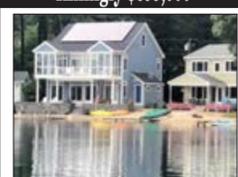
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PETS

Things to look for in a boarding facility



Pet ownership involves making careful decisions with the well-being of pets in mind. When pet owners need to go out of town, bringing the pet along can be a smart move. But in other instances, it may be preferable to leave pets behind. In such instances, it becomes essential to find a place that can accommodate the animal in a safe and humane fashion.

Pet owners who do not have the luxury of asking family or friends to watch their animals can enlist the services of a boarding kennel. Touring some facilities and asking the right questions can help people find the best options.

Care.com, the company that provides companionship and care for seniors, children and pets, advises first speaking with your veterinarian about the best kennels nearby. Some vet offices also have boarding facilities on premises. This can be a great option, as the vet and staff will already be

familiar with your animal and be able to provide medical care if an emergency arises. Also, vet boarders are great for pets with special needs or those that are on medication.

Pet parents can ask for recommendations from friends or neighbors as well. Before visiting a kennel, recognize that signs of a poorly run facility include dirty pens, housing areas in disrepair, smelly premises, and dogs or cats that seem anxious.

When going with a third-party boarder, look for one that is licensed, insured and bonded. Different areas require various regulations regarding boarding certifications, so do your homework. If the pet should be injured or injures another dog or person during its stay, or damages property while at a bonded and insured boarding facility, the pet owner will be covered for costs.

Look at various facilities

and what they offer before making a final decision. Many boarding facilities now offer luxury spaces, complete with couches and televisions. The staff may pamper the pet, and packages also may include grooming or pet playdates. Visiting the facility in advance also affords owners the chance to see if it looks and smells clean and has proper ventilation. Pet owners also will want to ensure that all pets that are boarding there are required to be current on vaccinations and healthy.

The pet adoption company Petfinder suggests gradually introducing a pet to boarding. Try a short overnight or weekend trip before booking a week-long excursion. When dropping off dogs or cats for boarding, avoid long and emotional good-byes, which may upset the pet. With practice, the parting period will be easier for all involved.

Parrot fever and the threat it poses to humans

The bond pet owners have with their pets is strong. Pets bring a lot into a home. The opportunity to care for a pet can provide fulfillment and joy, and the unconditional love pets give to their owners can improve their owners' moods.

Like their owners, pets are not immune to illness, and some of these illnesses can even be passed from pet to owner. Pet owners may assume diseases can only be transmitted via pets with whom they have routine direct physical contact, such as cats and dogs. But other pets, including parrots, can transmit disease.

Parrot fever, sometimes referred to as "psittacosis" or "chlamydia-philippa psittaci," is a bacterial disease that can be passed from certain birds, like parrots and parakeets, to humans.

The bacteria behind parrot fever commonly infects birds. While it's unlikely that this bacteria will infect bird owners, it's possible. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, people can become infected with parrot fever as a result of breathing in secretions of psittacine birds, such as parrots and parakeets. Birds may or may not exhibit signs that they've been infected with the bacteria, so bird owners may be vulnerable to the disease without even knowing their birds are sick.

Birds shed the bacteria behind parrot fever in their droppings and respiratory secretions. When these secretions dry, small dust particles, including the bacteria, can get into the air. When humans breathe in these dust particles, they may



then become infected with parrot fever. It's possible that birds can spread the infection through biting or beak-to-mouth contact, but the CDC notes that such instances are rare. And while it's possible for the bacteria to be spread from one human to another, that, too, is unlikely.

Signs and symptoms

Parrot fever typically causes only mild illness. The potential indicators of parrot fever are different for birds than they are for humans. The CDC notes that signs of parrot fever in birds are non-specific, and birds infected with the bacteria may exhibit no symptoms at all. If they do exhibit symptoms, they may include poor appetite, inflamed eyes, difficulty breathing, and/or diarrhea.

Humans exposed to the bacteria behind parrot fever may begin developing symptoms within five to 14 days after exposure. The most common symptoms are fever and chills, headache, muscle aches, and dry cough. These symptoms also can be a result of other illnesses unrelated to birds, so bird owners should consult their physicians if any appear and inform their doctors that they have a bird at home. This may lead doctors to conduct tests designed to detect parrot fever.

