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Spencer residents honored for rescuing local couple



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Residents were honored last week for their efforts in saving a couple from a partially submerged vehicle. From left, William Casey, Carolyn Havalotti, Bob Gordon, and Erica French show off their certificates after a Select Board presentation.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – Five residents were honored last week for their efforts in saving an elderly couple after their vehicle plunged into a pond.

At the Jan. 14 Board of Selectmen meeting, the residents were awarded certificates recognizing their lifesaving actions this past fall. Spencer Fire Chief Robert Parsons described the harrowing incident that took place on Sept. 14, when a vehicle went off the road and entered Cranberry Meadow Pond. Spencer residents Warren Anderson and his wife, Evelyn, were trapped inside the quick-

ly sinking vehicle, and residents jumped into action to save them.

Jolicoeur Avenue residents William Casey and his daughter, Carolyn Havalotti, were among the first bystanders to reach the vehicle, wading into the water and helping to extricate the Andersons. Another neighbor, Ashlyn Robideau, also rushed across the street and entered the water to help. Meanwhile, Bob Gordon, who was fishing nearby, witnessed the crash and rowed his boat to the scene to assist the rescue effort.

Finally, Erica French called 911 and reported the incident, staying on the phone

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Search underway for new police chief in Leicester

TOWN OFFICIALS LOOK TO PROMOTE FROM WITHIN

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER – The search is on for the town’s next police chief, and officials are committed to promoting from within.

After 13 years with the police department, former chief James Hurley retired from his position last month to pursue a job with the New England State Police Information Network. Town officials know it won’t be easy to replace Hurley, who was well-liked in the community, but they are determined to find a strong internal candidate.

Kenneth Antanavica has been named Interim Chief of Police, while Paul Doray was promoted to lieutenant on an interim basis. Selectmen recently supported the department’s vision for an internal promotion for the next full-time chief. Officials feel that the community knowledge possessed by an internal candidate will give that person an advantage over an employee hired from another department.

“Leicester is a civil service community, so there is a procedure that must be followed in order to make a permanent appointment. The Board has agreed to make the appointment from within, so the police chief search will be limited to our existing staff,” said Town Administrator David Genereux. “We are still considering options for proceeding via the civil service promotional process, and have yet to

decide the methodology that we will use.”

At a Dec. 28 sendoff party, hundreds of guests stopped by the Senior Center to wish Hurley well in his next chapter. Guests included current selectmen, state Sen. Michael Moore, State Rep. David LeBoeuf, former selectman Doug Belanger, and former town administrator Kevin Mizikar.

Several guests at the retirement sendoff party shared stories from their time working with Hurley, who dedicated countless hours to volunteering and improving the community. Under Hurley’s leadership, the department developed many officers and strengthened its relationships with community leaders. As officials review candidates for Hurley’s replacement, they are looking for someone who will not only lead the department but also continue the community involvement residents have come to expect.

“We certainly know that Chief Hurley was an exemplary leader, and it will be challenging to find a replacement of his caliber,” Genereux told Stonebridge Press. “However, I have great faith in Interim Chief Antanavica, as well as the rest of the department.”

There is no timetable for when the department hopes to name its next chief. Officials are committed to ensuring that they have sufficient time to interview all potential candidates.

Spencer officials at work on agreement with Worm Town Genetics

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – After voting last week to support signing a letter of non-opposition for Worm Town Genetics, selectmen asked the business to ensure that it follows through on all commitments made in its initial proposal.

At its Jan. 14 meeting, the Board voted unanimously in favor of signing the letter of non-opposition. The final

approval for the letter is contingent upon a host community agreement being signed between the town and the applicant. Town Administrator Thomas Gregory will manage those negotiations.

Worm Town Genetics is proposing to operate a medical marijuana cultivation facility at the site of the former courthouse on Route 9 (503 Main St.). Representatives of the company were in attendance at the Jan. 14 meeting, where select-

men had questions about the language in the proposal and recent presentations. Officials wished to confirm that the company’s vision is to create products exclusively for medical marijuana, not retail companies.

“They initially proposed a plan that appeared very attractive, and that’s exactly what we expect to see moving forward,” said Selectman Tony Pepe.

Although the company’s proposal focused entirely on

creating products for medical marijuana distribution, selectmen had concerns over ambiguity of the language in recent presentations. They wanted to make sure there is no intent for the company to expand into distribution of recreational marijuana.

“That location is a gateway for Spencer, and we want to see them follow up with everything in their plan,” Selectman Warren Monette added.

Located just over the

Leicester town line, the property currently houses the former courthouse building, which must be taken down. Worm Town Genetics would then construct its own building for cultivation.

Spencer voters banned retail pot sales in town two years ago, but companies can apply for marijuana cultivation licenses if they receive a community host agreement. Looking

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Kevin Flanders Photo

Knox Trail Middle School eighth graders Gianna Mattei and Wyatt Sadusky took part in Project 351 in Boston last weekend.

Knox Trail students bring passion for volunteerism to Boston

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – Selected as Project 351 ambassadors, two Knox Trail Middle School eighth graders were excited to bring their passion for volunteerism to Boston.

Gianna Mattei and Wyatt Sadusky joined fellow eighth graders from throughout the state for the Jan. 19 Project 351 service day in Boston. Only one student can be chosen from each town in the Commonwealth for the project, and KTMS staff members knew their selections would represent the school well.

“They are both outstanding stu-

dents who show quiet leadership every day,” said KTMS teacher Sharon Parliment, who has organized Project 351 efforts at the school since the program’s inception.

For Mattei, Project 351 has become a family tradition. In 2011, her older sister Savannah was chosen by KTMS teachers to participate in the program. Now a member of the Air Force, Savannah continues to inspire her younger sister.

“It was pretty cool for both of us to be chosen. She had a really fun time, and she got to meet others who enjoy helping out,” Mattei said of her sister’s experience.

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Local police join with school officials for active shooter preparedness workshop

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

EAST BROOKFIELD – In an ongoing effort to increase preparedness, school officials and law enforcement personnel joined forces last week to educate parents.

The Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District has worked extensively with the police departments in both towns over the last two years. Students and staff members in all schools have received training on the best defense tactics for active shooter situations. On Jan. 16, parents had the opportunity to learn about how the ALICE training model works during a school safety summit held at East Brookfield Elementary School.

Short for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate, ALICE has become the premier civilian response model for active shooter situations. Schools and businesses across the country are using the ALICE system, and local police have been educating SEBRSD students and staff on it for two years.

“I was impressed with the turnout of parents that attended and participated. It is important for parents to be aware and reinforce what students are learning,” said Spencer Police Sgt. Michael Befford. “Many of the principles of ALICE can be used in everyday adult life, and greaten the chances of surviving an active shooter attack.”

For parents, attending the program was a disturbing reminder of the frequency of active shooter events nation-



East Brookfield Police Sgt. Joseph Lazarick addresses guests during a recent school safety event.

wide. Most parents never received active shooter training when they were in school, but students throughout the U.S. have become accustomed to the new reality of preparing for the worst. With help from police in East Brookfield and Spencer, students and staff alike have learned how to react quickly and effectively during a chaotic situation.

On Jan. 16, officers from both towns explained the ALICE model and what students have learned. Training sessions are delivered differently based on the age of students, with kids in grades K-4 receiving

illustrated books to help convey the message. Students in grade five and higher attended assemblies to receive ALICE training.

One of the most important lessons of ALICE is to be alert at all times, police explained. A dangerous situation can often be averted if authorities are contacted in advance.

“We taught students to be aware of their surroundings. If they see something suspicious, we want them to alert someone,” said East Brookfield Police Sgt. Joseph Lazarick. “It’s also very important to always know where the exits

are.”

The ALICE model also empowers students and staff to make decisions based on the conditions of a given incident. Sometimes sheltering in a classroom is the safest option, while in other cases an evacuation might be possible for some classrooms before the shooter approaches their side of the building. Communication is a key component of the model, as almost all students and staff members now have cell phones on their person.

Because many active shooter situations end before police arrive at the building, officers

want students and staff to have the knowledge necessary to keep themselves safe in that small window of time.

“It is always better in these situations to be proactive and do something, rather than doing nothing,” Lazarick told guests.

The Jan. 16 event included a video presentation, an informational workshop, and other activities enabling parents to continue the conversation on safety with their kids. Families can also apply the ALICE strategies to readiness efforts at many other public venues. The model is being taught across the country in schools, health-care facilities, businesses, government buildings, and houses of worship.

“Whether it is an attack by an individual person or by an international group of professionals intent on conveying a political message through violence, ALICE training option-based tactics have become the accepted response, versus the traditional lockdown-only approach,” said SEBRSD Superintendent Paul Haughey.

After the ALICE workshop on Jan. 16, parents took advantage of other programs offered at the school safety summit. These included presentations on the dangers of vaping, Internet safety, and responsible social media use, among others.

“The school safety summit provided local parents and families with answers to many of the questions they often do not get a chance to ask in an open and meaningful forum,” Haughey added.

Merriam-Gilbert Library offers full slate of activities this winter

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

WEST BROOKFIELD – It might be the heart of winter, but activities are heating up at Merriam-Gilbert Public Library.

Highlighting a strong winter slate of programs, the library will offer a Valentine card-making workshop on

Tuesday, Jan. 29, at 6 p.m. Perfect for those seeking a creative Valentine’s Day gift straight from the heart, the event will show guests how to create handmade cards. The program is intended for teens and adults; please call ahead to reserve your space.

With Super Bowl Sunday fast approaching, patrons have limited opportunities to take part in the library’s football-themed raffle. A basket containing several Super Bowl snacks is available, and the winner will be drawn on Thursday, Jan. 31. Stop by the library in the next few days to purchase your ticket before

the clock runs out. You can spend \$10 for 15 raffle tickets or \$20 for 40 tickets. The library congratulates last month’s raffle winner, Jessica Swistak, who took home a basket filled with items from Disney’s “Frozen.”

For those who were unable to obtain a Lucy Stone ornament during the holiday season, items are still available at the library. The ornaments commemorate the 200th anniversary of local leader Lucy Stone’s birth. Ornaments can be purchased at the library for \$25 (add \$5 if you would like a stand for the ornament).

For kids, a music program with Julie Stepanek will return to the library on Wednesday, Feb. 6, at 10 a.m. The interactive program for parents and children takes place each month, and registration is required. The library will also resume its toddler playgroup and preschool crafts sessions in February. Meanwhile, kids are invited to stop

by the library before the end of January to get one last look at the model train setup in the children’s room. Children under age nine must be accompanied by an adult.

The library reminds patrons that it will be closed on days that the schools close for winter weather. Please call ahead during instances of inclement weather to check the status.

The library is located at 3 West Main St. For more information about upcoming events, call 508-867-1410 or send an email to merriamgilbert@gmail.com. You can also visit www.westbrookfield-library.org.

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Spencer Senior Center
to offer aerobics class

SPENCER — A low impact aerobics class will take place at the Spencer Senior Center. The program will occur on Monday and Wednesday at 1 p.m., \$10 per quarter. Partial funding is provided by a grant from the Worcester County Sheriff's Department and the Central Mass Agency on Aging.

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Spencer Senior Center hopes to inspire a little romance with annual Sweetheart Dance

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – With short days and low temperatures taking hold, area seniors always look forward to Valentine's Day for a much-needed respite from the winter blues.

Held at the Senior Center, the fourth annual Sweetheart Dance will take place on Friday, Feb. 8, beginning at 5 p.m. The event will include a night of music, dinner and dancing, as seniors always enjoy the opportunity to join in the Valentine's Day-themed fun.

Sponsored annually by RSSI, Inc., the event has continued to see increased attendance since its inception. Even the single seniors from area communities have taken advantage of a chance to meet new people and have fun with

longtime friends.

For Senior Center officials, the community response they receive for the event each year is always positive. Spencer's many seniors often show off creative outfits for the occasion, and the program also showcases services offered by RSSI, Inc., throughout the area. At a time when large community events are in short supply, the program helps guests get out and beat the winter doldrums.

"It has been a pleasure partnering with RSSI, Inc., and Senior Living at Prouty," said Senior Center Director Pamela Woodbury, who was thrilled with last year's attendance at the event. "They are a wonderful addition to the community, which currently has over 3,100 seniors."

The event is intended for guests ages

60-plus residing in local communities. Dinner will take place around 5 p.m., followed by a night of dancing and music provided by a DJ. Valentine's Day-themed snacks and desserts will also be provided. Guests seeking more information about RSSI, Inc., and Senior Living at Prouty will be able to speak with representatives in attendance.

Tickets for the program are available at the Senior Center. The cost is \$3 per person. In case of inclement weather, please call ahead to learn about a snow date.

The Senior Center is located at 68 Maple Street in the former school building. For more information about other upcoming programs this winter, or to register for events, call 508-885-7546. The center is open on Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



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Falter returns to ERA Key as Broker Associate, Realtor in Spencer office



Robert G. Falter

SPENCER — ERA Key Realty Services of Northbridge announced today that Brookfield resident Robert G. Falter has rejoined ERA Key's Spencer office as a Broker Associate

and Realtor.

He has 14 years of experience in real estate and spent more than five years at ERA Key before joining EXIT Real Estate Executives in Brookfield. He has been a certified Massachusetts real estate instructor since 2006 and has been an in-house trainer for six brokerage companies.

He is an Accredited Buyer's Representative (ABR); a Certified Residential Specialist (CRS); a Graduate, REALTOR® Institute (GRDI); a Military Relocation Professional (MRP), and a Senior Real Estate Specialist (SRES).

Falter is a member of the Board of Assessors, the Capital Improvement Planning Committee and

the Financial Advisory Committee for the Town of Brookfield. He earned his MBA from Cornell University's Johnson Graduate School of Management, and his doctoral degree from the Institute for Advanced Studies at Walden University.

"It's good to be back at ERA Key," Falter said. "I've always appreciated ERA Key's strong training programs, as well as the camaraderie between agents and their ability to work as a team."

About ERA Key Realty Services

ERA Key Realty Services of Northbridge, Mass., has 14 offices throughout central and eastern Massachusetts

and is among the 10 largest residential real estate agencies in Massachusetts based on the number of homes sold. It is also among the top 10 agencies in the ERA Franchise System, which has more than 2,400 agencies worldwide. ERA Key has been named among the top places to work in the state in the large company category for the past four years, based on a survey administered by Energage for The Boston Globe. It also won the Momentum Award as the fastest growing ERA franchise in 2012 and the Gene Francis Memorial Award as the Top All-Around Company in ERA in 2014. For more information about ERA Key, visit www.erakey.com.

Aspiring officers tackle Sheriff's Office fitness assessment



Courtesy Photo

Residents from throughout the area recently took part in a physical fitness test with the hopes of qualifying for the Worcester County Sheriff's Office basic training academy.

WORCESTER – More than 40 prospective recruits from throughout the area attended the Worcester County Sheriff's Office physical fitness assessment held last weekend.

Attendees were required to perform timed sit-ups, vertical jumps, push-ups, a 300-meter sprint, and a 1.5-mile run. Those who passed the tests became qualified to join the next Basic Recruit Training Academy in March.

"Congratulations to the individuals who passed. Best of luck during the next phase of the interview process," the Sheriff's office wrote in a statement.

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with the dispatcher to update police on the situation. By the time authorities arrived, the residents had already gotten the Andersons to safety.

At the Jan. 14 meeting, Parsons told selectmen that the incident would have likely resulted in tragedy if not for the responders' quick thinking. Parsons joined Spencer Police Chief David Darrin in presenting the certificates to four of the five residents in attendance.

For town officials, it was exciting to meet the residents and reflect on their bravery and willingness to put themselves at risk to help others.

"The citizens who rescued Mr. and Mrs. Anderson acted in a selfless manner in springing into action to save their lives," said Selectman Ralph Hicks. "They were courageous and put others ahead of themselves."

Barnstorm Cycles & Jeeps announces 2019 event schedule

SPENCER — Barnstorm Cycles & Jeeps announces its 2019 events schedule.

Barnstorm hosts large and small events geared toward motorcycle and Jeep communities from all over the Northeast, including Canada. Barnstorm events are always family-friendly, fun, and a great way for the community to get together. Events include food, games, contests, bikes, Jeeps, and good friends, both new and old.

Barnstorm has nine events scheduled in 2019, from May to December. Events are held at 24 Wall St., Spencer unless otherwise noted.

Summer Open Barn

May 5

Motorcycle Sticker Party

May 19

Jeep Open House

June 1

Baggers Show

June 22

Hot Bike FXR/Dyna Weekend

July 20-21, Spencer Fairgrounds

Brick & Mortar Motorcycle Show

Aug. 17

Jeep Camp Out

Sept. 14-15, Spencer Fairgrounds

Sled Season Opener

Nov. 2

Winter Open Barn

Dec. 1

Visit Barnstorm.us for times and more information on sponsorship or exhibiting opportunities.



Courtesy Photo

No injuries resulted from a one-car wreck last week on Paxton Road.

No injuries reported in Paxton Road crash

SPENCER – No one was injured during a Jan. 13 crash on Paxton Road.

Police continue to investigate the cause of the one-car wreck. The driver of the sedan lost control on the narrow road, causing it to roll over. Extensive damage was done to the front and back ends of the vehicle, and Spencer Fire and EMS officials responded to the scene to assist the driver.

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Governor signs Moore-sponsored bill to support first responders

NEW LAW PROVIDES PEER SUPPORT SERVICES FOLLOWING CRITICAL INCIDENTS

BOSTON — Sen. Michael O. Moore (D-Millbury) has announced that Gov. Charlie Baker signed legislation to ensure confidentiality for first responders when participating in peer support services following critical incidents. The bill passed the Senate and House of Representatives with unanimous support in December of last year.

“Police officers, firefighters, and paramedics work under trying circumstances in the best of times, and these critical incidents can greatly increase the dangers associated with mental health,” said Moore. “These sensible confidentiality protections will allow our firefighters, paramedics and law enforcement officers to seek the help they need without fear of stigmatization.”

“Providing law enforcement officers with the ability to confidentially seek guidance from their peers will help them cope with the events they experience in the line of duty,” said Baker. “We are thankful for the Legislature and law enforcement for their advocacy on this bill to increase support for services and reduce stigma around mental health issues.”

Responding to a critical incident can have a significant effect on the mental health

of the Commonwealth’s firefighters, paramedics, and law enforcement officers. In order to ensure prompt access to the necessary services, many departments rely on trained peer support counselors. These counselors can direct the affected first responders to the necessary mental health support services, or offer their own support as needed.

However, the lack of confidentiality afforded these peer support counselors has complicated their roles, and dissuaded some first responders from using this service. The sensitive nature of mental health issues is further compounded by concerns that first responders will experience professional adversity due to their decision to seek mental help. Basic confidentiality protections will encourage greater participation, expanding access to services and improving the mental health and performance of first responders.

