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Durgin's Valley Garage sold to new owners



Kevin Flanders Photo

Joelyn Durgin recently announced the sale of her beloved family business in town.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – After creating countless memories and bonds within the community, a local family is saying goodbye to its longtime business in town.

Joelyn Durgin, the owner of Durgin's Valley Garage, LLC, recently announced that the business has been sold to Boomba's Towing and Recovery in Charlton.

A staple of the community for decades, Durgin's Valley Garage has handled general and police towing services in town since 1976. The business first came to Spencer in 1960, when the late Donald Durgin opened the shop for auto repairs and eventually worked alongside his son, David.

As the years and decades wore on, the Durgin family became entrenched in the community as well. Following the death of Donald Durgin in 1999, David took over the business with his wife, Joelyn. Together they ran extensive towing operations in town, including contracts with the Spencer Police and State Police. They also handled general towing services and were heavily involved in a number of volunteer and charitable initiatives. Whenever the fire department needed a vehicle to practice lifesaving extrication techniques, or the police department requested a vehicle to use for prom safety demonstrations, the Durgins were always eager to donate.

After David Durgin passed away in 2016, Joelyn handled operations mostly by herself for two years before deciding to sell the business. Boomba's Towing has already purchased one of the trucks, and it will take over all police towing contracts in town.

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Officials working to address water management issues

BY KEVIN FLANDERS STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER – Officials at several levels continue to work to reduce the water management woes facing residents and business owners.

State Rep. David LeBoeuf, who has sought solutions for more than a year, is seeing ongoing progress at the state level. Working with Sen. Michael Moore, he recently helped Leicester secure a \$100,000 state grant that will be combined with another \$100,000 secured by Congressman Jim McGovern. The grant funds will allow the town to hire a consultant to evaluate the structure and operations of all seven water and sewer districts in town.

"The consultant will offer recommendations on financial and/or operational changes that will help the districts to better serve their ratepayers," said Town Administrator David Genereux. "The goal is to look at all options, from sharing of equipment and services to district consolidation."

Seven independent, semi-public water and sewer districts presently serve Leicester and Oxford. Under the current system, each district must fund its own improvements and upgrades, which places a large strain on ratepayers as infrastructure ages. Only nine out of 351 cities and towns in Massachusetts currently have more than three water or sewer districts.

The feasibility study is expected to provide an in-depth anal-

ysis of each district, including physical assets, financial operations, and future challenges. Once complete, the study will yield several recommendations that will benefit the districts and their ratepayers going forward, officials said.

"The goal of the study is to provide a blueprint to keep the districts viable without pricing the cost of services beyond residents' ability to pay," Genereux told the New Leader.

A request for proposals will be issued to potential consultants in the coming weeks. Meanwhile, a vote at a recent Cherry Valley Rochdale Water District meeting will redefine voter eligibility in district meetings.

"One of the provisions was to add business owners as voters, regardless of residential address," LeBoeuf said. "The CVRWD forwarded the petition to my office to file as legislation. The vote occurred after the House was in recess. As soon as I received the request, I contacted House Counsel to draft the appropriate legislation."

LeBoeuf plans to file the legislation once it is drafted. The CVRWD has endured a difficult yearlong stretch – highlighted by its residents paying the highest water rates in the state in March of 2019 – and residents are eager for changes.

Significant improvements are also planned for the Cherry Valley Rochdale Sewer District,

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Quaboag Historical Society seeking award nominations

BY KEVIN FLANDERS STAFF WRITER

REGION – The Quaboag Historical Society (QHS) is requesting nominations for the annual Lucy Stone Achievement Award and the Irving and Jane England Award.

Each year, the QHS recognizes its most impressive community leaders and volunteers with these two awards, which are presented at the society's annual April luncheon.

The Lucy Stone Achievement Award is given annually in observance of the Commonwealth's designation of Lucy Stone Day on March 8. Born on Coy Hill in West Brookfield, Stone worked tirelessly throughout her life to obtain equal rights for all individuals. She was a lecturer for abolitionist and equal rights groups, as well as the founder and editor of The Woman's Journal.

For the Lucy Stone Award, the QHS requests nomination letters for any person living in one of the six Quaboag

Plantation area towns (Brookfield, East Brookfield, North Brookfield, West Brookfield, New Braintree, and Warren). Residents are asked to nominate individuals whose volunteer efforts have helped make their communities better places to live. Each nominating letter should provide a brief explanation of why the writer believes the nominee is deserving of the award. The name, address, and phone number of both the nominator and the nominee must be included in the letter.

"For this award, we are seeking nominees who have done an exemplary job of giving back through community service," said QHS Co-President Amy Dugas, who described the motto of the Lucy Stone Award as honoring residents who make the world a better place

The Irving and Jane England Award, also presented annually by the QHS, is given each year to a resident of West

Please Read QHS AWARDS, page A19

Donation brings joy of music to East Brookfield Senior Center



Kevin Flanders Photo

BY KEVIN FLANDERS STAFF WRITER

EAST BROOKFIELD – The Senior Center was Donald Suprenant's favorite place to be during the final years of his life. And thanks to a donation from his family, seniors will continue to enjoy great music and friendship at the center.

Suprenant, a resident of Sturbridge, passed away last month at the age of 91. Because of his love of music and the Senior Center, members of his family decided to donate a new piano to the center in his memory. The piano was unveiled to the public during a Jan. 15 ceremony that included his family members and friends.

"It means so much to see this outpouring of love. Even though he wasn't a resident of East Brookfield, he considered East Brookfield to be his home away from home," said Amy Luukko, Suprenant's niece and caregiver in his final years.

A longtime officer with the Sturbridge Police Department, Suprenant previously served in the Navy during World War II. He was beloved by his community and the Senior Center family, spending several hours each week at his home away from home. He enjoyed puzzles, games, conversations with friends, and of course music.

And when his family members discovered that the Senior Center was seeking to replace its aging piano, they quickly came up with the idea for a memorial donation.

"I wanted to leave a legacy in his name and thought this would be a great opportunity," Luukko added. "His love of being here helped him combat the loneliness of losing his wife in 2012."

For Senior Center members and staff, it has been a thrill to see the new piano put to immediate use. During the Jan. 15 ceremony, seniors like Donald Pasco played the piano, while his wife Yvonne Goulart sang an array of songs.

"We are very excited about this – it is a blessing for our center," Director Cheryl Brodak said of the new piano. "This place meant so much to Donald. He was a wonderful man."

The former piano had deteriorated to the

Leicester Arts Council announces grants

LEICESTER — The Leicester Arts Council has awarded twelve grants totaling \$7,979 to artists, speakers, musicians, teachers and local organizations to bring an impressive range of cultural programs to a broad audience in Leicester. This year's grants include:

\$2,500 to the Leicester Summer Concert Series for Concerts on the Common next summer.

\$650 to Yankee Notions and \$600 to Slo Grass for folk music concerts at the annual Leicester Harvest Fair in September 2020.

\$300 to Audio Journal for Radio-Active Theatre broadcasts.

\$650 to Scott Jameson for 'The Magic of Communication Assembly

Performance' to be presented for the McAuley Nazareth Home for Boys in April.

\$500 to Gregory Maichack for 'Pastel Paint Your Georgia O'Keeffe Miracle

Flowers,' a workshop to be held at the Leicester Public Library in May.

\$500 to Lynne McKenney Lydick for the program Trailblazers by Timing - Activists by Choice to be held at the Swan Tavern in April 2020.

\$950 to Joanne Bernier to support artist Susan Champeny's art project 'Recyling, Reusing and Reducing through Art' for Leicester High School students in spring 2020. \$479 to Kelley Southwick to bring a

traveling exhibit celebrating the work of French Impressionist painter Claude Monet to Leicester High School in March 2020.

\$ 200 to the Leicester Historical Society for the program 'Tavern Life in Early New England' presented last fall by Tom Kelleher at the Swan Tavern.

\$275 to the Leicester Senior Center for the program 'Belva Lockwood for President' and \$375 for the program

Teen Mania: Artist in you! (3-month

'Victorian Christmas Traditions' presented by Anne Barrett in November and December, 2019.

The Leicester Arts Council is part of a network of 329 Local Cultural Councils serving all 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth. The LCC Program is the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation, supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, sciences and humanities every year. The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, which then allocates funds to each community. Information and forms are available online at (www. masscultural council.org). Applications for the next funding cycle are due Oct.

Nicholas LeBoeuf named to SNHU Dean's List

MANCHESTER — Nicholas LeBoeuf of Rochdale has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's fall 2019 Dean's List. Eligibility for the Dean's List requires that a student accumulate an academic grade point average (GPA) of 3.5-3.699 and earn 12 credits for the semester.

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a private, nonprofit institution with an 87-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults. Now serving more than 130,000 learners worldwide, SNHU offers over 300 accredited undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs, available online and on its 300-acre campus in Manchester, NH. Recognized as the "Most Innovative" regional university by U.S. News & World Report and one of the fastest-growing universities in the country, SNHU is committed to expanding access to high quality, affordable pathways that meet the needs of each learner. Learn more at www.snhu.



Richard Sugden Library

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February 3

Parent/Child Playgroup. Open play with a craft, sensory and fine motor activities. Snack time followed by circle time with a story, calendar, weather & song/music & movement. Meets in the community room from 10:00 am - 11:30 am for infants-age 5 and their caregivers. Sponsored by Community Connections. A grant program funded by the Department of Early Education and Care.



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series) meets from 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm. Teen Mania prepares for our first teen art show at the library! Try different art mediums each week. Discover your inner artist and enter your favorite pieces in the show in April. Spencer Writers' Group is held for

teens and adults. Meetings are held the FIRST Monday of each month. All genres of writers are invited from 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm. Come prepared to write! Light refreshments will be served. Register today! Sign up by visiting, or calling the library at (508) 885-7513, online at www.spencerpubliclibrary.org. Questions? Contact Sharon Legasey at shamrocks_1@hotmail.com.

Toddler story time meets from 10:00 am - 10:45 am for ages 18-35 months and their caregivers.

Pre-K story time meets from 11:00 am 12:00 pm for children 3 years (by Sept 1st) to school age.

Imagination Station Edible Craft: Let's make cars out of food! We'll read a book, share some jokes, and build a car out of common foods. See what you can create! Imagination Station meets

in the Community Room on Tuesdays from 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm. All children in grades K-5 are welcome!

February 5

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

Free Computer Class for beginner/ intermediate adults will be held from 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm. We offer free classes to answer your questions on computer and technology related devices. Bring your lap top, camera, phone...or use one of the library's lap tops. If you're not sure what you want to learn, come and we'll show you some fun stuff ways to keep in touch with your children, friends, grandchildren and more!

February 6

Get up and move with Deb Hudgins music and movement program "The Way I Feel." This program is open to all toddler and pre-K children and their families. Meets in the Richard Sugden Library Community Room from 10:00 am - 10:45 am. This program is sponsored by Community Connections and the Friends of the Richard Sugden Library.

Berthiaume announces February office hours

REGION — State Rep. Donnie Berthiaume's Chief of Staff, Donna, invites constituents and town officials to meet her to express any concerns, ideas, or issues that they may need assistance with. Please feel free to contact Donna if you would like a private meeting. 774-402-4742

Tuesday, Feb. 4 – In the town of North

Brookfield, at the Senior Center 11 a.m.-

Tuesday, Feb. 11 - In the Town of West Brookfield at the Senior Center, noon - 12:45 p.m.

Brookfield at the Town Hall 10 - 10:45

Thursday, Feb. 13- In the Town of East Brookfield-Senior Center - 11-11:45

Thursday, Feb. 13 – In the Town of Spencer at Howe Village, 12:30 – 1:30

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profound appreciation to all of our friends and businesses in East Brookfield and the surrounding communities, and 308 Lakeside who held the benefit for our family. We are overwhelmed with gratitude. A special thank you to Paula Moore for all that she did.

Thursday, Feb. 13 - In the Town of

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402-4742 Thank you, Brian and Jean Landry

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Brookfield Fire Department receives fire education grant



BROOKFIELD — State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey and Brookfield Fire Chief Peter Martell announced that the Brookfield Fire Department has been awarded \$3,055.00 for the FY '20 Student Awareness of Fire Education or S.A.F.E. Program and \$2,055.00 for the Senior SAFE Program by the state Department of Fire Services.

Chief Martell said, "Our firefighters enjoy working closely with our school teachers to help youngsters learn what they can do to prevent fires, to survive those that do occur, and how to respond correctly to fires and other emergencies."

The S.A.F.E. Program was expanded to offer funds to local communities in support of senior fire prevention training.

"The Senior SAFE Program will help us work with the seniors in our community who are most at risk of dying in a fire," said Chief Martell. 'Seniors are the age group most at risk of dying in a fire. This program educates seniors on fire prevention, general home safety and how to be better prepared in the event of a fire."

The S.A.F.E. Program provides \$1.2 mil-

lion through the Executive Office of the Public Safety and Security to local fire departments. The Senior SAFE Program provides \$600,000 in grant funds from fees paid by tobacco companies to the Fire Standard Compliant Cigarette Program to ensure their products meet the fire safety requirements to be sold in Massachusetts. The programs are administered by the state's Department of Fire Services

Key to both programs is specially trained fire educators to work with classroom teachers and seniors to deliver age-appropriate lessons on fire and life safety. The key fire and life safety behaviors in the school-based program meet both the requirements of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's Health Curriculum Frameworks and the state Department of Fire Services Curriculum Planning Guidebook.

Ostroskey said, "This is the 25th year of the S.A.F.E. Program in Massachusetts and we are truly reaching our goal of raising a fire safe generation of chil-

The average number of children who die in fires each year in Massachusetts has dropped 76 percent since the program started compared to a similar timeframe before it started.



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Ostroskey added, "Since consistent comprehensive fire education is the one thing we are doing for children that we are not doing for every other age group, I think it's fair to say we are proving fire education works.

He added, "We hope to have the same success with the Senior SAFE Program in reducing deaths and injuries to older

For more information about the Student Awareness of Fire Education or Senior SAFE Programs please call the Brookfield Fire Department at 508-

Nichols College students named to Fall 2019 Dean's List

DUDLEY — Many hard-working students at Nichols College in Dudley, Mass., have achieved Dean's List or President's List honors during the fall 2019 semester. The following local students received academic honors from Nichols College:

Demitria Wrobel of West Brookfield

Carlie Rudzinski of North Brookfield

Rudzinski of North Hope Brookfield

Cody Roberts of North Brookfield

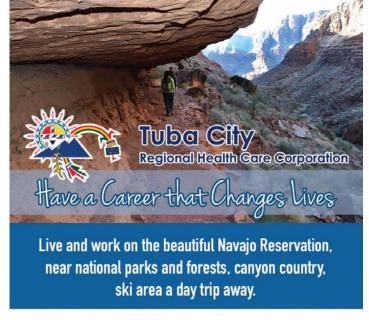
Adam Phillips of Brookfield Anastasia Noyes of Spencer Jocelyn Nace of Spencer Nicole Murray of Brookfield Charles Courtney of Spencer Vanessa Bastardo of Spencer

Dean's List President's List give recognition to those students who achieve high grades during a single semester. In order to be included on the Dean's List, a student must have a minimum average of 3.5 for at least 12 undergraduate credit-hours and must have received no grades below Bduring the semester. Students whose semester average is 3.85 or higher for at least 12 undergraduate credit-hours and no grades below B- will receive President's List honors.

About Nichols College

Nichols College is a college of choice for business and leadership education as a result of its

distinctive career-focused and leadership-based approaches to learning, both in and out of the classroom, and through impactful research and professional education. Students thrive in a learning and living environment that is supported by an experiential business curriculum and a strong liberal arts foundation aimed at transforming them into tomorrow's leaders. Nichols also offers master's degrees in business, leadership, accounting, and counterterrorism, as well as a range of certificate programs, to promote career advancement for today's professionals.



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Come sing with the Quaboag Choral Society

WEST BROOKFIELD — An invitation from the Director/Conductor of the Quaboag Choral Society (QCS), Eric von Bleicken. We are welcoming new chorus members and would like to extend an invitation to any individuals who enjoy participating in a choral group setting to share in making music with us. Just a teaser....this season will highlight musical theater favorites.

Rehearsals began on Sunday, Feb. 2 and will continue weekly at the West Brookfield First Congregational Church from 5-7 p.m. for our Spring Concert Series.

QCS is a well-established community choral group and has been offering quality creative concerts for more than 10 years. Our concerts are truly unique as we combine a scripted educational component threading our musical

choices together while painting an emotional picture that sets the scene for each musical choice.

If you are interested please email evdadders@charter.net or you can message us on our Quaboag Choral Society Facebook page. QCS is a 501(c)(3) organization and our programs are sponsored in part by grants from the Massachusetts Cultural Council and generous donors.

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Name: Brady Sex: Male

My name is Brady. I am kind of a nervous guy, I was here as a puppy and now that I am back I am really nervous. I prefer women but I do

warm up to guys after awhile. I love toys and love to play tug of war with my staff, yup I call them my staff because, well they love me and do whatever I want!! If I really like you, I'll even roll over and wiggle so you can rub my belly! I would prefer to be an only pet, and children scare me, so it would be better if I went to a quiet home. If you're patient, we can get to know each other and then you'll see that I'm really the best dog ever. I also am a great tracker so if you need me to find something for you I bet I could, I always have my nose to the ground during my walks.

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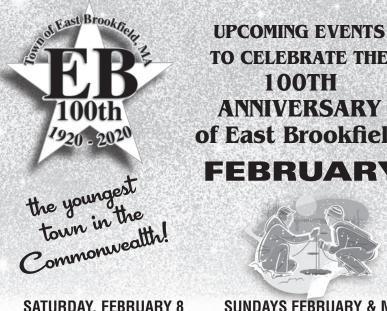
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New self storage business looks to grow

BY KEVIN FLANDERS STAFF WRITER

BROOKFIELD - When Roger Mundell launched Victory Self Storage earlier this month, he wasn't simply hoping to grow a business. The longtime resident is also eager to forge friendships with his customers and learn more about their journeys.

With 86 acres of land at Mundell's 52 South Maple St. property (Route 9), he knew there would be more than enough space to facilitate his new business. Victory Self Storage offers 28 units of mixed sizes, including five-by-10-foot units, 10-by-10, 10-by-15, and 10-by-20.

By the summer of 2021, Mundell hopes to expand his business to 112 storage units. Whether a customer requires a small unit for a short time or a



Roger Mundell recently opened a business in his hometown of Brookfield.

larger unit over a longer duration, Victory Self Storage has an option for everyone.

"Right now, we're at the

beginning, and I'm looking forward to meeting more people," said Mundell, who grew up in Brookfield and attended

Tantasqua High School. "It's fun to meet different people who come here for many different reasons. A lot of times it's people moving, or maybe their family is growing and they need to store things to make room for a child."

Although his business is brand new, Mundell is no stranger to the storage industry. His parents owned a storage business in the area, and he was eager to launch an enterprise in his hometown. Operating on the busy Route 9 is also a major plus, with thousands of vehicles passing by each day on their way to Worcester and points west.

"It's a great location with so much traffic going by. I'm very happy to be on Route 9," Mundell said. "The demand is high. Some people will have these units for years."

Each storage unit features

doors that drop below the floor to prevent moisture from seeping in. Mundell is already fully permitted to operate four buildings on the site, and construction is ongoing for the addition-

al units. All storage units are driveup accessible. The property is open each day from 6 a.m. until 10 p.m., with office hours avail-

able by appointment.

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Democratic Candidates Forum to highlight Presidential, Congressional races

campaigns for former Vice President Joe Biden, Sen. Bernie Sanders, Sen. Elizabeth Warren, and businessman Andrew Yang, among others, as well as candidates and campaign surrogates for U.S. Senate and Congressional races, will make their case to voters in a Democratic Candidates Forum to be

WEST BROOKFIELD — Presidential held Saturday, Feb. 1 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Salem Cross Inn, 260 West Main St. (Route 9).

> State Sen. Anne Gobi (D-Spencer) will emcee the event. The forum, organized by the Democratic Town Committees of West Brookfield, North Brookfield, Brookfield, and Sturbridge, is free and

open to the public. Coffee and muffins will be served.

will Attendees have an opportunity to hear directly from campaigns about the issues that matter to them in advance of the Massachusetts Presidential Primary, March 3.

"This forum will give voters from a broad geographical area the opportunity to get direct information on candidates and campaigns that they can take to the ballot," said West Brookfield Democratic Town Committee Chair Bob Datz. "It will also engage them in the political process for national, state and local races that will shape the priorities for the residents of Central and Western Massachusetts."

expected.

Massachusetts voters will head to the polls, Tuesday, March 3, to choose each party's presidential nominee. Voters registered with a political party by the voter registration deadline of Feb. 12 will receive that party's ballot. Unenrolled voters, those who are not affiliated with a political party, may select any one party ballot. To check your voter registration status, call your Town Clerk

For more information, visit the Facebook pages of each hosting Democratic Town Committee or visit nbdemocrats.org.

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Fall down
- 5. American TV company (abbr.) 38. Shock therapy
- disgust
- 11. Gallantry
- 13. Chinese word signifying "doctrine"
- 14. Prefix meaning "beside"
- 15. Act of imitating 16. Tall, rounded vase
- 17. Sixth month of Jewish
- civil calendar
- 18. Rural Iranian village
- 20. Time zone 21. Military weapon (abbr.)
- 22. Gets rid of
- 25. Aggressive
- 30. Addressed one's appearance 31. Affirmative
- 32. Denoting Indo-European languages
- **CLUES DOWN**

1. Surgical procedure of

- the heart (abbr.) 2. Northern Scandinavia
- indigenous person 3. Evergreen trees and shrubs
- 4. Meat from a domestic hog 5. State of insensibility
- 6. Herb
- 7. Annuity
- 8. San Diego-based ballplayer 9. Members of a Semitic people
- 10. Any physical damage
- 12. Woolen rug
- 14. Alsos Mission leader 19. Aromatic plant used as
- culinary herb 23. Where you sleep
- 24. Ruled Russia
- 26. Sea eagle 27. Type of light bulb

28. Wreath

29. Graduate with a degree 34. What thespians do

33. French noble family

both sexes

43. Large suitcase

the universe

48. Swiss river

49. Frequently

50. Wipe out

56. Waste

41. Having characteristics of

45. One who identifies God with

55. Invests in little enterprises

57. Resembles a large shrimp

60. Menswear accessory

62. Pitching statistic

of five and one

63. Camera type

61. Tropical American tree

59. Derogatory name for rural resident

64. Cardinal number that is the sum

- 35. "Orange is the New Black"
- character 36. Comedienne Gasteyer
- 37. Romanian monetary unit
- 39. People treated as a group 40. Small European plant
- 41. First responder group
- 42. A person's head
- 44. Giggle 45. Bura- : Chadic language
- 46. Snout moth genus
- 47. Body part
- 48. Inspirational Wimbledon champ
- 51. Revolutions per minute
- 52. American software developer
- 25. Indicates density of data (abbr.) 53. Ancient Greek city
 - 54. Female sheep
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In addition to campaign surrogates

for Biden, Sanders, Warren and Yang, campaigns for the U.S. Senate and Congressional seats have also committed to participate. Representatives from the U.S. Senate campaigns of Sen. Ed Markey and Congressman Joe Kennedy will be on hand, as well as the campaigns of Alex Morse, mayor of Holyoke who is challenging Congressman Richard Neal, and Congressman Jim McGovern. County and district candidates are also

or go online to https://www.sec.state. ma.us/VoterRegistrationSearch. Candidates for state and district offices

will appear on the Sept. 1 Massachusetts Primary ballot. The general election will be held Tuesday, Nov. 3.

