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Kevin Flanders Photo

Ducati Sedlier, nine, of North Brookfield, lines up an indoor putt.

Aspiring golfers tee off at Haston Library

BY KEVIN FLANDERS STAFF WRITER

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The words golfing and indoors don't often appear in the same sentence, but Haston Free Public Library staff members and volunteers made the combination a success last weekend.

On Feb. 21-22, the library hosted Bogeys and Books, an 18-hole miniature golf course spread out across the building's three floors. Thanks to the hard work of the Friends of Haston Free Public Library and other volunteers, the library was transformed into an indoor golfing green. Each hole had a specific theme, and guests of all ages enjoyed a little putting action during the heart of winter.

For library officials, it meant a lot to see volunteers put in extra time and effort to make the event a reality.

"Many people took on different roles, and it took a long time to put everything together. It came out great," said library director Dawn Thistle.

On the final day of winter vacation, students like nine-year-old Ducati Sedlier, of North Brookfield, enjoyed a journey through the creative golf course. Themes included dinosaurs, outer space, Thomas the Tank Engine, Dr. Seuss books, and even library history, among several others. Individual holes were set up and decorated in extensive detail, including a curving tube that used gravity to transport putted balls from the library's third floor to the second floor. Additional holes featured bumpers, props, and even a ramp over a small pool.

And while families were waiting to take part in a given hole, there were always plenty of books nearby to pass the time.

Library officials thank all volunteers for their efforts, including a North Brookfield High School student who painted a mural for the

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Leicester officials hope to encourage business development

BY KEVIN FLANDERS STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER – Thanks to recent grant funding, the town will continue its push to encourage business development.

Officials have long sought to leverage the town's geographic advantages and attract significant economic development. With easy access to Worcester along Route 9, Leicester is the perfect place for prospective businesses. And with help from the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC), the vision continues to gain momentum.

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"The CMRPC recently obtained a \$30,000 economic development grant on behalf of the town to formulate a strategy to encourage business development within the town," said Town Administrator David Genereux.

The town has seen significant business development in recent years, highlighted by the 2018 expansion of Cultivate Holdings, Inc., at 1764 Main St. The business became the first in the Commonwealth to receive a retail marijuana license from the state's Cannabis Control Commission, kicking off a state-

wide business boon. Far more important to Leicester officials, the dramatic increase in customers coming to town has had major advantages for other businesses. New business growth also provides much-needed tax relief, officials said.

"With the future challenges the town faces – the schools and infrastructure issues as an example – expansion of present businesses and new business is essential for the growth of the tax base for the town to help take the burden off the taxpayers," said Selectman John Shocik.

Officials are thrilled that Leicester continues to draw the interest of prospective business owners in all directions. From Route 9 to Spencer and Worcester, to Route 56 heading into Oxford, there are plenty of easy ways in and out of town for entrepreneurs and their customers.

Of course, Leicester isn't the only community vying for the area's business owners. Several other central Massachusetts towns competed for grant funding this year to aid their own

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Officials seeking grant funds for rail trail

BY KEVIN FLANDERS

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The town is full steam ahead on its rail trail plans, and officials are seeking grant funds for the next step of the project.

Officials recently sent in their application for grant funding to cover the cost of design expenses for the non-motorized trail. After countless hours of volunteer work from residents and town officials alike, the trail route has been cleared of decades worth of brush and debris.

Trail clearing efforts have extended into East Brookfield, and the plan is for the completed trail to reach Route 9. Having already secured all of the required conservation approvals in North Brookfield, the project must gain approval from conservation officials in East Brookfield before moving forward. Meanwhile, if the grant funds are approved, the design phase would cover several elements of the project. This includes everything from trail surface materials to safety features.

"We need to have the entire thing designed so we know exactly which steps are needed to complete it," said Board of Selectmen Chairman Dale Kilov

Town leaders have big plans for the rail trail, which would enable residents of all ages to get outdoors and enjoy year-round recreation. Biking, jogging, dog walking, rollerblading, and nature observation are just a few benefits the trail would offer. And with its proximity to the Senior Center and the Town Common, officials envision seniors and their families taking advantage of the

The project also ties into the overall

revitalization planned for the town center. When the new playground project is eventually completed, there will be direct access from the playground to the trail. Residents would also have close access from all downtown businesses and homes.