The legislation provides that a critical incident stress management team member shall not be required to testify or divulge any information obtained during the receipt of critical incident stress or crisis intervention services. The language also provides for limited

exemptions, including when a person is in danger of serious bodily harm or death, or if the information indicates the existence of a crime.

“First responders put their own safety on the line to help those in need, and we need to be conscious of the mental toll that their demanding and critically important work can take,” said Public Safety Secretary Tom Turco. “This law is designed to encourage first responders to seek the assistance they may need, from peers who understand what they are going through, without the worry that doing so

may damage their employment status or stigmatize them.”

The new law is codified as Chapter 329 of the Acts of 2018. To view the language, please visit the Legislature’s Web site, www.malegislature.gov.



Courtesy Photo
Sen. Michael Moore with Governor Charlie Baker, Lt. Governor Karyn Polito, legislative colleagues and first responders in the Corner Office at the State House.

Cornerstone Bank appoints Alan Peppel to Board of Directors



Alan Peppel

WORCESTER—Cornerstone Bank is pleased to announce the appointment of Alan Peppel to its Board of Directors. A former Southbridge Savings Bank Board Member, Peppel is

replacing John Colognesi’s seat on the now Cornerstone Bank Board. Colognesi first became a Director for Southbridge Savings Bank in 1984; in October 2018, he retired as a Director and was named an Honorary Director of Cornerstone Bank.

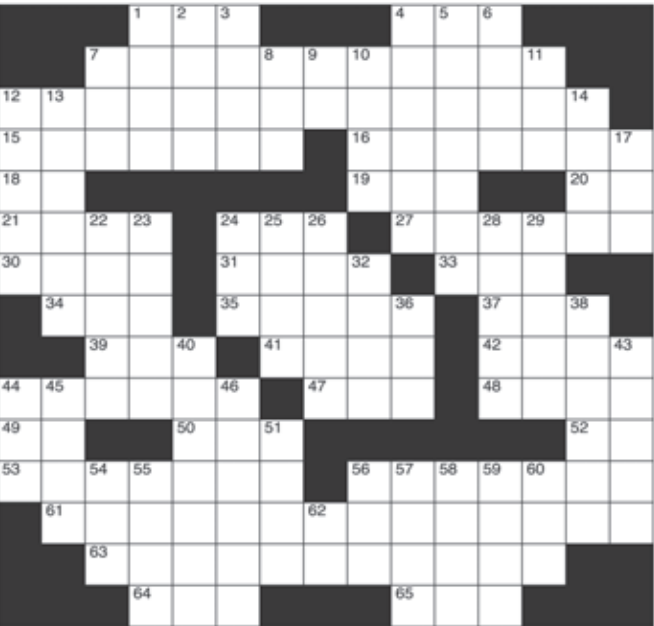
A Missouri native and now longtime resident of Central Massachusetts, Peppel holds a BA in Economics from Carleton College and an MBA from Nichols College. He is also a graduate of the Management Course of the American Management Association and is certified as a Food Service Professional by the National Association of Food Equipment Manufacturers. Currently, Peppel is the Chairman of the Board and CEO of Affinity Group and CEO of Dexter-Russell, Inc. Along with his new Board Member position with Cornerstone Bank, Peppel also serves on and is a member of many local boards and organizations.

“We thank John for his contributions and service to the Board over the years, and we’re honored to have someone as experienced as Alan to join our Board,”

stated Chairman and CEO of Cornerstone Bank K. Michael Robbins.

“Alan embodies the spirit of community. We are fortunate to have him by our side as we continue to strengthen community in Worcester County,” commented President and Treasurer of Cornerstone Bank Todd M. Tallman.

About Cornerstone Bank
Cornerstone Bank is an independent, mutual savings bank serving the residents, businesses, and communities throughout Central Massachusetts from offices in Charlton, Holden, Leicester, Rutland, Southbridge, Spencer, Sturbridge, Warren, Webster, and Worcester. Deposits are insured in full by a combination of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the Depositors Insurance Fund. The Bank is an Equal Opportunity Employer, Equal Housing Lender, and SBA Preferred Lender. For more information, visit online at cornerstonebank.com, on Facebook or call 800-939-9103.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Political action committee

4. One point north of due east

7. Marital

12. Religious building

15. Intrinsic nature of something

16. Safe to drink

18. Letter of credit

19. Single Lens Reflex

20. Keeps you cool in summer

21. Monetary unit

24. The Eye Network

27. Moving with a bounding stride

30. Figures

31. Of the pia mater

33. Male offspring

34. Indicates near

35. Calvary sword
37. South American plant

39. Doctor of Education

41. Something to take

42. Remove the edges from

44. Inattentive

47. Pick up

48. Latch for a window

49. Region of the U.S.

50. Windy City ballplayer

52. The NFL’s big game (abbr.)

53. Be permanently present in

56. Novice

61. Pirate novel

63. In a law-abiding way

64. Where one sleeps

65. Criticize

CLUES DOWN

1. Bullfighting maneuver

2. Egyptian Sun god

3. Predatory semiaquatic reptile

4. Register formally

5. Eating houses

6. Japanese port

7. Genus of rodents

8. Nigerian city

9. Milliwatt

10. Mistake!

11. Women’s ___ movement

12. Greeting

13. Songbirds

14. An arrangement scheme

17. Heartbeat test

22. Push back

23. Intended for the audience only

24. Cycles per second

25. Impartiality

26. Polio vaccine developer
28. Bowel movements

29. South American Indian

32. Queen of Sparta

36. Confederate soldier

38. Emerged

40. Death

43. ___ and flowed

44. Folk singer DiFranco

45. Email folder

46. Throbbled rhythmically

51. English rockers

54. Disaster relief operation

55. American model and TV personality Katherine

56. Potable

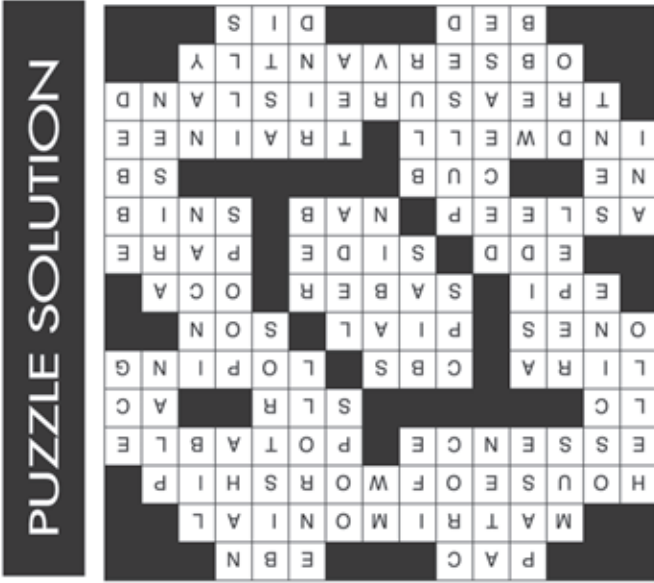
57. Tough outer layer

58. ___ Spumante (Italian wine)

59. Troubles

60. Negative

62. Camper



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Worcester County DA plans to keep focus on crime prevention in fourth term

WORCESTER — District Attorney Joseph D. Early Jr. took the oath of office for the fourth time last Thursday and said he plans to continue his focus on crime prevention in his new term.

“One of the things I’m most proud of is that during my 12 years in office is that we’ve had a 57 percent reduction in juvenile crime,” Mr. Early said after his swearing in. “That happened by working together with all of our partners. I’m really looking forward to continuing to work with all of our community partners over the next four years.”

Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito administered Mr. Early’s oath of office on Thursday afternoon at Jacob Hiatt Magnet Elementary School in Worcester.

Mr. Early highlighted many of the office’s prevention programs that are presented to schools across Worcester County, including an anti-bullying and cyber safety program, an evidence-based program concerning opioids for middle school students “This Is (Not) About Drugs,” and a texting and driving program for high school juniors and seniors. The office also offers other educational programming to parents and senior centers focused on prescription medication safety and scams and



frauds.

As District Attorney, Mr. Early has also expanded the use of drug forfeiture funds for prevention efforts by putting the money seized from drug dealers and back into the community in ways that support youth programming to keep kids busy around responsible adults and out of trouble.

“I’m also looking forward to continuing the work we’ve been doing to address the opioid epidemic,” Mr. Early said. “Our Opioid Task Force is more than 400 members strong and we’re constantly looking at new and innovative ways to address this issue, which claims hundreds of lives every year in Worcester

County.”

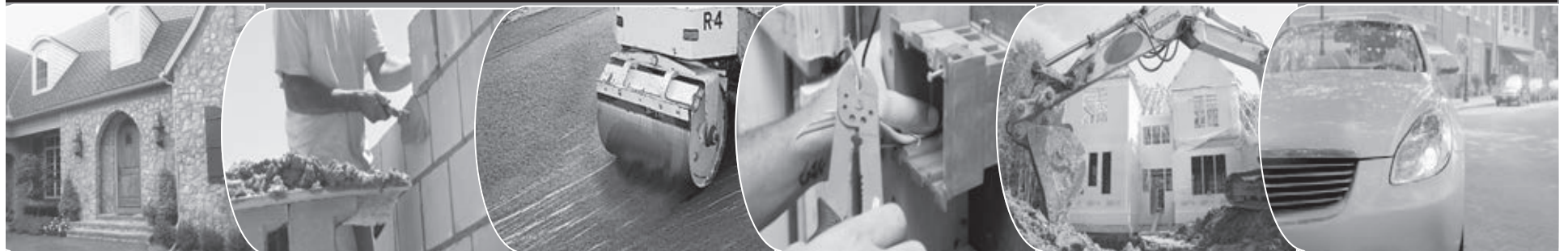
Recently, the office received a grant to expand a drug diversion program offered in Leominster, Gardner and Winchendon to additional courts in Clinton, Fitchburg and Milford. This program is one of several diversion programs offered by the District Attorney’s office. It spe-

cifically helps those suffering from substance use disorder get the help they need while avoiding a criminal record that could hinder their ability to lead a productive life in recovery.

“I want to thank the voters in Worcester County for allowing me to serve four more years and I’d like to thank my family, my wife Judy,

our five children, my mother and my late father, Congressman Joseph D. Early, and the many friends who have supported me and got me started in public service,” Mr. Early said. “I’d also like to thank my staff for continuing to work to uphold our mission to keep our communities safe.”

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These winning tomatoes were tested nationally by All-America Selections (AAS), a non-profit plant trialing organization (all-americaelections.org). Volunteer judges evaluated the plants for flavor, improved performance, growth habit, productivity, or pest resistance in the garden. Only superior, new, non-GMO varieties receive the AAS winner's title.

Include a few Firefly plants when looking for the perfect snacking and salad tomato. It's smaller than a cherry and larger than a currant tomato; just the right size to pop in your mouth without embarrassment. The extremely sweet pale white to pale yellow fruit will stand out in the garden, on the relish tray or in a salad.

Join the foodie trend by growing the slightly larger striped Red Torch tomato. The one-and-a-half-inch oblong fruit are red with thin yellow stripes. Enjoy an early harvest and eat Red Torch tomatoes fresh from the garden or cooked into a sweet and sour cherry tomato sauce to serve on bread or over

chicken and other vegetables.

Boost your early harvest season with Valentine grape tomatoes. You'll enjoy the vivid deep red color and sweet flavor. Plus, this productive plant provides plenty of tomatoes for snacking, salads and to share with friends.

Add some purple to the mix with Midnight Snack. This cherry tomato ripens to red with a blush of glossy black-purple. Judges declared Midnight Snack a big improvement in the flavor of purple tomatoes.

Pot up one or more Patio Choice tomatoes for your patio, deck or tabletop. Each compact 18-inch plant produces up to 100 yellow cherry tomatoes. Just one fruit-covered plant in a decorative pot creates as colorful a centerpiece as a bouquet of yellow flowers.

Don't forget to add Red Racer cocktail tomatoes to the mix. The fruit are about the size of ping pong balls and perfect for stuffing, flavorful enough for salads and hearty enough for soups and stews.

Dress up your salads, sauces and sandwiches with colorful tomato slices. The six Chef's Choice tomato varieties provide a rainbow of colors for the relish tray. Guests will have trouble deciding between the red, orange, pink, yellow, green and now black-fruited varieties. These beefsteak tomatoes have the right balance between sugar and acid; perfect for eating fresh and cooking.

Consider mixing any of these winning tomato varieties in with your ornamental plants. A few tomatoes tucked into mixed borders or at the back of a flowerbed can add color, texture and interest to any landscape.



Courtesy Photo
All-America Selections

All-America Selections judges declared the unique Midnight Black cherry tomato a big improvement in the flavor of purple tomatoes.

Just be sure there's easy access for harvesting and use decorative obelisks and towers to support taller varieties in style.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 garden-

ing books, including *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything"* gardening DVD series and the nationally syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment* TV & radio segments.

Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and was commissioned by AAS for her expertise to write this article. Myers' Web site is www.melindamyers.com.

Readers Share Tips and Tricks

The new year is here and with it comes a fresh resolve to reach our goals. While some vows are lofty, it's often the little, everyday hassles that often get in the way of crossing off our list of accomplishments. Thanks to readers who took to the time to share their strategies to save time, money and stress, thus eliminating a few of the little nuisances in life!

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Hard water is hard to deal with! Thankfully, this reader did her research and discovered an effective cure for the telltale stains that hard water leaves behind:

This tip addresses how to remove hard water ring around toilet. If you have a hard water ring around the toilet that resists bleach, CLR, or any other chemical method, try the Pumie toilet bowl ring remover (#TBR-6 available on Amazon.com and possibly Ace hardware stores).

The Pumie is a rectangular piece of pumice stone on plastic handle. Brush the bowl first with a standard toilet bowl cleaner and then scrub the hard water ring in a circular motion with the Pumie. It does make a horrible scratching sound when you scrub but no damage is done to the porcelain surface.

The results are magical and in no time it will rid your toilet bowl of rust and lime build-up through gentle abrasive action. Also it is all-natural so it is safe around children and pets.

The cost is about \$9 for one item and it will last quite a while depending on the water hardness.

Cathy Buonomo
Brookfield, Mass.

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This reader's clever tip uses common sense ingenuity to solve a daily nuisance:

When no one is around to help me clasp my bracelets, I've discovered an easy solution. I scotch tape the "ring end" onto my wrist, leaving the ring exposed, then I can open the clasp with my free hand and hook onto the ring without having trouble "connecting." The ring is not a moving target!

The scotch tape is easily, painlessly removed and you're off and running, wearing a bracelet.

Janis Nelson
Charlton, Mass.



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Hi Karen, my fiancé lives in Webster and I live in Rhode Island. Every weekend when I get to his house I look forward to reading your tips and hints. My tip is: every year I save the Christmas cards I receive and the following year I tear off the front, fold in half, cut size, and use as name gift tags on gifts. They look so pretty and I save money buying tags.

Lorraine Suzman
N Providence, R.I.

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This reader shares a great way to update your address book with little effort:

New cards and new addresses came in with the Christmas card this year. In addition to cutting off the address label,

I put the new date year on it and tape it in my address book. In addition, I wrote inside each Christmas card their new address or phone and will store them after the holidays.

This way, I have a hard copy of the address updates.

Viola Bramel
Northbridge, Mass.

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Prize Winner
Congratulations to Lorraine Suzman, whose name was drawn for dinner for two at the Publick House. She submitted the recycling tip above.

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

Safe ice brings anglers out in force



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Finally, we have some safe ice on most ponds in the valley, allowing anglers the opportunity to do some fishing. This past weekend, many anglers were fishing with friends and family, and some impressive fish were caught. Last week, prior to the storm, this writer and my brother Ken fished Manchaug Pond and after a couple of hours of fishing, not a single fish was caught. We were using only Jig sticks, but it is the first time that I can remember not catching a single fish.

This past week, I attended the monthly meeting of the Worcester County League of Sportsmen's Clubs which was held at the Singletary Rod & Gun club in Oxford Mass.

Being a delegate for close to 50 years for numerous clubs in the valley, I decided to attend the meeting to see if it still works the same from years ago. Meeting a lot of old friends like Mel Crouse, now in his 90's and still hunting, was indeed a pleasure. Mel & his brother still hunt together and harvested a nice buck in Maine a couple of years ago. They stayed close together, and when they both spotted the buck at the same time they decided to try firing at the same time. The buck dropped in his tracks.

They both managed to drag the big buck out of the woods. They do not make many guys like this anymore.

I also had a chance to speak to Mike Moss, a long time member of the league and president of the Sportsmen's council. He and his wife, Shelia Moss, are both active in both organizations. A lot of the old members were no longer there, and I was told that many were deceased. It sure makes you realize how lucky some of us are to still be involved in the

activities of the league, and in the hunting and fishing activities that we enjoy every year. Both organizations have been working for sportsmen's interest for many years, and are dedicated to keep sportsmen's interest represented in the statehouse and with Mass. Fish & Wildlife. Unfortunately, they have not been successful in getting MF&W and the legislators to pass a Sunday Hunting Bill or a crossbow bill that would allow anyone to hunt with a crossbow in Massachusetts.

A couple of local sportsmen were at the meeting, and inquired about having the Division acquire another shipment of shoal spawning alewives (bait fish) into Wallum lake and Webster Lake. When the alewives were introduced to the lake for the first time 20 or 30 years ago, the trout grew rapidly, and catching a four pound trot from wallum was a weekly or daily event. The officials at the meeting did not seem interested in the idea. The sportsmen



vowed to pursue the matter, in hopes of changing their minds. Stay tuned! Change does not come easy in Mass. The Singletary Rod & Gun Club put on a great roast pork dinner for all in attendance. It was a Humdinger!

I also spoke with a Singletary club member that was heading

to Nantucket Island to hunt rabbits the following week. He stated that rabbit hunting on the Island was great. He did not have his own beagles, but he had a fellow hunter that was taking him out for a rabbit hunt. Unfortunately, the briar

CLASSROOM CORNER

Quintan McKeogh of Leicester to serve in Baltimore during winter break on Assumption College SEND trip

WORCESTER — Some students spend the winter break relaxing and preparing for the spring semester. Others chose to engage in compassionate service, sacrificing their winter break to help those in need in communities across the country and the world.

Quintan McKeogh, of Leicester, Class of 2021, spent the break on one of Assumption College's SEND Service Immersion Trips. McKeogh was a member of the group that traveled to Baltimore. Through the Urban Plunge Retreat, Catholic Charities provided students with an opportunity to provide care and services to improve the lives of Marylanders in need. Throughout the week, students served meals in a soup kitchen, spent time with people at an emergency shelter, and learned to cherish the dignity in all.

As part of the College's Campus Ministry Office's SEND Service

Immersion Program, established in 1986, the students-accompanied by faculty, staff or alumni-directly impact communities through volunteer work. SEND participants bond with fellow peers, faculty, staff, and alumni while working side-by-side to rebuild neighborhoods, gain new cultural perspective, and engage in prayer activities that reflect on ideals rooted in the Assumptionist tradition. SEND has collaborated with organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, Romero Center Ministries, Catholic Charities, and Rostro de Cristo Ministry.