Quaboag Rehab & Skilled Care Center welcomes Bay Path students

BROOKFIELD Ericka Laurens, LPN. Practical first group to hold clinical rotations at Quaboag Rehabilitation & Skilled Care Center.

"The clinical rotations are a huge success," stated Gretheline Bolandrina MSN Ed, RN, CRRN Academy Director, "Clinical Facilitator, Lindsay Guertin BSN, RN provides a comprehensive facility orientation and goal oriented clinical experience.'

Quaboag Rehabilitation & Skilled Care Center offers shortterm rehabilitation, skilled nursing care, long-term care. dementia and memory care all by a dedicated interdisciplinary team. Managed by Sheehan Health Group, Quaboag is part of Ascentria Care Alliance and is situated in the beautiful town of West Brookfield located next to Worcester, Hampden, and Hampshire counties.

Professor Guertin was instrumental in a new addition to the clinical experience. She recently announced the addition of Wound Nurse Observation with

— Bay Path Practical Nursing Nursing students spend a day Academy's PN Class of 2020 is the with Laurens, meeting on the second floor and continuing with wound rounds. A one-page reflection of the experience is expected the week following the wound nurse observation.

Laurens graduated with a certificate in Practical Nursing from Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy in 2016. She became an LPN by successfully passing the NCLEX-PN on her first try. While a student at Bay Path, Laurens was one of the student representatives, inducted into the National Technical Honor Society, and participated in many activities such as SkillsUSA and UNICEF Club. She looks forward to the opportunity to work collaboratively with physicians, nurses, patients, and nursing students. Early in her nursing career, Laurens quickly moved into Wound care specialization because of her strong interest in learning from other professional healthcare providers. She firmly believes in providing safe patient care through essential



Lindsay Guertin

communication skills, established competency, and heartfelt caring. Working with practical nursing students is exciting and reinforces her love of learning.

Patrick Whalen named to Dean's List at Coastal Carolina University

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to the Dean's List for the Fall 2019 semester. That's nearly 20 percent of the student body with a grade point average between 3.5-3.99 for the spring semester. An additional 802 students

were named to the President's List for achieving a 4.0 GPA during the spring semester.

Among the students earning recognition on the Dean's List: Whalen a Patrick

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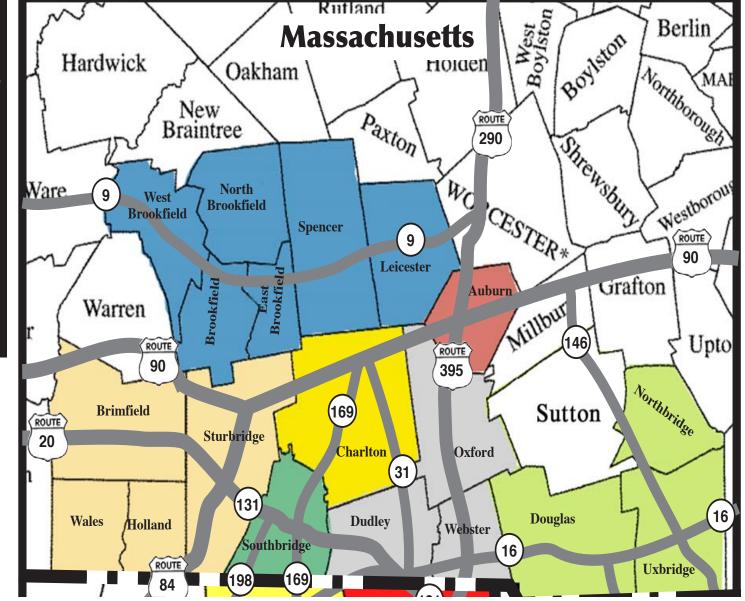
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Worcester Polytechnic Institute announces Fall 2019 Dean's List

WORCESTER — The following local residents were among 1,678 students from Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) named to the university's Dean's List for academic excellence for the fall 2019 semester.

Joseph Dainis of Leicester, Mass., is a member of the class of 2020 majoring in biology and biotechnology, and bio-

Christopher Tillotson of North Brookfield, Mass., is a member of the class of 2020 majoring in mechanical engineering.

Annalise Robidoux of Rochdale, Mass., is a member of the class of 2020 majoring in biology and biotechnology, and biochemistry.

Joseph Esposito of Spencer, Mass., is a member of the class of 2020 majoring in chemical engineering.

Jacob Tutlis of Spencer, Mass., is a member of the class of 2021 majoring in computer science.

The criteria for the WPI Dean's List differs from most other universities as WPI does not compute a grade point average (GPA). Instead, WPI defines the Dean's List by the amount of work completed at the A level in courses and projects.

"WPI's academic programs are rigorous and require a level of independence beyond what is required in traditional courses. WPI students go beyond the classroom to work on open-ended problems in and for communities around the world. The problems are important and the impact is real" said dean of undergraduate studies Arthur C.

Heinricher. "Some of this nation's best ing project-based curriculum engages and brightest students come to WPI to study engineering and science and business and the humanities. Those named to the Dean's List have excelled in all of their work, and we are exceptionally proud of these outstanding students.'

Worcester About Polytechnic Institute

WPI, a global leader in project-based learning, is a distinctive, top-tier technological university founded in 1865 on the principle that students learn most effectively by applying the theory learned in the classroom to the practice of solving real-world problems. Recognized by the National Academy of Engineering with the 2016 Bernard M. Gordon Prize for Innovation in Engineering and Technology Education, WPI's pioneerundergraduates in solving important scientific, technological, and societal problems throughout their education and at more than 50 project centers around the world. WPI offers more than 50 bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degree programs across 14 academic departments in science, engineering, technology, business, the social sciences, and the humanities and arts. Its faculty and students pursue groundbreaking research to meet ongoing challenges in health and biotechnology; robotics and the internet of things; advanced materials and manufacturing; cyber, data, and security systems; learning science; and more. www.wpi.edu

Merrick Library hosting raptor program

and creativity will take flight next month, as the Merrick Public Library will host an avi-

an-themed program. On Tuesday, Feb. 18, the Horizon Wings organization will present an informational program called Raptor Rehabilitation and Education. The free program is set to begin at 2 p.m. at the library.

Established in 2001 by Mary-

BROOKFIELD - Learning Beth Kaeser, Horizon Wings is a nonprofit wildlife rehabilitation center specializing in birds of prey. Located in Ashford, Conn., Horizon Wings has several raptors that cannot be released back into the wild due to their injuries. Through partnerships with libraries and other venues across New England, the organization is able to travel with the birds to provide integral learning experiences for youngsters.

"Fortunately, we are able to keep these birds at our center and, with a special permit, use them for educational programs," read a statement issued by the organization.

On Feb. 18, local students will learn plenty of lesser known factoids about our winged friends. For example, did you know that crows are capable of recognizing and remembering individual faces and can teach their children which people to avoid? Recent research proves that birds possess sophisticated cognitive abilities, responding to changing conditions by adjusting the way they act.

During the presentation, guests will compare and contrast the fascinating qualities of avian intelligence among four different species of birds: an American crow, a peregrine

falcon, an owl, and a parrot.

The snow date for the program is Thursday, Feb. 20, at

The event is funded by the Friends of the Merrick Public Library. For more information about upcoming events at the library, call 508-867-6339. You can also visit www. MerrickPublicLibrary.org.

Senior Center to offer memory training classes

SPENCER - The Senior Center will be offering the UCLA Memory Training class on four consecutive Mondays in March.

This class will help with different applications to improve memory function. The class will not be beneficial for individuals experiencing dementia.

The class will meet on March 9,16, 23, and 30. Class time is 10 a.m. to noon, and the cost is \$10 for the four classes.

There will be limited seating. Please call 508-885-7546 to register.

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





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SPENCER POLICE OFFER "STOP THE

Officers from the Spencer Police Department visited David Prouty High School last week for "Stop the Bleed" training. The training was made available to teachers and staff members within the Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District. Funding for the program was provided by the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission.

Important dates to remember

SPENCER — Residents of Spencer who plan to vote in this year's special town meeting or in the Presidential Primary are encouraged to keep the following dates in mind.

Feb. 3 – Last day to register to vote and be eligible to vote in Special Town Meeting on Feb. 13

Feb. 12 - Last day to register to vote and be eligible to vote in Presidential

Feb. 13 - Special Town Meeting, Town of Spencer, Memorial Town Hall at 7 p.m. (see town Web site for warrant www.spencerma.gov)

Feb. 24 – 27 Early Voting for Presidential Primary, Monday – Wednesday 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to noon.

March 3 — Presidential Primary, polls open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.



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Rotary assists winter coat drive

As part of our Community Outreach Initiative, Brookfields Rotary collected and donated warm coats to the North Brookfield Senior Center in December. During these cold winter months, the Center is collecting new and gently used coats for the "Coat Closet" project of the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Southbridge. The Center will continue to accept donations through February. Seen in the photo with a few of the coats are North Brookfield Senior Center Director Diane Nichols and Brookfields Rotary President Lynn Duffy-O'Shea. For more information about our service activities and schedule, visit our Web site at www.brookfieldsrotary.org.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A "very stable genius" and four Marines

To the Editor:

In this letter, "A Very Stable Genius" refers first to what President calls himself.

Second it serves as the title of a book written by two highly respected Puitzer Prize winning writers, Carole Leoning and Philip Rucker. The book bases findings on hundreds of hours of interviews and 200-plus sources. Confirmations include calendars, diary entries, internal memos, and private video recordings. The authors succeeded in getting this information not only because of the years they have reported on the White House. It also came because of what key present and former Trump Administration staff actually think of the man who calls himself "A Very Stable Genius."

Mostly this letter focusses on what the book reports. Unless otherwise indicated, with minor edits, sentences and quotes come from the book. (My comments will contain parentheses

Six months into Trump's administration, Secretary of Defense Mattis (4 Star Marine General) National Economic Council Director Gary Cohn (Very successful Wall St. Banker) and Secretary of State Rex Tillerson (former Exxon-Mobil CEO) had grown alarmed by gaping holes in Trump's knowledge of history, especially important alliances forged following World War II. Trump had dismissed (European etc.) allies as worthless, cozied op to authoritarian regimes like Russia, and advocated withdrawing troops from strategic outposts and active crises (where our national interests in Europe, Asia and Africa needed protection).

Trump organized his unorthodox worldview under the simplistic banner of "America First" (not wanting to understand that "First" requires investment and solid military and diplomatic presence). They feared his proposals were rash, barely considered, and a (grave) danger to America's superpower standing.

So on July 20, 2017, General Mattis invited Trump (to the Pentagon) for a meeting with the three leaders and military and related specialists. Mattis sought to explain why US troops were deployed in many regions and why America's safety hinged on a complex web of trade deals, alliances, and bases across the globe. He emphasized that "The post-World War II international rules-based order is the greatest gift of the Greatest Generation.'

(A related Greatest Generation aside. Consider this interaction between Trump and another Marine General, Boston boy. John Kelly.

Trump asks "Hey John what's this all about? What's this a tour of?" as they prepare to visit the USS Arizona Memorial. It commemorates the December 1941 Japanese surprise attack in the Pacific that pulled the United States into World War II. Trump had heard the phrase "Pearl Harbor" and understood it was a historic battle scene, but little else.)

Back to the meeting. Rather than getting him to appreciate America's traditional (hard won) roles and alliances, Trump tuned out and pushed away the (Defence Department and military) experts who believed their duty was to protect the country by Trump's restraining dangerous impulses.

At the meeting, he told the others; "You're all losers. You don't know how to win anymore.

"I wouldn't go to war with you people. You're a bunch of dopes and babies."

Tillerson, realizing Mattis, (a Marine to his core) was unable to talk back to his commander in chief, said. "No, That's just wrong Mr. President, you're totally wrong. None of that is

In a later meeting (as if protecting and promoting America was no more than a business deal), Trump said "We need to get our money back.'

Tillerson stood up and turned to military officers and aides, back to the president and said, "I've never put on a uniform, but I know this. Every person who has put on a uniform, the people of this room, they don't do it to make a buck. They did it to protect their country, to protect us. I want to make it clear how much we as a country value their service."

After that meeting Marine General Dunford, a Quincy boy and Chair of the Joint Chiefs thanked Tillerson for standing up for them. "You took body blows for us. Punch after punch Thank you. I will never forget it."

Later General Mattis resigned in a letter considered a scathing rebuke to Trump's world view. Aides indicated that the traditional Pentagon "clapout" of his Department's supporters would stretch a mile. Mattis. ever the Marine commander concerned first about his people, vetoed it; "You don't understand the President. He will take it out on Shanahan and Dunford".

To end, and perhaps in contrast, read the words of a fourth proud Marine in News Leader's Jan. 17 letter "Bloodied but unbowed." With blather and questionable accuracy, the letter praises Trump's strategy and military "genius."

Perhaps the three Marine Generals' higher expertise and direct experience with Trump will give the local, fourth Marine reason to re-consider his opin-

> KEVIN KANE SPENCER

Trump'merica will prevail!

To the Editor:

The Democrat impeachment sham has begun, and it is long past the time

Biden admitted that he went to Ukraine and did the quid pro quo himself with Hunter Biden's \$50,000/ month job. It isn't the Senate's job to mop up the mess in the House made by Democrats, but the Republicans in the Senate will do what they need to. The more we hear from Shifty Adam Schiff, the more the GOP is getting unified against this partisan charade!

How did Hunter Biden get a billion and a half dollars (from China) to invest when he'd been in business for 60 days? President Trump is on a crusade to snuff out corruption wherever it is and the Bidens are the worst of the worst. It is even worse than we thought!

Schiff doesn't have a case telling the truth, so he's manufacturing things. Attorney Generals from 21 states are urging the Senate to reject Impeachment. They say the Articles have legal & factual problems, and the Democrats case sets a dangerous historical precedent. Even an unsuccessful effort to impeach the president undermines the integrity of our 2020 election because it weaponizes a process that should only be initiated in exceedingly rare circumstances and never for partisan purposes. The only real solution is to put Adam Schiff, Jerry Nadler, and the rest of the 'impeachment managers' in jail. We can't let this subversive and treasonous activity against our elected leader stand!

In an impeachment, you can't use a work of fiction as the theory for the case, filling in gaps with presumptions against the President! We've seen a weak and self indulgent presentation. The Democrat House didn't give lawyers or one witness, but now demand that the Republican Senate produce witnesses. Ridiculous!

The GOP case against lyin', cheatin', liddle' Adam "Shifty" Schiff, Cryin' Chuck Schumer, Nervous Nancy Pelosi, their leader, dumb as a rock AOC, & the entire Radical Left, Do Nothing Democrat Party is being assembled by Bill Barr's FBI now. Once impeachment if nullified the

prosecutions will begin!

More than anything else, the radical left, Do Nothing Democrats like AOC, illegal towel head Ilhan Omar, Cryin' Chuck, Nervous Nancy, and Shifty Schiff are angry and "deranged" over the fact that Republicans won 191 Federal Judges and two great SCOTUS justices. They should blame Obama for being ineffective, not the Republicans for being effective!

Refocusing on the future where the Dems are completely neutered, the Great American Comeback is underway. America is thriving, America is flourishing, and yes, America is winning again like never before. Every decision we've made on taxes, trade, regulation, energy, immigration, education, and more is focused on improving the lives of everyday Americans. For three years now America has shown the world that the path to a prosperous future begins with putting workers first, choosing growth, and freeing entrepreneurs to bring their dreams to life. A pro-worker, pro-citizen, pro-family agenda demonstrates how a nation can thrive when its communities, its companies, and its government, and its people work for the good for the whole nation. Together we will make our nation stronger, our country safer, our culture richer, our people freer, and the world more beautiful than ever before.

Amid all of the subversive activities intended to overthrow the government of the United States, we finally rolled out the United States Space Force with its logo, see it at https://www.spaceforce.mil/. I support our troops, do you? Finally we will be able to fight adversaries in space and spread American values beyond Earth. I can't wait to see the enlisted Spaceman uniforms and recruitment commercials. I can't wait for the Massachusetts Space National Guard alongside the Army and Air National

Support our troops! Support our President! Support the United States

God Bless America, and no place

GEORGE GRAHAM NORTH BROOKFIELD

In regard to pen names

To the Editor:

Some years ago, there was a gentleman by the name of Emerson. He was a perennial writer to the New Leader's editorial section. I rarely, if ever, agreed with his beliefs but I admired his determination to get his thoughts across. used a pen name. I knew he was proud of his beliefs and wanted

you to know exactly who he was. Fast forward to today. We have an individual who writes with extreme precision. My guess is, he or she is what we call an academ-Maybe retired from a university teaching position. The rub is this individual assumes personas not only here on these pages but also on Facebook. A family member recently received a friend request from the

one and only Omar Har-Yarok. Right out of left field. So, in turn, I sent Mr. Yarok a friend request. He was very quick to accept, and promptly started engaging me on my page. He explained to me in a private message that he created and deleted FB profiles on a regular basis. Shortly after that, his profile was gone.

My point in writing this is, a pen name is fine. Emphasis on the letter 'a.' Pick one. Any one. Even though some of us won agree with you, allow us the opportunity to respect you for your determination. Just as I was able to do with Mr. Emerson. That's hard to do when you are trying your best to deceive us with all of your fake

> CLINT JOHNSON SPENCER

The impeachment trial

To the Editor:

For only the third time in U.S. history, the Senate is conducting an impeachment trial. For only the second time have the charges revolved around preserving our very form of government and for the 1st time it involves the President bribing and otherwise influencing foreign powers to intervene in our electoral process to stack the deck against his opponent.

The Democrats have exhaustively framed the case to remove President Trump from office. Adam Schiff proved to be the highlight despite Trump's funny Twitter rant against him. The Democrats earned an 'A' for proving that Trump "did it." The evidence was overwhelming and they presented it clearly.

The Democrats' case for remov-

al was somewhat weaker however compelling given how the president has perverted our government and upcoming election. All Republicans, at least secretly, know he is guilty as sin but their main argument is that it "isn't serious enough for removal." I think the case was presented clearly but probably not well enough for 20 Republicans to go back to their home states and say, "we had to do it."

By the accumulation of material that the Dems have put out there, the Dems have gone a great job proving that this was not a frivolous exercise. The Dems have proven this is far beyond the charge of "overturning the last election." The argument which has been the most striking and impossible to ignore is the "institutional imperatives" here. The framers couldn't prevent us from ourselves

if right and truth don't matter. I think that speaks to where America finds itself, where the thing that the framers worried about most, factionalism, seems to trump everything else.

This episode in American history is a moral critique. The Dems know Trump is going to be acquitted, the outcome of this has been preordained. The Dems know that impeachment is only hurting them electorally. Yet, Trump's crimes are so serious they are left with no choice. If loyalty to the country doesn't outweigh loyalty to the constitution, does our constitution work?

How much do we think of this as a legal thing, and how much do we think of this as a moral thing? On both grounds, we must remove this President from office. The moral question brings into play moral relativism and individual competing priorities. The legal case should be clear.

It will be interesting to see how the President's team will mount some sort of defense, unless of course they say nothing and just rest their case. The hardest thing is going to be for them to deny the facts of what the president actually said - it's very clear what his intent was.

I think we can all agree that President Trump is guilty of what he is accused of, it will have an effect on the 2020 election, and he will be acquitted by the 53 traitors in the Senate who owe allegiance to their party and seemingly nothing else.

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EDITORIAL

We must remember

This past Monday, Jan. 27, was Holocaust Remembrance Day, the date designated by the United Nations General Assembly as the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau. Everyone is urged to take a moment on that day to honor the six million Jewish victims who lost their lives, those who were ripped from their families and placed in concentration camps, and the survivors who did their part in educating others to help prevent anything that would ignite genocide in the future.

The Holocaust is one of the most horrific events in human history. Millions of innocent people, simply looking to live their lives, love their children and families, and seek happiness and success were killed not because of any crime they committed, not because they were bad people, but because they were Jewish. Unbelievably, we have seen in recent years an uptick in Anti-Semitic hate crimes. To have so much hate in one's heart is simply unfathomable. That is why this day of remembrance is so important. It reminds us all to stand up for what is right when we encounter hate speech, particularly of the anti-Semitic variety. It is simply unacceptable in this day and age, and we all must remember to protect each other, and to protect what's treasured, peaceful, kind and good about humanity.

Most history classes in schools across the country at least touch upon the Holocaust; however, it is surprising indeed, alarming — how many young people do not seem to have a firm grasp on how or why millions of "undesirables" were deprived of their homes and possessions, herded into labor camps, and as the "Final Solution," systemati-

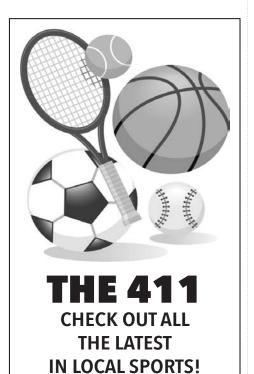
cally slaughtered.

Jewish people were quarantined to a section of town that was enclosed with barbed wire and guarded. There was no medicine, minimal food and water and was overly crowded with the living conditions unheard of. They were lied to as they boarded trains headed to concentration camps. They were told they were going to a better place, when in fact they were led into gas chambers in large groups and executed. Those deemed fit enough were spared and put to work; however, many died of starva-

Those that did survive did so by hiding, often in plain sight. Many pretended to be a part of a family they were not biologically related to. They hid in basements and other rooms until they were able to escape to a free country.

It is hard to comprehend such horror. In a report on NBC, Sonia Klein, who was a teenager in 1943 when she first stepped foot at the Nazis' most notorious death camp said the most important way to honor its liberation two years later was to ensure that as many young people as possible know what happened

Klein, now 94, was quoted as saying "Young people are the ones that have to carry the memory of our loved ones forever. I survived the death march to tell the tale, but it was important to remember those who didn't.'



Opinion and commentary from Spencer, Leicester and the Brookfields

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Make your own judgements

To the Editor:

I, too, keep a (digital) scrapbook of my letters and letters I find remotely relevant. I have not accused anybody (specific) of being a "White Supremacist" although that accusation continues to come up.

I have accused others of being "White Nationalists". My uses of the term "white supremacist" were on March 25, June 21, and Aug. 9, 2019, and I encourage all to read the context

- I never accused a specific person. On Nov. 8, 2019, a letter to the editor concerning Michelle Obama was published which was just beyond the pale. Before responding, I showed that letter to multiple people including a Cuban American political refugee who later went on to become a physician, a model immigrant of sorts. Her reaction to the letter of Nov. 8 – "This was in a local general topic paper? This is White Nationalism stuff!" Before you start looking for this woman - she lives in Miami.