Antibiotics are an effective and common treatment for birds and bird owners affected by parrot fever. And while infection is often mild and harmless, bird owners should keep an eye out for symptoms to ensure the health of their birds and themselves.



Surprising facts about fleas and ticks

Fleas and ticks rely on blood for food. They are the vampires of the pet realm, silently stalking companion animals wherever they go. Once fleas and ticks find a victim, they are bound to stay around for a while, enjoying the free meal.

Fleas, in particular, can grow quite fond of a cat or dog — reproducing and quickly building an infestation. Few people are enamored with fleas and ticks, but learning a little more about them can help pet owners understand their behaviors and how to best keep their pets safe.

FLEAS

Fleas have four life stages: egg, larva, pupa, and biting adult. Most people are familiar with the adult stage because those are the most noticeable and painful. Fleas can feed on just about any blood host.

Scientists know of more than 2,000 species and subspecies of fleas. However, in North America, the cat flea (*Ctenocephalides felis*) is responsible for the majority of cat and dog infestations.

Female fleas are typically larger than the males and are responsible for proliferating the flea brood. Females can consume up to 15 times their body weight in blood every day. This helps to fuel egg-laying, which can take place within 36 to 48 hours of the female's first meal. In her lifetime, a female flea can lay roughly 2,000 eggs.

Fleas are wingless parasites that get around by jumping from host to host. If they don't have to expend too much energy (i.e. get comfortable on a host), they can go anywhere from between two months and 100 days without a

Sniff out the truth about pesky fleas and ticks.

meal. Fleas can jump up to eight inches high, enabling them to grab onto a passing meal source.

A typical flea can live for a few months, and fleas can carry a number of different diseases. From plague to cat scratch fever to tapeworms, fleas can make pets ill and also affect people who interact with them.

TICKS

Ticks are not insects; they are arachnids. That means they are more closely related to spiders and scorpions. The stages of the tick include the egg, larva, nymph, and adult. Depending on the species, nymph ticks can be quite small to the naked eye. Ticks' small stature can make them difficult to detect until they have become engorged with blood.

The University of Rhode Island's Center for Vector-Borne Disease and its TickEncounter Resource Center says that spring is a prime time for the birth of new ticks. During this time of year, ticks are on the hunt for their next meals.

Ticks can be carriers of a number of diseases, but it's important to note that a tick has to be attached for longer than 24 hours to transmit diseases to a host. That means checking animals (and yourself) for ticks frequently can help avoid the spread of illness. Ticks don't jump or fall from trees. The parasites crawl upward, so start looking from the feet, moving up. In addition, check a dog's face, where a tick may latch on while the dog is sniffing in the grass.

Ticks and fleas are pesky critters that can carry disease. Consult with your veterinarian if you suspect your dog has a tick or flea problem to get the situation under control. Preventative collars and medications can help repel fleas and ticks as well.

PETS

How you can benefit from having a pet



Pets have been kept for centuries. Statistics from various sources indicate North Americans own millions of dogs, cats, birds, small mammals, and reptiles.

Pets' affable nature and loving looks are enough for many people to welcome them into their homes, but the benefits of having a pet extends beyond their appearances and temperaments.

- Pets can help prevent loneliness. Loneliness affects people of all ages, but it is particularly problematic among seniors. Older adults who may be isolated can benefit from having a pet around. According to a study published in *Aging & Mental Health*, older adults who owned pets were 36 percent less likely to say they were lonely compared to those who didn't have an animal companion.

- Pets can save lives. Pets can be trained to perform various tasks around the house and in the community. Rescue animals assist in finding people after natural disasters. Medical alert pets can help people

with debilitating illnesses and assist physically impaired people with everyday tasks.

- Pets help lower allergy risks. Keeping pets around can reduce a child's likelihood of developing allergies by as much as 33 percent, according to a study by pediatrician James E. Gern that was published in the *Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology*. People exposed early on to animals tend to develop stronger immune systems overall.