During winter break, five groups of students spent time in the communities of Baltimore, Md.; Camden, N.J.; Tuscaloosa, Ala.; and Duran, Ecuador. In addition to winter break, students also have the opportunity to participate in SEND trips as part of an alternative spring break in March-in which they

will head to Baltimore; Georgetown, Del.; Immokalee, Fla.; Norristown, Pa.; Trenton, N.J.; and Washington, D.C., or during the summer by volunteering in Pine Ridge, S.D.

The SEND Immersion Program instills in each participant a mission to serve, which is at the core of Assumption's foundations in the Catholic Tradition. Learn more about Assumption's robust Campus Ministry program by visiting <http://www.assumption.edu/campus-life/campus-ministry>.

Founded in 1904 by the Augustinians of the Assumption in Worcester, Mass., Assumption College is a Catholic liberal arts institution that offers undergraduate students 35 majors and 47 minors in the liberal arts, sciences, business, and professional studies; as well as master's and continuing education degrees and professional certificate programs-each through an educational experience that

is grounded in the rich Catholic intellectual tradition. The curriculum enables students to gain a depth and breadth of knowledge that leads to professional success and personal fulfillment. Students-whether on the Worcester campus or at the College's Rome, Italy, campus-become engaged participants in Assumption's classic liberal arts education, exploring new ideas and making connections across disciplines. To prepare for the workforce, students learn cutting-edge theory and best practices, conduct innovative research, and develop excellent communication and critical-analysis skills. Assumption graduates are also known for their thoughtful citizenship and compassionate service to their community. For more information about Assumption College, please visit www.assumption.edu.

WORCESTER STATE UNIVERSITY DEAN'S LIST

WORCESTER — The following Spencer area students have been named to Worcester State University's Dean's List for the Fall semester 2019.

Brookfield
Benjamin L. Anderson, Joshua A. Bolduc, Jesse M. Fimian, Tiffany J. Perron, Mia E. Wilbur

East Brookfield
Caitlyn A. Bean, James E. Joyce, Julia E. Joyce,

Constance C. Morgan-Poirier

Leicester
Shelby E. Ayres, Hawraa h. Chreim, Douglas E. Dillon, Erin R. Doherty, Stephanie H. Dryden, Rhiannon L. Dugan, Rose M. Grady, Jordan D. Green, Efstathia Kapoukranidis, Konstantina Kapoukranidis, Judy Le, Rebecca A. Lulu, Anthony M. Madonna, Cameron S. McCormack, Trevor V. Mott, Meagan M. Perro, Judith A.

Roy, Jaymi-Lyn Souza

North Brookfield
Kaitlynn M. Bishop, Brodin P. Coughlin, Tyler J. Davis, Erica R. Gilman, Kalie E. Harding, Dakota R. Kinerth, Emily C. Lavin, Madison J. Parker, Megan M. Quigley, Andrew T. Shays, Tory E. Zaluskas

Northbridge
Vanessa L. Babiy, Kristin L. Blair, Jessica C. Carneiro,

Mary E. Doyle, Derek W. Mendes, Cameron J. Richards, Michelle D. Rivas, Adam Solloway, Patrick D. Sweeney

Spencer
Jillian E. Anderson, Colby S. Brennan, Lilly A. Brochu, Taylor A. Butler, Emily R. Charbonneau, Haley E. Deane, Brooke E. Dionne, Michael J. Dow, Eric R. Fyrberg, Melissa Girouard, Michael J. Guertin, Kristen E. Huston, Brian R. Jorritsma, Jessica L. Lascom,

Samuel J. Legasey, Richard W. Mayne, Jennifer M. Morrissey, Elizabeth A. Pedone, Samantha R. Sousa, Julie L. Wyman

West Brookfield
Michaela L. Dupuis, Monica S. Greenlaw, Brittany M. Herring, Christopher A. Jackson, Ian J. Merry, Tabbatha R. Prescott

Local students named to Dean's List at University of New Haven

WEST HAVEN, Conn. — The following students were named to the Dean's List at the University of New Haven for the fall, 2018.

North Brookfield
Emily Ducharme, College of Arts and Sciences, Bachelor of Science, Nutrition and Dietetics

Spencer
Ashley Bauckman, Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice and Forensic Studies — Bachelor of Science, Criminal Justice; Karl Doane, Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice and Forensic Studies — Bachelor of Science in National Security Studies and Criminal Justice.

About the University of New Haven

The University of New Haven, founded on the Yale campus in 1920, is a private, coeducational university situated on the coast of southern New England. It's a diverse and vibrant community of more than 7,000 students, with campuses around the country and around the world. Within our colleges and schools, students immerse themselves in a transformative, career-focused education across the liberal arts and sciences, fine arts, business, engineering, healthcare, public safety, and public service. We offer more than 100 academic programs, all grounded in a long-standing commitment to collaborative, interdisciplinary, project-based learning. Information is available at www.newhaven.edu.

SAINT ANSELM COLLEGE RELEASES DEAN'S LIST Local students named to Dean's List for Fall 2018 Semester

MANCHESTER — Saint Anselm College has released the Dean's List of high academic achievers for the first semester of the 2018-2019 school year. To be eligible for this honor, a student must have achieved a grade point average of 3.2 or better in the semester with at least 12 credits of study which award a letter grade. A total of 688 students representing 25 states received this honor. Mark W. Cronin, Dean of the College, announced that the following students have been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2018 semester at Saint Anselm College, Manchester.

Spencer
Magdalen Paul, Class of 2022, Nursing
Sarah St. Germain, Class of 2021, Psychology
Nicholas St. Germain, Class of 2010, Criminal Justice

Leicester Women's Club accepting scholarship applications

LEICESTER — The Leicester Women's Club will award \$500 scholarships to three Leicester residents who will graduate from high school in 2019.

Also, this year, three \$500 scholarships will be awarded by the Swan family to students majoring in nursing in memory of Elizabeth Swan.

Applications are available at your local Guidance office. Any Leicester resident graduating from high school in the spring of 2019 is eligible.

Applications must be submitted by April 1.

Jennifer Joubert graduates from Roger Williams University

BRISTOL, R.I. — Roger Williams University is proud to announce that Jennifer Joubert, of Spencer graduated with a B.S. in Biology in December 2018.

About RWU

With campuses on the coast of Bristol and in the heart of Providence, R.I., Roger Williams University is a forward-thinking private university committed to strengthening society through engaged teaching and learning. At RWU, small classes, direct access to faculty and guaranteed opportunity for real-world projects ensure that its nearly 4,000 undergraduates - along with hundreds of law students, graduate stu-

dents and adult learners - graduate with the ability to think critically along with the practical skills that today's employers demand. Roger Williams is leading the way in American higher education, confronting the most pressing issues facing students and families - increasing costs, rising debt and job readiness.

Erin Lowkes named to Dean's List at Quinnipiac

EAST BROOKFIELD — Erin Lowkes of East Brookfield was named to the Dean's List at Quinnipiac University, Hamden, Conn. for the Fall 2018 semester. Erin is a junior in the Radiologic Sciences program.

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Small gestures, big results

Never doubt how much a simple, kind word or gesture means.

Imagine a typical Monday morning scenario - some traffic, a few minor annoyances, misplaced files and other “Monday things.” Maybe it’s also raining. A very “Monday” kind of day, for sure. You stop for coffee.

As you wait in line, you mentally began running down the list of bad things already piling up in your morning. When it is time to pay, the woman at the counter makes eye contact, smiles and tells you she hopes you’ll have a good day. She really seems to mean it.

You leave the shop with your coffee, a smile on your face and a feeling of appreciation for that cashier and her expression of kindness. The day already starts to look up. Small gestures really do matter.

Our world loves to celebrate and reward big gestures – remember the Walmart stories from December, when athletes and other celebrities secretly paid off the balances for customers with items in layaway? The big gesture gets recognition and celebration and lots of media coverage. Sometimes the big gesture deserves that kind of attention – people helping one another in a big way IS big news, and very good news. We need more of that.

But what about the small things? Don’t they deserve recognition somehow? The cashier’s smile and wish for your day would only take a fraction of a minute, but it could turn around another person’s mood and possibly his or her day.

Holding the door – anyone for anybody – is another small gesture that reminds us that more than anything else, we need to treat each other well. How about letting the person with fewer items get in line in front of you at the grocery store? That small act of kindness just might allow that person to arrive somewhere on time, instead of a few minutes late. Leaving a few extra quarters in the parking meter might help someone who’s caught short of change. And a smile and nod to anyone you pass just might lift someone’s mood, as that hypothetical cashier’s would do.

Do these gestures get media coverage? No. And most aren’t done for that purpose anyway. Do we know that our small gestures make an impact? Not always. But knowing the outcome isn’t the point.

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To the Editor:

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The politics of denial

To the Editor:

A recent poll showed that 57 percent of Americans would not support President Trump in 2020. Initially, I found that encouraging before I remembered that 54 percent didn’t support him in 2018. After all of this, he’s only lost three points? Are any of the 2016 deplorables paying attention?

President Trump’s apparent political invincibility is simply baffling. It got me thinking, what could possibly explain the resiliency of his support? As it turns out, science can help us make sense of the president’s seemingly political invincibility. As he himself said even before he won the presidential election, “I could stand in the middle of 5th Avenue and shoot somebody and I wouldn’t lose voters.” Unfortunately for the American people, this wild-sounding claim appears to be truer than not. It should also motivate us to explore the science underlying such peculiar human behavior, so we can learn from it, and potentially inoculate against it.

In all fairness, we should recognize that lying is sadly not uncommon for politicians on both sides of the political aisle, but the frequency and magnitude of the current President’s lies should have us all wondering why they haven’t destroyed his political career, and instead perhaps strengthened it. Similarly, we should be asking why his inflammatory rhetoric and numerous scandals haven’t sunk him. We are talking about a man who was caught on tape saying, “When you’re a star, they let you do it. You can do anything. Grab them by the -----.” Politically surviving that video is not normal, or anything close to it, and such a revelation would likely have been the end of Barack Obama or George Bush had it surfaced weeks before the election.

While dozens of psychologists have analyzed Trump, to explain the man’s political invincibility, it is more important to understand the minds of his staunch supporters. While various popular articles have illuminated a multitude of reasons for his unwavering support, there appears to be no comprehensive analysis that contains all of them. The psychological phenomena described below mostly pertain to those supporters who would follow Trump off a cliff. These are the people who will stand by his side no matter what scandals come to light, or what sort of evidence for immoral and illegal behavior surfaces.

For some, practicality trumps morality –

end justifies the means. Think of the rich people who want a tax cut no matter the consequences, the blue collar people who believe his claim that he will bring jobs back from China, believe wages will be higher if we restrict immigration, etc. To them it is irrelevant if he sexually assaults, tells the truth about anything, follows the law, or if Russia installed him.

Next, some people just want to watch the world burn. Some people are supporting Trump to be rebellious or introduce chaos into the political system. These people may have other issues such as an innate desire to troll others or an obsession with schadenfreude.

Trump supporters often have relative deprivation, or a misguided sense of entitlement. Trump’s conspiracy theories target the mentally vulnerable, which until now was unheard of for somebody in such a position of power and prominence.

Trump taps into this nation’s collective narcissism. Collective narcissism is an unrealistic shared belief in the greatness of one’s national group. It often occurs when a group who believes it represents the ‘true identity’ of a nation, the “in” group — in this case, White Americans — perceives itself as being disadvantaged compared to outgroups who are getting ahead of them ‘unrightfully.’ Many Trump supporters have a desire to dominate others by targeting those with “Social Dominance Orientation,” and in the extreme case, those with authoritarian personalities themselves.

Of course, we can’t forget racism and bigotry which has been a part of the Republican Party since Nixon’s “southern strategy,” and of which much has been written.

One overlooked reason for continued support of President Trump is more of a defense mechanisms than anything else. Defense mechanisms operate at an unconscious level to help ward off unpleasant feelings – like the feeling of being wrong or helping usher in something terrible. Denial involves blocking external events from awareness and refusing to experience reality. It is unpleasant to think you are part of the problem so you refuse to admit to yourself what you’ve done – and the only way to do that is continue supporting Trump.

DAVID ROSENBERG
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Thank you for your Mitten Tree donations

To the Editor:

Thanks to all who donated to the Mitten Trees at the Spencer Town Hall. Because of your kindness and generosity, a total of 35 pairs of mittens, 11 hats and nine hat & mitten sets were donated to the children

of the Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District.

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Are you prepared for a natural disaster?



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The year ahead offers new opportunities and experiences. But as you make plans throughout 2019, be mindful of the things that can derail those plans – such as the natural disasters that affected so many families in 2018. Every area around the country is subject to natural disasters, whether they’re wildfires, hurricanes or tornadoes. How can you prepare for them?

Here are a few suggestions:

Maintain adequate insurance. It’s a good idea to review your homeowners’ insurance at least annually to ensure it’s still providing the protection you need. And make sure you know exactly what your policy covers in terms of natural disasters. You’ll also want to review your life and disability insurance regularly. And, of course, you’ll want to stay current on your premiums for all your policies.

Keep a record of your possessions. The insurance claims process will be much easier if you take the time, before a natural disaster occurs, to photograph or videotape the contents of your home. You also might want to list the brands and serial numbers of appliances and electronics.

Know your passwords. It’s important to have ready access to the passwords for your financial accounts. You may be able to memorize them, but, if not, keep them somewhere – perhaps in your smartphone – that you can access anywhere. It’s always possible that a natural disaster will strike so quickly that you can’t even grab your phone, so, to be extra cautious, you might want to share your passwords with a trusted family member or friend. (Even then, though, you may want to change your passwords every so often.)

Build an emergency fund. During or following a natural disaster, you may need ready access to cash to cover some of the essentials of daily living, such as food and shelter. Keeping a lot of cash in your home may not be such a great plan, especially if you have to evacuate quickly. Consequently, you might want to create an emergency fund containing three to six months’ worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a low-risk, liquid and highly accessible account at a local bank or with your financial services provider.

Protect your documents. These days, many of your important financial materials, such as your investment statements, are available online, so they’re likely safe from any disaster. But you may still have some items, such as checkbooks, birth certificates, passports, Social Security cards, insurance policies and estate planning documents (i.e., will, living trust, etc.) on paper. Even if some or all of these things could eventually be replaced, it would take time and effort. You’re better off protecting them beforehand, possibly by keeping them in a safety deposit box at a local bank.

Save your receipts. You’ll want to save receipts for repairs and temporary lodging to submit to your insurance company. If you are not fully reimbursed for these expenses, they may be tax deductible, though you’ll need to consult with your tax advisor to be certain.

If you’re fortunate, you’ll never have to face a natural disaster that threatens your home and possessions. But it never hurts to be ready – just in case.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Trump Strong

To the Editor:

I am one of the people whom the progressives call “deplorable” because I voted for Trump. I will vote for him again.

We finally have a leader who is willing to stand up to the progressives in both parties whose goal is for a new world order. Our last President went around the world apologizing and trying to make amends for the alleged past errors of our country.

Trump, our pro-life President, loves our country, and as our leader, wants to keep us safe by securing the border. The progressives in both parties are refusing to fund a wall on the border. However, it has appropriated \$32 billion to other countries to advance the

mass killing of the unborn all over the world. Apparently, it is not enough that millions of babies are killed in the womb in this country. The killing of children in this country is also done with our tax dollars.

Congress refuses to spend \$5 billion to build a wall to secure our country, but will appropriate \$32 billion to advance the culture of death around the world. This is a tragedy.

I pray for our President that God gives him the strength to bear the attacks on him every day. We now stand between America and the darkness.

God bless President Trump.
Trump Strong!

EILEEN McTIERNAN
SPENCER

STUDENTS

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Mattei is representing her hometown of East Brookfield, while Sadusky serves as Spencer’s ambassador. Sadusky has been heavily involved in volunteer projects at his church, Mary Queen of the Rosary Parish, and he was looking forward to helping out in Boston.

“I love giving back. It’s very fun to work with younger students,” Sadusky said of his church volunteerism.

Mattei also enjoys working with youngsters. Last summer, she served as a counselor at a West Brookfield Elementary School camp.

“It was fun getting to know the kids, and they really looked up to us. It was an awesome experience,” Mattei said.

Both students were looking forward to meeting kids from throughout the state who share their passion. After an opening ceremony, Project 351 ambassadors split up into groups and took part in service day projects. The initiative benefits several organizations, including Cradles to Crayons, the Greater

Boston Food Bank, the Mass. Military Heroes Fund, and the Martin Richard Foundation, among others.

“I was a little surprised to be chosen for this. It should be a lot of fun,” Sadusky said.

Outside of school, Mattei enjoys snowmobiling and being a member of a local dance studio’s team. Sadusky is a member of travel basketball and soccer teams. Both students are looking forward to taking part in leadership projects throughout the year connected to Project 351. They will also have a chance to serve as mentors to future students chosen for the project.

For KTMS teachers, it’s always fun to talk with Project 351 students after they return from Boston. The kids not only have great memories of volunteering, but they also meet new friends from across the state.

“It’s amazing how well organized everything is. They do a great job of putting it all together,” Parliment said.

To learn more about Project 351 and the annual service day initiative, visit www.Project351.org.

Conservative Christians will bring atheism

To the Editor:

Atheism is coming to America, and it is conservative Christians who are bringing it here. During the Nazi period, around 95 percent of Germans identified as Christian. But today, just a little more than 75 years later, almost 60 percent of Germans identify as either non-religious or atheist. What happened?

On the surface, it might seem that atheists infiltrated society and persuaded Germans to dismiss or reject God. But there is little evidence to support this interpretation. More likely is the following: Hitler and the Nazis were self-described conservative Christians. When Hitler first came to power he declared in a speech: “It is Christians and not international atheists who now stand at the head of Germany.” It was through their conservative version of Christianity that Hitler and the Nazis were able to make the case for criminalizing, violating, and eventually exterminating Jews, Gays, Gypsies, Immigrants, and many Others. Germans today know what a fanatical version of conservative Christianity can lead to (not all versions of Christianity lead to horrific behavior), which, in part, explains why so many contemporary Germans reject God and religion.

I don’t believe that Trump will do in America what Hitler did in Germany, but the overwhelming support for Trump by conservative Christians will lead, I believe, to the same cultural transformation in America that occurred in Germany. Many (and I even believe a majority of) Americans will eventually say: “Look at Trump and his conservative Christian base. These people support perpetual lying, belittling the disabled, criminalizing immigrants, degrading women and

minorities, supporting white supremacists, and so much more. In good conscience, not only must I reject Trump, but I must also reject the conservative version of Christianity of which he is a part.”