For the Nov. 15, 2019 edition of this publication, I typed out an inflammatory reply and was conflicted enough about sending it that I solicited the opinions of a few people – I sent them both the Nov. 8 letter and my response and even I won't repeat what was told to me verbatim but it was an overwhelmingly, "send it, he deserves it!" On Nov. 15, I specifically called this author a "White Nationalist" and explained why "White Supremacist" wasn't fitting. The fact that I continue to be accused of hurling "supremacist" is puzzling and indicates to me some people have internalized that thought.

The terms "racist," "white supremacist" and "white nationalism" have re-entered into the mainstream political conversations so it is important to understand what each term means and the differences. In the heated rhetoric of race, such inflammatory terms are often used incorrectly and interchangeably. We must be careful not to overuse terms or the public will be desensitized and it will ultimately normalize abhorrent behavior.

White nationalism is a type of nationalism which espouses the belief that white people, or those descended from Europe exclusively but non-specifically where, are a race and seek to maintain a national identity. Since pan-white-nationalism combines all European nations it mostly exists in historically white immigrant nations such as the US, Canada, South Africa, Australia, and New Zealand. To a lesser extend white nationalism exists in some Latin American countries such as Argentina, Uruguay, Chile, Brazil,

and Costa Rica. White Nationalists are people are concerned about survival of the white race, cultural identity, linguistic hegemony, and religious traditions (Christianity).

White Nationalists hold that white people should maintain their majority in majority-white countries, maintain their political and economic dominance, and that their cultures shall be foremost. Some WN's believe that miscegenation, multiculturalism, immigration of non-whites, and low birth rates among whites are threatening their homelands.

Ideas such as "white pride" or even opposition to the "black lives matter" movement and countering with things such as "all lives matter" or "blue lives matter" are merely white nationalism with window dressing. It should have been obvious to all that "black lives matter" meant, "black

lives matter, too."

Concerning "libelous" personal attacks... It is up to the newspaper to determine what level of personal attacks, which are clearly someone's personal opinion, will be allowed. An unsavory critique of someone else's public comments is not libel.

I'm going to skip over the meat of the "fairness" letter, as the topics have been beaten to death (President Trump/his behavior, socialism, American history, Christianity, the town hall investigators, etc.) and go on to judgement. This author alleges that if he were not retired he would have been fired by now due to the writings of others. He claims that the community's judgement would be determined on what other people write in critique to his own writings. He is correct – that is not fair in any sense of the

Nobody, I repeat, nobody, should make judgements about one person based on what another person says about them.

I ask all readers to make their own judgements and form their own conclusions, NOT based on what anybody says about anybody else, but based on that person's own writings. Judge Mr. McRae, Ms. Gaucher, Mr. Graham, Mr. Reed, Mr. Reid, Mr. Blais, and others by what they put their names to and nothing else. Judge all writers, even those with whom I substantially agree, based on their own writings and their own ideas.

What have I done? Provide context and a window into how the "other side" views things.

> Omar Har-Yarok EAST BROOKFIELD

Our leaders should be chosen based on principles, not personality

To the Editor:

The only exposure I had to Donald Trump before he ran for President was his television show, "The Apprentice." Based on that show I found him to be arrogant, offensive, and egotistical. Now my opinion of his personality is largely the same, but he is doing a great job as President.

Under his administration, his policies have cut tax rates, reduced regulations, increased revenues, made us energy independent, achieved full employment, best ever employment for minorities, increased wages, increased investment earnings, improved trade agreements, destroyed many terrorist, made us stronger militarily & economically, increased NATO & UN contributions, recognized Jerusalem as Israel's Capitol, reduced illegal immigration, and the list goes on. He is not a bigot, racist, or a sexist, etc. he just makes decisions based on the facts without consideration for the aforementioned which makes him politically incorrect. He is hated by many politicians and bureaucrats because he is a threat to their establishment. To "drain the swamp" of corruption and inefficiency, which he promised to do, you need to remove inefficient and corrupt people. Those are the people supporting his impeachment because he is a threat to their world.

While I would prefer a different

personality, maybe this is just what we need; someone who bluntly tells it like it is. I suspect that is what many people like about Trump. In any case I prefer someone who does what they say rather than a BS artist who tells everyone what they think people want to hear while having no intent of doing any such thing.

When it comes to voting, we should make decisions based on principles, not personalities. It should be crystal clear that there are two distinctly different ideas about how this country should proceed. One is a managed society with the government determining what people do and the other a free society with the people determining what they and the government will do. I want to make my decisions, right or wrong, with minimum government.

Look around the world and see what happens to countries that adopt government control and those who choose freedom and the responsibilities that go with it. Competition drives excellence and produces high standards of living for all. The government has no competition and is therefore inherently inefficient. Choose freedom not government.

> LEONARD IVEL LEICESTER

Are you a mindful investor?



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we've seen an increased interest mindfulness, although the concept itself is thousands of years old.

Essentially, being mindful means you are living very much in the present, highly conscious of your thoughts and feelings. However, being mindful doesn't mean acting on those thoughts and feelings - it's just the opposite. With mindfulness, your decision-making is based on cognitive skills and a rational perspective, rather than emotions. As such, mindfulness can be quite valuable as you make investment decisions.

Two of the most common emotions or tendencies associated with investing are fear and greed. Let's see how they can affect investors' behavior.

- · When investors are fearful ... Investors' biggest fear is losing money. So, how did many of them respond during the steep market decline from late 2007 through early 2009? They began selling off their stocks and stock-based mutual funds and fled for "safer" investments, such as Treasury bills and certificates of deposit. But mindful investors witnessed the same situation and saw something else: a great buying opportunity. By looking past the fear of losing money, they recognized the chance to buy quality investments at bargain prices. And they were rewarded for their patience, long-term perspective and refusal to let fear govern their decisions, because 10 years after the market bottomed out in March 2009 (as measured by the Dow Jones Industrial Average), it had risen about 300 percent.
- · When investors are greedy ... We only have to go back a few years before the 2007-09 bear market to see a classic example of greed in the investment world. From 1995 to early 2000, investors chased after almost any company that had "dot com" in its name, even companies with no business plans, no assets and, in some cases, no products. Yet, the rising stock prices of these companies led more and more investors to buy shares in them, causing a greed-driven vicious circle - more demand led to higher prices, which led to more demand. But the bubble burst in March 2000, and by October 2002, the technology-dominated Nasdaq stock index had fallen more than 75%. And since some of these companies not only lost value, but went out of business, many investors never recouped their investments. To avoid the dangers of fear and greed, take these steps:
- Know your investments. Make sure you understand what you're investing in. Know the fundamentals, such as the quality of the product or service, the skill of the management team, the state of the industry, whether the stock is priced fairly or overvalued, and so on. The better informed you are, the less likely you'll be to chase after "hot" investments or to bail out on good ones.
- Rebalance when necessary. If you've decided your portfolio should contain certain percentages of stocks, bonds and other vehicles, stick to those percentages and rebalance when necessary.
- Keep investing. Ups and downs are a normal feature of the investment landscape. By continuing to invest over time, rather than stopping and starting, you can reduce the effects of volatility on your portfolio.

It's not always easy to be a mindful investor and to avoid letting emotions drive your decisions - but it's well worth the effort.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Circular firing squad

To the Editor:

The 2020 circular firing squad is gearing up for action.

While literally anybody I can think of would be better than Donald Trump for President, I fear that we are setting up 2020 to be a repeat of 2016, where a person that a majority of Americans actually want removed from office will "win" the election.

In 2016, few voters actually liked Hillary Clinton. Even fewer liked Donald Trump, leading him to lose the popular vote by three million votes. As we all knew, Trump's voters were sprinkled in all the right rust belt states, leading him to an electoral win while on the coasts (Massachusetts included) Hillary trounced Trump by more than 30 percentage points in some cases. In Massachusetts Hillary had roughly two votes for every one Trump vote which is pretty incredible for any presidential contest, but even more incredible when you consider few actually liked Hillary.

Politics is a team sport, not individual. The Republicans are proving this by simply ignoring evidence in Trump's impeachment trial. They know he's guilty so they aren't even challenging that. They are bringing up debunked false flag theories because the president is guilty and it is embarrassing to wallow in that. The Republicans, playing as a team, know that the best way out of impeachment is to prohibit evidence from being presented so that they can get on with their lives. I abhor almost everything the (modern) elephant party stands for (Trump personality cult) but I do have to hand it to them - politics is a team sport and they play well as a team. The fact that Mitch McConnell can play "political chess" and rule over the whole of America with a permanent minority is

Where the Democrats fall short is

strategy and team comradery.

Joe Biden was always a gaffe machine but now he's old, getting confused on TV, and he's been sullied by Trump's abuse of power. As much as Donald Trump needs to be removed from office and then tried criminally for bribery/ extortion/racketeering and put in a cell over it, he has succeeded in his quest to use the resources of the United States to force a foreign power to sully his chief opponent in the upcoming election. Why is Joe Biden still in this? It is unfair, but he's now a liability to the team, team America.

Elizabeth Warren is popular among the progressives, but she polls very poorly against Trump in swing states. Why is she even in this? It gets worse though - Warren is throwing "political Molotov cocktails." the "I have a plan for that" candidate but what she's doing is pulling the whole field to the left to catch up with her into unwinnable territory. Even Bernie Sanders wasn't talking about wealth confiscation in 2016 but since Elizabeth Warren suggested a "wealth tax" and Bernie had to suggest one to keep up with her.

The funny part about the "wealth tax" is that the funds it would raise, Warren's numbers, is about the same amount of money we could raise through standard taxation at 1997 levels. The late 90's were wildly productive and innovative and we had all the incentives in place to succeed but with higher taxes. Eliminate the Trump and Bush tax cuts, tax America at 1997 levels, and we raise all the money Warren is looking for without confiscating wealth.

Warren has since accused Bernie of saying a woman couldn't win in an attempt to sully him. Based on Bernie's record, sexism is absurd. He actually encouraged Warren to run in 2016 and only ran himself when she

declined. It is harder for a woman to win, perhaps Warren misunderstood his strategy comment in 2019 - but to sully him with that on national TV is just fighting dirty. Furthermore, if she repeats private conversations about strategy on national TV to hurt her on-team competition then why would anybody ever confide with her again, about anything? If Bernie said it on TV then fair game - but to hurl that at him now only hurts the party, the team, Team America.

Hillary is really the world's greatest gift to Republicans (except perhaps Vladimir Putin). She called Tulsi Gabbard a "Russian asset" which appears to be true but all Hillary did was boost Tulsi's campaign. Russia's goal is to introduce instability into our system, not get any particular outcome. Tulsi is flaming out, she should have been allowed to without stirring controversy.

Then Hillary recently said about Bernie that "nobody likes him, nobody wants to work with him, he got nothing done". She accused him of being a career politician, which while true, is the pot calling the kettle black. Hillary is worse than a career politician she's a kleptocrat who got rich selling access to herself. Hillary knows that Bernie would have mopped the floor with Trump in 2016, she feels guilty and ashamed, and she's lashing out. Bernie may not play well with kleptocrats but he isn't for sale. Bernie drives a 2010 Chevy. When he was Mayor of Burlington his car was so pathetic that he got a ticket for parking in the Mayor's spot because the cops didn't realize it was his.

Tim Kaine recently recalled a phone conversation with Barack Obama in 2016. Obama told Kaine, "Tim, remember, this is no time to be a purist. You've got to keep a fascist out of the White House." Hillary echoed that

sentiment and said that the weigh of our responsibility is so huge.

Hillary wouldn't even commit to backing Bernie in the general election should he win the primary. Unbelievable...

Bernie, to his fault, can't be bought. He doesn't have a Super PAC, which wile admirable, elections are won and lost with money. He is playing his game and he may very well win because he is wildly popular, but he won't win a friendly House and Senate to actually get things done – that takes money and party organization...Both things that the Republicans are good at. Also, Bernie is old too; just had a heart attack. It is starting to look a lot like Bernie could win, but it will be a presidency like Jimmy Carter - an idealist paralyzed by Washington reality as a caretaker to clean up the mess of

Then Buttigieg... He's nice and he's smart. I'm not sure that middle America is ready for a gay president, and the last thing we need to do is lose such a critical election to find out. The Trump dynasty is just budding right now, but it will be unstoppable in a few years. Eight years of Trump, and most federal agencies will see complete turnover of Commissioners. One third of the entire federal judiciary will be replaced. If Trump wins in 2020, and Ivanka 2024 win will mark the end of Democracy in America. At that point, government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall have perished from this country.

The 2020 Democratic circular firing squad is in full swing. The Republicans don't have to win – they just have to sit back and see who, if anybody, survives.

> FRED BAGG SPENCER

The day of reckoning is now!

To the Editor:

This is the day God has made. [Psalm 118: 24] God does not promise us tomorrow. God is teaching and preparing us today from Isaiah 61: 1-2, 10 and elaborating through Jesus in Luke 4: 18-21. It starts on this particular day, Jesus comes to Nazareth where He had been raised and attends the Sabbath in the synagogue. When Jesus stood up to read Jesus was handed the scroll and unrolling the scroll, Jesus found the place where it was written by the prophet Isaiah 61: 1-2, 10 of the coming chosen one, the anointed one of God. Jesus stopped reading in the middle of

61: 2 after the words "to proclaim the year of the Lords Favor," Jesus rolling up the scroll said, "today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing, your life, I am He, the anointed one of God.

To all who are reading this today, now, we are all under God's favor today, however, God's day of vengeance will come true when Jesus returns to earth again, it will be the 2nd coming of Jesus, the unexpected day and time that only God knows the day and hour Matthew 24: 36-44. Meanwhile, we today need, must prepare as Jesus is teaching in Luke 4: 1-8-21. Jesus was sent by God to teach the good message, the good news to all the people that Jesus is the Savior and has been given the authority Matthew 11: 27, & 28: 18-20 to make us disciples for God, to be baptized, anointed of God, Jesus Matthew 10: 5 God, Jesus desire that we all receive the spirit of God upon us, God desires that we are all anointed of Jesus, to teach the people. the poor in spirit the gospel truth, healing the broken hearted, those who are bound by Satan, the spiritually blind, the sick because of our sinful nature, etcetera. [Romans 8: 9] [Isaiah 41:10] [Mark 1: 41] [Luke 2: 50][Philippians 4: 6] 2 Thessalonians 3: 16] [2 Peter 3: 9]

[Revelation 21: 4] the choice is yours, you have the gift from God to choose Revelation 3: 20-1 to make your own choice, your destiny [Mark 8: 34] [John 1: 12-13, & 7: 17] [Romans 6: 23, & 10: 9-10] [Galatians 5: 13, 16-17].

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"It was a very difficult decision after so many years," Joelyn Durgin said. "The town has been very supportive – it is a great community."

The garage represented far more than a business for the Durgin family. From the very first days, it was immediately stitched into the fabric of treasured family memories.

"Our first date was towing a car out of a river," Joelyn Durgin recalled. "I fell in love with it because I saw how much he loved what he did."

David Durgin was also a firefighter in Spencer for 17 years. Whether he was battling blazes or towing vehicles, he took pride in helping to keep residents safe, even when the weather was at its worst. While most people were shuttered away at home during the Blizzard of 1978, the Durgins were fighting through walls of snow to haul away stranded vehicles.

"Cars were stuck on Breezy Bend for days. The drifts were over five feet high, and it took days to clean up," Joelyn Durgin said.

Getting the towing business off the ground in Spencer was an equally daunting endeavor. Back in the seventies, David Durgin even built his own heavy wrecker unit in order to meet state requirements for police towing. And once the business cemented its reputation for safety and efficiency, work continued to accumulate.

Of course, the Durgins were equally well-known in town for their community service efforts. They made donations to the schools, scouting groups, and local public safety departments, among several other efforts. David Durgin also served as a mechanic for St. Joseph's Abbey, offered plowing services to the town, and took part in local parades.

"He was very active in the community. He always wanted to get involved," Joelyn Durgin said of her late husband.

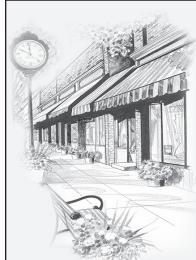
The fascinating story of Durgin's Valley Garage added another chapter in 2018, when the American Pickers paid a visit. The popular History Channel show features artifacts and collectibles gleaned from venues throughout the nation, and Joelyn Durgin was thrilled to be chosen for a visit. The American Pickers team bought a weathervane and a railroad bench from Durgin's Valley Garage, and they were fascinated by a number of

other products.

Looking ahead, Joelyn Durgin is encouraged that the next chapter for the business will be authored by an experienced company with a strong record of safety and volunteer-

"I wanted to find a company that is well-respected and helps in the community. It meant a lot to find someone who shares the same ideals of respect and helping out," added Joelyn Durgin, who also serves as the town's animal control officer.

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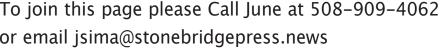
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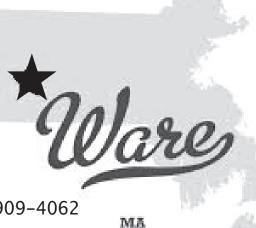


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Warriors pick up important victory versus non-league foe in North



Tantasqua's Joe Groccia makes space by juking out Worcester North's Ransford Adjel.

BY NICK ETHIER SPORTS STAFF WRITER

STURBRIDGE Tuesday, Jan. 22, the Tantasqua Regional boys' varsity basketball team had the chance to test itself with a non-league game against one of the region's best

of Worcester. And the Warriors passed with flying colors.

when they hosted North High

Tantasqua established a lead early in the second quarter and never lost it, although the game was close throughout, as they held on for a 52-46 victory.

The Warriors are now 7-2, while the Polar Bears dropped

"Any time we can play a Division 1 team out of league, it's always a big test," said Tantasqua head coach Scott Dion. "A team like North plays St. John's, plays Wachusett, plays the big boys all year."

The Warriors, who in the postseason compete in the Western Mass. Division 2 Tournament, have future contests against the likes of

Doherty, St. Peter-Marian, Milford and Westborough High's, all D1 and D2 teams.

They're a very talented team, so athletic," Dion said, getting back to North. "They killed us on the glass, and we're the bigger team, [but] we just held a pretty good offensive team to 46 points.

The Polar Bears led 9-8 after the initial eight-minute quarter, but Tantasqua embarked on a 10-0 run to open the second — which included a quick fivepoint spurt from Mikey Lucas and a banked in 3-pointer by Joe Groccia — to jump ahead

North then closed the gap by finishing the half on an 8-4 run to narrow the deficit down to

The Warriors, though, had an answer to open the third. Groccia (a team-high 16 points), started the half with a 3-pointer, Cam Varney grabbed a steal and fed Groccia for a layup, and Groccia canned another 3 to extend the lead to 30-17.

The Polar Bears, again, ended the quarter on a run — this one 13-6 — to make it a manageable 36-30 game through three.

But Tantasqua, and particularly Troy Lee, was ready for the fourth quarter. With the score now at 36-32, Lee received a pass from Griffin Polga and converted a reverse layup while drawing the foul. He connected on the free throw for the traditional three-point play to go ahead 39-32. Then, following a North basket, Lee hit a baseline jump shot to keep the lead at seven points (41-34).

With 3:13 to go and the Polar Bears inching closer at 43-40, Lee was fouled and he calmly drained both of his free throws.

"Everyone has their better games," Lee said, stressing a team-first philosophy, "and tonight it just happened to be me. Offensively, I was feeling it."

Lee also got things done on the defensive end as North came away with a steal and coinciding two-on-one. Reginald Devone went for a layup, but Lee swatted it away, flying from seemingly out of nowhere for the important



Mikey Lucas of Tantasqua takes a layup to the hoop for two points in the third quarter.

"Troy's the kid that's going to step in and take a charge, the kid that's going to get a rundown block when it looked like they were going to have a breakaway layup," Dion said, calling the block a "ginormous" play.

"He gets tip-ins, he does all the little things, and tonight he put the ball in the basket, which is huge," Dion added.

Leading 45-42, Polga (8 points) drained a 3-pointer from the left elbow with 2:22 remaining to give the Warriors some breathing room.

North would get no closer than four points away before ultimately losing by six. "This is a huge win," said Lee, who finished with 13 points (7 in the fourth quarter) and 7 rebounds. "It's good for playoffs, it got the boys all pumped up. "This team is definitely

bonding very well," continued Lee. "We lost a lot of seniors last year, I think it was eight, but we're all a team — a family - and it's just nice to see."

Dion is pleased with how his team is performing at the season's midpoint.

"We're certainly building an identity. I thought we'd be a little bit more explosive offensively when we started, and I think now we're leaning toward grinding games out and defending like crazy," he said.

Lydia's laser-like focus leads Tantasqua convincingly past South



Mathew S. Plamondon photos

Tantasqua's Sophie Law drives through the



Alexxis Cutler of Tantasqua looks for an open teammate as the Worcester South defense collapses upon her.

BY KEN POWERS

STURBRIDGE — Lvdia Boland pumped in a game-high 25 points to go along with 6 steals and 5 assists to help lead the Tantasqua Regional girls' varsity basketball team to a 65-23 victory over Worcester's South High Community School back on Tuesday,

Jan. 21. With the win, their seventh straight, the Warriors improved to 8-1. The Colonels, with the loss, fell to 2-7.

Boland, a senior captain, played with an aggressive sense of urgency right from the opening tip, scoring 12 points in the first quarter, after which Tantasqua led 21-14.

"Lydia definitely got us going; she is our leader out on the floor," longtime Tantasqua head coach Tom Goyette said. "She is an all-around player and she provided a lot of energy for us tonight.

"Lydia is our leading scorer, but she's much more than just a scorer for us," Goyette added in regard to his four-year starter, who is currently tied for the Southern Worcester County League lead with 16.4 points per game. "Lydia is also an excellent defender and a great communicator on the court. She is always talking with her teammates, especially on defense.'

Following the Warriors' win over South, Boland was just 163 points away from scoring the 1,000th point of her career. While she acknowledges that the potential accomplishment is a motivating factor in her increased aggressiveness and sense of urgency, it is not the only thing driving her.

"As a senior who is not going to play in college, I'm starting to see the end coming," said Boland, who is planning on attending UMass-Amherst next year and majoring in psychology.

"But it's more than that," Boland added quickly. "I think we're a team that can go really far this year in the playoffs. Our bench played amazing tonight. They had their best game yet. We play as one unit so if one person steps up and shows the urgency that I did tonight, everyone else will. That's definitely what happened tonight."

After allowing South 14 first-quarter points the Warriors gave up just nine points to the Colonels the rest of the

way, which included keeping them off the scoreboard in the fourth period. Tantasqua led 38-18 at halftime and 60-23 after three quarters.

"We were coming off a bit of a layoff and I think it showed; we were a little rusty in the first quarter," Goyette said. "After that we picked things up and

really got into playing our game. Ten of the 11 Warriors who played cracked the scoring column. In addition to Boland, notable scoring contributions came from juniors Ainsley Way (8 points) and Emmy Cherry (5), and sophomores Sophie Law (7), and Alexxis

Cutler (6) Goyette believes one thing that sets Boland apart from a lot of other girls

playing the game is her focus. "Lydia is a competitor; she's intense out there and she brings it," Goyette said. "She goes game speed all the time. We tell the team all the time in practice that you've got to bring the game speed into practice and then you've got to bring it into the games as well. Lydia does that; during the game she brings her play to another level. When she found that extra gear in the second and third quarter, everyone else on the team picked up their game, too.'