- Pets provide socialization opportunities. A pet can be the common denominator to strike up new friendships and connect with others. Whether walking around the neighborhood or being part of a pet obedience class or interest group, pets can help their owners expand their social circles.

- Pets can help combat stress. Talking to or stroking a pet can make stress easier to handle. A study from researchers at the State University of New York at Buffalo found that, when con-

ducting a stressful task, people experienced less stress when their pets were with them. Various other studies and data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have found having a pet around can lower blood pressure, ease anxiety and may even help to lessen aches and pains. Pets provide unconditional love, which can be beneficial to someone facing depression or post-traumatic stress disorder.

- Pets help teach responsibility. Taking care of a pet can help children and adults become more responsible. According to the American Pet Product Association's 2011-2012 National Pet Owners Survey, 58 percent of pet owners say their pets help teach their kids to be responsible through routine care, exercise and feeding of the animal.

Pets are more than mere companions. In fact, pets can offer numerous health and well-being benefits to people of all ages.

Get the scoop on pet food safety

Today's consumers are more conscious than ever before regarding the foods and other substances they put in their bodies. It would stand to reason that those same concerned individuals also would extend that caution to the meals they feed their pets, as the basic principles of food safety also apply to pet foods and treats.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says it is key to pick the right foods for pets, and to consider some important information before purchasing anything. The CDC does not recommend feeding raw foods to pets. Salmonella and listeria have been found in raw pet foods, as well as packaged ones sold in stores.

In the United States, the Association of American Feed Control Officials regulates the production, transportation and ingredient suppliers of manufactured pet foods. With the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, these agencies help regulate animal feeds and impart new standards, process controls and other features. Pet owners concerned about their pets' foods should look for approval from AAFCO as well as the FDA before feeding.

Many pet owners prefer to seek locally sourced ingredients in the foods they select. This means protein and carbohydrate sources produced right in North America. Check



package labeling to see where ingredients are procured if this is a concern.

The same safe food handling procedures people observe when handling their own foods should be followed when they prepare meals for their pets.

Before or after handling pet foods and treats, wash hands to prevent the spread of foodborne illnesses, states FoodSafety.gov. When possible, store pet food separate from human food, preparing the foods in separate spaces as well. Use a

clean, dedicated scoop or cup to create a pet food serving. Follow manufacturer's guidelines for food storage. An airtight container is advisable to keep the food fresh and free from possible contaminants.

Pet owners also should rou-

tinely check for pet food recalls to ensure the brand they're using is safe. Every effort pet owners make to keep their pets' foods safe and contaminant-free keeps pets healthy and happy.

Why it pays to use crates when training puppies

Puppies make great additions to a household. Parents often find that dogs can teach youngsters lessons about compassion and responsibility, while moms and dads enjoy the companionship and unconditional love their dogs provide.

As first-time dog owners learn shortly after bringing their puppies home, pets require a lot of work. That's especially true of puppies, which must be housebroken so they can learn to live within the structure of a family. Crate training, which is supported by the American Kennel Club, is a great way to teach puppies proper behaviors and to get them to adjust to their new lives.

Many dog owners, particularly those who have never before had a dog, may hesitate to employ crates to train their puppies. That's understandable, as on the surface it can seem cruel or inhumane to confine a living animal to a cage. However, the AKC notes that dogs are den animals that naturally seek out canine caves for security. That's true whether dog owners provide crates for

their puppies or not. So while humans may see crates as cruel, dogs very likely view their crates as secure places where they can go if they get scared or feel skittish. In fact, according to the AKC, dogs' perception of crates is one reason why dog owners typically find it relatively easy to get their dogs to adjust to crates and ultimately enjoy them.

The AKC urges dog owners who plan to crate train their puppies to find appropriately-sized crates before they begin training. Crates should be just large enough for dogs to lie down, stand up and turn around. Dogs won't embrace crates that are too small, and crates that are too big will give dogs the impression that they can use one corner to defecate and use the rest for sleep or play. That's the wrong message to send, as dogs should never be encouraged to relieve themselves in their crates.

Crate training can be invaluable when welcoming puppies into a home. Learn more at www.akc.org.



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