Several local authors such as Mr. Graham, Mr. McRae, Mr. Dubois, Mr. Blais, and Mr. Reed can be thought of as our local contingent convincing young people (if they read print media) why they should reject the fairy tales of their parents. Mr. Blais’ letter of Jan. 18 is typical of American Christian conservative trope – misuse the word “freedom” to refer to his specific brand of theocratic and anti-democratic authoritarianism. Freedom is an interesting word in the sense that true American patriots such as myself view freedom as being free FROM religion and specifically free from your religion, whoever you may be, and whatever you are trying to shove down my throat. Christians such as Mr. Blais seem to be fighting for their “freedom to impose on others.” The most bizarre part of the Jan. 18 letter is contrasting Christianity with socialism. Socialism is an economic system which all countries have to some level, including the United States. We do have public roads and public schools after all. Describing socialism as opposed to Christians indicates a lack of understanding of both.

In 30 years from now, when people ask the question, “who killed God in America,” the answer will not be “the atheists.” It will be the conservative Christians who supported Trump.

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SPORTS

Defense leads to offense for victorious David Prouty vs. Indians



Gabby Soter of David Prouty follows through upon the release of her midrange jump shot.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

SPENCER — In its game with visiting North Brookfield High, the David Prouty Regional girls' varsity basketball team employed a stifling defense to force 31 turnovers and then turned many of those miscues into easy baskets in a lopsided 55-11 victory Tuesday, Jan. 15, at Edward R. McDonough Gymnasium.

With the win, their third in a row, the Panthers improved to 4-5. The Indians fell to 4-6 with the loss.

No fewer than 14 of David Prouty's 22 field goals came on layups or follow-up shots, many of the layups being of the fast-break variety as a result of one of the many steals the Panthers recorded in the game.

Sophomore Jenna Petruzzi and freshman Gabby Soter each recorded double-doubles, Petruzzi scoring 12 points and grabbing 10 rebounds while Soter scored 11 points and made 10 steals. Soter also found time to record four assists. Senior Brooke Pepin tied Petruzzi for game-high scoring hon-



Lyndsey Schimmelpenninck of North Brookfield keeps the ball away from David Prouty's defense while attempting a shot.



David Prouty's Aisha Perez tries to get an inside edge on the defense to get closer to the basket.



North Brookfield's Serenity Ayala lofts a layup toward the basket.

ors with 12, and also recorded four rebounds, a steal and an assist.

After the game David Prouty's tenacious defense was a hot topic of conversation.

"I'm very focused on playing good team defense. When I played I tried to be a good defensive player, but I wasn't as quick as my players are," Panthers' head coach Johanna Annunziata said. "We have some athletic girls on our team. Just teaching them the fundamentals of defense is one thing, but it's their speed and their talent that gets them there. I love watching a defensive-minded team; I like watching UConn and seeing how in sync they are. Defense is what I pride myself on. The offense will come, that's what I keep telling the girls, but the defense is what makes a team."

Pepin said the focus each and every day, be it in practices or games, is on playing sound team defense.

"Defense is everything to coach. She doesn't care how many points you score. She cares about how many stops and steals and tips you get," said Pepin, a David Prouty team captain alongside Kylie Soter. "We're definitely working well as a team. I think a lot of the team activities that we do is really working well on the court for us."

In addition to the team's dedication to playing 32 minutes of defense every night, Pepin was also excited about something else following the victory.

"We've never won four games in a season during my career and we're not even at the halfway point of the season yet; we're playing better than we ever have," Pepin said. "If we can get to .500 that would be huge."

Annunziata said the team is completely on board with her belief that if a team plays good defense for the entire game, the offense will take care of itself.

"They aren't worried about the points," Annunziata said. "They've seen that the points will come if we play good defense."

Also scoring for David Prouty were juniors Aisha Perez and Erin Parenteau, who scored seven points each, Kylie Soter, who added five points, and freshman Serena Wallace, who scored two

points to go along with her six rebounds.

The Panthers, who scored the first eight points of the game, led at all the stops: 12-2 after the first quarter; 33-7 at halftime; and 46-9 after three periods.

Leading the way for North Brookfield was freshman Serenity Ayala, who scored four points. Senior Sydney Messenger added three points while junior Lyndsey Schimmelpenninck and freshman Rebecca Miner scored two points apiece.

"This was probably our worst game of the season; our passing was horrible," Indians' head coach Lyndsey Bennett said. "They have a very good defense; they came out very strong on us tonight. We weren't expecting that. We didn't handle the pressure at all. I don't know what our problem was tonight other than their defense."



Brooke Pepin of David Prouty eludes numerous North Brookfield defenders on her drive to the basket.



North Brookfield's Sydney Messenger races down the court while dribbling the ball.

SPORTS

Northbridge nearly loses lead, then pulls away to take down Wolverines



Nick Ethier photos
Leicester's Riley Brunelle takes and makes a midrange jump shot.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

NORTHBRIDGE — Although the Northbridge High girls' varsity basketball team never lost its lead versus Leicester High at the Veterans Memorial Field House on Thursday, Jan. 17, they certainly came close. The Rams led the Wolverines, 21-12, after the opening quarter and by a 36-25 count at half-time, but, by the end of the third period, Leicester had battled back to make it a two-point game, 38-36.

"The exact quote I gave to the team, with a little energy, I said, 'We are playing not to lose



Emily Fontaine of Leicester works the ball into the lane on Northbridge's Ally Boucher.

the game instead of playing to win the game," explained Northbridge head coach Matt Gauthier as the team took to the court for the fourth quarter.

The Rams then embarked on a 15-2 run and eventually won the scoring total in the final frame, 18-10, to win a 56-46 decision.

Gauthier remembered looking at senior co-captains Jackie Puda and Kelly Moran as the fourth quarter began, imploring them to play like the leaders that they are.

"This is the time for senior captains to take over the game and make sure that we all settle down," he said.

When asked if Puda and Moran got the message, Gauthier said, "They absolutely did."

Puda hit a pair of free throws and knocked down a 3-pointer

in the fourth quarter, as she finished with 15 points. And Moran pulled down a game-high 9 rebounds.

Gauthier was also impressed with the play of sophomore Hannah Lomonaco, who scored 9 points in the fourth and finished with a game-high 20 points, and sophomore Ally Boucher.

"She came in and got to the free throw line, she was getting offensive rebounds and she was playing great D," Gauthier said of Boucher, whose minutes played total was low but her energy level was high. "There's a sophomore who doesn't play as much as some of the others, but she was the spark in that fourth quarter that got us to get going. She was everything tonight."

Boucher made both of her free throw attempts and corralled 8 rebounds.



Leicester's Jenna Soden gets ahead of a Northbridge defender while going in for a layup.

Northbridge is now 9-2, but the win was in doubt after that third quarter, which Gauthier attributed to Leicester's strong shooting display.

"They shot the ball very well tonight. We had people in their faces and Fontaine and Dufries shot the ball very well tonight," said Gauthier.

Senior Emily Fontaine and sophomore Alexa Dufries led the Wolverines with 11 and 13 points, respectively. Fontaine made an off-balance 3-pointer to beat the second quarter buzzer to keep her team within striking distance. She then opened the third quarter with another 3 to keep the momentum going out of the locker room. Dufries scored in all four quarters, mostly from the mid-range distance and in.

Leicester head coach Dave Padavano admitted that his team struggled in the early going before turning it on in the second half.

"They're a very well-coached team, Northbridge, they're a very quick team, they're a very guard-oriented team and we had difficulty staying with them in the first half," said Padavano. "We changed defenses, we made some shots and we took better care of the ball [in the second half]. We fight, fight, fight right to the end."

While the Wolverines are now 7-3 and have a pair of losses against Southern Worcester County League A Division opponents — Leicester resides in SWCL B but is trying to "take it to the next level," according to Padavano — they believe that they can continue to win games as the season heads into the second half.

"I cannot be any happier with how they played tonight — we had them," said Padavano. "We play like that, we're going to be successful the rest of the way."

Rockets — behind Slade's four goals — win wild affair with Nashoba, 6-3



Auburn's Billy Erikson prepares to rifle a shot on net.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

AUBURN — In a game that saw it all at the Horgan Rink on Saturday, Jan. 19 — fresh with major penalties, a hat trick and everything in between — the Auburn High boys' varsity ice hockey team emerged victorious in its matchup with Nashoba Regional, 6-3.

The Rockets, whose co-op includes players from Tantasqua Regional and Shepherd Hill Regional, saw themselves down a pair of players as they had to kill off a five-on-three penalty as they trailed, 3-2, head-

ing into the third period. But Auburn killed it off, the Rockets tied it up, Slade then scored his third goal — the eventual game-winner — and he finished with four courtesy of an empty netter.

"These games have been like that all year, teams beating each other up. That's our 10th game and I bet you five or six of them have been like that," said Auburn head coach Glen Bombard, whose team improved to 7-3 and have won all of their "wild" games. "I don't know what it is, but that's just the way the games have been going.

"We can't be taking

stupid penalties," added Bombard. "The referees have been calling things correctly, they've been doing an excellent job."

With Slade in the penalty box because of a five-minute boarding penalty, the Chieftains broke a 2-2 tie with 15.3 seconds to play in the second period. Auburn's Adam Lanier was then called for a five-minute major penalty himself, as Nashoba looked to add to its lead in the third.

But the Chieftains picked up a pair of minor penalties themselves, forcing a three-on-three situation. There, the Rockets' Cam Dungey



Nick Ethier photos
Anthony List of Auburn carries the puck and skates toward Nashoba's net.

tied the score at 3-3 just three minutes into the period. Anthony List assisted on the goal. Then, with Slade freshly out of the box, he snapped a goal bar-down with 10:29 to play, giving Auburn a 4-3 lead.

"Ry doesn't get many penalties," Bombard said of Slade. "He's one of our better players and I don't even have to say anything to him because it doesn't happen often. He's going to do what he can to make up for it."

"I knew I put my team behind the eight ball because five minutes is a long kill, especially in a 15-minute period," added Slade. "I just wanted to contribute so bad because I feel like I hurt my team. I said, 'I'm going to get you guys back.'"

Slade knew just how important it was for his team to kill off he and Lanier's penalties.

"I think that's the game right there because

if they get one or two [goals] there the game's over," he said.

"That was huge," Bombard added of the killing of the penalties. "Those seven guys that we used in that five minutes did an unbelievable job killing that off."

With no more penalties taking place, the Rockets and Chieftains were now skating five-on-five. Auburn's Caleb Mackin made it a 5-3 game with 2:36 left when he scored off a feed from Joel Miller, who won a one-on-one battle with a Nashoba defender for possession of the puck.

Slade then deposited the puck into the empty net with 1:03 to go for his first career four-goal high school game. It was already Slade's second hat trick of the season.

The game was much more competitive than the three-goal outcome, though. The Chieftains scored just 34 seconds in

and then made it 2-0 with 21.8 seconds remaining in the first period.

"For some reason that period's been killing us," Bombard said of the first. "We have to come out faster."

Slade did make it a 2-1 game with 1.3 seconds to go, though, scoring from the point with assists going to Dillon Winkelmann and Dungey.

"That's when the momentum changed," said Bombard.

Slade then tied the game at 2-2 early in the second period when he received a pass from Drew Darger, who originally got the puck from Winkelmann.

Auburn goalie Collin Winkelmann made 20 saves in net and shook off the slow start to pick up the victory.

"We have a ton of confidence in him," Bombard said. "He got better as the game went on."

SPORTS

Tantasqua starts slow, but Warriors wear down Pirates late for victory



Tantasqua's Jackson Hall releases a free throw during the first quarter versus Oxford.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

STURBRIDGE — When Oxford High's McAddai Owusu finished off a beautiful three-point play with about five minutes to play in the third quarter versus the Tantasqua Regional boys' varsity basketball team, the Pirates were on a 9-0 run to open the second half as they led, 38-26.

The Warriors were on upset watch, but Tantasqua heated up from that point forward and outscored the Pirates the rest

of the way, 43-15.

The final result was the Warriors winning a closer-than-the-final-score-indicated 69-53 decision.

"It wasn't a 16-point game at all," said Tantasqua head coach Scott Dion. "We were down three at the half [and then] they started the [second] half on a 9-0 run. We were then able to put the ball in the basket, which allowed us to set up our pressure, which gave them some trouble. We have some pretty big, long, athletic players — we slowed them down and got some steals and some run-outs. When you get layups, that then opens up the perimeter game and kids start to play with more confidence and more freely."

"We mixed up our defenses, we mixed up our offenses, we pressed at times," Oxford head coach Dave Aldrich said of what worked for his team during the first two-and-a-half quarters. "Maybe fatigue came into play."

Dion agreed that the Warriors and their numbers eventually broke down the Pirates, who routinely played only seven guys. Tantasqua has a much deeper bench, which makes sense since they are the largest school in the Southern Worcester County League (SWCL).

"We get everybody's 'A' game," said Dion of his opponents. "Our guys know that and there's a level we have to play at and we haven't reached it."

Tantasqua was nowhere near that level when Oxford led after the first quarter of play, 14-12, and at halftime, 29-26.

"We just haven't been starting games well and we're not where we need to be yet, in my opinion," said Dion before giving proper props to Owusu, who finished with a game-high 21 points. "He really hurt us

and the other kids get their points as a complement to him because of the attention he draws."

Oxford's Elijah Williams scored 11 points and Alex Duval added 10 more as the Pirates' other double-digit scorers.

"We rely on our two captains," Aldrich said of Owusu and Duval, two highly skilled guards who rarely came out of the game for a breather.

"These kids are giving me all their heart — they're working very, very hard," added Aldrich. "We've got a nice bench, but they're not quite ready for the level of the SWCL."

With Oxford tiring, Tantasqua made its move near the midway point of the third quarter. The Warriors embarked on a 16-2 run to close out the third and take a 42-40 lead into the final frame.

There, in the fourth quarter, Tantasqua continued to score, netting 22 of the first 32 points to surge ahead, 64-50. In all, four Warriors were double-digit scorers — Jackson Hall (15 points), Griffin Polga (11), Jeremiah Dingui (11) and Chase Freeland (10).

"We don't have somebody that we can rely on to go get 25 [points]. We consistently have four guys who can get in double figures," said Dion of his balanced-scoring 7-3 team who are well on their way to the Western Mass. Division 2 Tournament.

Oxford, meanwhile, dropped its fifth straight to go to 5-7 and must win five of its final seven regular season games to qualify for the Central Mass. Division 3 Tournament.

"All of this craziness and frustration will go away if we get there," concluded Aldrich, who pointed out that many of the recent losses have come at the expense of the top teams in the league.



Jeremiah Dingui of Tantasqua drives the ball into the lane on Oxford defender McAddai Owusu.



Griffin Polga of Tantasqua catches a pass out near the top of the key.

Nick Ethier photos

HIGH SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Warriors swim with Westborough, but fall short

Jan. 16

Westborough 100, Tantasqua 75 — In the Warriors' boys' meet with the Rangers, Jonah Green won the diving event to put Tantasqua in the lead. But the Warriors ultimately fell short, as Bryce Iller (50 free) and Robert Wilson of Quaboag (100 butterfly) won their respective events for Tantasqua. The Warriors' record now stands at 8-4.

Westborough 107, Tantasqua 72 — Much like the boys' meet, the girls got off to a good start as the Warriors' Lauren Butler won the diving portion. Sarah Kersting-Mumm of Oxford won the 200 freestyle for Tantasqua (6-6), but that was it as Westborough was victorious.



The Tantasqua Regional boys' and girls' swim and dive teams competed hard against Westborough High, but came up short in a meet that took place last Wednesday, Jan. 16.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 10
12:27 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 12:57 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 2:43 a.m.: parking complaint (Tanglewood Road), services rendered; 2:50 a.m.: parking complaint (Washburn Square), services rendered; 4:20 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), citation issued; 5:19 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 5:31 a.m.: mv stop (River Street), written warning; 7:37 a.m.: mv stop (Crystal Street), written warning; 8:50 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), verbal warning; 10:05 a.m.: ambulance (Atwood Road), transported; 11:13 a.m.: debris in road (Main Street), services rendered; 1:14 p.m.: assist other agency (Main Street), services rendered; 2:00 p.m.: ambulance (Sabina Circle), transported; 2:51 p.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive), Vanessa G. Cleggett, 31, 37 Bellevue Street, #1, Worcester, op w/suspended license, possession Class B drug, arrest; Brianna Mattson, 27, 43 Denmark Street, Worcester, shoplifting by asportation, larceny under \$1200, possession Class B drug, failure to appear upon recognizance/default, op w/suspended license/warrant, marked lanes violation/warrant, giving police a false name/warrant, arrest; Spiridoula Georgia Stoupis, 40, 2 ½ Henshman Street, #3, Worcester, shoplifting by asportation, larceny under \$1200, arrest; 6:23 p.m.: mutual aid (Chickering Road, Spencer), transported to hospital; 6:33 p.m.: transport (Main Street), services rendered; 6:51 p.m.: assist other agency (Main Street), services rendered; 8:43 p.m.: suspicious person (Huntoon Memorial Highway), services rendered; 10:15 p.m.: welfare check, (Soojians Drive), no police response noted; 11:28 p.m.: ambulance (Shelter Ridge Road), transported; 11:55 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), verbal warning.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11
12:13 a.m.: mv stop (Pine Street), citation issued; 12:33 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 12:46 a.m.: noise complaint (Charlton Street), services rendered; 4:46 a.m.: mv stop (River Street), citation issued; 4:55 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 4:56 a.m.: accident (Soojians Drive), report taken; 7:47 a.m.: erratic operation (Stafford Street), unable to locate; 8:57 a.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), services rendered; 9:19 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 9:35 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 9:57 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 10:16 a.m.: investigation (South Main Street), services rendered; 10:19 a.m.: mv stop (McNeil Highway), name and address redacted from police log, uninsured m/v, op w/suspended registration, unregistered mv, citation issued; 10:56 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 10:58 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 11:54 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 12:41 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 1:40 p.m.: ambulance (Siani Road), transported; 2:16 p.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive), name and address reacted from police log, shoplifting by asportation, report taken;

2:19 p.m.: investigation (South Main Street), services rendered; 2:34 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), verbal warning; 2:50 p.m.: assist other PD (Collier Avenue), services rendered; 2:55 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 4:23 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 5:18 p.m.: fraud (South Main Street), report taken; 5:29 p.m.: assist citizen (Soojians Drive), report taken; 5:42 p.m.: arrest warrant service (Main Street), unable to serve; 5:44 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 6:07 p.m.: suspicious person (Charlton Street), gone on arrival; 6:53 p.m.: welfare check (Scott Lane), spoken to; 8:14 p.m.: arrest warrant service (Main Street), unable to serve; 8:17 p.m.: ambulance (Brown Street), transported; 8:24 p.m.: investigation (Main Street), service rendered; 8:45 p.m.: arrest warrant service (Pleasant Street), Robert Cournoyer, 30, 866 Pleasant Street, Leicester, failure to appear upon recognizance/2 counts; 11:20 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 11:48 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12
12:04 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 12:48 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 12:58 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 1:10 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), Joseph M. Roy, 29, 50 Manor Road, Shrewsbury, failure to appear upon recognizance, arrest; 7:19 a.m.: assist citizen (Soojians Drive), report taken; 11:06 a.m.: family problem (Craig Street), assisted; 12:20 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 2:21 p.m.: erratic operation (Main Street), citation issued; 3:23 p.m.: summons service (Town Beach Road), served; 3:34 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 4:09 p.m.: summons service (Main Street), unable to serve; 4:11 p.m.: residential b&e (Pine Street), report taken; 4:37 p.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive), Ashley Marie Desplaines, 35, 61 Gilbert Street, North Brookfield, failure to appear upon recognizance, shoplifting by asportation, larceny under \$1200, arrest; 4:53 p.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive), services rendered; 5:24 p.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street), transported; 6:25 p.m.: erratic operation (Main Street), services rendered; 7:54 p.m.: arrest warrant service (River Street), unable to serve; 8:15 p.m.: summons service (Lake Avenue), unable to serve; 8:19 p.m.: ambulance (Baldwin Street), transported; 8:24 p.m.: summons service (Hyland Avenue), unable to serve; 9:39 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, unlicensed operation, no inspection sticker, complaint application issued.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13
6:14 a.m.: ambulance call (Main Street), transported; 11:25 a.m.: erratic operation (South Main Street), spoken to; 11:42 a.m.: suspicious mv (Charles Street), gone on arrival; 12:12 p.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive), complaint application issued; 4:56 p.m.: assist part (South Main Street); 6:21 p.m.: summons service (Town Beach Road), unable to serve; 6:31 p.m.: summons service (Lake Avenue), served; 7:05 p.m.: summons service (Clark Street), served; 7:10 p.m.: summons service (South Main Street), served; 11:03 p.m.: mutual ad (out of town), services rendered.