For Boland, it's all in a day's work.

'As a captain you have to do that; raise your level of play and set the tone," she said. "You need to do that. You set the standard for a lot of your teammates, especially the bench players. But, more than that, it's a team effort. If I don't put my work in, why should I encourage and expect others to put the work in? it's a chain effect; it's

what has to happen.' As much as she enjoys scoring, Boland knows that teams that make a deep run in the playoffs win with their

defense as often as with their offense. "I think both offense and defense are important to winning; I think they rub off on each other," she said. "You get a big steal and it leads to a basket, so you're pumped. Then, the rush you get from hitting the basket makes you want to go play defense and get another steal. It's important to do both. Both parts of the game are very important to our success. Defensively I think you have to be aggressive and rely on your peripheral vision."



Haley Courtney of Tantasqua makes her way into the paint.



Tantasqua's Lydia Boland eyes the hoop as she scores a layup, adding to the Warriors'

With win over David Prouty, Cougars eclipse .500 mark



Nick Ethier photos

Quaboag's Chris Paquette drives the ball around a pair of David Prouty defenders.

BY NICK ETHIER

WARREN — When the Quaboag Regional boys' varsity basketball team matched up with David Prouty Regional on Thursday, Jan. 23, the Cougars held a sizable 17-point halftime lead (29-12). But Chris Reilly, head coach of the Cougars, wasn't pleased as both teams headed to their respective locker rooms for intermission.

"That is fair to say,"

said Reilly. "The other team missed a lot of shots. I said at halftime that it could have been a two-point game. We were not playing the defense that we've been basing our game on in the last two months.

"I wasn't happy with it at halftime," continued Reilly. "These guys always give the effort, but I didn't feel the intensity was there. We weren't beating the ball-handlers to the spot, they were getting past us, the help wasn't as good as it's been."

Panthers' head coach Pat O'Connor agreed that the game could have been much closer had his team been able to hit their layups and other open shots.

"We missed too many easy ones," he said. "Quaboag's a great team, but there were several possessions where we missed a layup and they bang a 3. I thought, honestly, that for parts of the game we outplayed them."

And although David Prouty technically won second-half scoring (31-29), the Cougars never allowed their lead to slip down into single digits, as they finished off a 58-43 victory.

Reilly mentioned Chris Paquette as a reason behind Quaboag's ability to maintain its double-digit lead.

"Every time that it looked like they might cut it under 17, Chris either made a pass or made a basket or got a rebound or blocked a shot, he's really been playing well," Reilly said of Paquette's 13-point, 12-rebound effort that included 11 of those points and 7 of those rebounds coming in the second half.

The Cougars are now 7-6 as they continue to fight to stay above .500.

"I'd love to keep my fingers crossed when I answer this, I don't speak about it with many people and I just started to mention it to my team," Reilly said of postseason



Braeden White of David Prouty begins his drive toward the basket.

aspirations.

Quaboag must win 10 games to qualify for the Central Mass. Division 3 Tournament and must be one of the top 16 teams of the 41 eligible for the Clark Tournament.

"These are must winsif we want to make the playoffs and/or Clark," said Reilly.

Quaboag then lost to Bartlett High on Saturday, Jan. 25 to even its record at 7-7. They then play at Southbridge High (check back next week for a story and photos from that game), Millbury High and West Boylston High, and host St. Mary's High and Tantasqua Regional to close out the regular season.

The Panthers, meanwhile, dropped to 1-9. O'Connor noted that the team's effort was there, as it always is, but that the shots not falling hasn't been the issue until this game with Quaboag.

"This is the first night where we haven't been able to make the easy ones," he said. "When you miss an easy one you feel your spirits go down."

That happened a lot in

the first quarter when the Cougars jumped out to a 17-5 lead. Quaboag's Brandon Valentin led the way with a 12-point quarter. Valentin finished with a game-high 21 points.

"He got hot. He has the capability of doing that," Reilly said of Valentin.

Alex Worthington (10 points) was the Cougars' other double-digit point producer, while Braeden White (13 points), Evan Fournier (10) and Trevor Grenier (9, three 3-pointers — all in the third quarter) led the way for David Prouty.



Derek Houston of David Prouty keeps his head up while driving in transition.



Brandon Valentin (24) and Tyler Bond (10) of Quaboag tightly defend David Prouty's Evan Fournier.



David Prouty's Nick Soter finds a way to shoot a layup while being blinded from the defense of Quaboag's Tyler Bond (10).

A banner night at Quaboag Regional



Nick Ethier photos

Quaboag Regional's Kiarra Dorman and Dave McCarthy, the latest and first 1,000-point scorers in school history, shake hands after unveiling the banner.

WARREN — A rich basketball tradition at Quaboag Regional just got richer on Thursday, Jan. 23 when the school had a banner unveiling for members of the 1,000-point club. The ceremony took place in between games of a doubleheader versus David Prouty Regional.

The 24 members that were honored were:

Dave McCarthy, Class of 1973 Mark Zulkiewicz, Class of 1977 Jill Casey, Class of 1978 Lisa McCarthy, Class of 1979 Steve Wright, Class of 1979 Nicole Dequattro, Class of 1986 Monica McCarthy, Class of 1986 Kelly Wilk, Class of 1989 Bob Andrejczyk, Class of 1997 Bart Brennan, Class of 2001 Rebecca Berg, Class of 2004 Tyler Bacon, Class of 2006 Tom Baker, Class of 2006 Kelsey O'Keefe, Class of 2006 Reilly O'Keefe, Class of 2006 Meaghan O'Keefe, Class of 2009 Samantha McCann, Class of 2011 Thomas Jankins, Class of 2013 Jessica Korzec, Class of 2014



Some of Quaboag Regional's 24 career 1,000-point scorers pose with the new banner during a ceremony on Thursday, Jan. 23.

Will Watkins, Class of 2014 Brittany Herring, Class of 2015 Jake Wisniewski, Class of 2015 Lexi Paquette, Class of 2017 Kiarra Dorman, Class of 2020

Dorman helps Quaboag defeat Panthers after memorable 1,000-point ceremony



Nick Ethier photos

Quaboag's Addy Ford fires off a pass to a teammate.

BY KEN POWERS SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

WARREN — Moments after getting honored for being one of the 24 basketball players in the history of Quaboag Regional to score 1,000 career points, senior Kiarra Dorman — the only active player on the list scored a team-high 16 points to help lead the Cougars past David Prouty Regional 40-32 on Thursday, Jan. 23.

With the win Quaboag improved to 8-5 overall and 6-4 in Southern Worcester County League (SWCL) play. David Prouty dropped to 7-5 overall and 5-5 in the SWCL with the loss. The Cougars defeated the Panthers earlier this season, 50-41, in Spencer.

"This was definitely a big win for us. David Prouty is a rival of ours and a very good team. They're going to be around and they're going to be a problem for a long time. Since we got them earlier, I knew they were going to come in and play well tonight," Quaboag head coach Bill Beauregard said. "I thought we fed off the crowd; we had a great crowd tonight because of the 1,000point celebration. The kids were motivated; they were pretty fired up for this one."

Dorman, who scored her 1,000th career point late last season, may have been the most fired up of the Cougars.

"The ceremony was amazing. The amount of people that were here and how my whole team came out and walked me to half court and supported me, it was a great feeling," Dorman said. "Just seeing everyone here; it was cool to see the people who

played here before me." Quaboag led 18-17 after

a back-and-forth first half in which Dorman scored 8 points and hit both of her 3-pointers. David Prouty kept pace in large part due to the play of sophomore Gabby Soter, who scored 8 of her game-high 18 points in the first 16 minutes.

The Cougars scored the first four baskets of the third quarter — each by a different player — to take a 27-17 lead with 5:01 left in the period. The run was capped with a layup by freshman Haley Samek (5 points), off a no-look pass from Dorman.

"Both teams were a little nervous and uptight at first, but then when we relaxed we were fine," Beauregard said. "I think our defense, we had to worry about Soter and [freshman Olivia] Pepin [9 points, one 3-pointer] outside, did a great job for the most part on them. When we can get it out of their hands or they can't shoot it, and when we can control [sophomore Jenna] Petruzzi [3 points] inside, good things will happen, and they did."

Quaboag increased its lead to 30-18 on a 3-pointer by sophomore Julissa DeLeon (5 points) with 3:35 left in the third quarter. The Cougars led 34-24 after three periods.

David Prouty had chances to cut into the Quaboag lead in the fourth quarter but missed four layup opportunities in a span of five possessions. For the game the Panthers missed 20 layups and committed 19 turnovers.

"Our missed layups, especially in the fourth quarter, definitely hurt us. We started to get some momentum going but could not capitalize on



Gabby Soter of David Prouty searches for an open teammate to pass

layups," David Prouty head coach Johanna Annunziata said. "The turnovers hurt us, too, especially because they were turnovers of our own doing. We just didn't make the reads we normally make.'

Six different players scored for Quaboag, which hit six 3-pointers in the game, three by junior Sydney Corfey (9

'Kiarra gets so much attention from every defense that people are open. If we just relax, don't panic and hit the open girl we're going to get good shots," Beauregard said. "Tonight we made enough of those open shots to get the win."

Dorman said the games with Prouty are just another pair of games on the schedule, except that they're not.

Our games against David Prouty are always big games. A couple of years ago when

we played them, we used to beat them pretty good, but recently our games with them have been very close games," Dorman said. "When we play them now, it's an aggressive game every time; these are the most aggressive games we play all year. We're always ready for that, though, because it comes with the rivalry.'

Annunziata said the silver lining in the loss to Quaboag was her team's rebounding.

"Our rebounding was great. We dominated the boards with 45 total rebounds 「Petruzzi with 14], but it hurts to see that stat because it should have created more baskets for us," Annunziata said. "It's all a work in progress though. I'm happy we're getting such high percentage shots. Now we just need to convert them.'

SPORTS BRIEF

Local Knights of Columbus to host Free Throw Championship at West **Brookfield Elementary**

The local Knights of Columbus Council 11080, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, Brookfield — West Brookfield, is sponsoring an opening round of the "2020 Knights of Columbus Free Throw

Championship.' All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in this event. This local competition will be held Sunday, Feb. 2 at 2 p.m. at the West Brookfield Elementary School, 89 Main Street. This event is free. The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through local, district, regional, and state competitions. International champions are announced by the K of C international headquarters based on scores from the state-level competitions. All boys and girls 9 to 14 years old are eligible to participate and will compete in their respective age divisions. Last year more than 165,000 sharpshooters participated in over 3,700 local competitions. All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in the event receiving a Certificate of Participation. Winners in respective age divisions in this round advance to the District Competition in February, and receive prizes donated by local supporters. Eligibility age is determined as of Jan. 1, 2020. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. For entry forms or additional informa-tion contact: Wally Connor at (413) 813-8100 or email at wally@supportingorphans.org. The Knights of Columbus is an international Catholic family fraternal service organization with over 1.9 million members in 14,750 local councils. During the past decade, Knights have donated over 700 million volunteer hours and \$1.75 billion to charitable and benevolent causes, sponsoring projects to benefit their church, councils, communities, the culture of life, families, and youth.



our speed and cuts to the With the shot clock winding down, Sydney Corfey of Quaboag takes hoop because of those missed and makes a 3-pointer.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Monday, Jan. 20 Westfield 125, Tantasqua 60 — Andrew Wade won the 200 Freestyle and Jonah Green took first in the Diving, but the Warriors' boys' swim team, with only eight participants, was outgunned by the Bombers. Tantasqua is now 1-6.

Westfield 117, Tantasqua 54 — In a similar fashion, the Warriors' girls' swim team also lost to the Bombers. Sarah Kersting-Mumm of Tantasqua (2-5) was a double winner in the 50 Freestyle and the 100 Backstroke.

Wednesday, Jan. 22

Tantasqua 108, Shrewsbury 75 — In their final regular season home meet, the Warriors' girls' swim team defeated the Colonials. Sarah Kersting-Mumm won the 200 Freestyle and the 50 Freestyle, while Kira Dambly took first in the 200 IM, Zoey Zhu was victorious in the 100 Butterfly, Emily Owens won the 500 Freestyle, the 200 Freestyle relay team of Katie Wade, Dani Harwood, Erika Madden and Kersting-Mumm combined for a

victory, Madden took first in the 100 Breaststroke, and the 400 Freestyle relay team of Zhu, Dambly, Wade and Kersting-Mumm ended the meet with a win. Tantasqua is now 3-5.

Tantasqua 93, Shrewsbury 65 -Much like the girls, the Warriors' boys' swim team won in its final home match. The Medley relay team of Eli Currier, AJ Osimo, Andrew Wade and Jonah Green got the team start with a win, and then Green won the 50 Freestyle and the Diving, Currier took first in the 100 Fly, Eben Mazeika won the 500 Freestyle, the 200 Freestyle relay team of Green, Dan Sickenberger, Osimo and Wade won and qualified for Sectionals, Cameron Chisholm was victorious in the 100 Freestyle, and the 400 Freestyle relay team of Currier, Adam Mazeika, Eben Mazeika and Sickenberger ended the night with a win. The Warriors are now 2-6.

Both teams celebrated Senior Night with a shout out to Tiana Brantley, Eli Currier, Jonah Green, Sarah Kersting-Mumm (Oxford), Alyson Locke, Erika Madden, Adon (AJ) Osimo, Parker Riley, Evan Selvey and Andrew Wade.

Thursday, Jan. 23

Tantasqua 110, Advanced Math and Science Academy 68 — Kira Dambly (200 Freestyle), Sarah Kersting-Mumm (200 IM, 500 Freestyle), Zoey Zhu (50 Freestyle, 100 Freestyle), Tiana Brantley (Diving), the 200 Freestyle relay team (Emily Owens, Dambly, Erika Madden, Zhu), Owens (100 Breaststroke), and the 400 Freestyle relay team (Zhu, Dambly, Katie Wade, Kersting-Mumm) were all winners for the Warriors' girls' swim team, which beat AMSA and

improved to 4-5.
Advanced Math and Science Academy 105, Tantasqua 60 — Jonah Green once again won the Diving event for the Warriors, but the boys' swim team lost to AMSA. Andrew Wade was a double winner for Tantasqua, which dropped to 2-7, as he won the 100 Butterfly and the 100



Quaboag Regional 1,000-point scorers

On Thursday, Jan. 23, Dave McCarthy, Mark Zulkiewicz, Jill Casey, Lisa McCarthy, Steve Wright, Nicole Dequattro, Monica McCarthy, Kelly Wilk, Bob Andrejczyk, Bart Brennan, Rebecca Berg, Tyler Bacon, Tom Baker, Kelsey O'Keefe, Reilly O'Keefe, Meaghan O'Keefe, Samantha McCann, Thomas Jankins, Jessica Korzec, Will Watkins, Brittany Herring, Jake Wisniewski, Lexi Paquette and Kiarra Dorman were honored in a ceremony as a 1,000point banner was introduced at the gymnasium.

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A near miss for Bay Path against Monty Tech

CHARLTON — A number of near misses has plagued Bay Path Regional's boys' varsity basketball team during this 2019-2020 season, and it happened again as the Minutemen hosted Monty Tech on Thursday, Jan. 23. The two-win Minutemen hung tough but lost a close decision to the Bulldogs, 63-56.



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Bay Path's Aiden Sabatinelli searches for an open teammate to pass the ball to.



Anthony Barbale of Bay Path attempts to drive in for a layup while a Monty Tech player tightly



Bay Path's Xavier Edmonds soars past a Monty Tech defender en route to a layup.



Ben LaPointe of Bay Path rises up to attempt a midrange jump shot.

Nashoba posts shutout of Rockets

MARLBOROUGH — Looking to keep its winning streak intact, the Auburn High boys' varsity ice hockey team traveled to the New England Sports Center to take on Nashoba Regional on Wednesday, Jan. 22. But the Chieftains were able to skate past the Rockets, 3-0. That loss dropped Auburn, which

also includes student-athletes from Millbury High, Tantasqua Regional and Shepherd Hill Regional as part of its cooperative agreement, to 4-5-1, but the Rockets rebounded with a 6-3 win against Minnechaug Regional three days later to even its record at 5-5-1.



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Nic Spanos of Auburn carries the puck unimpeded into the neutral zone.



Auburn goalie Tyler MacKoul sees the puck clearly in order to make a save.



Auburn's Tommy Rembiszewski has the time and space to stick-handle the puck up the ice.

Fight Flu & Colds Naturally

As if flu season isn't bad enough, current coronavirus reports have heightened concerns. With that in mind, this column will review some natural and proactive methods you can employ to increase your odds of staying healthy this

Whether you're worried about catching a cold or are fretting about the flu, there are alternatives to treating what ails you. From herbs and spices to massage and aromatherapy, the following information and strategies can be valuable weapons in the annual battle of the cold and flu bug.

Stats: The flu season affects one in five adults, who will contract the virus this year. By contrast, the average person will suffer two or four common colds this annually according to national statistics.

Cold or Flu? You know vou're sick, but not sure how sick. Is it a common cold or the dreaded flu? . Symptoms can be similar at the beginning of the infection. Since colds and flu are often treated differently, and an average of 23,000 people in the US die from flu related complications each year, it's important to identify the ill-

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), a cold is a milder respiratory ailment that has symptoms that last a few days; the flu can last weeks and result in such serious health problems as pneumonia. While a stuffy nose and aches and pains are symptoms typically present in both colds and flu, a temperature reading can often differentiate the A common cold rarely causes a temperature to reach over 101 degrees. Also, body aches are much more common with the flu virus.

Cold Symptoms: Symptoms usually begin with sore throat, runny nose followed by congestion and cough. Mucus may become thicker and darker. A slight fever is possible. Cold symptoms usually last for about a week. During the first three days that you have cold symptoms, you are contagious.

Flu Symptoms: Flu symptoms usually come on quicker than cold symptoms are typically more severe. They can include a sore throat, (sometimes hacking) cough, congestion, accompanied by headache, fatigue, chills and fever 102 to 104 degrees. Most symptoms improve in about five days, but fatigue can linger on for a week or more. The flu virus can be contagious from the day before the onset of the virus up to a week after.

How Colds & Flu are spread: Cold and flu viruses are spread when an infected person releases germs in the air via coughing, sneezing and close contact. Cold and flu viruses can live for hours on surfaces such as telephones. desks, door knobs, etc.

The flu is highly contagious as an infected person can spread flu germs a day before symptoms appear and can remain contagious for up to a week later. Studies show children with the flu virus can be contagious for over a week



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after onset. A person with a cold or flu is most contagious the first three days of infection. when the virus is most concentrated in nasal secretions. To prevent spreading the flu virus to co-workers and the public in general, the CDC recommends that people with flu stay home for 24 hours after their fever breaks.

According to the CDC, the single, most effective way to avoid contact with cold and flu viruses is to wash your hands. Wash them often and scrub with warm water and soap for at least 20 seconds. If washing isn't practical, use a hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol and rub into your hands until

Home Remedies: The following remedies are effective "first step" treatments to cold and flu. Symptoms that last more than a few days or become severe should be checked by a physician'

*A hot bath can be a powerful cold chaser and in Chinese medicine very hot baths are used to "sweat" out a cold at its earliest stages. To kick up the detox power of a bath, add a few drops of eucalyptus, rosemary or thyme essential oils to the water.

Note: Check with your doc-

tor before taking a hot bath if you are pregnant, diabetic, have heart disease or other complications.

*Giving colds a two step punch with a double dose of ginger and lemon can relieve cold and flu symptoms. Adding ginger and lemon to a hot cup of tea not only soothes the throat, but ginger's antimicrobial properties and lemon's vitamin C help fight the bug. To break up mucus, add a pinch of cayenne pepper to the hot tea. Or try this recipe from Food Network to relieve cold and flu ailments: Combine in a mug: the juice of half a lemon, a quarter size piece of fresh ginger, two teaspoons of honey, and 3/4 cup of boiling water. Allow to steep for at least three minutes. Add dark rum if desired.

*It's true that chicken broth can offer cold and flu sufferers relief, but did you know it's the "bone broth" from the homemade brew that provides much of the healing power? Broth made from boiling bones offers magnesium, sulfur, phosphorus and other trace minerals that are easily absorbable not always readily available.

*Whether you like it hot or cold, a compress applied to sinuses can relieve congestion quickly. A freeze pack (or bag of frozen vegetables) works as a cold pack on the sinus area to decrease symptoms. Or, heat up a wet facecloth in the microwave (not to hot) and apply across the bridge of the nose for similar relief.

*While there's no cure for the common cold some foods

appear to reduce susceptibility to catching colds, or at least reduce the severity of the symptoms. Foods containing beta-carotene, vitamin C, and zinc have shown to have immune repairing and boosting properties. Research suggests that zinc (which is in many over the counter products to prevent colds) can work to reduce the duration and severity of a cold. But it is only effective if it's started early, at the very first signs of illness.

*"Take two squares of chocolate and call me the morning.' may seem an unlikely prescription for cough relief, but research reveals dark chocolate can curb your cough. The secret is Therobromine, an ingredient in chocolate. According to medical studies, therobromine is nearly one third more effective in halting persistent coughs than codeine. Dark chocolate typically contains about 450 mg of therobromine per ounce. Some experts suggest two ounces of dark chocolate every four hours as an effective anti cough dose for adults. Just be aware chocolate contains caffeine.

*Did you know you can reach into the refrigerator to clear congestion? Apple juice and purple grape juice both have properties to help clear congestion and a runny nose. As a bonus dark grape juice is rich in tannins, which have been known to kill viruses.

*Hot foods may be the weapon to battling mucus. Studies

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A message for "Mr. X"

To the Editor:

There's a YouTube video I like to watch which shows a house cat with her back to the wall fighting off three covotes for about 45 seconds until her owners hear the commotion and come out to chase off the varmints. Great job. kitty! An inspiration to us all.

Her plight reminds me of my own, lately, when I read the frothing-at-themouth (like rabid covotes) assaults against me by all of the usual suspects, the Faux Five. Attacking, retreating, yapping, nipping, growling, jaw-snapping efforts to once and for all shut me down and my inconvenient (for them) habit of debunking their very existence and of continually offering these apparitions an opportunity to put to rest my well-founded claim that they not only don't exist but, rather, that their letters are the product of one angry, bitter, left-wing crackpot who consistently fails the tests of courage and honesty.

I am at a loss, when I consider that if these people did exist, not one of them has the intestinal fortitude to man up (even the two gals, Edie and Esther) and accept my invitation to come and chat with me. After all, here I am, an old man with a bad back, on four medications, with six hernia surgeries, a thrice-dislocated shoulder, and one who has been described on these pages (by friends, no less!) as a weak, frail, near-sighted, nearly deaf, pale shadow of the man I once was, and a threat to absolutely no one. Some friends. But, the point has been made: what do you have to fear, you fire-breathing, social justice warrior, street-fighting Democratic Socialists? I mean, it pains me to think that Beethoven may have had just such a wretch as myself when he penned the glorious Piano Sonata #8, the «Pathetique." And you're not man enough to come and dialogue with me face-to-face?

But, readers may say, "John, old man, you haven't laid a glove on them. man, you haven that a group of they, or he, old Mr. X, is still hanging haven't fazed him." To in there. You haven't fazed him." which I respond, "I came not to faze the geezer, but to bury him."