"The Playground Committee has a beautiful plan in place, which includes a walking track around the perimeter. The track would have easy access to the rail trail, which would be great for parents, seniors, and families," Kiley added.

Once complete, the trail will stretch 4.2 miles into East Brookfield. Project leaders are hoping for crushed asphalt or another hard surface that would accommodate recreation activities while allowing for proper drainage.

Selectmen thank all volunteers, residents, and business donors who either contributed labor or materials to the project. When volunteers weren't clearing multitudes of stubborn brush, they were contending with soggy stretches that were at first impassable. Officials hope to ensure that all contributors are thrilled with the finished product.

"Hundreds of volunteer hours have gone into this project, and people worked extremely hard to clear all the brush from the trail," Kiley added. "It hadn't been used since the seventies and was heavily overgrown. We also had many donations from local businesses, and the Highway Department donated materials as well."

Officials will learn if the grant funding has been received by the summer. Grants are also being sought for the Town House renovation project, which headlines the overall revitalization.

Auction planned to benefit Friends of Swan Tavern



Courtesy Photo

The Swan Tavern was fully decorated during a recent holiday showcase.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER – Local business owners and creators will showcase their skills in style next month during a service auction to benefit the Friends of Swan Tayorn

of Swan Tavern.
Set for Saturday, March 28, the event will take place from 7-11 p.m. at Leicester Country Club. The owners of several businesses will take part in the event, modeling their services with props, outfits, and other displays. Owners will include an artist advertising classes, a painter, and an antique fire truck operator, among several others.

All proceeds from the event will cover the costs of renovations at the historic Swan Tavern, as well as ongoing maintenance and operations needed to keep the 1768 building running. Several improvements have been made to the building over the winter by volunteers from the Friends of Swan Tavern, a nonprofit group comprised of members who were determined to preserve the tavern.

"A lot of people were afraid of what might happen with this property. We are all thrilled about what is taking place here now," said Joseph Lennerton, a member of the town's Historical Commission and also a Friends of Swan Tavern member. "Up until this past fall, many people had never been inside the house. They were amazed by how well-preserved it was, and people are excited about the renovations."

Since the early fall, the house has already hosted a Halloween event for kids, a holiday season community gathering, a bridal shower, and several other community and private programs. Over the next few months, the Swan will accommodate a tea party and a church luncheon, serving as the perfect venue for a wide range of events. With several neatly restored, cozy rooms that transport guests back to a simpler time, the building is optimal for socialization in a classic New England setting.

Volunteers also continue to expand the historical collections displayed throughout the house, providing residents with a glimpse into Leicester's fascinating past. Residents continue to donate artifacts and furniture for the museum – even classic signs from around town – and one business recently donated an entire collection of antique chairs.

"A lot of items are trickling in from collections, and we have had many residents come in with items they

want to donate," Lennerton added.

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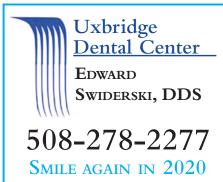
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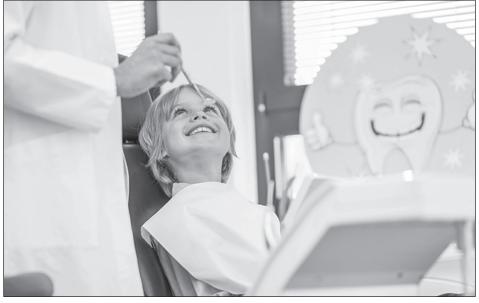
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Visits to the dentist for periodic cleanings and checkups are an important component of oral hygiene. Dentists also may be the first people to identify potential issues that can affect health elsewhere in the body.

Many people are unaware that children should visit the dentist early in their lives. The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry recommends that a child should visit the dentist by age one or within six months of the eruption of his or her first tooth. However, many parents wait until much later age two or three — to take kids to the dentist, offers Delta Dental Plans. Hesitance to visit the dentist may stem from personal fears or perceived reactions by children.

Primary teeth may eventually fall out, but they shouldn't be ignored. They save space permanent teeth and serve other functions. Therefore, parents should begin to acclimate children to the dentist at

a young age to make the experience fun and even enjoyable.