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MONDAY, JANUARY 14
1:06 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 1:38 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), Luis Mendes Fuentes, 24, 230 South 10th Street, Reading, speeding, unlicensed operation, arrest; 5:34 p.m.: animal complaint (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 7:35 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 7:38 a.m.: welfare check (Paxton Street), services rendered; 10:18 assist citizen (South Main Street); 10:50 a.m.: mv stop (Marshall Street), verbal warning; 11:47 a.m.: disabled mv (South Main Street), assisted; 12:47 p.m.: assault & battery (South Main Street), report taken; 1:39 p.m.: ambulance (Deer Pond Road), transported; 1:58 p.m.: assist other agency (Fairview Drive), services rendered; 4:19 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 4:47 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 5:01 p.m.: summons service (Ingram Drive), served; 5:11 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 5:18 p.m.: arrest warrant service (Siani Road), unable to serve; 5:23 p.m.: arrest warrant service (Main Street), unable to serve; 6:05 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 6:14 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 6:23 p.m.: suspicious mv (Soojians Drive), services rendered; 6:30 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), spoken to; 6:53 p.m.: mutual aid (Cambridge Street, Worcester), transported to hospital; 6:59 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), spoken to; 7:29 p.m.: assist other agency (Main Street), services rendered; 8:00 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 8:15 p.m.: summons service (Hyland Avenue), unable to serve; 8:28 p.m.: ambulance (Washburn Square), transported; 8:37 p.m.: arrest warrant service (Main Street), unable to serve; 10:24 p.m.: disabled mv (Huntoon Memorial Highway), services rendered.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15
12:06 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 1:44 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 4:51 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), written warning; 5:20 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), citation issued; 5:51 a.m.: ambulance (Charlton Street), transported; 7:56 a.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), services rendered; 8:13 a.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), services rendered; 8:34 a.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), services rendered; 8:50 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), written warning; 10:10 a.m.: arrest warrant service (Siani Road), unable to serve; 10:10 a.m.: unauthorized burning/fire (Marshall Street), services rendered; 12:07 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street, Worcester), Dawn M. Fenton, 49, 100 Grandview Avenue, #3, Worcester, unlicensed operation, arrest; 1:35 p.m.: larceny (Fairview Drive), spoken to; 1:58 p.m.: welfare check (Town Beach Road), spoken to; 2:21 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 3:32 p.m.: ambulance (Henshaw Street), transported; 3:49 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), written warning; 4:02 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), written warning; 4:13 p.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), written warning; 4:21 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), written warning; 4:30 p.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), written warning; 4:42 p.m.: mv stop (Huntoon

Memorial Highway), written warning; 4:50 p.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), written warning; 5:01 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), mv towed; 5:42 p.m.: entire incident redacted from police log, report taken; 6:12 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 6:37 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 6:55 p.m.: assist citizen (Main Street), no action required; 9:27 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 9:40 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 11:22 p.m.: mv stop (River Street), spoken to.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16
12:05 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), citation issued; 1:14 a.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), verbal warning; 4:10 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), citation issued; 4:44 a.m.: mv stop (River Street), verbal warning; 5:38 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 8:31 a.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), name and address redacted from police log; uninsured mv, op w/ suspended registration, unregistered mv, citation issued; 9:10 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), services rendered; 9:28 a.m.: investigation (Paxton Street), services rendered; 9:44 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, citation issued; 10:14 a.m.: vandalism (Lake Sargent Drive), assisted; 10:18 a.m.: parking complaint (Parker Street), services rendered; 10:39 a.m.: welfare check (Stafford Street), assisted; 11:00 a.m.: arrest warrant service (Dale Court), Robert M. Genhardt, 49, 8 Dale Court, Rochdale, warrant arrest; 12:16 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street), spoken to; 12:17 p.m.: erratic operation (Stafford Street), no police response noted; 12:20 p.m.: disturbance (Clark Street), services rendered; 1:26 p.m.: entire incident redacted from police log, arrest; 1:32 p.m.: mv stop (Soojians Drive), Brandi S. Daugherty, 342 Lynde Brook Dive, Leicester, op/w suspended license, uninsured mv, attached wrong plate, straight warrant, arrest; 3:19 p.m.: receiving stolen property (South Main Street), report taken; 4:02 p.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), citation issued; 4:11 p.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), citation issued; 4:20 p.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), citation issued; 4:33 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), citation issued; 4:45 p.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), verbal warning; 4:58 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 5:30 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 5:43 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 5:54 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 6:11 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 6:24 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 6:45 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 8:15 p.m.: hazardous condition (Henshaw Street), services rendered; 9:23 p.m.: malicious mischief (Paxton Street), services rendered; 8:57 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 9:06 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 9:32 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 11:21 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 11:26 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 11:49 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued.

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patches are still hard on both man and dogs but they manage to harvest a few rabbits on each trip. There is nothing like listening to a few beagles trailing a rabbit through fields and swamps. The good old days!

A young lady also was anxious to tell me about her Montana hunting trip last year were she harvested a great bull Elk while hunting with her husband. Unfortunately, the picture she gave me showing the 70 year old Ruth Granger with her Elk that she harvested using her 306 Remington rifle could not be used. The animal was dressed in the wilderness and packed out. Her family is still enjoying some great eating of Elk steaks.

Did you know that a gray squirrel can live up to 25 years? It is no wonder that there are so many gray squirrels in the valley. Red squirrels can live up to 15 - 20 years also , but can cause a lot more damage to bird feeders and homes. There are very few hunters that participate in squirrel hunting, but there are plenty of predators that help keep there population down. Hawks, Fisher cat, coyotes , etc. harvest a lot of squirrels annually.

This past weekend, the Whitinsville Fish & Game Club held there second annual «Founders Day» event that was filled to capacity. A prime Rib dinner was enjoyed by all in attendance. A DJ provided music. Thanks to all of the members and officers of the club for putting on such a great evening of enjoyment and food.

The Singletary Rod & Gun Club will hold there annual ice fishing derby this Sunday, Jan. 27. A breakfast will be serve at 6 a.m., and the derby will start at 7 a.m.! The pond was stocked with trout last Saturday. Stay tuned for more ice fishing derby's being planned in the coming weeks.

This week's picture show Dan Southwick with a huge largemouth bass that he caught a few years ago while ice fishing. He knows how to catch fish. Monster pike are one of his favorite game fish to catch. All fish are released on site. I am sure I will be receiving some pictures of big fish now that the ice seems to have settled in on most lakes and ponds.

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ABC's of the SEASONS - WINTER EDITION is in this week's issue. Check out all these amazing businesses from A-Z and tell them you saw their ad in the Spencer New Leader. If you like to do crossword puzzles, there's one in this issue that corresponds to these ads. Good luck!

I'd like to invite you all to check out **THE WRITE STUFF** this month. We have some new contributors as well as some seasoned ones. Thank you to Lamoureux Ford for once again being our sponsor, and also to Melissa Boratyn's Leicester Middle School Language Arts class for submissions this month! We will run the last week of the month thru June providing people write. If you are a business and would like to be one of our sponsors, please let me know.

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OBITUARIES

Theodore R. “Ted” Beauvais, 82

HUBBARDSTON - Theodore R. “Ted” Beauvais, 82, passed away peacefully on January 17, 2019 at Rose Monahan Hospice home in Worcester with his loving wife, Carol of 59 years at his side. Ted and his family moved to Hubbardston in 1970 where his family all still currently resides.

He leaves his children Sharon Hardaker and her husband Timothy, Daniel Beauvais & his wife Maryellen and Mark & his wife Teresa Beauvais all of Hubbardston; his loving sister Susan Barthelmes & her companion David Beech of Holden; brothers Richard Beauvais & his wife Patricia of North Smithfield, RI and Joseph Beauvais & his wife Wendy of Spencer; proud grandfather of 10 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; several nieces & nephews; step-brothers Kevin and Brian Huard. He was pre-deceased by his Brother James who passed away in 1975, also his father Joseph Raymond Beauvais & Mother, Martha (Duvarney) Beauvais.



Ted worked many years as a draftsman at the George Meyer Company in West Boylston finally retiring from the George G. Allen Company in Barre as their chief engineer. He was a member of the Lions club in Hubbardston serving as their king lion, a lifetime member of the Hubbardston Rod and Gun club, the Gardner Pistol and Rifle Club, Saint Francis Assisi Parish in Barre and the finance committee for the town of Hubbardston for many years. He also served in the Army National Guard. Ted loved to travel and enjoyed hobbies such as competition shooting, hunting and fishing.

Friends and family are invited to attend a calling hour on Saturday, January 26, 2019 from 9:30-10:30am in Pillsbury Funeral Home 96 South Barre Rd. Barre. A Memorial Mass will follow at 11:00AM in St. Thomas A Becket Church 380 Vernon Ave South Barre. Friends and family are welcome to gather for a celebration of life at the Hubbardston Rod and Gun club immediately after Mass. The burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery in Hubbardston at a later date. Contributions may be made in his honor to Saint Jude Children’s Hospital.

Frederick “Leroy” Bacon, 86

DUDLEY – Frederick “Leroy” Bacon, 86, of Durfee Road, died Friday, January 18, 2019, at UMass Memorial Medical Center – University Campus in Worcester. He was predeceased by his wife of 55 years, Audrey L. (Armstrong) Bacon of Dudley; five brothers, Roger “Cye” Bacon, Glenn Bacon, Robert Bacon, Charles Bacon, and Russell Bacon; and two sisters, Theo Belvery and Agnes Dangredo. He is survived by a brother, John H. Bacon and his wife Beverly of Kennebunk, ME; a sister Thelma R. “Timmy” Cazeault of Oxford; several brothers and sisters-in-law, including William R. “Bill” Grovesteen and his wife Evelyn of Dudley, who provided daily companionship and assistance for many years; and several nephews and nieces, including a special niece, Marsha “Sunshine” Prunier of Leicester. He was born in Webster, son of the late George A. and Edith M. (Scott) Bacon, and lived in Oxford before moving to Dudley over 50 years ago. He graduated from Oxford High School in 1950 and was a U.S. Air



Force veteran of the Korean War era.

Mr. Bacon was the Maintenance Superintendent at Nichols College in Dudley for many years, retiring in 1997. Previously, he was a self-employed carpenter. He was a member of the Webster Lodge of Masons A.F. & A.M. and was a member of the Quinebaug Fire Department for 25 years. Leroy was an outdoorsman who loved working in his vegetable garden, and supplied vegetables to his family, friends, and local food banks.

Memorial calling hours are Saturday, January 26, 2019, from 9-11 AM at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. A memorial service will be held on Saturday at 11 AM at the conclusion of the calling hours. Burial will be private at a later date at Corbin Cemetery in Dudley. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Quinebaug Fire Department, P.O. Box 144, Quinebaug, CT 06262, to the Tri-State Baptist Church, 386 Quinebaug Rd., North Grosvenordale, CT 06255, or to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701. paradisfuneralhome.com

Gloria V. (L’Heureux) Butler, 95

SPENCER- Gloria V. (L’Heureux) Butler, 95, longtime resident of Spencer and recently of Overlook in Charlton, died Thursday, Jan. 17 in St. Vincent Hospital, Worcester.

She was the wife of Richard A. Butler who died in 1997. She leaves her sons; Joel D. Butler and his wife Barbara of West Newbury, David J. Butler of CT, and Eben J. Butler and his wife Tammy of Spencer; grandchildren: Jason, Seth, Lindsay, Michael, Christopher, Katherine, Brittany, Taylor and Richard; and 5 great grandchildren. She also leaves many dear friends. Gloria’s family and friends will miss her tremendously.

Born in Spencer, she was the daughter of Ulric and Irene (Demers) L’Heureux and graduated from David Prouty High School. She served her country with the U.S. Navy during WWII and later furthered her education at the Worcester School of Business Science.

Gloria was a reading tutor at Lake St. School in Spencer for 17 years, retiring in 1986. She was a member and past Treasurer of the Spencer Garden Club and a volunteer for the Richard Sugden Library. Gloria was very involved in



the Mary, Queen of the Rosary Parish where she once taught religion class, was a member of the Martha Mary Guild, and was a Food Pantry volunteer.

Gloria enjoyed spending time outside-tending to her gardens of vegetables and flowers, going for walks with her dogs over the years, and relaxing on the deck with a good book. She liked to experiment in the kitchen and her loved ones will miss her soups and apple pies. Gloria’s happiest memories were moments shared with her family and friends. She was very proud of her family and loved them dearly. A special thank you to Tammy, for all of the love and care you gave Gloria; she loved you as a daughter and cherished all of the time you shared.

Her funeral will be held on Saturday, Jan 26th from the J.HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer with a Memorial Mass at 11 a.m. in Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 7 Church St., Spencer. A calling hour from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m will precede the service. Burial will be at a later date in Pine Grove Cemetery, Spencer. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Mary, Queen of the Rosary Food Pantry, 60 Maple St., Spencer, MA 01562. www.morinfuneralhomes.com




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OBITUARIES

Claire M. Bercume, 95

SPENCER- Claire M. (Marshall) Bercume, 95, passed away peacefully on January 12, 2019. She was born in Worcester the daughter of the late Rudolph and Clara (Dupre) Marshall.

She leaves 2 sons David and his wife Kim and John & his wife Laurel all of Spencer; 2 daughters Carol Lavigne of Lexington Park, MD and Mary Ruddy & her husband John of Charlton; a daughter in law Marie Bercume of Branchport, NY; 17 grandchildren; 18 great grandchildren and 4 great great grandchildren. Claire was predeceased by her husband Francis Bercume, a son

Francis, a grandson Jason, a brother Rudolph Marshall and a son in law Rene Lavigne.

Funeral services will be private for the family. Burial will be in Mary, Queen of the Rosary Cemetery. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her name to the American Diabetes Association PO Box 15829 Arlington, VA 22215. Pillsbury Funeral Home 3 Old West Brookfield Rd. Brookfield is directing arrangements.

Stephen S. Maxwell, 24

NORTHBROOKFIELD/WESTFIELD- Stephen S. Maxwell, 24, died on January 13, 2019 after a long illness.

He leaves his mother Teriana Aldrich and step father Joseph; 3 sisters Courtney J. Maxwell of Westfield, Rebekah E. Boudreau of Dudley and Anna Gibson of Palmer; maternal grandparents Roy Chaplin & his wife Diane of Brookfield; paternal grandparents Jeff & Sandra Aldrich of Chicopee and Phyllis Aldrich of Amherst; beloved pets Buddy & Spudgy; many cousins, aunts and uncles.

He was a graduate of Ware High School and worked at TJMax as a cashier. He belonged to the Odyssey Clubhouse. Stephen loved to cook, was an avid reader, loved magic and fantasy novels.

Friends and family were invited to attend memorial calling hours on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 from 5-7 PM in Pillsbury Funeral Home 44 Gilbert St. North Brookfield. A prayer service followed at 7 PM in the funeral home. For an online tribute and guestbook please visit: Pillsburyfuneralhome.com

Priscilla J. Draeger, 80

WINCHENDON - Priscilla J. (Adams) Draeger, 80, of 25 Doyle Avenue, died peacefully Monday evening, January 14, 2019 in Wachusett Manor Nursing Home, Gardner, after a long illness.



She was born in Southbridge, MA on December 26, 1938, daughter of the late Kenneth and Maria (DiBonaventura) Adams and grew up in Southbridge, Ct and Charlton. A high school graduate, Priscilla lived in Winchendon since 1981.

Priscilla had worked as a trade show coordinator for Simplex Time Recorder until her retirement. She was a member of Winchendon and Westminster Historical Societies and the CT Society of Genealogists. She was a descen-

dent of the Mayflower and had studied Genealogy Family Research for 45 years. She loved her family and the holidays, birds, wildlife and her flower beds.

Her husband of 51 years, Robert L. Draeger, died in 2010. She leaves three sons, Kenneth P. Draeger and his wife Jane, Dean C. Draeger and his wife Denise and Eric J. Draeger, all of MA; five grandchildren, Dana C. Draeger, Jeremy R. Draeger, Robert Lee Draeger, Gretchen J. Draeger and Jake A. Draeger; a great grandson, Jackson Lee Draeger and all of her family in Southbridge and CT.

Private burial will be held in the spring in Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge, NH.

Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home, 343 Central Street, Winchendon is directing arrangements.

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Kathleen A. Gwara, 71

WEST BROOKFIELD - Kathleen A. (O'Day) Gwara, 71, of West Brookfield died on Thursday, January 17, 2019 at Quaboag Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center following a long battle with multiple sclerosis.



She leaves her daughter, Rachel McMorris, her grandson, T.J. McMorris, and two great-grandchildren. She also leaves five sisters, Laurie Starcher and her husband Ron of Brookfield, Nola Fantaroni of Princeton, Lynn Bergeron and Shanon O'Day both of Brookfield, and Patricia MacFarland of Springfield, as well as her brother, famous drag racer Danny O'Day of Grassy Creek, NC. She was born in Southbridge, daughter of the late George and

Dorothy (Freeman) O'Day and grew up in Brookfield.

Kathleen worked as a waitress at several area restaurants. She loved gardening and animals, especially her cats.

Her family would like to thank the dedicated staff at Quaboag Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center for their excellent care. Kathy made many friends while a long-term patient there, and will be sadly missed by her family, staff, and friends.