To Mr. X, the creative commie who writes the letters attributed to the nonexistent Yarok, Rosenberg, Cohen, Miller, and Bagg, I say this: see your physician, there's got to be some help for your collapsing levels of testosterone. Show just a smidgen of good old-fashioned male gonadial grit, and come out to see me at my place. You already know where it is, I'm certain. Isn't that you in that dinky little Prius with the "Resist!" bumper sticker that comes down my road late at night and goes by ever so slowly?

Yes, Mr. X, take a chance and come see me. We can sit by the wood pile and knock back a few brews, smoke a seegar or two, and get to know each other. I'll explain why I cannot abide liberals, sorry, communists like you, and you can tell me why, despite your loathing of everything American, you continue to live here, suck up all the benefits of American freedom, do very well indeed under Trump's fantastic economy, and generally have a life nearly all the world's people can only dream of living. Oh, it would be so much fun... for me at least.

You could also explain to me why, when you dreamed up the five phony characters to be your messengers, you assigned them all Jewish names for an area where, if there are any residents of that faith or culture, they have managed to keep a very low profile for the decades I've lived in the area. I suspect you made that cynical decision so that people who might wish to take issue with them and their views might be reluctant to do so for the real fear of being labelled "anti-Semites" by people like you, simply for disagreeing.

bark--we have too much love and respect for our neighbors to keep them awake all night listening to howling dogs. No, they just growl to announce themselves. They have been taught to sniff out liberals, socialists, commies, and any other left wing infiltrators who are up to no good. After all, if the F.B.I. thug, Peter Strozck, can claim to be able to smell Trump supporters at the Walmart in Tidewater, Virginia, so can our kids sniff out liberal lowlifes: they can detect arrogance, smugness, superiority, and condescension from yards away. Once the listening devices pick up the growls, the whole place lights up brighter than Checkpoint Charlie in Berlin at 2 a.m. on a cold, misty night in 1965 (so the VOPOS--Volks Polizei-could see better to shoot East Berliners crazy enough to want to try freedom on the other side.) Oh, yeah, Mr. X, you've got to see it to believe it. But, don't push your luck, buddy.

Well, Mr. X, I've made you my best offer. Do with it what you will. But,

And, actually, I've changed my mind about Beethoven's masterpieces. Now

thinking he must've had someone like me in mind when he wrote his

magnificent Third Symphony, the "Eroica." No, you fools, I said Eroica, not Erotica, "Eroica"=Heroic, Although never a hero, myself, I, as a conservative would've liked to have been one. Maybe this prolonged battle I've had with the commie who writes these letters has required at least an heroic effort on my part to keep on pressing the point; it can get exhausting. But, as the Book says, "Do not grow weary in doing well." I have fought my fight, I have run my course. I'm about done with you, old man Mr. X. I gave you every opportunity to establish your bona fides, but you weren't up to the challenge. Too bad, so sad.

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Vintage travel posters

Most people enjoy vacations and travel, so it makes sense that travel related posters would appeal to collectors. Many posters have bright graphics that depict exotic locations often along with ships, trains, airplanes, and other modes of trav-

Travel has been documentlong even before invention of WAYNE TUISKULA thousands of dollars, the the printing press. Medieval manu-

scripts depict people traveling by horse. Prior to that, paintings depicted ships, horse carriages, and people on horseback. Broadsides originated in the 15th century. They were single sheets of paper printed on one side and used to make announcements. According to the Library of Congress, broadsides were "often quickly and crudely produced in large



ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES & ESTATES

newer travel posters in this column. The 20th century saw the bright, colorful travel posters that we are more familiar with today. The Library of Congress lists the golden age of travel posters as the 1920's to the 1960's. "Great travel posters attract the eye in a variety

of ways: by highlighting points

of interest, depicting the con-

veyance used to reach a loca-

numbers and distribut-

ed free in town squares.

taverns, and churches

or sold by chapmen for a

nominal charge, broad-

sides are intended to

have an immediate pop-

ular impact and then

to be thrown away.'

Broadsides remained

popular through the

19th century and were

often used to promote

ship or train travel.

Some broadsides can be

worth hundreds or even

but I'll focus more on

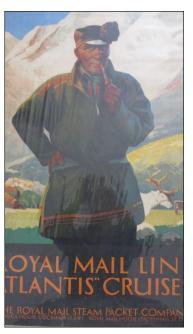
tion, or by featuring activities available at the destination." Later posters typically used photographic images and do not have the collector value of the graphically produced ver-

Older travel posters with nice graphics can sell for hundreds of dollars and better examples can bring thousands. Philip Zec's 1932 LMS / BY NIGHT TRAIN TO SCOTLAND shows a passenger train being pulled by a steam engine. Smoke pours from the smokestack under the night sky with a full moon. It sold for \$16,000 at auction in 2014. A 1938 poster depicts "the New Twentieth Century Limited." The streamlined train poster touted that it could travel from New York to Chicago in 16 hours. One of these posters sold for \$18,000 in a 2015 auction. A poster of St. Moritz picturing a skier flying through the air above the Engadin Valley also brought \$18,000 in a 2014 auction. "L'Atlantique" poster from

1931 shows a huge ocean-liner dwarfing a tugboat in front of it. The 1931 poster by Adolphe Mouron (A.M.) Cassandre sold for \$120,000 in 2011. Another Cassandre poster set an auction record in 2012. He created a very low production run of these posters that pictured the stylized steel wheels of a railroad steam engine. The 1928 "L.M.S./Best Way" poster steamed to \$162,500 at auction

We have several travel posters and other posters in our January 30th auction. My "Evaluating your antiques" class will be held on March 3rd at the Bay Path Adult Education Evening School in Charlton. Other events are being scheduled. Please see www.centralmassauctions. com for details on these and other events.

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Support your local bait & tackle shop



Ice fishing took another hard hit this past week, causing cancellation of the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club derby again. Other clubs in the valley are also hoping for safe ice to hold their fishing derbies. It did not stop numerous

anglers from fishing some ponds in the area, but most anglers kept a safe distance from each other. Inviting groups of anglers to a fishing derby with dangerous ice conditions was not something the Uxbridge Rod & Gun was going to do. For

anglers that did fish some small ponds last weekend, action was great. Catching bass, pickerel and perch with a hornpout mixed in provided a

great day in the outdoors. This past week, this writer was talking with a few sportsmen in the valley about the loss of small Bait & Tackle shops that were scattered throughout the state 30 or 40 years ago. Large companies like Walmart, Target, Cabela's, and Bass Pro Shops were more competition than the small shops could compete with. At one time, there were 21,000 small Bait & Tackle shops from the Cape to New Jersey to Maine & to Rochester, N.Y. Today, there are only 780 shops left. This information was provided by a salesman that sells his fishing equipment to the small shops throughout the above mentioned areas.

Purchasing your fishing equipment from the small Bait & Tackle shops may cost a few more bucks, but they are there when you need them. Many big companies sell out of a popular item and do not restock them until the following year. The small shops that also sell archery and hunting equipment are doing much better, but it is the only way they can survive. The small shops have the expertise to set you up with the proper fishing & bow hunting equipment, and are often owners that run the shop,

ensuring that you are satisfied with your purchase. The next time you need hunting or fishing supplies, give the little guy some of your business.

A couple of local hunters headed for the saltwater to do a bit of

sea-duck hunting last week. They experienced some great Eider hunting while sitting in a boat that was well camouflage. They used a Chesapeake Retriever to find and retrieve the downed birds. Hunting any waterfowl needs a strong dog to bring them back, as the tidal flow can be very strong, and can tire the dog very quickly as this writer found out on my last eider hunt. Fortunately, we



THE GREAT OUTDOORS

RALPH TRUE

had a guide that quickly retrieved the dog and duck after numerous retrieves.

This week's picture shows Dan Southwick with an impressive Northern Pike he harvested a few years ago under harsh weather conditions. Dan releases all his fish.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

non-profit organizations and will run as tion of the travel arrangements and space allows. Mail your information to itinerary with a representative from Trips Offered, c/o Brendan Berube, PO Collette Travel who will also answer Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550; fax to (508) 764-8015 or e-mail to news@stonebridgepress.news.

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DOUGLAS SUNSHINE CLUB

Sunny Portugal next April. The Douglas Sunshine Club is planning a trip to sunny Portugal April 21-30, 2020. This trip is with Collette Travel. An informational meeting is planned for Wed. June 12th at the Douglas Senior Center, 331 Main St., Douglas, at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested in the trip, this any questions you have about the trip. For more info call 508-476-4474.

DUDLEY SENIORS

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

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

FRIENDS OF THE STURBRIDGE

The Friends of the Sturbridge Seniors are happy to offer the following 2020 Trips to the General Public. Beginning on Thursday March 12th, join us as we travel by Deluxe Motorcoach on an appproximately 60 minute ride to the Fabulous Venus DeMilo in Swansea, Ma. To see Ireland's Most Exciting Young Tenor, Emmet Cahill. Emmet is the Star of PBS Phenomenon Celtic Thunder. Hear Emmet perform many of the Irish Classics as well as some of your Favorite Broadway Hits. He will be joined by the Emerald String Quartet, who are four young Ladies creating the Sweetest Sounds from their String Instruments. And let's add the All Male Dublin City Dancers who will shake up the Audience with their high stepping dance numbers. For 92.00 everyone will have a Plated Lunch of Corned Beef and Cabbage or Baked Haddock, Venus DeMilo's Famous Minstrone Soup, Vegetables, Breads, Dessert, Coffee and Tea, Bus Transportation and this

Fabulous Show. On Wednesday July 15th come with us for a Lobster Bake at Foster's Clambake in York, Me. For 99.00 enjoy a 1 1/4 Boiled Lobster, Clam 1/2 Barbecued Chicken in place of the Lobster. Now let us add the Ultimate Jimmy Buffett Tribute Show featuring Jimmy and the Parrots. They are the most requested Jimmy Buffett Tribute Band in the Country and they were also nominated as Band of the Year by Trop Rock Entertainer. Hear them play the favorite songs of Jimmy Buffett as well as songs by The Beach Boys, Paul Simon, Harry Belafonte, Bob Marley and many others. Included is Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation, Lunch and

On Tuesday August 18 to Friday August 21st, have your Passport ready for a Spectacular 4 Day/3 Night Motor Coach Roundtrip visit to Beautiful Montreal and Quebec Canada. For 849.00 pp Double or 1159.00 pp Single Occupancy. Included are 3 Nights Hotel Lodgings, 4 Meals, touring as described in your travel Brochgure, Best of Times Travel Tour Director and all gratuities except Motorcoach Driver. gratuity are included. In Montreal take in a guided visit of Norte-Dame Basilica, the Botanical Gardens, the Biodome, enjoy time at Montreal Casino plus even more. In Quebec, visit the Basilica of Saint-Anne de Beaupre, Montgomery Falls, guided Tour of the beautiful Citadelle featuring the Changing of the Guard, the Royal Regimemnt Museum plus some Free Time to enjoy Quebec on your own.

On Thursday August 20th, get ready for the 10th Anniversary Tour of The Texas Tenors. These 3 very Handsome, Classically Trained Men have performed over 1300 Concerts with Headliner Shows in Las Vegas, China, the United Kingdom and accumulated 3 EMMY AWARDS. The Texas Tenors will sing many of the Broadway Show Classics as well as many of your favorite Pop Songs. They were honored to be included among the Top 50 Acts in the World. This could be the Best Concert that you will see this year. We are traveling approximately 60 minutes to the Venus DeMilo in Swansea, Ma.. For 99.00 included is Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation, Plated Lunch of either Chicken Parmesan or Baked Scrod, Venus DeMilo's Famous Minnestrone Soup, Vegetables, Breads, Dessert, Coffee and Tea.

We had 34 people travel to the Pennsylvania Dutch Country 3 Day/2Night Trip this past December and they had such a Great Time that many of them asked to go back again

The "Trips Offered" section is for is a great opportunity to get a descrip- Chowder, Steamed Mussels, Fresh this September 23-25th. We will see Steamed Maine Clams, Corn on the the New Show "Queen Esther". One Cob, Potatoes and Onions, Blueberry of the very most riveting Bible Stories Cake and a Beverage. Also available is of the Old Testament that comes to life in the Magnificent Sight and Sound Theater which incorporates Live Animals, Secial Effects and Jaw Opening Stage Sets. Ask anyone who has seen a Show at the Millenium Sight and Sound Theater and they will tell you this is a Must See. in your lifetime. Now let's add a 2nd Show called 'Saturday Nigh Fever" at the Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre, a Backcountry Tour of the Dutch County Farmlands, enjoy your luck at the Sands Casino and more. Prices are 499.00 pp Double and 599.00 Single Occupancy and include 2 Nights Lodging, 4 Meals, Tickets to the 2 Shows.

Touring as Described and Tour Director Gratutites. Last years Trip sold out early so don't get left behind

Have you ever thought about visiting Nashville? Come along on a 4 Day/3 Night Trip December 4th -7th. Included are Roundtrip transportation to Logan Airport, Roundtrip Airfare to Nashville, 3 Nights of Premium Lodging, 7 Meals including a Sunday Brunch, An Exclusive Dinner Show featuring the Oak Ridge Boys, Ticket and Show at the Grand Ole Opry, plus a Tour of the Grand Ole Opry, Admission to Country Music Hall of Fame, a River Cruise aboard the General Jackson Showboat, Tickets for a Holiday Show at the Opry House, Admission to ICE at Gaylord Opryland, a visit to Historic Studio B and a Guilded Tour Of Nashville. WOW!! Prices are 1949 pp Double and 2349 pp Single Occupancy which includes Tour Guides and Bus Drivers Gratuities as well.

For additional information on these Wonderful Trips, please contact Linda Fortier at 508 347 1452 or by email at bestoftimes2020@aol.com

LEICESTER SENIOR CENTER.

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

MARY QUEEN OF THE ROSARY

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Grow houseplants with style and convenience in mind



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It starts with one plant on a sunny windowsill then morphs into an impenetrable jungle. You may feel you need a machete to reach each individual plant to water and tend. Clear the way to improved growing conditions and convenient care while showcasing every plant with style.

Group plants with similar light and watering needs to make maintenance easier for you and increase humidity levels - something tropical plants need to thrive. Set plants on attractive trays filled with pebbles to capture excess water. The pebbles elevate the containers above the water to avoid root rot. As the water in the tray evaporates, it increases the humidity around the plants.

Grow cacti and succulents in a cool, sunny location for winter. Give each plant enough room to capture the sunlight it needs and to show off its unique form and color.

Expand your indoor growing space and enjoy greenery throughout your home by adding artificial lights. New furniture grade LED light fixtures like the Bamboo Mini LED Grow Light Garden (gardeners.com) fit into small spaces and look great on countertops, work desks and shelves. You'll save energy with LED lights

and add a bit of style to your home décor with these attractive light gardens.

Increase your success with the popular fiddle leaf fig and other floor plants. These beauties are often used to decorate a bare wall, corner or other space in need of a focal point. Oftentimes these areas do not receive sufficient light for the plants to grow and thrive. Soon leaves begin to yellow and drop. Keep them healthy and beautiful with supplemental light. Hang a pendant light above or set a plant light stand beside these large plants. Many are trendy decorative fixtures similar to those used to light your home.

Save time and increase success by growing houseplants in self-watering containers. These pots have built-in water reservoirs that extend the time between watering. They also help reduce the mess of water spilling over the saucer and onto wood or carpeted floors.

Take the hassle out of watering with an indoor coil watering hose and sprayer. These coiled hoses hook up to the faucet, allowing you to water houseplants and seedlings up to 50 feet away. You'll eliminate the need to fill and lug watering cans from plant to plant, leaving a trail of water along the way.

Maximize time spent tending your plants by using the proper tools. Many indoor gardeners use old silverware or try adapting outdoor tools for indoor garden use. Having the right tool for the job provides better results in less time. Indoor garden tool sets have perfectly sized tools for pruning, transplanting and tending



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Furniture grade LED grow light gardens fit into small spaces, add some style to any home décor and provide plenty of light to make it easy to grow plants indoors.

houseplants. Many come with an attractive built-in case for easy storage and a tray for corralling the mess of potting and transplanting. You'll waste less potting mix and spend less time sweeping up debris.

Increase your growing space and show off your plant collection with one or more plant stands. Many provide multiple tiers, allowing you to display plants of different sizes while positioning them in the light

Set large plants on wheeled caddies or a collection of pots on a wheeled tray to move them out of the way when cleaning or hosting a gathering. Then wheel them back in place once your company has left.

Adding some convenience for easy care will allow you to spend less time keeping your plants looking their best and more time enjoying the individual beauty each plant provides as you grow them in

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD seriesand the Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio segments. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and was commissioned by Gardeners Supply for her expertise to write this article. Her Web site is www. MelindaMyers.com.

Strap on your armor

Thank you all for your prayers and notes of encouragement. As most of you know, I had major surgery to remove thirty inches of my colon last week and I'm recovering and feeling great.

My seven days in the hospital were restful and interesting. I kept hearing from doctors, nurses and caregivers that they were surprised by my positive outlook and optimism. I must confess that their surprise, surprised me. I was able to have a few conversations with my nurses about their average patient facing tough surgeries with various outcomes. They kept telling me how different I was than most of their patients and how upbeat and positive I was responding.

Why expect the worse?

There is an old saying that says, "Your attitude, not your aptitude, effects your altitude." In other words, the optimism you bring to the fight is more powerful than your education or IQ. If you believe you can beat cancer, your chances are improved dramatically. If you believe in a positive outcome, you will fight. If you believe there is no hope, why would you bother? The impact of optimism on the mind and body is powerful.

Of course, there are times that a positive attitude may not overcome a medical reality. A positive attitude alone will not heal you, but healing is enhanced with a positive outlook.

Sound simple? Yes, but it's not easy.

When we are faced with a life-threatening crisis, our minds go into to hyperdrive, churning out all the things that can go wrong. When we are dealing with cancer or a variety of other frightening events, it's easier to believe the worst. It takes no effort. Just close your eyes and let the negative demons move out of the depth of your mind and tell you why you are dying. It's easy. Just let it happen.

Or you can dig in and fight.

Make the decision to fight it out. Research the successful stories on the internet that detail the successes others have enjoyed. Speak only positive outcomes into your universe and be an inspiration to those around you. Tell yourself, "I'm a fighter! I'll beat this!"

Your positive attitude will not only

positive support system. POSITIVELY Giving up has an equally neg-**SPEAKING** ative impact on those who love you. To see you give up, By Gary W. curl into a ball and await whatever may come, sad-Moore dens everyone. Be brave. Be strong. Fight for your life.

help you but provide a more

Albina and Tim Dugan are two of the most remarkable people I know. Over fifteen years ago, Albina was given five years to live. She was diagnosed with a rare form of liver cancer and was told there was no hope. Her doctor told her to go home and get her life in order.

Instead, Tim began searching the world via the internet for options and Albina strapped on her armor, mounted her horse and rode into battle. Her 5 years to live has now passed three times and she's working on twenty years. She still has the cancer. No one totally understands why, but Albina has successfully fought and continues to hold her cancer at bay. How? Partly because of her positive attitude. At the time of her diagnosis, she had four young children at home. She proclaimed she wasn't going anywhere until they were grown, married and she met her grandchildren. Tim never gave up in his relentless search for medical options

and people all over the world were lifting them up in prayer. Never underestimate the power of prayer.

Albina and Tim have been an ongoing source of inspiration for people all over the world and they continue to fight.

I keep telling everyone, "I'll die of something someday, but not this. I truly believe that cancer is already sorry it chose me. It just picked the wrong guy. I won't stop fighting until cancer is sent in defeat, squealing away from my body." I'll remind everyone of this column every 5 years or so. I'll be here.

Every person reading this column has, is or will face something in their life that requires a positive attitude and a fight. Never give up. Never give in. Be like Albina. Strap on your armor, mount your horse and ride enthusiastically into the fight ...to win.

Garv W. Moore is a freelance columnist, speaker and author of three books including the award-winning, critically acclaimed, "Playing with the Enemy." Follow Gary on Twitter @ GarvWMoore721 and at www.garvwmoore.com.

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PAXTON SENIORS

Area Seniors are Planning Another Wonderful Trip

Our adventure will be an 11 day trip: River cruise on the Danube River plus couple of days on land. The trip begins on Thursday, Oct 8, when we will fly out of Boston.

Some details: 11 days- 24 meals, 7 day cruise on the Danube and 2 nights in Fussen(near Munich) Oner local tour from the Ship are included in each port.

We fly into Budapest, Hungary and fly home from Munich. Transportation from Paxton to and

from Logan is included. Four countries - Hungary, Slovakia,

Cruise from Budapest to Passau,

Austria and Germany

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then coach to Munich/Fussen. This is a wonderful trip and we sincerely hope that you can join us

October. Bob Wilby, 508-792-4662 or rwilby@

on December 3 and especially next

Please call or email me if you plan to come to the December 3 informational

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

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

SOUTHBRIDGE SENIOR CITIZENS TRIP SCHEDULE FOR 2020

March 24, 2020 – Tuesday – Mohegan Sun \$30 - 10 - AM bus.

You will have a deluxe motor coach ride to the casino. You will have 5 hours at the casino to gamble and shop. The bus will leave Mohegan Sun at 4 PM.

You will receive \$10 for gaming and a buffet meal voucher.

May 19, 2020 - Tuesday - Foxwoods \$30 – 8 a.m. bus.

This one is for the bingo players and all others that want to go. You will have a deluxe motor coach ride to the casino. You will have 5 hours at the casino to gamble and shop. The bus will leave Foxwoods at 2 PM.

You will receive \$10 for gaming and a buffet meal voucher.

September 15, 2020 – Tuesday –

Mohegan Sun \$30 - 10 - AM bus. You will have a deluxe motor coach ride to the casino. You will have 5 hours at the casino to gamble and shop. The bus will leave Mohegan Sun at 4 PM.

You will receive \$10 for gaming and a

buffet meal voucher. October 13th - 20th 2020 - ALL INCLUSIVE ARUBA Happily Full - I am taking names for standby on this trip. This is an all-inclusive trip – all

flights, transfers, meals plus snacks, nightly entertainment, and alcohol included.

November 12, 2020 - Thursday -Foxwoods \$30 - 10 - AM bus.

You will have a deluxe motor coach ride to the casino. You will have 5 hours at the casino to gamble and shop. The bus will leave Foxwoods at 4 PM.

You will receive \$10 for gaming and a buffet meal voucher.