Lead by example

Children who witness their parents putting off going to the dentist or being apprehensive about visiting the dentist may develop their own fears. Always paint the dentist in a positive light and keep appointments.

Focus on the good

aspects Talk up all the benefits of going to the dentist, such as having a squeaky clean and fresh mouth. Many hygienists will hand out small toys after a successful visit, or at the least a great new toothbrush and other fun products to try.

Get a tour of the office

Ask the staff if your child can get a special tour of the office with explanations of all the tools and equipment. Understanding what to expect the next time around in a no-pressure situation can make the process much easier for everyone involved. The dentist may be able to also give a test ride on the exam chair, moving it up and down, as well as showing off the water fountain and oral irriga-

Avoid giving false

hopeDo not tell a child that "everything will be OK" at the dentist's office. If a child needs treatment that may be uncomfortable, he or she may not trust you the next time a dental visit is scheduled, according to Joel H. Berg, D.D.S., M.S., Director of the Department of Dentistry at Seattle Hospital. Children's Avoid words like "shots," "pain," "hurt," or even "cavities." Dentists, particularly pediatric dentists, may have their own vocabulary that can assuage fears and seem less alarming to kids.

Over time, dental visits can become an easy routine with children, setting them up for a lifetime of healthy mouths and teeth.



Brush up on oral hygiene for pets

It is not just what a pet puts inside his or her mouth that can make a difference in comfort and health, but the way pet owners take care of pets' teeth, gums and more. Oral hygiene, this oft-overlooked component of pet care, can mean the difference between a happy, healthy pet and one that may be suffering in silence.

The American Veterinary Dental College says brushing an animal's teeth is the single most effective means to maintain oral health between professional vet examinations. Bacteria that forms naturally in an animal's mouth will contribute to the formation of plaque which, left untreated, can lead to periodontal disease. By brushing away the precursors to plaque, pet owners can achieve optimal dental health for their pets.

Oral hygiene doesn't begin and end with regular brushing. The American Veterinary Medical Association also suggests pet lovers work with a veterinary dentist to evaluate the health of teeth, the jaws and the roots below the gum line. These professionals are invested in all aspects of oral healthcare and can be called on for routine cleaning, filing, extraction, or tooth repairs if need be.

The AVMA says that periodontal disease is the most common dental condition in dogs and cats, and by the time the animal reaches three years of age, it may have some early evidence of periodontal disease, which can only worsen if preventative measures are not taken.

Pet dental problems are similar to those that occur in people. While dental caries (cavities) are less likely, abscesses, infections, broken teeth, and palate defects can occur. Signs of potential oral problems include bad breath, abnormal chewing, disinterest in eating, swelling in the gums, tenderness when the mouth is touched, or bleeding. Pets may become irritable if their mouths are bothering them, so if behavior changes are observed, dogs or cats should be seen by a veterinarian to find out if a dental issue is at the root of the problem.

Some pet owners are reticent to handle oral healthcare for their companion animals because they fear the pet may bite if uncomfortable. Although this is always a possibility, dogs and cats can grow accustomed to teeth being brushed or wiped with patience, says AVDC. Oral rinses and special chews also can reduce plaque formation.

Dental health is an important component of responsible pet ownership. Home oral hygiene and professional cleanings and examinations can help pets remain

2020 off to a busy start for Spencer Democrats

SPENCER—The Spencer Democratic Town Committee has been busy in the new year! On Jan. 12, members attended a Regional Organizing meeting for Congressman Jim McGovern. This meeting lay the groundwork for the signature collection effort needed to place the congressman on the ballot for reelection this year.

On Feb. 1, Spencer Dems attended a Central Massachusetts Candidates Forum at the Salem Cross Inn that drew over 100 residents from the Central Massachusetts area. Attendees heard from representatives of the Bernie Sanders, Joe Biden, Elizabeth Warren, Andrew Yang, and Deval Patrick presidential campaigns. Speakers also represented thee US Senate campaigns of Senator Ed Markey and Congressman Joe Kennedy. The crowd also heard from Congressman McGovern, a representative of Congressman Neal, and Alex Morse (candidate for Congress opposing Congressman Neal in the primary). Spencer's own Senator Ann Gobi served as master of ceremonies.