Services for Kathleen will be held privately and there are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Second Chance Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 136, East Brookfield, MA 01515. Varnum Funeral Home, Inc., 43 East Main St., in West Brookfield is assisting her family with arrangements.

An online guest book is available at varnumfuneralhome.com

Carolyn C. Glidden, 84

NEW BRAINTREE - Carolyn C. (Burke) Glidden, 84, of New Braintree, died on Friday, January 18, 2019 at her home surrounded by her family.



She leaves her husband of 64 years, Robert N. Glidden; one daughter, Joanne Harder, two sons, Robert N. Glidden, Jr. and his wife June and Richard Glidden and his wife Ellen; one brother, Michael Burke and his wife Victoria; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Carolyn was a devoted homemaker and worked as the New Braintree Town Clerk for 32 years and also worked as

the office manager for R.N. Glidden Landscaping Service.

She was a member of the New Braintree Congregational Church and was the secretary of the Tri Parish Church.

A Funeral Service for Carolyn was held on Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at 10:00 AM in the New Braintree Congregational Church in New Braintree. Calling hours were held on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 from 5 to 7 PM in the Varnum Funeral Home, Inc., 43 East Main St., in West Brookfield. Memorial donations may be made to the New Briantree Congregational Church, P.O. Box 202, New Braintree, MA 01531.

An online guest book is available at varnumfuneralhome.com

Frederick B. Macdonald, 81

WEST BROOKFIELD - Frederick B. Macdonald, 81, of West Brookfield, died on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at his home with his loving family by his side.



He leaves his devoted wife of 38 years, Paula (Tenanes) Macdonald; two sons, Chris Macdonald, and Rick Macdonald and his wife Jessica; three daughters, Susan Macdonald, Lisa Burzynski and her husband Michael, and Kerry Macdonald, nine grandchildren, Erik, Tesia, Emma, Ky, Selena, Isabella, James, Maddie, and Lachlan, as well as three great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his daughter, Janet Kastberg, last year. He was born in and grew up in Saugus, son of the late Frederick and Mary (Johnson) Macdonald. He was a long time resident of Sturbridge, and then Deerfield, prior to moving to West Brookfield 5

years ago. He was a strong and devoted man who loved and protected his large family.

Fred was a member of the Massachusetts State Police for 23 years, proudly retiring as lieutenant. He was then elected Sheriff of Franklin County and served 18 years before again retiring in 2011. He was very proud of his long career in law enforcement. Family and friends will remember him always parting ways with "drive safe" and "be careful out there".

Services for Frederick will be held privately and there are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, Fred's wish was that memorial donations be made to the Dakin Humane Society, P.O. Box 6307, Springfield, MA 01101 or at www.dakinhumane.org/donate, in honor of his beloved dogs past and present.

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

Christine Ingalls



Died January 5th. Wife, mother, daughter, sister. Friend. Celebrate the life and memory of Christine Ingalls on Sunday

afternoon, January 27th, 2 to 4:30pm, at the Spencer Country Inn. Refreshments provided, stories will no doubt be told, and the bar's prepped for salutary shots and cocktails. Casual attire, open to anyone who loved her.



Rosemarie J. (Tetreault) Gregoire, 84

CHARLTON- Rosemarie J. (Tetreault) Gregoire age 84 passed away Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at



Harrington Memorial Hospital, Southbridge, MA. She was married to Donald N. Gregoire until his death in 1999. She later was married to Robert Gregoire who predeceased her in 2013. She leaves five sons; David N. Gregoire and his wife Kimberly of Rutland, Richard J. Gregoire and his wife Christine of Spencer, Andrew E. Gregoire and his companion Maryann of Sturbridge, John A. Gregoire and his wife Linda of Spencer, Glenn A. Gregoire and his wife Karen of Oxford, two daughters, Linda M. Devine and her husband Michael of Chicopee, Donna Gregoire and her fiancée Timothy Rubringer of Dousman, Wisconsin, twelve grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren.

She had a brother and a sister that predeceased her, Joseph Tetreault and Delia Lamonda both of Spencer. She was born in Spencer daughter of the late Napoleon Tetreault and Delia (Forgit) Tetreault and lived in Charlton for the past six years, prior to that living in Spencer. She was the former owner of Gregoire Catering and Vending. Rosemarie enjoyed reading, knitting, crocheting, motorcycles and quality time with her family. There are no calling hours. A Mass of Remembrance will be held Saturday, February 2 at 10:00 AM at St. Joseph Church, 10 H Putnam Rd., Charlton, MA. Burial at Holy Rosary Cemetery will be at a later date. Please omit flowers but donations may be made to the Joslin Diabetes Center, One Joslin Place, Boston MA 02215. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with her arrangements. A guest book is available to post a condolence or light a candle.

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OBITUARIES

David L. Brodeur, 81

SOUTHBIDGE- David L. Brodeur, 81, passed away on Thursday, Jan. 17th, in the Harrington Memorial Hospital, Southbridge, after a brief illness.



His wife of 44 years, Ann Marie (Trudeau) Brodeur, passed away in 2013. He leaves his son, Kevin Brodeur and his longtime partner, Kevin Miers of Natchez, MS; his two daughters, Laurie Gadbois and her husband William of Brooklyn, CT, and Melissa Blanchette and her husband Thomas of Oakham; his sister, Pauline Beavis of Springfield; eight grandchildren, William Gadbois, Jake Gadbois and his wife Nikki, Sera Gadbois y Manning and her husband Ruben, Julia Gadbois-Light and her wife Crystal, Cassia Gadbois-Bloomberg and her husband Shane, Tara Fafard, Chad Fafard, and Kali Champagne; ten great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his daughter, Paula Champagne in 2003. He was also predeceased by his grandson, Jeremy Gadbois, his two brothers, Charles Brodeur and Louis “Lefty” Brodeur, and his two sisters, Ruth Powers and Lucille Royal. He was born in Southbridge the son Joseph Hector and Malvina (Valliancourt) Brodeur.

Alfred W. Robitaille, 92

WEST BROOKFIELD - Alfred W. “Fred” Robitaille, 92, of West Brookfield died on Saturday, January 19, 2019 at his home, surrounded by his loving family.



He leaves his wife of 40 years Elizabeth “Betty” (Long) Robitaille; two sons, Kevin Robitaille and his companion Joanne of Westfield, son Glenn Robitaille and his companion Barbara of Connecticut; five step-children, Deborah Thibeault and Matthew Crockett both of South Carolina, Jennifer Patterson and Lawrence Crockett both of Massachusetts, and Sandra Swale of Connecticut; his sister Jean M. Carrigan of Ware, 7 grandchildren, 6 step-grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his daughter Denise, and two sons, Alfred Jr. and Brian Robitaille as well as three brothers, Clarence, Edward and Ernest and three sisters, Eva, Ema and Pearl. He was born in and grew up in Ware, son of the late Edward and Clara (L’Ecuyer) Robitaille, and

He was a US Air Force Veteran. David was a diamond tool maker at the American Optical Co. in Southbridge for 19 years. He later went onto serve on the Charlotte County Board of Engineers in Port Charlotte, FL for 4 years. He was a member of the Detrianna Council 199 of the Knights of Columbus in Southbridge. David helped to organize and call bingo games for Sacred Heart Church in Webster and later for the Southbridge senior community at TAG and for the Senior Bingo at the Southbridge Armory. He enjoyed golfing and played in a league at Hemlock Ridge Golf Club in Sturbridge. He also enjoyed going to the casino. Most of all he enjoyed spending time with his family. David’s funeral will be held on Monday, January 28th, from the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, with a Mass at 10:00am in St. Joseph’s Church, 10 H. Putnam Rd. Ext., Charlton. Burial in New Notre Dame Cemetery, Southbridge, will be held at the convenience of the family. Calling hours in the funeral home will be held on Sunday, Jan. 27th, from 3:00 to 5:00pm. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701 or to St. Joseph’s Church, 10 H. Putnam Rd. Ext., Charlton, MA 01507. www.morrillfuneralhome.com

has lived in West Brookfield for over 40 years. Mr. Robitaille is a United Sates Navy veteran of WWII. He was very proud of his naval service, his fellow veterans of all branches, and of our country. Fred worked as a Machinist at Zero Corp for many years before retiring. He was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He enjoyed deep sea fishing and spending the winters in Florida during the cold winter months of New England. Calling hours for Fred will be held on Saturday, January 26, 2019 from 10:30 to 11:30 AM in the Varnum Funeral Home, Inc. 43 East Main St., in West Brookfield. A Naval Honor Guard will present Military Honors at 11:30AM. Fred’s request was to have his ashes buried at sea, which will be held privately at a later date. An online guest book is available at varnumfuneralhome.com



Diane R. (Keenan) Quinn, 73

ROCHDALE – Diane R. (Keenan) Quinn, 73, of Rochdale, died Saturday, January 19, 2019, at the Jewish Healthcare Center. She is survived by two children, William “Jim” Quinn, IV, and his wife Rebecca, and Allison R. Lane and her husband Jonathan; and two grandsons, Jonathan K. Lane and Thomas H. Lane. She was born in Boston, daughter of the late Thomas J. and Rose J. (Dooley) Keenan, and lived in Milton and Needham before moving to Rochdale 12 years ago. She graduated from Fontbonne Academy in Milton in 1963 and received her bachelor’s



degree from Cardinal Cushing College in Brookline in 1967. Mrs. Quinn worked at Bank of America in Wellesley and Needham for 24 years, retiring in 2003. Later she worked at Mercantile Bank in Newton. A funeral will be held on Friday, January 25, 2019, from Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford, followed by a Mass at 10 a.m. at St. Roch’s Church, 332 Main St., Oxford. Burial will follow at Milton Cemetery in Milton. Calling hours are Thursday, January 24, 2019, from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. John’s High School, 378 Main St., Shrewsbury, MA 01545. paradisfuneralhome.com

Debra J. (Gajewski) Marcinczyk, 62

THOMPSON- Debra J. (Gajewski) Marcinczyk, 62, passed away unexpectedly, Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at Hartford Hospital. She leaves a daughter; Jessica V. Ward of Leicester and a son; Matthew J. Marcinczyk of Webster, 4 grandchildren; Amber, Brittany, Jacob and Paige.



Debra was born in Southbridge, daughter of Paul and Barbara A. (Pytko) Gajewski. She worked as a coordinator in various health care facilities. There are no calling hours. Services will be private. The ROBERT J. MILLER FUNERAL HOME and LAKE CHAPEL, 366 School St., Webster is assisting the family with arrangements. To leave a message of condolence, please visit: RJMillerfunerals.net

Evelyn M. Contestabile, 97

SPENCER- Evelyn M. (Metterville) Contestabile, 97, of Spencer, died Monday, January 21 in UMASS Memorial-Belmont St. in Worcester. She leaves her husband of 50 years, Robert Contestabile, her son Herbert Dumore, Jr. and his wife Madeliene of N.Y., her daughter Donna vanGerven of Spencer, 12 grandchildren and many great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her daughter Janice Leahy in 2013.



Born in Worcester, she was the daughter of Fred and Mabel (Strom) Metterville. At her request, no funeral services are planned. Burial will be in Worcester County Memorial Park, Paxton at the convenience of the family. Please omit flowers. Memorial contributions may be made to Mary, Queen of the Rosary Food Pantry, 60 Maple St., Spencer, Ma. 01562. J.HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer has been entrusted with her funeral arrangements. www.morinfuneralhomes.com

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Saturday, January 26

11TH ANNUAL NB HEARTS FOR HEAT SPAGHETTI DINNER: 5-7 p.m., North Brookfield Elementary School cafeteria. The dinner is \$8 per person, with a cap of \$25 for a family of four or more. Takeout available. Sponsored with the Hayden Masonic Lodge and supported by Hannaford Supermarket, this is truly community helping community. Raffle items have been donated. Additionally, Michelle and Wally Connor, founders of S.O.N.G. in Brookfield, have again offered a pair of Red Sox tickets. Brad Stevens, coach of the Boston Celtics, has donated a signed basketball and a pair of tickets for a home game. The Otters will provide musical ambiance all evening. Students from the NBHS National Honor Society and Valley View School will assist. The dinner snow date is Saturday, Feb. 23. NB Hearts for heat is a 501(c)3 charitable organization to help North Brookfield residents in need of emergency home heating assistance for oil, propane, natural gas, electric, pellets, or cord wood. One hundred percent of donations are used for fuel purchases. We have assisted 158 families since 2009. Donations can be mailed to NB Hearts for Heat, P.O. Box 44, North Brookfield, MA 01535. To access the printable 2019 application, visit <http://www.heartsforheat.org/NorthBrookfield/assistance.html>.

Sunday, January 27

CUB SCOUT PACK 148 PANCAKE DINNER: 4:30-7 p.m. at E.B. Flatts, 245 W. Main St., East Brookfield. Adults \$10, Kids 10 and under \$5.

Saturday, February 2

SUPER-BOWL SATURDAY: Noon-2 p.m., North Brookfield Senior Center, 29 Forest St. Take out only: pints \$4, quarts \$8. Soup donated by 308 Lakeside (seafood chowder), EB Flatts (broccoli cheddar), Panda Garden (wonton), Reeds (chicken rice), Friends of N.B. COA (Chef Jim’s chili and Chef April’s corn chowder). Proceeds will support the food program of the Friends of North Brookfield COA. Call

ONGOING EVENTS

ECONOMY SHOP HOURS FOR Jan. 9 through Feb. 9, 2019

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

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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

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

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

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

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

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

IT’S A LUNCH DATE: The East Brookfield Baptist Church invites all senior citizens to a Community Lunch at 11:30 a.m. every second Thursday of the month in Fellowship Hall. A delicious lunch and great desserts will be served. Followed by a time of fellowship and games concluding

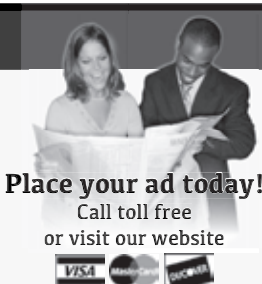
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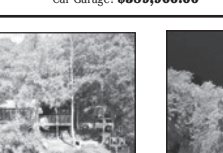
WEBSTER - 10 Oak St! 2 Family! 5/5 Rms! 2/2 Bdrms! Both Flrs w/Eat-in Kitchens! Liv Rms w/Wall to Wall! Bdrms w/Wall to Wall! 3 Season Porches! Gas Heat w/Recent Bdrms on 1st! Electric Heat on 2nd! Recent Roof, Siding & Windows! Off Street Parking! Owner Occupied or Investment! **\$169,900.00**



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DOUGLAS WATERFRONT! 36 Cedar St! Badluck Pond (110Acre) aka Cedar Lake or Laurel Lake! Western Expo - Beautiful Sunsets! 2.74 Acres! 633' Waterfront! 471' Road Front! Beautiful Private Setting! Huge 28X96', 2,688' Custom 6 Rm Cedar Ranch w/Hrwd Flrs Throughout! Spectacular, Open Din Rm & Great Rm w/Stone Frplc, Soaring Beamed Cedar Cathedral Ceiling, 6 Sky Lights, Recessed Lighting, 1/2 Bath & 3 Sliders to 96' Lake Facing Screened Porch! Custom Kit w/2 Skylights, Recessed Lighting, Slider to Porch, Wall Oven & Center Island w/Triples Bowl Sink, Cooktop & Dishwasher! Mud Rm Entry w/2 Dble Closets, Tile Flr, Door to Kit & Door to Full Bath! 2 Lake Facing Bdrms w/Walk-in Closets, Skylights & Sliders to Porch! Full Tile Bath w/Separate Shower & Whirlpool Bath w/Door to Master & Hall! Office w/Dble Closet! 2.5 Baths Total! Cedar Lined Closets! Full Basement! Plus 36X72' 2 Story Heated Boat House/Garage/Work Shop w/Hall Bath! Upper Level 5 Rm Caretaker/In-Law Apartment w/2 Full Baths! Game Rm w/Full Bath! 5 Full + 2 Half Baths Total! One of a Kind Waterfront Home! **\$599,900.00**



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WEBSTER LAKE - 54 West Pt Rd! North Pond - Killdeer Isl - West Expo - Beautiful Lake Views & Sunsets! 2002 Built 6+ Rm Colonial! Ideal 2nd Home or Yr Rd Living! Appliance Kit w/Center Island! Lake Facing Din Rm w/Panoramic Water Views & Recent Wood Flr! Lake Facing Liv Rm w/LP Gas Frplc, Recent Wood Flr & French Door to Deck! 1st Flr Laundry & Hall Bath! 2nd Flr w/3 Spacious Bdrms! Lake Facing Master Suite w/Panoramic Lake Views, French Dr to its Deck, Dressing/Office Area & Full Bath w/Whirlpool Tub! A 2nd Full Bath off the Hall! Huge Lake Facing Walk-out Lower Level w/Gas Stove & Slider to Stone Patio is Ready for "Finishing"! Additional Lakeside Deck! **\$559,900.00**



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WEBSTER LAKE - 60 Bates Point Rd! Middle Pond! Absolute Prime 52' Level Waterfront Lot w/Western Expo! Beautiful Sunsets! Panoramic Lake Views! 8 Rms, 3 Bdrm, 2 Baths, A/C'd, Ranch! Custom SS Appliance! Granite Kit! Din Rm w/Hrwdls & Slider to Waterfront Deck w/awning! Lake Facing Frplc! Liv Rm w/Cathedral, Skylight & Hrwdls! Comfortable Master Bdrm! Frplc! Lower Level Fam Rm! 2 Car Garage! **\$729,900.00**



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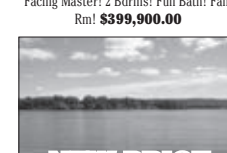
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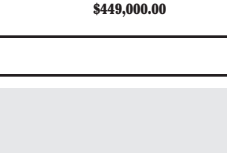
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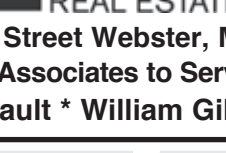
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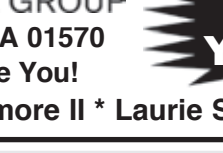
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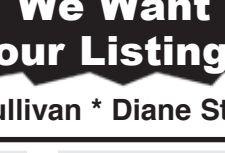
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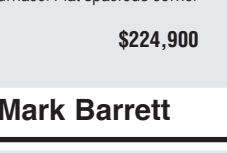
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Attention Developers! 3 abutting house lots, potential to divide into 5-6 Buildable lots! Lake Residential area, not on the lake. Priced to Sell! **\$129,900.**

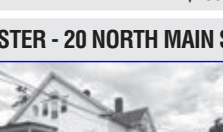
Land For Sale



158 W. Quasset Rd. - Extraordinary Waterfront Retreat on Quasset Lake! Unique, Tranquil, Quiet, Secluded & Private! Long circular driveway! 5.5 acres of land! Palcos, covered patios & balconies, stone faced 3 car det'd garage w/heat, audio, 265' +/- of shoreline! 5,000 sq ft hip roof 3 story Colonial! 2 story layout! Formal dining & living rooms, 2 family rooms, 2nd floor private office suite, laundry/mudroom, LL kitchenette, sauna, 2 fireplaces! Master BRs w/private full baths **\$1,299,000**