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Spencer Logs

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

12:15-3:01 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:31 a.m.: accident/previous (West Main Street), report taken; 9:24 a.m.: fire alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 9:37 a.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), dead cat; 11:11 a.m.: 209A service (Main Street); 11:57 a.m.: medical/general (Pleasant Street); 12:45 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 1:19 p.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), debit cards found; 1:57 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 2:02 p.m.: medical/general (Sherwood Drive); 2:26 p.m.: residential alarm (School Street), services rendered; 2:57 p.m.: LTC issued/2 (West Main Street), assisted; 3:09 p.m.: harassing calls (West Main Street), info taken; 4:31 p.m.: accident (Northwest Road), report taken; 7:31 p.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), investigated; 7:35 p.m.: medical/general (Grove Street); 8:37 p.m.: disturbance (North Spencer Road), domestic issued; 10:55 p.m.: residential fire (Maple Street), services rendered.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

12:35-12:50 a.m.: builings checked. secure; 1:04 a.m.: mv stop (Chestnut Street); 2:03-2:40 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 3:11 a.m.: medical/ general (Lake Street); 3:20 a.m.: DPW call (West Main Street), icy conditions; 5:10 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), investigated; 6:45 a.m.: lost/found (Pleasant Street), license plate found; 7:34 a.m.: medical/general (Laliberte Lane); 9:36 a.m.: disabled mv (Charlton Road), assisted; 11:38 a.m.: juvenile matter (Pleasant Street), DCF issue; 11:46 a.m.: juvenile matter (Mechanic Street), DCF issue; 11:52 a.m.: juvenile matter (West Main Street), DCF issue; 11:55 a.m.: juvenile matter (West Main Street), DCF issue; 11:57 a.m.: juvenile matter (Pioneer Valley Drive), DCF issue; 12:07 p.m.: suspicious persons (Greenville Street), info taken; 12:14 p.m.: officer wanted (Cherry Street), poss. theft; 1:22 p.m.: 209A servie (Main Street); 1:38 p.m.: juvenile matter (West Main Street), DCF issue; 2:22 p.m.: DPW call (Paxton Road), debris in road; 3:00 p.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), info taken; 3:23 p.m.: commercial alarm (ain Street), services rendered; 4:13 p.m.: juvenile matter (Ash Street), c/o skateboarding; 4:14 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 4:47 p.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 4:51 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 5:06 p.m.: medical/ general (Howe Village); 5:43 p.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 7:25 p.m.: DPW call (Charlton Road), icy conditions; 10:15 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 10:45 p.m.: fire alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 11:52 p.m.:

medical/general (Lincoln Street). FRIDAY, JANUARY 17 12:29-12:31 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:32 a.m.: school alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 12:41 a.m.: building checked, secure; 12:44-1:03 a.m.: parking violations (Cherry, Elm, Grove, Clark streets), tickets issued; 1:04-1:10 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:18 a.m.: parking violation (Adams Street), ticket issued; 1:42-1:59 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:00 a.m.: mv stop (Charlton Road), Anthony William Barrett, 21, 58 Woodside Road, Spencer, OUI liquor, negligent operation, mv lights violation, arrest; 2:14 a.m.: medical/general (Ash Street); 3:02 a.m.: meical/general (Howe Village); 4:54 a.m.: commercial alarms (Main Street), services rendered; 6:15 a.m.: criminal intelligence (Lloyd Dyer Drive), info taken; 6:57 a.m.: school alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 9:43 a.m.: juvenile matter (Main Street), assisted; 9:47 a.m.: lost/found (Temple Street), child's item found; 9:58 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), info given; 9:59 a.m.: medical/ general (Chestnut Street); 10:18 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village), lift assist; 10:21 a.m.: criminal intelligence (Laliberte Lance), info taken; 10:33 a.m.: fire alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 10:39 a.m.: medical/general (Sunberg Road); 10:47 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 10:59 a.m.: fire alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 11:08 a.m.; DPW call (Mechanic Street), debris on sidewalk; 12:25 p.m.: larceny (Duggan Street), meds missing; 12:27 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), info taken; 1:48 p.m.: 209A servie (West Main Street), 4:18 p.m.: 911 call (Hastings Road), child w/ phone; 4:48 p.m.: mv complaint (Route 49), speeding; 4:50 p.m.: officer wanted (Church Street), poss. hit/run; 6:03 p.m.: assault (West Main Street), DCF referral; 6:35 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Lloyd Dyer Drive), no contact; 7:34 p.m.: officer wanted (Howe Village), welfare check; 7:48 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 7:49 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), spoken to; 9:11 p.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 10:28 p.m.: mv complaint (North Spencer Road), erratic operation; 11:43 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Woodland Lane), open line.

SATURDAY, JANAURY 18 1:18-2:40 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:44 a.m.: suspicious mv (Maple Street), info taken; 3:49 a.m.: medical/ general (Main Street); 7:24 a.m.: officer wanted (Valley Street), info taken; 7:43 a.m.: medical./general (Pleasant Street); 8:20 a.m.: abandoned 911 call

(West Main Street), info taken; 9:48 a.m.: fire/woods/grass (North Spencer Road), services rendered; 10:49 a.m.: officer wanted (Paxton Road), poss. scam; 10:54 a.m.: animal complaint (Paxton Road), cows in road; 2:15 p.m.: officer wanted (North Spencer Road), gunshots heard; 3:37 p.m.: medical/ overdose (Main Street); 4:30 p.m.: 911 call (Kitteridge Road), child w/phone; 5:12 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), change in traffic lights; 5:50 p.m.: suspicious persons (Greenville Street), investigated; 6:15 p.m.: accident (Main Street), repot taken; 6:41 p.m.: officer wanted (Chestnut Street), spoken to; 7:02 p.m.: medical/general (Meadow Road); 8:13 p.m.: DPW call (Chickering Road), icy conditions; 9:27 p.m.: officer wanted (North Spencer Road), icy conditions; 10:06 p.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street), 911 hang-up; 11:10 p.m.: officer wanted (Charlton Road), investigated.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

12:42 a.m.: officer wanted (Paxton Road), mv in road; 12:42-12:48 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:56 a.m.: mv fire (Taylor Road), services rendered; 1:28 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 1:41 a.m.: commecial alarm (West Main Street), services rendered; 1:41-3:19 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:41 a.m.: officer wanted (Highland Street), info given; 7:51 a.m.; 911 call HIgh Street), hang-up; 9:43 a.m.: officer wanted (Paula Bay), plowing needed; 10:21 a.m.: medical/general (North Spencer Road); 11:40 a.m.: medical/ general (Main Street); 11:49 a.m.: DPW call (Main Street), debris in road; 2:18 p.m.: animal complaint (Meadow Road), missing dog; 5:19 p.m.: suspicious mv (McCormick Road), mv on snowmobile trail; 6:10 p.m.: commercial alarm (Water Street), accidental; 7:12 p.m.: officer wanted (Alta Crest Road), mv stuck; 7:53 p.m.: disturbance (Linden Street), domestic issue; 9:26-9:32 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 10:06 p.m.: suspicious mv (West Main Street), investigated; 10:14-11:52 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 11:55 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 11:55 p.m.: building checked, secure.

MONDAY, JANURAY 20

12:32-1:27 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:28 a.m.: suspicious mv (North Spencer Road), investigated; 1:43-2:04 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:01 a.m.: mv stop (Route 49); 6:10 a.m.: mv lockout (West Main Street), assisted; 6:34 a.m.: mv stop (Main Steet); 8:05 a.m.: medical/general (Pleasant Street); 9:42 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 10:50 a.m.: DPW call (Cranberry Meadow Road), debris side of road; 10:51 a.m.: residential alarm (North Spencer Road), services rendered; 11:53 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), family issue; 12:16 p.m.: mv repossession (Greenville Street), info taken; 12:24 p.m.: animal complaint (West Main Street), dog bite; 12:49 p.m.: improper target practice (Northwest Road), shooting/resudential property; 3:36 p.m.: LTC issued/2 (West Main Street), assisted; 3:37 p.m.: FID card issued (West Main Street), assisted; 5:22 p.m.: mv complaint (Greenville Street), erratic operation; 5:29 p.m.: accident (Greenville Street), report taken; 6:18 p.m.: 911 call (Chestnut Street), misdial; 6:18 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), custody exchange; 7:50 p.m.: mv stop (Greenville Street), Michael S. Hackett, 44, 54 Grove Street, Spencer, warrant, arrest; 9:37 p.m.: medical/ general (Clark Road); 11:56 p.m.: build-

ings checked, secure. TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

12:06-12:45 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:28 a.m.: residential alarm (Ash Street), services rendered; 2:28 a.m.: commercial alarm (West Main Street), services rendered; 6:19 a.m.: medical/ general (Thompson Pond Road); 7:46 a.m.: officer wanted (South Spencer Road), horse trailer taken; 8:11 a.m.: 911 call (Paxton Road), open line; 8:20 a.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 8:20 a.m.: citizen complaint (Grove Street), neighbor issue; 8:23 a.m.: mv complaint (North Spencer Road), erratic operation; 8:58 a.m.: harassing calls (Candlewood Drive), info taken; 9:28 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (School Street), child w/phone; 9:51 a.m.: commercial alarm (Water Street), services rendered; 10:22 a.m.: officer wanted (Adams Street), neighbor issue; 11:02 a.m.: parking violation (Temple Street), ticket issued; 12:17 p.m.: animal complaint (Pioneer Valley Drive), loose dog; 12:28 p.m.: fraud (Delude Avenue), scam call; 12:49 p.m.: mv complaint (West Main Street), erratic operation; 1:25 p.m.: fire/ woods/grass (Donnelly Road), poss. illegal burn; 2:04 p.m.: fire/woods/ grass (West Main Street), investigated; 2:23 p.m.: suspicious persons (Main Street), info taken; 2:42 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), open line; 3:06 p.m.: fraud (Bellevue Drive), scam call; 4:11 p.m.: medical/general (Pleasant Street); 5:20 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 5:24 p.m.: 911 call (Prospect Street), child w/phone; 6:49 p.m.: medical/general (North Spencer Road); 6:51 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Bixby Road), no contact; 7:44 p.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), loose dogs; 7:51 p.m.: entire incident redacted from police log; 8:04 p.m.: animal complaint (Shore Drive), barking dogs; 8:11 p.m.: intelligence/drugs (West Main Street), info

taken; 11:48 p.m.: abandoned 911 call

(Main Street), open

Leicester Logs

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

12:39 a.m.: noise complaint (Pine Street), unable to locate; 6:25 a.m.: ambulance (Collier Avenue), transported; 7:08 a.m.: residential alarm (Main Street), false alarm; 9:05 a.m.: investigation (Main Street), services rendered; 11:07 a.m.: investigation (Main Street), services rendered; 11:43 a.m.: investigation (Bond Street), services rendered; 11:56 a.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), verbal warning; 12:56 p.m.: investigation (Park Avenue, Worcester), services rendered; 1:34 p.m.: parking complaint (Willow Hill Road), no action required; 2:28 p.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive), name and address redacted from police log, larceny under \$1200 by false pretense, shoplifting by asportation, criminal applicatio issued; 3:18 p.m.: b&e/ past (Pleasant Street), report taken; 4:46 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 4:58 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 5:12 p.m.: mutual aid (Madison Street, Worcester), transported to hospital; 5:18 p.m.: mutual aid (Howe Village, Spencer), transported to hospital; 5:23 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 6:46 p.m.: investigation (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 8:44 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 8:55 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 9:25 p.m.: mv stop (Mannville Street), citation issued; 11:59 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, op w/revoked registration, uninsured mv, unlicensed operation, mv towed.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

12:59 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 7:21 a.m.: ambulance (Waite Street), transported; 10:43 a.m.: ambulance (Salminen Drive), transported; 10:47 a.m.: assist citizen (Henshaw Street); 11:10 a.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), no action required; 11:33 a.m.: mv stop (Chapel Srreet), citation issued; 2:13 p.m.: investigation (South Main Street), services rendered; 11:30 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), name and address redacted from police log, op w/ revoked registration, uninsured mv,

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

12:18 a.m.: mv stop (River Street), written warning; 1:01 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, op w/suspended license, mv towed; 1:52 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), Jason T. Belec, 39, 28 Elmwood Road, Southbridge, OUI liquor/2nd offense, negligent operation, speeding, arrest; 2:39 a.m.: assist other agency (Greenville Street), unable to locate; 4:41 a.m.: disturbance (Main Street), no action required; 4:51 a.m.: disturbance (Stafford Street), Shannon Harrington, 36, 1110 Stafford Street, #B, Rochdale, fallure to appear upon recognizance, arrest; 8:11 a.m.: my stop (South Main Street), verbal warning; 8:26 a.m.: assist citizen (Main Street); 8:33 a.m.: assist other PD (South Main Street), message delivered; 9:54 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), name and address redacted from police log, speeding, op w/suspended registration, license not in possession, my towed; 11:25 a.m.: my towed (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, unlicensed operation, failure to attach front plate, mv towed; 12:28 p.m.: ambulance (Auburn Street), transported; 1:06 p.m.: ambulance (Edward Street), transported; 1:39 p.m.: investigation (South Main Street), sevices rendered; 1:44 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 2:01 p.m.: mv stop Main Street), verbal warning; 2:12 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 2:29 p.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), written warning; 2:52 p.m.: residential alarm (Rawson Street), false alarm; 4:22 p.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), verbal warning; 6:12 p.m.: keep the peace (Charles Street), assisted.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

1:21 a.m.: parking complaint (Carleton Road), verbal warning; 8:53 a.m.: ambulance (Rawson Street), transported; 9:17 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 10:19 a.m.: larceny (Hankey Street), report taken; 12:13 p.m.: escort (Pine Ridge Road), services rendered; 1:09 p.m.: assist citizen (Main Street); 3:18 p.m.: assist citizen (Huntoon Memorial Highway); 4:03 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 4:21 p.m.: mv sop (Pleasant Street), written warning; 4:28 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 4:32 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 4:40 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 4:48 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 4:51 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 5:09 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), written warning; 5:24 p.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), written warning; 5:53 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, unlicensed operation, criminal application issued; 6:11 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 7:19 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 9:21 p.m.: suspicious mv (Stafford Street), investigated; 9:29 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), no action required.

MONDAY, JANUARY 20 12:45 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 1:01 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), verbal warning; 2:01 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), Joshua A. Torres, 24, 109 High Street, #3, Southbridge, failure to appear upon recognizance, arrest; 5:50 a.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 6:15 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), no name/address/charges recorded in police log, crimial application issued; 9:10 a.m.: mv stop (Paxton Stret), citation issued; 9:25 a.m.: mv stop (Marshall Street), written warning; 9:41 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 10:19 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), verbal warning; 10:52 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), verbal warning; 10:57 a.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), services rendered; 2:46 p.m.: investigation (Bond Street), services rendered; 4:31 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 5:41 p.m.: assist other PD (Greeville Street, Spencer), assisted; 8:11 p.m.: harassment (Main Street), report taken; 10:32 p.m.: accident (Henshaw Street), mv towed.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

7:00 a.m.: investigation (Bond Street), services rendered; 8:32 a.m.: fraud (Soojians Drive), report taken; 9:26 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 9:40 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 9:43 a.m.: investigation (South Main Street), services rendered; 9:46 a.m.: investigation (Soojians Drive), services rendered; 10:08 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 11:06 a.m.: fraud (Main Street), reprt taken; 11:10 a.m.: ambulance (Crestwood Road), transported; 12:06 p.m.: welfare check (Sterling Street), services rendered; 12:20 p.m.: erratic operation (Main Street), unable to locate; 1:36 p.m.: ambulance (Marshall Street), transported; 4:05 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 5:46 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 6:35 p.m.: welfare check (Main Street), report taken; 7:40 p.m.: erratic operation (Stafford Street), unfounded; 9:11 p.m.: suspicious mv (Stafford Street), no action required.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

12:35 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 9:38 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 10:15 a.m.: mv stop (Washburn Square), verbal warning; 10:21 a.m.: welfare check (Main Street), services rendered; 12:49 p.m.: investigation (Stafford Street), report taken; 1:03 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), report taken; 1:29 p.m.: mv stop (River Street), verbal warning; 1:46 p.m.: ambulance (Pine Street), transported; 2:29 p.m.: investigation (Main Street), services rendered; 3:18 p.m.: investigation (Soojians Drive), services rendered; 3:53 p.m.: mv stop (Maine Street), citation issued; 4:11 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 4:41 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 8:29 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 8:46 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 9:01 p.m.: parking complaint (Washburn Square), citation issued; 9:27 p.m.: investigation (no location recorded in police log), services rendered; 9:59 p.m.: trespassing (Parker Street), unable to locate; 10:05 p.m.: assist citizen (Main Street), report taken; 11:50 p.m.: domestic disturbance (Boyd Street), services ren-

Distracted driving suspected in Main Street crash



Courtesy Photo

Spencer Police responded to a three-vehicle wreck earlier this month.

SPENCER - Police believe distracted driving is to blame for a three-vehicle crash on Main Street earlier this month.

The Jan. 16 wreck occurred on Route 9 near the intersection with Lake Street. A Honda Accord was traveling west when it struck a trash truck parked in the westbound lane. As a result of the collision, the Honda spun into a Toyota Avalon traveling east.

No injuries were reported in the incident.

The driver of the Honda told police he was reaching for his dropped cell phone when he collided with the trash truck. A citation was issued to the driver, police said.

Route 9 had to be closed for about an hour to remove the vehi-

Dog with special needs receives a Second Chance

Legion donates new flag to town

NORTH BROOKFIELD - The American Legion in town recently donated a large new American flag that is displayed on the Town House.

Selectmen and other town officials wished to extend their thanks to the American Legion for its donation. Renovations large and small have taken place at the Town House in recent years, and officials continue to work on an array of projects.



Rocco

EAST BROOKFIELD — Rocco came to Second Chance Animal Services last summer. He was emaciated and initially presented as a clumsy young dog. When Second Chance veterinarians examined him, it was clear that something more was going on.

Rocco is neurologic. He stumbles and falls often, and he has decreased feeling in his limbs. Second Chance sent him to a neurologist who believes that he has something going on in his brain. At this time, it does not appear to be progressive which is good for Rocco's sake because he is a very happy dog.

Dr. Jackie Celmer, a Second Chance veterinarian charged with overseeing shelter pets, is hoping Rocco will soon find a home.

"He will need a home that understands his special needs. He will have a very hard time going up and down stairs and long walks may be challenging for him since he tends to tire out quickly, but he just loves people and will bring a lot of joy to his lucky

Rocco has thrived under the care of Second Chance and is now at a healthy weight for his pit mix frame. He has a very sensitive stomach, so he is on a special diet which he loves.

owner," Celmer said.

Interested adopters can meet Rocco at the Second Chance Adoption Center, 111 Young Road, East Brookfield during Monday through adoption hours: Friday from 10 am to 3 p.m, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m., and Saturdays from noon to 4 p.m. For more information, visit www.secondchanceanimals.org or call 508-867-5525.

WATER

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as stakeholders continue to join the push for change.

"The town had formed a water/ sewer working group as a result of the CVRSD's impending insolvency. The group has since expanded its work to address the challenges faced by all of the districts," Genereux said. "The grants, obtained on both the federal and state level, are the next step in the process of trying to solve the issues being faced by the districts, namely the high cost of regulation in the water/sewer

Added Moore in a previous statement, 'Resolving the issues with the drinking water and wastewater systems in Leicester should not be approached in a piecemeal fashion. Instead, a full review of these utilities should be completed to unite the patchwork of services in an efficient, viable model that meets the needs of the community.'

QHS AWARDS

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Brookfield who has helped better the community through community service. Nomination regulations for this award are the same as those for the Lucy Stone Award.

Dugas and other QHS leaders feel it's important to take a few moments each year to honor those who contribute countless hours to improving their communities. Many volunteers remain active throughout the year.

"Those people willing to put in the time and get involved - and make a significant contribution to the community should be recognized," Dugas added.

All nomination entries for the awards should be submitted to the QHS by Wednesday, March 18. The recipients will be invited to attend the QHS annual luncheon on Sunday, April 26.

Nomination letters should be mailed to: The Quaboag Historical Society, P.O. Box 635, West Brookfield, MA, 01585.

SENIOR CENTER

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point where it could no longer be tuned, but seniors are eager to continue making music with the new piece. A special plate will be affixed to the piano honoring Suprenant.

'He loved music. He was the one who introduced me to many artists," Luukko told guests during the ceremony.

Suprenant was laid to rest at Podunk Cemetery with police and military hon-

Senior Center members and staff thank Suprenant's family for the donation, as well as David Beer for picking up the piano in his truck.

"Everything happens here because of the love people give," said Brodak, who continues to see strong attendance numbers daily at the center.

With the new piano, seniors have yet another reason to stop in and join the close-knit community. Seniors and staff are hoping officials will increase the center's hours to five days a week so seniors can enjoy all activities – including musical programs - throughout the

"Every day we have someone playing the piano," Brodak told the New Leader. "People love coming here and getting



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show foods such as chili peppers, horseradish and garlic help reduce congestion by driving out mucus. How? The same agent that induces tears also helps thin out excess mucus.

*Coughs and congestion is uncomfortable, but relief can be as close as your water bottle. Keep hydrated by drinking at least 64 ounces of water a day. Water is the best expectorant, and will help thin the mucus and loosen the cough.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick

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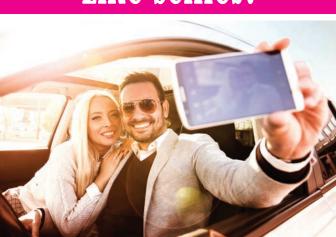


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Attention DPHS Class of 1980! David Prouty Class of 1980 -40th reunion.

Saturday, April 25th; 6 to 10 pm at Spencer

Country Inn. Tickets are \$40.00 a piece. No invitations will be

sent just word of mouth and FB. Please send your \$40.00 to Brenda Cloutier, 17

Northwest Road, Spencer 01562. Check out DPHS - Class of 1980 on Facebook.

The ABC'S OF WINTER are in this week's issue, along with the corresponding crossword puzzle. Complete the puzzle for a chance to win a \$25 gift card to any of our ABC businesses! If you're interested in a letter in an upcoming season, please contact me to see what letter(s) might be available. We get a great response to this page which is running again next week!

Check out the $100th\ ANNIVERSARY\ OF\ THE$ TOWN OF EAST BROOKFIELD'S events coming up in February in this week's issue. See Facebook @ EB100th or tinyurl.com/EB100th for details on all

events coming up this year! Welcome to CHAUVIN EXCAVATING to our Home & Auto Section this week and for many weeks to come! Bernard Chauvin has been in business since 1986 and lives in Charlton. He offers free estimates and take offs. A full-service site contractor, he installs water & sewer lines, and offers septic system repairs and new installations. Building a home? CHAUVIN EXCAVATING also does new home site work, land clearing, and is fully insured. See the ad in Home & Auto this week for their contact info and tell them you saw their ad in the Spencer New Leader!

I'd like to invite you to take a look at our Pet of the Week sponsor this week. THE DOG HAUS, conveniently located at 154 Sturbridge Road, Route 20 in Charlton, is offering 15% off Boarding during February School Vacation if you book by February 7th. With over 10 years of experience, you can go on vacation with peace of mind that your furry family member is being well taken care of, with personal attention and lots of TLC. They offer pick up and drop off service too! Call Miguel at 508-248-9247. Thank you to THE DOG HAUS for sponsoring our Pet of the Week this week!!

Speaking of pet care, the SPENCER VETERINARY HOSPITAL welcomes Spencer native, Dr. Amy Williamson to their team! Please see their ad and Dr. Williamson's bio in this issue. New patients are always welcome. Call 508-885-4848 for more info.

Have a great week, and may the team you're routing for in the Super Bowl wins! I'll be watching the commercials. Next year Pat's fans! Enjoy the game!