On Jan. 30, the Spencer Democratic Town Committee held a meeting at Spencer McDonalds. The committee have over 20 members. Plans to support signature collection efforts on behalf of Congressman McGovern and Senator Gobi were discussed. Future speaking programs, the upcoming democratic caucus to select delegates to the state party convention, the importance of the upcoming federal census, coordinating efforts with other local democratic town committees and local activist groups as well as potential future community service efforts were also discussed. The enthusiasm of the expanded membership bodes well for upcoming activities.

On March 3, all Democrats are encouraged to vote in the presidential preference primary. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The Spencer Democratic caucus to elect three delegates and four alternates to the Democratic State Convention to be held this year on May 30 at the

Tsongas Center in Lowell will be held on Saturday, March 14 at 10:30 a.m. in the Miriam McCourt Social Hall on the lower level of Spencer Memorial Town Hall at 157 Main St. Thousands of Democrats from across the state will come together to discuss party business and celebrate success as they prepare for upcoming elections. The caucus is open to all registered and pre-registered Democrats in Spencer. Pre-registered Democrats who turned 18 by Feb. 15 will be allowed to participate and run as a Delegate or Alternate. Youth, minorities, people with disabilities, and LGBTQ individuals who are not elected as a Delegate or Alternate may apply to be an Add-on Delegate at the caucus or at www.massdems.org . Immediately after the caucus, there will be a Spencer Democratic Town Committee meeting/ forum focused on climate change and environmental issues. Dr. Gene Fry of the Central Mass Climate Lobby will be our guest speaker. Other topics to be discussed include the Town of



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Spencer Open Space Plan, the report of the solar bylaw committee for the Town of Spencer, and legislative and advocacy efforts on climate change at both the state and federal levels. Those interested in getting involved with the Spencer Democratic Town Committee should visit its Web site at www.spencer-democrats.org.

Spencer student graduates from state's largest virtual public school

Baptista of Spencer is among several winter graduates of TECCA, the largest public virtual school system in Massachusetts.

For several TEC Connections Academy parents and high school seniors, nothing highlights the flexible virtual school schedule more than the ability to graduate outside of a traditional spring commencement. While the majority of public school students are preparing for a new semester, several students at TECCA will graduate with their high school diploma this winter.

"At TECCA, students from all across Massachusetts take advantage of our flexible schedule and quality education while still being able to pursue their dreams in sports, dance, or other goals about which they are passionate," said Patrick Lattuca, TECCA school leader.

"TECCA gives students the real chance to learn at their own pace and around their busy schedules. Graduating in the winter is just one example of that flexibility and personalization," Lattuca said.

TECCA has about 2,200 stu-

dents enrolled in grades K-12, representing every corner of the state. In addition to a challenging curriculum, instruction from state-certified teachers, and flexible graduation pathways, TECCA offers students a range of field trips, career and college planning support, and social clubs. The virtual school option works for a variety of students, including aspiring athletes, dancers, and those needing a more focused learning environment.

Leicester High to host film screening, discussion on anxiety

LEICESTER - Early next month, Leicester High School will team up with IndieFlix for a screening of the film "Angst: Raising Awareness Around Anxiety.'

Hosted by LHS, the screening will be open to the community on March 5 at 6 p.m. Following the film, there will be a question and answer period moderated by the school's adjustment counselor, Scott Smith.

For 15 years, Smith has been an adjustment counselor in the Leicester Public Schools, plus an additional 11 years in private practice. Moreover, he serves as a faculty member at Assumption College's graduate school.

"Angst" is a 56-minute film that explores anxiety, its causes and effects, and how it can be addressed. The filmmaker's goal is to have a global conversation and raise awareness about anxiety. "Angst" features candid interviews with kids and young adults who suffer from anxiety.

The film includes discussions with mental health experts about the causes of anxiety and its sociological effects, as well as a list of resources available to families.

Spencer woman injured in fire

SPENCER - A woman was injured during a three-alarm

Firefighters responded quickly to the Feb. 19 blaze on Iolmes Street A female resident was transported to University of Massachusetts Medical Center in Worcester. An update on her condition was not available by press time.