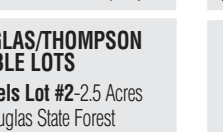
2 Family - Spacious 3 bedrooms each apartment. Hardwoods, pocket doors, 10ft ceilings, New gas furnaces! Partially finished 3rd floor. 1st floor handicapped accessible. 2 car garage. All town services **New Price \$189,900**



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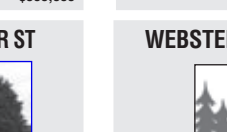
Webster Lake - 22 South Point Rd. Waterfront, Southern exposure! Town Water & Sewer **\$250,000**



Thompson - East Thompson Rd. White's Highway 23 acres! Abuts Mass. Line Beautiful view! **\$99,900**



Webster Lake - 89-91 Slater St **\$219,900**



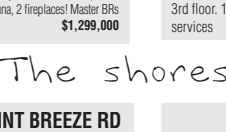
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Webster Lake - 84 LAKESIDE AVE **\$579,900**



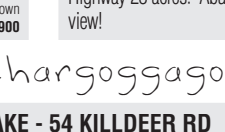
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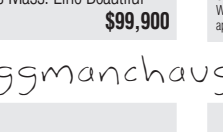
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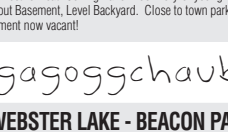
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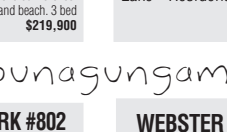
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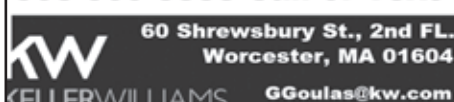
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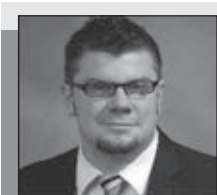
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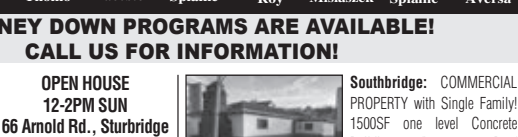
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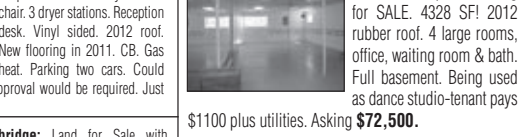
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The Write Stuff

Autumn In New England

BY: JULIA LAZZARA,
LEICESTER MIDDLE SCHOOL

Autumn, is like no other season, tranquil and full of color. The trees appear to be giant splashes of colorful dots, far away they seem like a group. The beauty is as you get closer, and the wind tickles your spine, these big dots turn into, leaves, very independent. Some leaves are similar, but, none quite the same. It's almost as the tree is a family, and, all of the members are similar, but, once you get to know them, they are so different. The tree, trunk, the support of all the twigs, may struggle to stand, as the fungi slowly takes over it. Once your in the woods the light has disappeared except for some areas where beams of bright light shine like a spotlight showing the beauty of nature.

The sounds, of, the sounds, what a beauty. As the Autumn wind spreads the leaves make graceful music. As graceful as the woods could be, there is also a little danger. Every organism you see is a possible home for any creature out there, some kind, and some, dangerous. The leaves sway down onto the ground making a cushion for your feet. As the trees go bare to prepare for the heavy snows of winter you begin to realize that the dirt has disappeared. Magic? Had the dirt quit its job as the ground? Well, as the dirt has had its turn for the year, the leaves take over but only for a month or two.

While the leaves are still having their turn, photographers around New England scramble to get a picture or two. Why? Well, these aren't your typical green or brown leaves that cover the ground. They come in colors of red, orange, yellow, green, and brown. So as you can imagine, the ground is full of all sorts of beautiful colors packed tightly to the ground and some overlap. If you have never seen the Autumn ground in New England, it looks as if a painter got red, orange, yellow, green and brown paint and splattered it on a blank canvas, leaving no white! Autumn holds some of my favorite holidays, of Halloween and Thanksgiving. As the leaves fall and the winter comes closer, Halloween is here. Children all around gather on this one night wearing their best costumes. Some are bovine while others choose to be a more frightening creatures. As the sweet thoughts of Halloween doze off for the year, Thanksgiving is here.

Turkey, Pumpkins, pie, galore, you can almost taste it! Families gather to give thanks for one another. As it all drifts away, Autumn starts to end. It gets cold as snow piles in and Christmas is near. The beauty of fall is over until its turn to cover the ground with red, orange, yellow, brown, and green leaves. Snow rolls in it's winter's turn to cover the ground with mysterious white powder. Winter is here, Autumn will have to wait until next year.

Prison Poem (Anxiety)

BY JULIA LAZZARA,
LEICESTER MIDDLE SCHOOL

Anxiety, I long to escape you
In the beginning, you convinced me
that you were my only choice.
Now you are my prison, my only choice
You dragged me near you
Pain, the games you play with me,
make the bars of the prison,
impossible to leave
Now I fight to breathe,
You have brought my life to ruins.
Now I must defeat you.

Arachne's Next Chapter

BY COOPER WHITE,
LEICESTER MIDDLE SCHOOL

Arachne was out in the open and did not know what to do. After she had won the weaving contest with Athene, Athene had been enraged by Arachne's tapestry depicting the bad deeds of the gods. Athene was so furious that she turned Arachne into a small jumping spider. She went outdoors and found that she was clueless in the ways of a spider and it was making her feel quite uncomfortable. The tall blades of grass were towering over her like tall trees towering over a gnome. She was also afraid that someone would come by and, not being able to see her, squish her. After all she was just a bug. The people most likely did not care for such a low creature. She scuttled of to a grove of trees where she felt safer. As she was climbing up a tree to get more elevation, she felt something hanging from her body.

Arachne looked down and saw that hanging from her body was in fact a line of silky string. She soon learned how to shoot string from her body and make a net to live on. She lived there for quite some time until she began to get hungry. She thought about finding fruit to eat, but that was much too difficult for such a small spider. So she waited and waited for something to come to her. One day her disgusting hairy legs picked up a vibration in the web. She went in the direction of the vibrations and found a tiny moth struggling to free itself from her sticky trap. She knew what to do but she did not want to do it. She did not want to wrap the moth in her string and drink it's innards, but reflexively, her body went to the moth and it wrapped it in string. Then she pierced the flesh of the moth with her sharp teeth. Then she drank the fluid inside the moth. It was so repulsive to her human brain but the spider side of her found it delicious.

She made a wish to the gods that they give her one last gift. The gift of survival and children. The gods heard this wish and each of them gave her a gift, except for Athene. Athene gave Arachne the gift of ugliness so that nobody would like her. She was also gifted with venom, camouflage, and a group of small children, each a different kind of breed. Aracne lived her life on her sad and lonely web and when her children grew up, she was still the same age because she was cursed by Athene. Over the years that she spent teaching her children and learning new skills herself, she taught her kids how to

eat, make a web and protect themselves from danger. She learned that if she injected her venom into her pray, the guts of the bug or creature would liquify into a good tasting juice. She found it much easier to eat this way. She taught her kids to be good parents and she made a successful web and kept advancing her weaving skills. One day a large bird came crashing into her web. Arachne was thrown into the air and then she thought to use her string to cling herself to a tree and she clung to the tree to escape danger. The bird went in search for her but it soon gave up because it could not find her.

Extra story

Arachne began to think about getting revenge on Athena for transforming her into a spider, after all, Aracne only made a tapestry that made the gods look bad. So Arachne began the long journey. She had to climb up a hill, swim through a puddle, go past a civilization and then she had to make the long and treacherous climb up a BOULDER! Arachne was starting to lose hope when she saw a man just wandering around in the wilderness. She decided to brainwash him and make him go and get revenge on Athena. She crawled up to him and then she bit him! He became a whole different person. She called him... spider-man. She told him what she wanted him to do and then he changed into a spider and scuttled off to get revenge on Athena. Arachne went in search of more people to brainwash and then she found an ant. She brainwashed the ant into biting people and using the venom that she gave to it to make more hench people. The ant went off and found a lonely man. He bit the man and the man became ant man. Then with five hench people, the group went off to get revenge on Athene.

Two months later the group finally made it to Mount Olympus. They put their plan of shaming Athena into action. The ant team went for Athena while Arachne and her team went and set up the trap. When the ant team came by, luring Athena with a magic cookie, team Arachne pulled the lever that would activate the trap. The net flung up and caught Athena. They showed everyone what a terrible beast Athene was. She was a COOKIE THIEF! They made Athena confess that she had been stealing cookies

from the earth. All the gods and goddesses were shocked to hear that Athena would do that. Then Arachne declared, "Oh, and that's not all of it. Athena had also been stealing PIES from Olympus." At these words all the gods and goddesses were enraged. How dare someone steal the MIGHTY PIES from the people of Olympus! They all knew that they had to punish Athena at once, because they worked hard on making those pies and everyone loves pie. They decided to let Arachne choose the punishment. Arachne said that Athena should be turned into a earthworm for two weeks. The gods and goddesses decided that this was a great punishment and they made it happen.

The next day they all laughed at Athena as they watched her wriggle around in the soil. They were so delighted that they forgot all about making more pies. Soon there were no pies on Olympus and everyone was sad when the two weeks of Athena's punishment was over. They returned to their homes and found that they did not have any pies! So as a second punishment to Athena, they made her make all the pies for the gods and goddesses of Olympus. Then they had to go down to earth and make Arachne into a more powerful spider. They transformed her into a tarantula. Arachne lived as a spider for the rest of her life, which was turned to normal time again by the gods, as a big spider with lots of cookies and pie.

THE END

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The Wonder of it All

BY DEBBIE GREGOIRE LEFEBVRE,
SOUTHBRIDGE, MA

At first we learn to crawl,
Then we begin to stumble and fall.
I used to measure myself on the growth
chart on the wall,
As I played with my doll.
I dreamed about being tall,
And being a center in basketball.
My growth spurt stopped and I stayed
small.
It's hard to find clothes at the mall.
The thing is, there's no one I can call!!!
The wonder of it all.

BREAKING TABOO

BY FAITH HOLMES, DRACUT, MA
(FORMERLY OF NORTH BROOKFIELD, MA)

Our minds and mental health are often
forgotten in the swarm of stimulants
caused by our modern lives. Too often we
are told to just take medications that may
or may not even be necessary. Let's find out
if you are depressed: Answer several ques-
tions, all of which you quite possibly could
lie about. And then go through migraines,
neuroses, sickness, and possible worse
mental side effects than you had prior!
It seems now that we are all too willing
to just hand out medication and people
expect it to be a cure all. However, we
forget to ask some pretty essential ques-
tions. Like does the person even want to
be on medication in the first place, what
is their environment like, what are they
eating? We as a society have such a simple
minded approach when it comes to what
actually makes us up; our minds. Instead
of looking at our minds as what it literally
is, something that makes us, we seem to
look at it as a single problem.

Well if someone is for example
depressed, they must have low serotonin,
and therefore they must need meds relat-
ed to said problem. However we are not
asking what else may be contributing or
purely causing that problem.

I will use my own personal experience
as an example. I was in an extremely
abusive relationship where not only did
they make me feel horrible for just being
me, they would shove me around and
demanded that I do things their way or
no way. My entire life was based around
them. After dumping me for "crying too
much", then discovering said person was
cheating on me with someone 13 years
older than me with a child, they attacked
me and tried to take a beloved pet. At this
point I was legit starving because I could
not afford to eat, and hadn't showered in
two days because I was forced to live with
strangers. Even with just that tiny tidbit I

have shared, you may understand why
I'd be a little messed up. However I can
inform you that my own doctor does not
even know this, nor have they asked my
feelings towards medication, or my home
situation. I was handed a tablet, took
a screening, came up as depressed, and
handed medication that made me feel
even worse than I already was feeling.

This experience changed a lot for me
and got me thinking how many more
people are going through this? Why are
we simply looking at the chemicals in
one's brain instead of looking into what
else might be causing depression. The
first solution is medication, why? Most
likely because it is the easiest fix. Doctors
do not need to ask you questions that's
why, and it is commonly assumed that it
will fix whatever problems you may be
having. As a society we are so set on quick
fixes that we don't even take the proper
time that is needed to heal and figure out
what is really wrong with our brains. We
are rushed through this process, and you
never really hear anyone talking about
it. It seems to be that not only are we just
handing people "quick fix" solutions, but
we aren't really making steps to break
down the taboo of it either. Taking med-
ication is still hush hush, to the point
where we are not even having the conver-
sation about

what is best for not only our minds, but
our bodies as well.

I Can't Stand Winter (A Poem)

BY TOM VANTRE

Snow is falling.
Ground is covered in ice.
I slip and fall.
I can't stand winter.

My fingers have frostbite.
I can't feel my toes.
I'm shivering non-stop.
I can't stand winter.

Can the warm weather come back?
Sooner than later.
Warm weather feels better.
I prefer it more.
I hate cold weather.
I can't stand winter.

Poems

BY JUSTIN WITKOWSKI

Rocko

Rocko is a cat,
He likes to be pat,
Rocko is a kitten,
He is as soft as a mitten,
He is crazy cat,
And he is not fat,

Tigger

Tigger is a cat,
He's kind of fat,
He loves to be pat,
Tigger's a nice cat,
He likes to be sat,
He sometimes sits on mats

Cats

Cats like to be pat,
They rhyme with at,
They like to be sat

Turtles

Turtles are slow,
They go pretty low,
Turtles can be mean,
They can be green

THE SCAR UPON THE TREE

BY RICHARD M. TRAU SCHKE

The tree sits off the lane, to the right;
It's quite old, and is a beech
Its wide grey bark is plain, except
for that scar that's within my reach.

Who carved that scar upon that tree?
What does it mean, I thought?
Where could I find the answer?
When was it put there for all to see?

The markings were not plain at first;
I traced it with my fingers though,
then it came quite clear to me,
It was made for a girl, by her beau.

It was a heart, carved with care;
pierced by an arrow, straight through,
these were the words that were written
there;
inside the heart, "I love you Sue."

I solved the riddle, then let it be;
only to find a couple watching me,
For years they'd come to the tree to see
their "I love you Sue"
still upon the tree.

KINDNESS

BY SUE ANGELA HEALY, NORTH BROOKFIELD

Is there a day when you feel down and
out?

Then do something nice for
someone without any doubt
Give a stranger your seat on the bus say-
ing I'll stand thank you without making
a fuss

Even if you are running late – no there's
not much time

Let a person in a wheelchair get to the
head of the line

If you see a loved one at a wake begin-
ning to cry

Hand them a kleenex to dry their eyes

Send a family member a card or simple
note

Reassure a politician for them you are
going to vote

Give your sister the last piece of choc-
olate cake

You'll know for sure it was not a mis-
take

Help an elderly man up the stairs at
mass

Show them dignity – respect – thought-
fulness and class

Make breakfast for a neighbor waking
up before dawn

Telling them later in the day you'll now
mow their lawn

A long forgotten classmate – make the
first call

Catching a baby as they begin to fall

Oh I'll give you a hand to shovel that snow

They'll appreciate it more than you'll ever
know

Bring an employee a large coffee in a
decorated mug

If someone's having a bad day give
them a hug

When all things seem hopeless – on a
star make a wish

To your only grandchild a good nite
kiss

A homeless person – give them a dollar
or two

Any extra cash buy them a pair of shoes

A heartbroken little boy – give them
that home run ball at a game

Know your life will not be the same

Someone walking behind you – for them
hold the door

Be courteous to others – don't just
ignore

Buy your whole family an ice cream
cone

Reassuring your mom she will never
be alone

Saying good morning as you walk down
the street

Person after person everyone you
should greet

Going for a bike ride – just you and me

At a school auditorium – decorate this
Christmas tree

A hospital visit – for the patients say a
prayer

Let them know that you truly care

Share your umbrella if it begins to rain

Be happy for others with wealth and
fame

Holding the hand of a very small child

Wherever you are give someone a smile

If you do an act of kindness every single
day

It will affect your heart in a very special
way

Cancer

BY: AYN SLEI HOLMES,
LEICESTER MIDDLE SCHOOL

Cancer, not the zodiac sign,
The evil one, taking its time
"It isn't anything," they say
But little do they know,
She will pay
Over a decade, it has lurked
Waiting and waiting,
Until she is past hurt
Cancer, not the zodiac sign,
The evil one, taking, taking,
And biding its time

I Miss You Daddy

BY COLE DELAGE, LEICESTER MIDDLE SCHOOL

A gentle wind wipes away the tears of
a girl,

Who could never forgive those people.
Those people, who ruined her life for-

ever
Will never know what she had felt.

Now she stands in an abandoned field,
Next to the towering cherry tree,

Where she has to accept the result
of their horrific actions.

All of the hugs that she had not received
enough of,

All the kisses she will never forget
All the times they have played,

And the times they have laughed,
All the times she was tickled,

All the times they played hide-and-go-
seek,

All the times they have stayed up late,
All the secrets they kept,

The snowball fights they have had,
All the misery they have gone through

together,
And the times she had said, "I love
you,"

Have concluded.
Because of them.

Those people, who she wished had suf-
fered,

Had died at their impact.

Instead she lives on with the pain,
That destroys her eternally.

Depression swallows her up
And the tears trickle down again.

That building, enclosed in smoke
Came crashing down,

Obliterating everything in sight.
The woman he managed to rescue,

Died shortly after.
"Was it useless though," she thought?

He shouldn't have gone,
But he did.

"Daddy, it is really difficult to live
On without you. Can you see me?

I see you; your face in the clouds
Which we counted so many times.

I hear you; your voice trembling,
For help every time I walk by that spot,

Where the building once was.
I smell you; your scent lingering when-

ever
I walk into the room that was once
yours.

Do you love me daddy? I'm trying not
to cry.

I try to live on...It's hard.....I've done
good so far.

I have made good friends,
My grades have made the high honor
roll,

And I'm even the captain on the basket-
ball team.

I don't know if I can live on."
"It's not fair," she screeched!

The noise was followed by
Reverberating fists pounding

The red and blue flowers beneath her.
Her face red from crying,

And her palms covered in blood and
dirt,

Sat next to what was once her father.
"Show me a sign.....

Show me your here."
Waiting several minutes,

The girl decided it was time to depart.
The grave of her father

Was revealed as she reluctantly stum-
bled away,

Leaving behind what she had loved
most of all.

Thomas James Tull
Died in a terrorist attack,
at the world trade center.

9/11/2001.
A hero that won't be forgotten.

"I'll see you soon daddy," she whispers;
Followed by a sudden click

Including a piercing bang.

A gentle wind wipes away the tears of
a girl,

Who could never forgive those people.
Those people , who ruined her life for-

ever
Will never know what she had felt.