June Simakauskas 508-909-4062 jsima@stonebridgepress.news

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CALENDAR

Saturday, February 1

QUABOAG LODGE OF MASONS: The Quaboag Lodge of Masons, located in Warren, will again host their Season-Ending Football "Pancake Breakfast" at the Warren Senior Center, 2252 Main St., West Warren, on Saturday, Feb. 1, from 8 until 11:45 a.m. Stop in for a bite to eat, family, friends, small talk and fun. Tickets are available at the door and requested donation is \$8.00 per person, and \$4.00 for children under 10 years of age. Proceeds from the breakfast will help fund and support the local charitable efforts of the Quaboag Lodge, A.F.&A.M., a fraternal organization instituted in the Town of Warren, in 1859.

SOUP-ER BOWL SATURDAY: 1-3 p.m., North Brookfield Senior Center, 29 Forest St. Proceeds support the food program of the Friends of North Brookfield Council On Aging. Pre-orders welcome by calling (508) 867-0220.

Thursday, February 13

LEICESTER KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FAMILY DINNER: 6 p.m., 91 Manneville St., Leicester. Choices are stuffed chicken or baked fish. Cost is \$12, and includes salad, rolls, entrée, dessert, and coffee. Please call for reservations by Wednesday, Feb. 12 at (508) 892-4528.

Wednesday, February 26

COMFORT QUILTS SERVICE PROJECT: 10 a.m.noon, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 108 New Braintree Rd. (Route 67), North Brookfield (2.2 miles north of the center of town). Over the last several years several hundred Comfort Quilts have been made and donated to local police, fire, and EMT departments for use by car crash, fire or other disaster victims. The quilts offer comfort and warmth at the scene of any type of distressing upheaval and provide a particularly vital sense of safety and solace for children involved in traumatic situations. Community members are invited to join us as we put together even more comfort quilts. The task requires no particular skill, just a warm heart, an hour or two, and a smile. Refreshments are served to keep stomachs happy as we enjoy each other's company and put together comfort quilts. For more information, call 508-867-9962.

ONGOING EVENTS

GRIEFSHARE SUPPORT GROUP: Community members who have experienced the death of a loved one are invited to attend our GriefShare support group. This program features Biblical teaching that focuses on encouragement, comfort and hope in grieving. GriefShare will be held on Tuesdays for 11 weeks total, beginning Febr. 4 at the East Brookfield Baptist Church, from 2:30 to 4 p.m. in the Chapel. A registration fee of \$15 will cover the cost of a workbook. This ministry is a collaboration of both E. Brookfield Baptist Church and the Brookfield Congregational Church. For questions, please call 508-867-7725.

MASSASSOIT ART GUILD OPEN STUDIO: The Massasoit Art Guild would like to announce the addition of new Open Studio hours. Starting on Saturday, Jan. 11, we will be holding Open Studio time from 9:30 a.m. to noon each Saturday. The Current Wednesday morning Open Studio will continue to meet. Open Studio is a time to bring your current work in progress, start a new project, receive critiques if desired, pick up new skills and techniques and be with other artists for support and encouragement in an open and friendly environment. Membership is required. Please visit our Web site at massasoitartguild.com

for more information!

ECONOMY SHOP: The First Congregational Church's Economy Shop invites you to come in and see our Holiday items and our weekly specials. Our shop hours are Wednesday 8 a.m.-Noon, Thursdays 8 a.m.-2 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. and Fridays 8 a.m.-noon.

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-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.

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.

BINGO at the Knights of Columbus is now at the Spencer Senior Center, 68 Maple St. in Spencer, every Thursday. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. The first game starts at 6:30 p.m. We have 20 regular games; 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. Come and enjoy some good food, good people and hopefully win a little.

PITCH at the Spencer Senior Center will begin on Sept. 18 at 6 p.m. Cost \$5.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP IN W. BROOKFIELD: The First Congregational Church of West Brookfield, UCC has partnered with Faith and Family Hospice of Marlborough, MA to offer a local bereavement group for individuals who are living with the loss of someone they care deeply for. This program honors the reality that there is no perfect way to grieve or say goodbye to someone that we love—we each have our own process and our own time. Grief is not something that we "get better" from or that ever leaves us. Rather, we build coping skills to help us carry it through our lives. This group is open for all ages and all kinds of losses. It is a circle that strives to be mutually supportive and free of judgment. Sessions are held on Fridays at 5 pm in the church office at 36 North Main Street, West Brookfield, MA. Please call the church office to indicate you will be attending (508)867-7078 or email 1stcongo.westbrookfield@ gmail.com. There is no charge for this group. This group has recently started and wishes to welcome others in joining them. Sessions will be offered for six weeks with a two-week break between the next. (There is no limit to the number of times any individual can sign up for this program.)



Gayle M. Mahoney, 55



LEICESTER- Gayle M. Mahoney, 55, of Pine Street went to be with the Lord while surrounded by her loving family and friends on Thursday, January 23, 2020 in her home after a long illness.

She leaves her mother Audrey M. (Bolivar) Lovely of Leicester, her brother Baaye Fevens, his wife Holly and their son Kaiden of Leicester; two sisters, Darlene D. White, her husband Jim and their daughter Jessica of Spencer and Monica T. DiPietro of Worcester. She also leaves two nephews, James and Jacob White and a

great nephew Jeffrey Roux as well as several aunts, uncles and cousins. She also leaves her longtime partner and love of her life Robert Wolanski and his sons Wade & Tucker Wolanski as well as his daughter Ashlee Wolanski and her children Lucy & Logan.

She was predeceased by her father Paul D. Mahoney and a sister Stacey

Gayle was born in Worcester and graduated from Leicester High School.

She was an administrator at Bertera Nissan of Auburn for many years. She was a member of the Spencer American Legion Riders and a former member and past President of the Spencer Lions Club. She enjoyed her Harley Davidson Motorcycles, going to the beach and attending concerts.

Gayle had friends throughout the United States and Canada that she loved to spend time with. She was an avid animal lover and enjoyed volunteering at the Second Chance Animal Shelter and fostering animals.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, February 1 at 11:00 AM followed by a celebration of Gayle's life, all to be held at the Leicester Country Club, 1430 Main Street, Leicester. There are no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to; American Legion Post 138, 175 Main Street, Spencer, MA 01562 or to the Second Chance Animal Services, Inc., P.O. Box 136, East Brookfield, MA 01515. MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main Street, Leicester is directing funeral arrange-

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Joy Edyth Plante, 88



Joy Edyth Plante, 88 of Fort Myers, Florida, passed away peacefully Sunday, 19, 2020 January Memorial at Lee Hospital.

The daughter of Louis and Gunhild (Granfors)

Barber, born November 14, 1931 in Worcester, Massachusetts. A graduate of Commerce High School and Salter Secretarial School in Worcester, MA, she met and married Richard (Dick) N. Plante of Biddeford, Maine in 1954. As co-owner of Plante's Auto Body in Spencer, Massachusetts, she handled business finances and family responsibilities until their retirement to Gilford, New Hampshire and Fort Myers, Florida in 1985.

In her retirement years, she enjoyed companionship with family and friends, traveling, boating, playing cards, and casino trips, shuffleboard, and many other events with her friends in the Thunderbird Retirement Community of Fort Myers, Florida.

She is predeceased in death by her parents, a brother Donald F Barber and late husband of 62 years Richard N Plante. She is survived by her three daughters, Darlene Wolcott and spouse Brian of Charlton, MA, Denise Burnham and spouse Bruce of Conroe. TX and Nadine Morancy of Spencer, MA and five Grandchildren, Crystal Morancy of Fitchburg, MA, Christopher Wolcott and spouse Benjamin of Danville, NH, Timothy Wolcott and spouse Lesli of Charlton, MA, Jeffery Wolcott and fiancé Micaela Hamilton of Charlton, MA, and Michelle Jones and spouse Samantha of Conroe, TX and two Great-grandchildren, Keeghan and Benjamin Morancy-Ohrenberger of Fitchburg, MA.

Services and internment will be at Worcester County Memorial Park in Paxton, Massachusetts at the convenience to the family in the spring.

Stephen David Fogarty, 77



N O R T H BROOKFIELD-Stephen David Fogarty, 77, passed away on Saturday, January 18, 2020 with his family by his side at St. Vincent's Hospital in Worcester after a long illness.

Stephen was born on September 12, 1942 to John E Fogarty Sr and Helen (McDonnell) in Worcester. Stephen then lived in Florida until he was 9, at which time he returned to Massachusetts, living in Worcester and Framingham. Upon graduating High School, Stephen attended WPI to study Chemical Engineering. From 1965 to 1967, Stephen was enlisted in the US Army and was a part of the Vietnam Conflict. Upon his return, Stephen acquired the "Penguin Ice Cream Shoppe" where he met his wife, Ruth (Alexander).

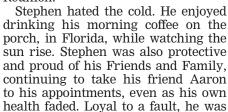
Stephen closed his ice cream shops and went to work for his brother James (Jim) in the plastics industry. He then worked for Autex Systems as a computer programmer. After Transitioning to Fidelity investments (Where he retired after 20 years) Stephen was the lead programmer on the Stratus system, which managed electronic trades in the stock market.

Ruth and Stephen were married just shy of 42 years, having started their family in Westboro, where they lived for 8 years, and later North Brookfield for 35. Ruth and Stephen have two sons, Shaun, in Portland, Oregon, and Andrew in Franklin, MA. Stephen is the grandfather to 3 children, Haileigh, 15, Nathan, 12, Kyle, 10, from Andrew and his former wife Kandice. Stephen is also an extended grandfather to Kandice and James Johnston's daughter Ayla Joy, 2, also of Franklin, which he affectionately referred to as his "Bonus Baby"

In his spare time, Stephen was involved in the VFW and American Legion of North Brookfield as well as the local Boy Scout Troop 257, where he served as treasurer and Committee Chair. Additionally, Stephen was an avid pilot, having found his passion at 9 in Homestead, FL. Stephen flew, and owned small planes, including a Cessna 170 and a 1947 Aronca Champ. As a member of local flying clubs, Stephen formed numerous lasting friendships, including Jim, Glenn, Chris, Don, and many more. He and Mike Lussier frequently flew on Sundays to nearby airports in New England and New York where he would meet his friends for breakfast as well as making their annual pilgrimages to the Oshkosh WI EAA

When not flying, Stephen enjoyed his Sunday rides with Ruth looking for the ultimate ice cream stand. Kimball's in Lancaster and Jaffrey were their favorites. They loved traveling together, including their February trips to Florida and the annual Fogarty Family Reunion. Stephen loved his Irish heritage. In 2012, he became an Irish citizen

on his 70th birthday. He organized the two Fogarty Reunions to Ireland in 1997 and 2015. As a whim, he and Ruth spent St. Patrick's Day 2017 in Dublin, Ireland. Stephen's last trip Portland was to Oregon for the 42nd annual Family



not one you wanted to cross. Stephen is survived by his sister Ann Marie (Fogarty) Stansbury of Northbridge, MA. Several cousins, nieces and nephews, and great nieces and nephews. Stephen is predeceased by his Angel Baby, Clara Elizabeth Johnston, his son, Stephen Fogarty Jr., his parents John and Helen, his sister Sarah Jane (Knowlton), and brothers John Jr (Jack) and James (Jim).

Ruth, Shaun and Andrew would like to say a very heartfelt thank you to all of his doctors and the staff in the PCCU and the ICU. A very special thank you to Pat and Frank Potter for all the support long before and during his illness.

There will be no calling hours or funeral per his wishes. There will be a Celebration of his Life at a later date when the weather is warm. Remember, he hated the cold. Pillsbury Funeral Home 44 Gilbert St North Brookfield is directing arrangements. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in his memory to one of the following: The Friends of the Haston Free Public Library, 161 North Main St, North Brookfield, MA 01535 or North Brookfield Troop 257 c/o Bob Pariseau, 8 Mt. Pleasant Place,

OBITUARIES

Nancy D. Brown, 78



Nancy "Susie" D. Brown, 78, of Woodstock, CT passed away peacefully on Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at Westview Health Care Center in Dayville, CT succumbing to complications associated with

a rare vascular disorder, Hereditary Hemorrhagic Telangiectasia (HHT) and congestive heart failure.

Nancy was born in Benton Harbor, Michigan, on 14 June 1943, and grew up in nearby St. Joseph, Michigan. A nature and wildlife lover, Nancy took the opportunity in her youth to play and explore the outdoors at Stockbridge - her family's farm and horseback riding school. Growing up around horses, she was a natural equestrian, spending time helping at the stables doing everything from teaching riding lessons to taking care of the horses. Her students, family, and friends all knew her by Susie while at Stockbridge Farm.

Nancy eventually left Michigan to attend high school at Sanford School in Hockessan, Delaware. After graduating in 1963, she pursued her passion for horseback riding, and subsequently enrolled in the Potomac Horse Center in Potomac, Maryland. She excelled and was invited to try out for the 1968 Summer Olympics Equestrian Show Jumping Team. Although she didn't go to the Olympics, she earned her Horse Mastership Certification in 1967, and became an accomplished horseback riding instructor, licensed to teach in Massachusetts, and Connecticut, where she eventually settled. Nancy taught lessons but devoted herself to taking care of her three children.

Nancy was also a life-long lover of dogs, and later in life, owned her beloved Newfoundlands, including her dear Belle, Ellie, and Sterling. She became involved in the Newfoundland Club of New England where she proudly worked with her dogs, and with the help of others, getting them certified in water rescue and draft work.

In the last ten years, Nancy's pride and joy were her two grandchildren, Nora and Liam. She enjoyed spending time with them and hosting sleepovers

A loving mother and grandmother, Nancy was also a friend to many. Nancy was very proud of the accomplishments of all of her children and grandchildren. She was predeceased by her mother, Caroline Witte (nee Hoffmann), father, Bradford Brown and her brother, Gordon Brown. She is survived by her daughter, Abigail C. Miller (nee Carreno), son-in-law, Rick Miller, granddaughter, Nora Miller, and grandson, Liam Miller of Spencer, MA; her son, Hunter Carreno of Woodstock, CT; and her son, Justin T. Carreno of Arlington, VA.

Donations, in lieu of flowers, can be sent to either of the following organizations: Cure HHT, P.O. Box 329, Monkton, MD 21111 or the Newfoundland Club of New England Charitable Fund, 131 Clough Pond Rd. Canterbury, NH 03224-2406. Burial of ashes will take place privately with the family at a later date. Condolences can be offered at 11 Shore Dr. Spencer, MA, 01562. Funeral services have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT. For memorial guestbook please visit www.GilmanAndValade.com

Ronald Pontbriand, 88



SPENCER- Ronald Pontbriand, 88, formerly of Spencer, Ma, passed away on January 17, 2020.

Born in Spencer, he was a graduate of David Prouty High School, class of 1950. He was a decorated

Army veteran and surveyor in the Korean War. Upon completion of service, Ronald worked as a surveyor for the development of the Massachusetts Turnpike in the Charlton, MA area. He later learned the leather buying trade, which took him to multiple countries for business and resided in the countries of Argentina, Uruguay and the Dominican Republic, returning to the United States in 2011 to his home town of Spencer. After several years of declining health, in late 2019 Ronald made the decision to spend the rest of his time in Cedar Park, TX to live in a warmer climate and to be near his daughter Michelle and her family. Not long after his move to Texas, Ronald sadly passed away. He is prede-

ceased by his parents Edgar Pontbriand and Anna (Brunelle) Pontbriand and his brother Roger Pontbriand all of Spencer. He leaves his two daughters, Michelle Irvin of Georgetown, TX and



Valerie Pontbriand of Hampton, NH; his son JP Pontbriand of Hampton Falls, NH; his sisters Jeannette Bourdon of Spencer and Joanne Cournoyer of North Brookfield, MA; his brothers Jean Pontbriand of Sturbridge, MA and Ray Pontbriand of Naples, FL. He also leaves 8 grandchildren, one great grandchild and 12 nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held on Sunday, Feb. 9 at Noon in the J.HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer, A calling hour will precede the service starting at 11 am. The family requests in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the American Heart Association(Americanheart.org) www.morinfuneralhomes.com

Richard B. Simmons, Jr, 91



OAKHAM- Richard В. Simmons, Jr, 91, died January 23,2020 at UMass Medical Center in Worcester. He was born in Newton, MA son of Richard B Simmons Sr and (Hutton) Barbara

Simmons and was a former resident of Hopkinton, and the Brookfields.

He leaves behind his wife of 70 years, Eleanor E. (Going) Simmons; 5 children Janet Paradis and her husband George of Oakham, Lee Ann Nelson and her husband Richard of North Carolina, Richard Simmons and his wife Deb of West Brookfield, Nancy Larence and her husband Roger of Northbridge and Matthew Simmons and his wife Beth of Brookfield; 9 Grandchildren; 7 Great Grandchildren; along with many nieces and nephews.

Mr. Simmons was a life-long truck driver and involved in many facets of real estate. He was a decorated US Army Korean War Veteran.



The family wishes to extend their heartfelt thanks to the staff at UMass Oncology Department in Worcester for the care they gave Richard over the past 21 months.

Friends and family are invited to attend calling hours on Friday, January 31,2019 from 5-7PM in Pillsbury Funeral Home 44 Gilbert St. North Brookfield. The funeral will be held on Saturday in the Oakham Congregational Church 4 Coldbrook Rd. in Oakham.

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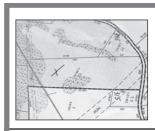
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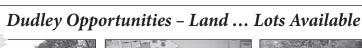
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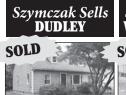
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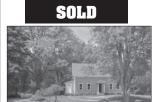
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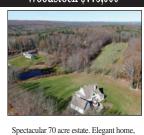
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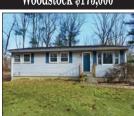


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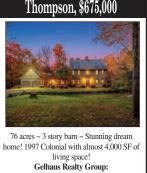
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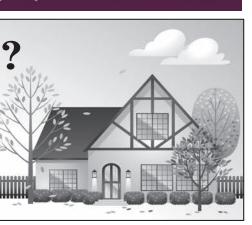
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BAY PATH ADULT EVENING SCHOOL

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

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

*A valid passport is REQUIRED for this trip

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

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

DOUGLAS SUNSHINE CLUB

Sunny Portugal next April. The Douglas Sunshine Club is planning a trip to sunny Portugal April 21-30, 2020. This trip is with Collette Travel. An informational meeting is planned for Wed. June 12th at the Douglas Senior Center, 331 Main St., Douglas, at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested in the trip, this is a great opportunity to get a description of the travel arrangements and itinerary with a representative from Collette Travel who will also answer any questions you have about the trip. For more info call 508-476-4474.

DUDLEY SENIORS

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

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

FRIENDS OF THE STURBRIDGE **SENIORS**

May 15, 2020 to May 22, 2020 Cruise 8 Days/7 Nights Boston to Bermuda aboard the Norwegian Cruise Lines "GEM" SHIP. Leave Boston Friday, May 15 and return Boston Friday May 22. Included are All of the Following, Roundtrip Transfers from Sturbridge to Boston and back. The Ultimate Beverage Package, The Ultimate 4 Night Dining Package, Specialty Restaurants for Free, Exclusive Best of Times Cocktail Party, All Luggage Handling Fees, Drivers Gratuities and Best of Times Professional Tour Director. Early Booking Discount for those people who Book a Balcony Cabin by October 1st, you will receive a 1 Category Upgrade & Special On Board Credit. Prices start at \$1,199 Double Occupancy for an Inside Stateroom, \$1,399 for an Oceanview Porthole Window, \$1,899 for a Balcony Stateroon on Deck 9, \$1,949 for a Balcony Stateroom on Deck 10, and \$1,999 for Balcony on Deck 11. ALSO Add \$400 for Taxes, Transfers, and Gov't Fees. Single Occupancy is Avaiable upon request. Please contact Dick Lisi at 508-410-1332 or at lisirichard15@yahoo.com for questions or information on any of the above Trips.

LEICESTER SENIOR CENTER.

For trip information and reservations, please call Joan Wall at (508) 892-3967.

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

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

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

MARY QUEEN OF THE ROSARY **PARISH**

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

*Japan: March 26 to April 9, 2020 *Japan with China extension: March 26 to April 22, 2020

*USA: Wonders of Northern California Redwoods, Oregon & Washington: August 3-15, 2020

*Spain & Portugal: Sept.9-23, 2020

*Galapagos Islands: Jan 4-13, 2021 *Galapagos with extension to Peru (Machu Picchu): Jan 4-19, 2021

*Botswana, Zimbabwe and Victoria Falls: May 5-16, 2021

*Alaska (land and cruise): early August, 2021

PAXTON SENIORS

Area Seniors are Planning Another Wonderful Trip

Our adventure will be an 11 day trip: River cruise on the Danube River plus couple of days on land. The trip begins on Thursday, Oct 8, when we will fly out of Boston.

Some details: 11 days- 24 meals, 7 day cruise on the Danube and 2 nights in Fussen(near Munich) Oner local tour from the Ship are included in each port.

We fly into Budapest, Hungary and

fly home from Munich.

Transportation from Paxton to and from Logan is included.

Four countries – Hungary, Slovakia, Austria and Germany

Cruise from Budapest to Passau, then coach to Munich/Fussen.

This is a wonderful trip and we sincerely hope that you can join us on December 3 and especially next October.

Bob Wilby, 508-792-4662 or rwilby@ charter.net

Please call or email me if you plan to come to the December 3 informational meeting.

SOUTHBRIDGE SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

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

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

SOUTHBRIDGE SENIOR CITIZENS TRIP SCHEDULE FOR 2020

March 24, 2020 - Tuesday - Mohegan Sun \$30 - 10 - AM bus.

You will have a deluxe motor coach ride to the casino. You will have 5 hours at the casino to gamble and shop. The bus will leave Mohegan Sun at 4 PM.

You will receive \$10 for gaming and a buffet meal voucher.

May 19, 2020 - Tuesday - Foxwoods \$30 - 10 - AM bus.

This one is for the bingo players and all others that want to go. You will have a deluxe motor coach ride to the casino. You will have 5 hours at the casino to gamble and shop. The bus will leave Foxwoods at 2 PM.

You will receive \$10 for gaming and a buffet meal voucher.

September 15, 2020 - Tuesday -Mohegan Sun \$30 - 10 - AM bus.

You will have a deluxe motor coach ride to the casino. You will have 5 hours at the casino to gamble and shop. The bus will leave Mohegan Sun at 4 PM.

You will receive \$10 for gaming and a buffet meal voucher.

October 13th - 20th 2020 - ALL INCLUSIVE ARUBA Happily Full - I am taking names for standby on this trip. This is an all-inclusive trip – all flights, transfers, meals plus snacks, nightly entertainment, and alcohol included.

November 12. 2020 - Thursday -Foxwoods \$30 - 10 - AM bus.

You will have a deluxe motor coach ride to the casino. You will have 5 hours at the casino to gamble and shop. The bus will leave Foxwoods at 4 PM.

You will receive \$10 for gaming and a buffet meal voucher.

PAYMENTS DUE AT SIGN UP Trips are open to the public!

Make checks payable Southbridge Senior Citizens Association.