Members of the State Fire Marshal's Office continue to

investigate the cause of the fire.

Local students named to Curry College Fall 2019 Dean's List

MILTON — Roughly 1,000 students were named to the Fall 2019 Dean's List at Curry College. The following local students made the list:

Sydney Bolivar, of Leicester, a Nursing major and member of the Class of 2021.

Amanda Balicki, of West Brookfield, a Nursing major and member of the Class of 2020.

Lilly Thacker, of North Brookfield, a Nursing major and member of the Class of 2022.

To earn a place on the list, full-time undergraduate students - those who carry 12 or more graded credits per semester - must earn a 3.3 grade-point-average (GPA) or higher. About Curry College

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Worcester Academy proudly announces Semester 1 Honor Roll and Headmaster's List

WORCESTER — Worcester Academy proudly announces its Honor Roll and Headmaster's List for Semester 1 of tae 2019-2020 School Year. The honors represent the achievements that each of these Worcester Academy students has earned through academic excellence, challenge, and personal growth.

Among the students are:

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Nathan Novia of Leicester, Class of 2020, First Lillian Reynolds of North Brookfield, Class of

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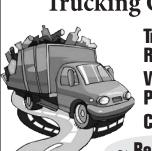
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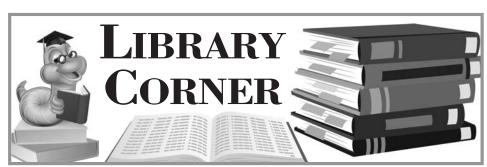
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students and the community. "It's always fun to provide unique programs for the kids during their vacation week," Thistle added. "They

program. The library always receives

strong year-round support from local

was open for a second day on Saturday, Feb. 22. To learn more about upcoming NorthBrookfieldLibrary.org.



Richard Sugden Library

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March 2

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

Teen Mania: Artist in you! (3-month series) Meets from 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm. Teen Mania prepares for our first teen art show at the library! This week continues with Knitting Part 2: Knit a Harry Potter House Scarf. All levels welcome. Discover your inner artist and enter your favorite pieces in the show in April.

Spencer Writers' Group is held for teens and adults. Meetings are held the FIRST Monday of each month. All genres of writers are invited. From 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm, come prepared to write! Light refreshments will be served. Register today! Sign up by visiting, or calling the library at (508) 885-7513, online at www.spencerpubliclibrary.org. Questions? Contact Sharon Legasey atshamrocks_1@hotmail.com.

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

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

Imagination Station Edible Craft: Let's make homemade lemonade and "shop", using play money, for our snacks to go with it! Be ready to use your math skills! We will also read a story and tell some jokes. Imagination Station meets on Tuesdays from 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm in the Community Room. Kids in grades K-5 are invited.

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

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Free computer classes are held the FIRST Wednesday of each month. Classes are held on the Library's Main

March 5

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

Mark your calendar! Next week, March 12

The Road to the Vote: The Boston Women's Suffrage Trail will be held at 7:00 pm. Adults and Teens are invited to this celebration of the 100th anniversary adoption of the 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which gave women the right to vote. This presentation, given by the Boston Women's Heritage Trail, highlights local leaders and significant events in the decades long quest for equality at the ballot box.

March 30 Sign up today!

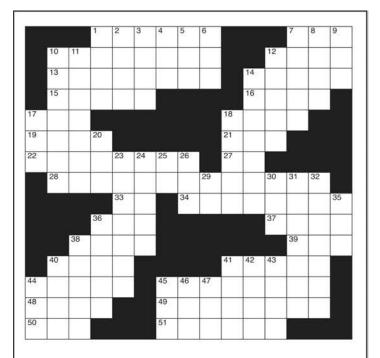
Alzheimer's Disease: Know the 10 Signs. Early Detection Matters will be held from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm.