Now she lays in an abandoned field,
Next to the towering cherry tree

Where she is quiet,
Still,
And seemingly lifeless.

Poems

BY ELIZABETH SOUSA,
LEICESTER MIDDLE SCHOOL

Flames

if you throw her into the fire
she'll find a way to come back with
more flames

than you'd ever imagine

Face

eyes overflowing with lies
lips that pour them out

nose breathing noxious air
freckles filled with jealousy

Salty Shores

ruby red crabs shrouded between rocks
The sand covering of the whole sea-

shore
seafoam tucks your footprints under-

neath
a place on the coast of El Salvador

Autumn in New England

a plain of maroon, yellow, and orange
leaves scatter the ground like whipped

cream and cinnamon on top of a mug of
hot chocolate.

the clouds are taking over the sky, like
marshmallows atop a bonfire.

the wind blows a nice, cool breeze.
perfect time for some warm & toasty

apple cider!

Memories

i suppose
i should
bury them deeper

this time

Autumn in New England

BY LAYLA GUSTIN,
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When you walk around outside when
it's Autumn in New England you can see

a lot of beautiful things. When you walk
into the woods you see that there are

vines braided around trees like smooth
braided hair. There are little ponds that

are icy cold like ice cubes with sticks
and branches that are tangled together to

make up the beavers homes.

You can see fallen colorful and dead
leaves scattered around the freshlight

green grass perfectly as if they were sup-
posed to be there. Bright blue skies filled

with cotton candy like clouds. There are
broken twigs everywhere and as you walk

you can hear them snap like broken bones
and mud squish under your feet.

The trees are tall giants that sway back
in forth as the cool windy air blows. The

bittersweet berries are bright as a light
while hanging on the bushes. You can see

all the little animals scurry around trying
to find food for them and their family.

Then they bolt like a bullet across the
green grass and up the upon the slowly

dying trees.

The fall weather is so unpredictable.
On some days there are raindrops that

are like tiny ants falling lightly from the
sky. But on other days the rain drops are

big and fall very harshly and the wind is
strong it blows the colorful leaves like lit-

tle airplanes are flying all over the place.
Then there are days that are colder than

Antarctica and the next day it is just the
right temperature. It is fun when the

temperature is just right because you go
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LEGALS

Notice of Public Hearing- Spencer Zoning Board of Appeals
At the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting to be held on Tuesday, February 12, 2019 in the McCourt Social Hall of Memorial Town Hall, 157 Main Street, Spencer, MA, a public hearing will be held on the following items starting at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard:
Special Permit-Applicant/ Owner: Douglas Cutler, President of Barnstorm US Corp. Location: 389 East Main Street, Spencer Assessor's Map R35/27.The applicant is requesting Special Permit under Section 4.3.22 (Sale/Rental of Automobiles) of the Spencer Zoning Bylaw for motor vehicle sales. The property is located within the Commercial zoning district
Interested Parties may review these applications at the Office of Development & Inspectional Services in Memorial Town Hall located at 157 Main Street Spencer, MA 01562, during regular business hours from 7:30am-4:30pm Monday-Wednesday and 7:30am-12:00pm on Thursdays. The ZBA is committed to ensuring that its public meetings are accessible to people with disabilities. Should you require auxiliary aids, services, written materials in other formats, or reasonable modifications in policies and procedures, please call 508-885- 7500 ext. 180 in advance of the scheduled meeting.
January 25, 2019
February 1, 2019

Town of West Brookfield Zoning Board of Appeals
A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the West Brookfield Town Hall, to act on an application for a Special Permit for Roger Bouchard, property owned by Roger and Laurie Bouchard, for the property located at 73 Lake Shore Drive, West Brookfield. The applicant wishes to build a dormer and canopy roof. In Neighborhood District requires a special permit as per section, -1.5 Nonconformity, and -1.52 Nonconforming Structures: a (et al). The public is invited to attend.
Renee Adams White
Clerk
January 18, 2019
January 25, 2019

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO98P1858VE1 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Kirsten Irene Ahlberg
Date of Death: 04/18/1998

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **S/A - Formal Appointment of Personal Representaive** has been filed by **Lynne Ahlberg Boyd of Jefferson MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that **Lynne Ahlberg Boyd of Jefferson 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 02/05/2019.** This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an

inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: January 07, 2019
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
January 25, 2019

LEGAL NOTICE POSTING FY2020 SCHOOL BUDGET
Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District FY2020 School Budget. The Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School Committee, in compliance with Massachusetts General Law, will hold the first of two Public Hearing on the proposed FY2020 School Budget. The first Hearing will be held on Tuesday, January 29, 2019, at 6:30 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 the District's website: www.sebrsd.org. Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School Committee January 18, 2019
January 25, 2019

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608
Docket No. WO15P2001PM CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF CONSERVATOR'S ACCOUNT
In the matter of:
Erica L Kresco
Of: West Brookfield, MA
(Protected Person/ Disabled Person/Respondent)

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, you are hereby notified pursuant to Rule 72 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court, that the **third account** account(s) of Cheryl A Edwards of West Brookfield, MA as Conservator of the property of said Respondent has or have been presented to the Court for allowance.
You have the right to object to the account(s). If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **02/12/2019.** This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to object to the account(s). If you fail to file the written appearance and objection by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you, including the allowance of the account(s).
Additionally, within thirty days after said return day (or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order), you must file a written affidavit of objections stating the specific facts and grounds upon which each objection is based and a copy shall be served upon the Conservator pursuant to Rule 3 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court.
You have the right to send th Conservator, by registered or certified mail, a written request to receive a copy of the Petition and account(s) at no cost to you.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the abovenamed person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: January, 14 2019
Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate
January 25, 2019

TOWN OF SPENCER Public Hearing - Monday, February 11, 2019 6:00 PM Town Hall 157 Main Street, Spencer
FY 2019 Spencer CDBG Application
The Spencer Board of Selectmen will conduct a Public Hearing on February 11, 2019 at 6:00 PM at Spencer Town Hall, 157 Main Street, regarding its proposed FY 2019 application to the Massachusetts DHCD for up to \$800,000. Proposed project includes an infrastructure improvement project on Cherry-Wall-Lloyd Dyer Street. The Pioneer Valley Planning Commission will be assisting the town with the administration of the program. The public hearing will offer Spencer residents an opportunity to comment on proposed projects which were identified as priorities in the town's Community Development Strategy. All persons with questions or comments regarding the grant application will have an opportunity to be heard. Those unable to attend can send written comments to the Spencer Board of Selectmen, 157 Main Street, Spencer, MA 01562, Attn: Thomas Gregory. The Spencer Town Hall is handicapped accessible. Persons who require special accommodations for either public meeting should contact the town at least one week prior to the hearing date at 508-885-7500. For further information contact Ted Harvey at PVPC at (413) 781-6045 or tharvey@pvpc.org.
January 25, 2019

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO09P2820EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Suzanne Lincoln
Date of Death: 08/30/2009

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **S/A - Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Mary Lou Hastings of North Brookfield MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that **Mary Lou Hastings of North Brookfield MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve 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 02/12/2019.** This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: January 14, 2019
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
January 25, 2019

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO19P0173EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
William F Palmer, III
Also known as:
William F Palmer
Date of Death: 12/24/2018

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Melissa A Palmer of Brookfield MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that **Melissa A Palmer of Brookfield 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 02/12/2019.** This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: January 14, 2019
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
January 25, 2019

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Division
Docket No. WO19P0020EA
Estate of:
GARY W McGEE
Also Known As:
GARY McGEE
Date Of Death: November 16, 2018 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **DEBORAH L McGEE of SPENCER MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.
DEBORAH L McGEE of SPENCER MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.
The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
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- Practice proper weight distribution. Distribute the weight of the item being towed to make towing smoother and safer. The cargo's center

of gravity should be low, and most of the weight should be toward the front. Weight on either side also should be even. These steps will help prevent the trailer from fishtailing or flipping over.

- Use the right hitch equipment. Adjust the hitch so that the trailer being towed is relatively level to your vehicle when attached. Connect lights to your trailer through the hitch system so that brake lights and other indicators work properly. Make sure the hitch ball is the right size for your trailer, otherwise the trailer might disconnect during towing. Use a pin and safety chains to keep the trailer secure.

- Check if extra brakes are required. Many states require a separate braking system on towed vehicles with a loaded weight in excess of 1,000 pounds. Newer trucks may have a built-in controller for brakes or you may need to have a system installed. Experts from Popular Mechanics advise using a trailer brake output system that matches the trailer brake output to the tow vehicle's deceleration.

- Slow down and drive more cautiously. A vehicle towing a trailer will not maneuver the same way as a vehicle without a trailer attached. Give yourself a greater cushion of space between other vehicles. It may take longer for you to brake because of the added weight.



Safely and successfully driving with a trailer takes practice and patience.

Get used to using side-view mirrors because the trailer may block your rearview. Larger, extended side-view mirrors may help you feel more comfortable and safe. Make wide turns so that the trailer will clear curbs and not tip over.

- Avoid backing up. Unless

you're experienced with driving large rigs, you may find reversing with a trailer very challenging. Limit situations that require backing up. Park in pull-through parking spots when possible. If you need to back up, move slowly and with your hand on the bottom of

the steering wheel, turning it in the direction you want the trailer to go.

- Practice, practice, practice. Get acclimated with towing in a parking lot or on empty streets before taking your trailer out on the open road.

Why clean air filters are important



Replacing air filters is an inexpensive way to keep vehicles performing at peak capacity.

Vehicle owners likely know to check fluid levels and get their cars' oil changed, but air filters may not be at the top of their maintenance checklists. Despite being a relatively inexpensive part, air filters often go overlooked.

Air filters have an important job in a vehicle, prolonging the life span of engines and helping cars run more smoothly and efficiently.

Purpose of vehicle air filters

Vehicle combustion engines operate with a mixture of fuel and air. Without oxygen, gasoline or diesel fuels cannot burn properly and power the engine. The air filter's job is to prevent dirt, dust and other debris from being sucked into an engine. Otherwise, grime can build up and impede engine performance or cause erosion of parts under the hood.

It is much more cost-effective to routinely change air filters than replace expensive engine parts. Rather than ignoring air filters until the last minute, drivers can take steps to keep filters clean and functioning at peak performance.

- Improve fuel efficiency. Clogged air filters reduce air flow to engines, resulting in an improper ratio of air to fuel. As a result, spark plugs can be negatively affected and the engine may idle roughly or misfire. These scenarios can greatly affect fuel efficiency as well as cause engine deposits from rich fuel. To save money and trips to the fuel pump, replace filters regularly. According to GearHeads, for older cars, studies have indicated that by replacing a dirty air filter, one can improve gas mileage by as much as 14 percent.

- Reduce stress on the engine. Because of the air-to-fuel mix in engines, even a mixture that is slightly off balance can affect what is going on under the hood. That means the engine must work harder to get enough clean air into the chamber to complete the combustion cycle, says the Automotive Training Center.

- Enjoy more power. A filter that is saturated with dirt will restrict air flow. In such instances, drivers may notice a lack of power during acceleration. Replacing the filter can easily restore that pep.

- Reduce vehicle emissions. Environmental concerns are a priority for many people. By keeping the engine working properly, with the advantage of clean, unobstructed air entering the chamber, a vehicle may produce lower emissions.

Replacing air filters is an easy fix that many drivers can do themselves, or ask their mechanics to do during oil changes or other repair shop visits.

Safety in numbers: Why it pays to replace headlight bulbs in pairs

(MS) — When it comes to vehicle maintenance, the rule of two has long reigned among professional automotive technicians and driving safety advocates. In accordance to this rule, drivers replacing important parts in their cars and trucks, such as tires, brakes, shocks and wiper blades, should always do so in pairs.

Replacing parts in pairs can ensure vehicles are properly balanced and functioning safely. But it's not just tires, brakes and other big-ticket components that should be replaced in pairs. Vehicle lighting plays an integral role in keeping drivers and their passengers safe, and motorists should exercise the same caution regarding their vehicles' headlights, taillights and turn signals that they do when maintaining the rest of their cars and trucks.

Why replace aging headlight bulbs?

Few drivers include headlight bulb replacement in their vehicle maintenance routines. But old headlight bulbs can drastically compromise visibility at night, when drivers' visual acuity is naturally reduced by as much as 70 percent. As headlight bulbs age, the effects of exposure to sunlight, ozone and pollution can significantly reduce their light output. According to Philips Automotive, a leading manufacturer of vehicle lighting components, headlight bulbs begin to project significantly less light within two to three years of their initial usage, producing dimmer light outputs that compromise the safety of drivers and their passengers. For example, new headlight bulbs capable of projecting 240-foot beams in front of a vehicle may see that projection dwindle to just 160 feet within two to three years.

Why replace bulbs two at a time?

In an effort to promote the importance of changing headlight bulbs two at a time, Philips developed the "Change In Pairs" safety campaign, which aims to educate motorists about the dangers of dimming lights while promoting the many reasons that changing bulbs in pairs makes the road safer for all travelers. To support this safety initiative, Philips also packages its Upgrade Headlight Bulbs in pairs.

Though replacing two head-



Changing headlight bulbs in pairs assures that the road ahead will be properly illuminated and that drivers will get the full safety benefit of the vehicle's headlights, just as the carmaker intended.

light bulbs when only one is dimming may seem unwarranted, maintaining a consistent light output in both headlights makes the road safer for drivers, their passengers and oncoming motorists. When only one bulb is replaced, the resulting light output can be both unbalanced and unpredictable, providing inadequate lighting that can compromise driver visibility. In addition, oncoming motorists may experience difficulty seeing vehicles with just one headlight operating at full capacity, and some may even mistake oncoming cars and trucks for motorcycles, creating positioning issues for drivers on both sides of the yellow line.

How else can drivers improve visibility?

In addition to replacing headlight bulbs in pairs every two to three years, drivers can take the following proactive measures to reduce the likelihood that their vision will be compromised while on the road.

- Replace worn out wiper blades. Wiper blades need to be changed each season or in three-month intervals. Rubber wiper blades can grow brittle rather quickly, potentially compromising driver visibility at times when they need their vision to be as strong as possible, such as when rain or snow is falling.

- Clean interior glass and mirrors. Over time, interior glass can develop a film-like buildup that reduces vision and creates hazy reflections from the sun. Smokers may notice such buildup is especially thick in their vehicles. Periodically clean interior glass and mirrors to prevent this film from compromising your vision.

- Don't hang accessories in your vehicle. Fuzzy dice, photos and other items hung on rear-view mirrors can prove distracting and block you from seeing the road.

Learn more about the "Change In Pairs" campaign by visiting www.philips.com/automotive.

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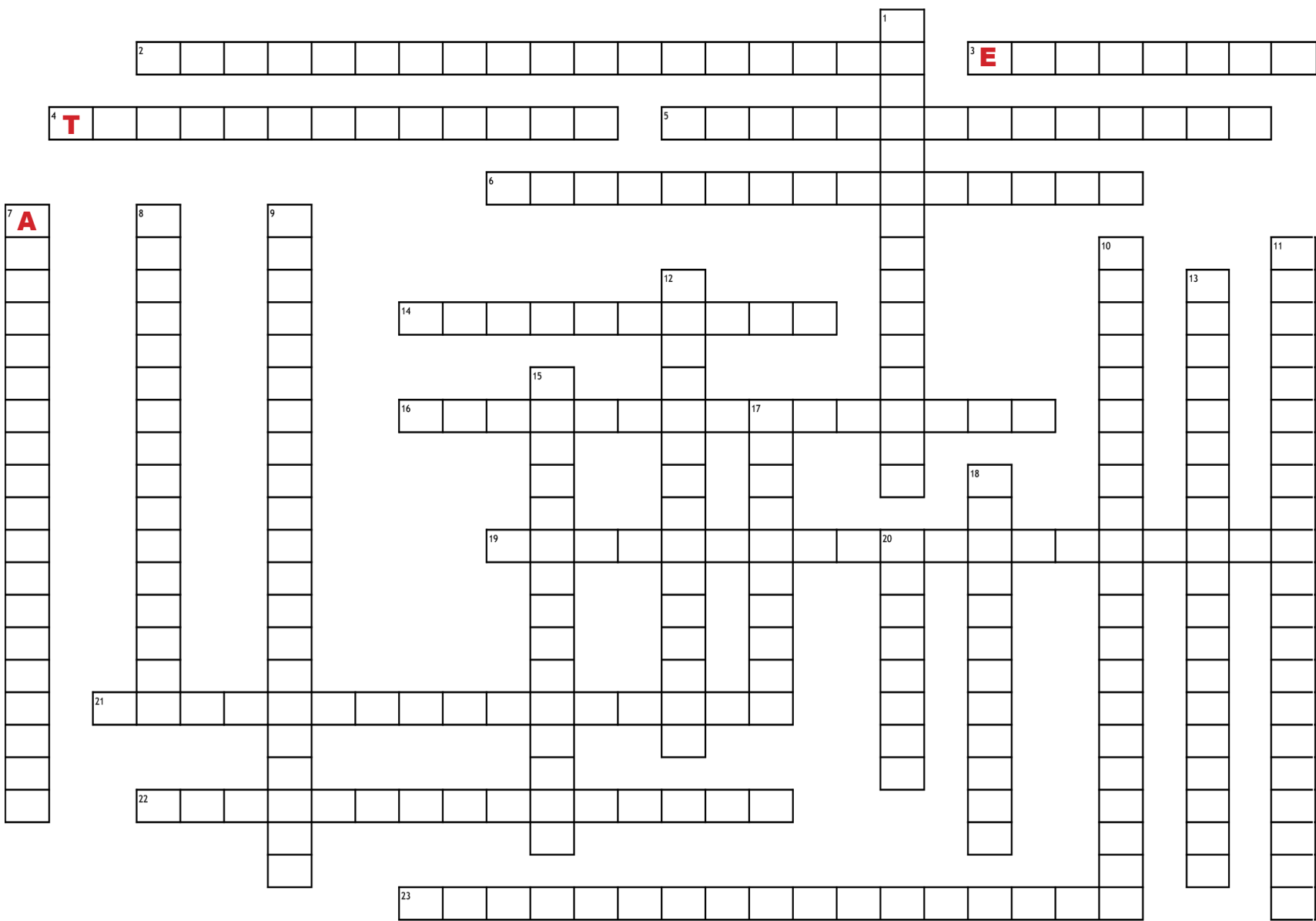
Proper precautions and preparation can help you stay safer on the road no matter what weather elements are thrown your way.

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 3. Check your tires. Inspect your tires—including the spare—at least monthly and before long road trips. It takes only about five minutes. See that each is filled to the vehicle manufacturer's recommended inflation pressure, listed in your owner's manual and on the driver's side door frame. Look closely at the tread. Put a penny in, Lincoln's head facing down. If you can see all of Lincoln's head, the tread depth is less than 1/16th of an inch and it's time for a new tire.
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