Contact Jim Julian at the Casaubon senior center Monday, Wednesday or

Friday mornings from 9:00 to 10:00 AM or call 774 922 4049, or e-mail me jimtrips@yahoo.com

UNION SAINT-JEAN-BAPTISTE CHAPTER 12

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

UXBRIDGE SENIOR CENTER

All trips leave from the Whitinsville Walmart and the Stop & Shop at 32 Lyman St, Westboro. Make sure to include entree choice, phone # (esp. cell) and an emergency # when sending payment. "Like" us on FacebookThe Silver Club and The Uxbridge Senior Center. Please call Sue at (508) 476-5820 for more information.

The Silver Club BUS TRIPS for 2020 Please call Sue at 508-476-5820 for more information.

The Uxbridge Senior Center is offering the following bus trips for 2020.

April 16, 2020 - Magic Wings Butterfly Gardens and Yankee Candle with lunch at the Golden Corral w/Fox Tours - \$71. April 27-29 Penn Dutch w/the new show Queen Esther at Sight and Sound -- (trip is full, sign up for the waiting list)-\$459. May 4 -- Granite State Chocolate and Wine Tour with lunch at Warren's Lobster House - Fox Tours - \$91. May 9 - Albany Tulip Festival w/Conway Tours June 1 - Plymouth cruise on Pilgrim Belle with sightseeing tour and lunch at Hearth and Kettle - Fox Tours - \$91 June 26 - July 3 -- Atlantic Canada w/Conway Tours -- International Tattoo, ferry crossing, Hopewell Rocks, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, St. John, New Brunswick - 3 seats left - \$1899. Aug. 30 - 31 - Saratoga Racetrack w/Conway Tours - enjoy a race at Saratoga, a tour of the town, a tour of Haven Oaks Horse Farm, and drive up Prospect Mountain - \$329. Sept. 16 -18 - The Hamptons w/ Conway. Three day trip w/4 meals, guided tour of the "Rich and Famous," winery, ferry crossing, Old Westbury Estate & Gardens, Montauk Point Lighthouse, Sag harbor, etc. - \$579. Green Mt. Railroad Oct. 6 --Tours w/Fox Nov. 19 -- Newport Playhouse w/Fox Tours \$101. Dec. 7 & 8 -- Equinox Resort and Hildene, VT w/Conway Tours. Two day trip with elegant dinner & piano entertainment, breakfast, tour of Hildene, chocolate tasting, etc. \$379.

Please call Sue at 508-476-5820 for more information or to be put on the emailing list.

Local Events, Arts, and **Entertainment Listings**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2



44TH ANNUAL MEMORIAL FISHING West Brookfield Boy Scout TROOP 118

Lake Wickaboag Public Boat Ramp, West Brookfield 7:30am-3:00pm. Trophies, Door Prizes. Tickets \$1 by Scouts or at derby

In remembrance of Mark Cook, Peter Coulthard, J. Irving England, Michael Higgins, and Dick Shepardson (No ice date February

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

"THE LAKE IN WINTER" EVENT. 2:30: Ken Ethier: Presentation on Ice harvest-



East Brookfield Town Hall
3:30: Bonfire, Music, Skating
and S'mores with DJ and concessions. Lake Lashawar The cessions. Lake Lashaway Town

FREE -snacks for sale

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 9

6AM - 2PM FISHING DERBY -Details to come! See Facebook @EB100th or tinyurl.com/EB100th!



SATURDAY, MARCH 14

OPEN HOUSE at Hodgkins Building (Museum/RR/Art Guild/ Boy Scouts) 108 School Street FREE 1:00-3:00

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

RE-ENACTMENT of signing of town bill and unveiling of Anniversary Quilt Senior Center, Pleasant Street. 6:30pm FREE

SATURDAY, APRIL 4,

ROARIN' TWENTIES DANCE at Sturbridge Host Hotel \$35, 5:00pm Tickets @EventBrite.com or at the library

SATURDAY, APRIL 11,

OPEN HOUSE at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR) 108 School Street, East Brookfield 1:00-3:00.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18,

HISTORICAL TALK - Ed Londergan -The First and Second Settlements East Brookfield Town Hall 9:30 FREE

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

TOWN WIDE CLEAN-UP DAY Meet at East Brookfield Town Hall 9:00

SATURDAY, MAY 2,

EAST BROOKFIELD NATURE WALKS Howe Street, East Brookfield 2:00. FREE

SATURDAY, MAY 9,

OPEN HOUSE at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR). 108 School Street, East Brookfield. 1-2:00

SATURDAY, MAY 16,



OPEN HOUSE

FREE

7K RUN AND FUN WALK Timberyard Brewery, East Brookfield 10:0am. \$30.00 adults, \$15.00 kids

SATURDAY, MAY 30

HISTORICAL TALK -Ed Londergan - Murder in the Brookfields (Spooner / Newton Murders) East Brookfield Town Hall, 9:30. FREE

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

HISTORY & DESSERT at Podunk Chapel, East Brookfield 2:00 & 3:30 seatings. \$5.00 pp

at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)

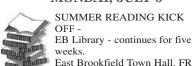
FRIDAY, JUNE 12

COAST GUARD BAND East Brookfield Elementary School, 7:00 FREE **SATURDAY, JUNE 13**

108 School Street, East Brookfield 1:00-3:00.

SATURDAY, JUNE 20,

OPEN HOUSE at Camp Frank A. Day (archery, boating, basketball, mini golf, lunch) Rain Date: June 21. 125 South Pond Road, East Brookfield. 11:00-



3:00. FREE MONDAY, JULY 6 SUMMER READING KICK

East Brookfield Town Hall. FREE **SATURDAY JULY 25**

HISTORICAL TALK - Heather Gablaski -East Brookfield: 100 Years a Town East Brookfield Town Hall, 9:30. FREE

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, JULY 11

Parade & Fireworks Connie Mack Field East Brookfield

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR) 108 School Street, East Brookfield, 1:00-3:00. FREE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 PARADE AND FAMILY FUN EVENT!

Route 9, East Brookfield, 9:30 -7:00. FREE. Rain date Sept 13

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

OPEN HOUSE at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR) 108 School Street, East Brookfield, 1:00-3:00.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 3:30

BUS AND CEMETERY TOUR, ending in dinner at Podunk Chapel. Meet at East Brookfield Town Hall. \$15-\$20.00 pp

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

HISTORICAL TALK - Guy Morin- Central Massachusetts during the Revolution East Brookfield Town Hall, 9:30 FREE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

OPEN HOUSE

at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR) 108 School Street, East Brookfield, 1:00-3:00.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

HISTORICAL TALK -Ken and Tina Ethier - "Trolley Talk"

East Brookfield Town Hall, 9:30. FREE **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12**

OPEN HOUSE at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR) 108 School Street, East Brookfield, 1:00-3:00. **FREE**

ONGOING



MARIACHI BAND First Thursday of the month MEXICALI MEXICAN **GRILL** Webster location 41 Worcester Rd., Webster, 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

867-2345 salemcrossinn.com

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

THE CENTRAL MA CHAPTER OF TROUT

meets the first Monday of every month from September through May. We discuss a variety of conservation programs to improve the local cold water fisheries, local fishing opportunities. Our annual High School Fly Fishing Championship (open to all MA high school students) And our annual fund raising banquet. Auburn Sportsman's Club 50 Elm St., Auburn, MA

LEGALS

Public Hearing

West Brookfield Department, is having a public hearing on February 6 @ 10:00 a.m. on the discussion of Rate Increase. Proposed updates will take effect immediately. West Brookfield Water Department hearing is in the Town Hall, 2 East Main Street, Lower Level 1, West Brookfield Massachusetts 01585 on February 6, 2020. Any person to be heard and have discussion on the proposed updates should appear at the time and place designated. Respectfully Submitted

The West Brookfield Water Department **Board of Water Commissioners**

Robert E. Benson – Chairman EOE

January 17, 2020 January 24, 2020 January 31, 2020

Notice of Public Hearing Planning Board

The Spencer Planning Board will be holding a Public Hearing on Tuesday February 18, 2020 inMcCourt Social Hall of Memorial Town Hall, 157 Main Street, Spencer, MA, on the following item(s) starting at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as can be heard:

Major Site Plan Review/ Stormwater permit - Applicant/ Owner: Town of Spencer, Location: 14/18/20 Street; Spencer Mechanic Assessor's Map U 07-35/36/37. The applicant is requesting a Minor Site Plan Review under Section 7.4 of the Spencer Zoning Bylaw Zoning to construct a new municipal parking lot. The property is located within the Town Center zoning district. Interested Parties may these applications at the Office of Development & Inspectional Services in Memorial Town Hall located at 157 Main Street Spencer, MA 01562, during regular business hours from 7:30-4:30 Monday-Wednesday and Thursday 7:30-12:00.

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

January 31, 2020

February 7, 2020

LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Marjorie S. Rohde to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, acting solely as a nominee for USAA Federal Savings Bank, dated July 8, 2016 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 55610, Page 98 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage USAA Federal Savings Bank is the present holder by Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for USAA Federal Savings Bank, its successors and assigns to USAA Federal Savings Bank dated August 21, 2018 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 59336, Page 133, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 190 Northwest Road, Spencer, MA 01562 will be sold at a Public Auction at 1:00 PM on February 20, 2020, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

A certain parcel of land with improvements situated at Northwest Road. Spencer, Worcester County, Massachusetts 01562 and being shown as Lot 10A on a plan entitled "Division of Land Northwest Road, Spencer, Massachusetts owned by Theodore Dowgielewicz" dated March 11, 2005. Scale 1"=80' Prepared by Andrews Survey & Engineering, Inc., P.O. Box 312, 104 Mendon Street 01569 and being recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 824, Plan 115.

Containing an area of 3.18 acres.

Being the same premises conveyed to the herein named mortgagor (s) by deed recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds Book 55609, Page

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 55609, Page 126.

The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in

Terms of the Sale: Cash, cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable in cash or by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA 01851 or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Other terms to be announced at the

Korde & Associates, P.C. 900 Chelmsford Street **Suite 3102** Lowell, MA 01851 (978) 256-1500 Rohde, Marjorie S., 18-033043 January 24, 2020 January 31, 2020 February 7, 2020

USAA Federal Savings Bank

Commonwealth of Massachusetts **The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family** Court

225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 Docket No. WO17P1392GD **NOTICE AND ORDER: Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor** In the interests of **Camron Mario LaMarche**

of Spencer, MA Minor NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED

1. Hearing Date/Time: A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 05/02/2017 by Brenda L Drab of Spencer, MA will be held 02/06/2020

PARTIES

08:30 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing

Located 225 Main Street, Worcester,

2. Response to Petition: You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to:

File the original with the Court; and

Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.

3. Counsel for the Minor: The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.

4. Counsel for Parents: If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attornev should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.

5. Presence of the Minor at Hearing: A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.

THIS IS A LEGAL NOTICE: An important court proceeding that may affect your rights has been scheduled. If you do not understand this notice or other court papers, please contact an attorney for legal advice. Date: January 9, 2019

Stephanie K. Fattman Register of Probate

January 31, 2019

Spencer-East Brookfield

Regional School District FY2020 SCHOOL BUDGET

Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District FY2021 School Budget. The Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School Committee, in compliance with Massachusetts General Law on the proposed FY2021 School Budget on Tuesday, February 11, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., in the Auditorium at Wire Village School, 60 Paxton Road, Spencer, MA. Immediately following the hearing, there will be an open discussion of the budget. Copies of the budget are available for examination at the Office of the Superintendent, 306 Main Street, Spencer, MA, and on the District's website: www.sebrsd. org. Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School Committee January 31, 2020 February 7, 2020

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

Worcester Probate and Family

Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508) 831-2200 Docket No. WO19P4047EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate of: Jane M McRae

Date of Death: 02/17/2019 To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Adjucation of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Marie McRae of Boston MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the

The Petitioner Requests that: Marie McRae of Boston MA be

appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 02/11/2020.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRA-TION UNDER THE MASSACHU-

SETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court. Date: January 14, 2020

Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate January 31, 2020

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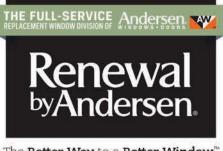
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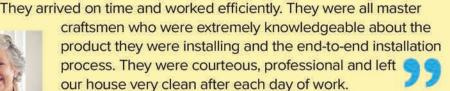
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The benefits of music instruction for young learners



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Young students are often introduced to the recorder or ukulele in the early grades and then given the opportunity to join primary bands as they move through elementary school and into middle school. Some children also may want to supplement school music lessons with private music tutors, who can provide more in-depth instruction.

Parents considering making a commitment to music instruction may find that kids benefit from being involved with music in many ways, some of which may be surprising.

• The New England Board of Higher Education says several studies show that consistent music education improves vocabulary and reading comprehension skills. Emerging evidence points to an area of the brain that controls both musical ability and

language comprehension as being more closely related than previously thought.

· Music education may help young children learn words and how to pronounce them, as learning to play music enables them to process the many new sounds they hear from others.

 Researchers have discovered a strong relationship between participating in school arts and academic success as demonstrated by students' grade point averages, according to the National Association for Music Education.

The relationship between music and academic performance has been studied for decades. As far back as 1988, studies have been conduct-

ed about the benefits of music education. An analysis of data from the National Educational Longitudinal Study of 1988 demonstrated a significant correlation between participation in school music groups and achievement in math and English. And a 1996 study published in Nature found first graders who participated in special music classes as part of an arts study program saw their reading skills and math proficiency increase dramatically.

 Introducing music lessons to young children can have profound effects on their social development. Music fosters greater trust and cooperation, as well as a sense of community and belonging.

· Another benefit of music education is it allows children to harness their creativity and express it in a healthy

· The music instruction company Music U says children with developmental disorders and mental health issues might be able to unlock their potential with music. Music therapy has been shown to affect significant change in children with autism-spectrum disorders, learning disabilities, attachment disorders, cerebral palsy, and more.

Music instruction both in and out of the classroom can be a benefit to young learners.

The role of free play in early education

Glance at a typical family schedule and you would no doubt see that afternoons are jampacked and many children — even the youngest among them — have full itineraries of structured after-school activities.

In an effort to raise well-rounded and intelligent children, many parents enroll their youngsters in all sorts of extracurricular activities, including sports leagues, travel teams, enrichment clubs, and musical instruction. While these activities benefit kids in myriad ways, it's also beneficial to let kids be kids and to provide ample time for them to engage in free play.

According to the popular toy and learning company Alex Brands, structured activities can teach children how to follow rules and routines and help them build developmental skills. But free play can improve critical skills as well. One of the biggest benefits to free play is it can foster kids' creativity and help kids discover their interests on their own. Free play also helps children learn independence and how to keep themselves occupied.

The United Nations recognizes free play as a basic right of every child and underscores its importance. Despite this, unstructured play seems to be on the decline, with more structured activities taking over young children's days.

Even in school settings free play has given way to more time spent at desks and devices in preparation for standardized testing. Recess, which has been cut or reduced in many school districts, has become a hot-button



issue for many free play advocates. The development of Recess for All Florida Students, as well as proposed legislation in other states, has redirected attention to free play and the importance of it. Recess is a form of free play and provides students with a break from the rigors of learning.

In a 2011 article in the American Journal of Play, Peter Gray, Ph.D., a researcher at Boston College, indicated that "lack of play affects emotional development, leading to the rise of anxiety, depression, and problems of attention and self-control." Gray also indicated that without play, "young people fail to acquire the social and emotional skills necessary for healthy psychological

development." Free play also can benefit youngsters in the following ways: · Enables kids to learn dexterity and improve on

other strengths; fulfills exercise requirements for grow-

ing kids; · helps kids conquer fears and develop confidence;

· establishes natural leadership roles and hierarchy in social groups;

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Successful tips for finding a tutor

ural-born students who take to their academics like ducks to water. Others may not catch on as quickly as their parents desire. Every student has unique learning requirements, and sometimes all it takes is some one-on-one intervention with an experienced tutor to turn the academic tide.

The National Tutoring Association reports that the number of individuals offering private tutoring has increased dramatically in recent years, which can make finding a tutor challenging. It also means parents may face stiff competition in regard to procuring the services of qualified tutors. But parents can employ various strategies to improve their chances of finding skilled tutors to work with their children.

 Specify what you need done. The more clearly you define what you and your child hope to gain from individualized instruction, the more capably you can zero in on a tutor who will meet those needs effectively. Some students need reinforcement for testing, while others may struggle with a particular skill set. The more specific you are when illustrating your needs, the more likely you are to find someone who can help address those areas that need improving.

· Seek recommendations. Ask around for recommendations from other parents or educators. Speak with school personnel to find out if someone on staff may tutor in his or her off



· Try a favorite teacher. Many students may have a favorite teacher, past or present, with whom they developed a rapport. If your child fits that mold, contact this teacher to see if he or she tutors students on the side.

· Call the library. Many times high school or college students offer free or reduced-rate tutoring at local libraries. These sessions can be just as beneficial to young students as sessions with professional tutors.

· Consider a tutoring center. Nationally recognized tutoring organizations can be invaluable to students struggling with their studies. Explore the cost options of one-on-one sessions versus small group instruction.

• Look for specialized tutors. Certain tutors specialize in certain subjects or skills. Lean toward those tutors for advanced lessons in tricky subjects like maths and sciences.

Upon hiring a tutor, give it a few lessons to see if the tutor clicks with your child. Set benchmarks for success that the tutor can work toward. If the relationship is not working, start the process over.

EDUCATION

How being bilingual benefits kids

Being bilingual is a necessity for millions of people across the globe. While many United States citizens may never need to speak any language other than English, that's not the case for people who reside in other parts of the world. Even some citizens of America's neighbor to the north, Canada, may need to learn both French and English depending on where they live.

Fluency in more than one language can produce some surprising benefits. For example, a 2017 study published in the journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America found that lifelong bilingualism may help to delay the onset of dementia by as much as five years. In addition, numerous studies, including one conducted by an economist at MIT, found that people fluent in more than one language can earn tens of thousands of dollars more than their monolingual peers over the course of their careers.

Perhaps in recognition of the benefits of bilingualism in an increasingly global world, foreign language programs are now part of the curriculum at many daycare facilities and preschools. That might come as a surprise to parents who did not begin studying foreign languages until junior high or even high school. But the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services notes that the following are some of the ways that being bilingual can benefit



COGNITIVE DEVELOPMENT

The DHHS notes that a nearly 20-year-old study from the National Clearinghouse for Bilingual Education found that bilingual students had an easier time understanding math concepts and solving word problems than their who were not bilingual. The

DHHS also notes that researchers have uncovered numerous additional cognitive benefits to being bilingual as opposed to monolingual. These benefits include a greater ability to use logic, focus, remember, and make decisions.

SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Researchers with National Academy of Science found that children who grow up in bilingual households exhibit better self-control than those who grow up in monolingual households. That's an important benefit, as the DHHS notes that self-control is a key indicator of academic success. The DHHS adds that bilingual children benefit socially from

being bilingual because they are capable of making new friends and building strong relationships using their second language as well as their

The ability to speak more than one language fluently can produce some surprising benefits that children can use to their advantage in school and throughout adulthood.

Reading can help get kids ready to go back to school



It is common for children to backslide during summer vacations as they get further away from their daily school year routines. The rigors of schoolwork may come as a shock as children return to school and must reacquaint themselves with studying and doing their homework. But there are some steps students can take to keep their minds sharp as they ease back into school.

One of the most effective ways for students

to stay sharp over summer is to continue reading. Pearson Education says evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment every day not only perform better on reading tests than those who don't, but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures. Reading for pleasure also bears more influence on a child's academic performance than his or her social or economic background.

Summer reading assignments may not be mandated, but children can take it upon themselves to continually push themselves through recreational reading and language arts pursuits. Here are ways that parents can facilitate that process.

• Set up a reading time. Children should have a set time each day that they devote to reading. Many find a regular reading time later in the

evening before bed or as a precursor to other activities, such as watching television or playing video games, can help

make reading a priority. Keep fresh reading materials. Stock the house with new books, magazines, newspapers, and even graphic novels. The more reading materials children have access to, the more likely they are to become habitual

readers. Parents can lead by example. Parents should read as well. Choose books and periodicals over time spent on digital devices.

· Read in the world around you. Stop and read signs, menus, cereal boxes, billboards, and anything with the written word. Jot down difficult words and look them up together and discuss

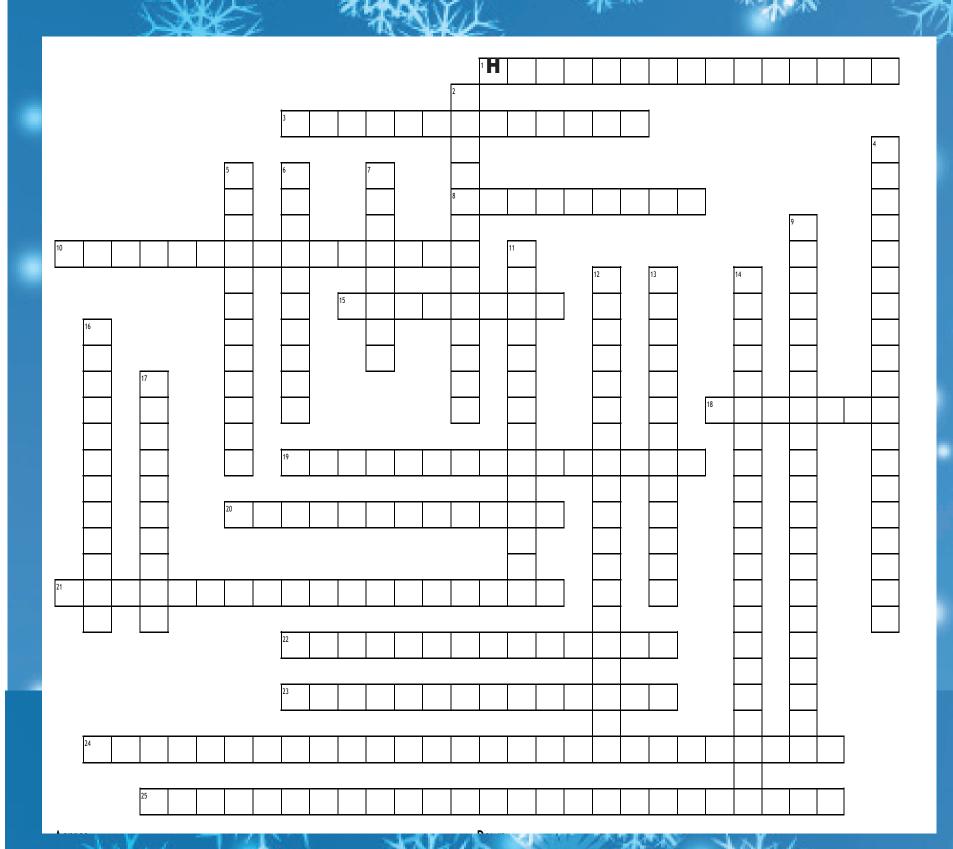
the definitions. Consult with the teacher. Educators have tools they use to assess reading levels and abilities. Knowing a child's

reading level and choosing the appropriate reading materials for that level can set kids up for

Reading is an important part of getting into the back-to-school groove. Make sure students set aside ample time for reading throughout the day, even during extended breaks from school.

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