If you or someone you know is experiencing memory loss or behavioral changes, it's time to learn the facts. Early detection of Alzheimer's disease gives you a chance to begin drug therapy, enroll in clinical studies and plan for the future. This interactive workshop features video clips of people with Alzheimer's disease. Space is limited. Sign up required. Sign up by visiting, or calling the library at (508) 885-7513 x1, or online at www.spencerpubliclibrary.org. A workshop presented by the Alzheimer's Association®

Gobi announces grants to aid municipalities with stormwater permitting requirements

Gobi (D-Spencer) joined the Baker-Polito Administration

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local cities and towns meet existing and upcoming stormwater management requirements. The grants, funded by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP), were awarded to the Statewide Stormwater Coalition, Central Massachusetts Stormwater Regional Coalition, Southeast Regional Stormwater Coalition, the Massachusetts Maritime Academy for Buzzards Bay Collaborative, Stormwater and the Northern Middlesex Stormwater Collaborative.

"I am grateful for the release of this grant funding, and the work of the Baker-Polito Administration to prioritize stormwater protection efforts," said Sen. Gobi, Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture. "These funds go a long way towards raising awareness and training our area towns on how to prepare potential storms and the pollutants they carry to our waterways."

Groups serving towns in Senator Gobi's district will receive the following awards:

Statewide Stormwater Coalition – \$107,795

This project will further expand the "Think Blue Massachusetts" statewide stormwater public awareness and education campaign that helps each MS4 community meet MS4 education and outreach requirements. The proposed project includes expanded advertising to build awareness and brand recognition, new messaging for certain impaired waters, an interactive social media contest, planning for a Think Blue Massachusetts symposium, and training.

Massachusetts Central Regional Stormwater Coalition (CMRSWC) – \$28,000

This project offers workshops to meet the Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination training requirement

CMRSWC members and additional MS4 communities.

The funding will enable groups of Massachusetts municipalities to expand their efforts to meet requirements under the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit, issued jointly by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and MassDEP, and reduce stormwater pollution through coordinated partnerships that emphasize resource sharing. More than 240 Massachusetts municipalities are subject to the 2016 MS4 permit, which took effect on July 1, 2018.

Permit requirements that the municipalities subject to the MS4 permit must meet include the development and implementation of a Public Education program, adopting more stringent local development rules, and locating and removing pollutants that are illegally entering municipal stormwater systems.

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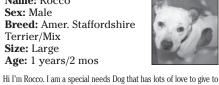
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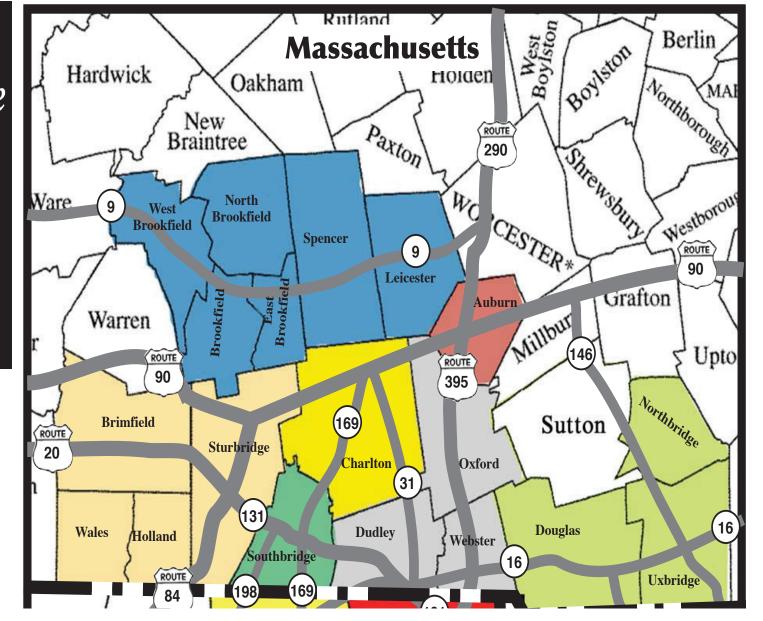
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CLASSROOM CORNER

Avian program helps children learn about birds

BY KEVIN FLANDERS STAFF WRITER

BROOKFIELD Local youngsters and their families took education to new heights last week, as Horizon Wings brought several avian friends for an interactive program.

Held on Feb. 18 at Merrick Public Library, the event drew a packed audience of students on their winter vacation. With snowman construction, sledding, and snowball fights nixed from the lineup during another mild winter week, kids piled into the library in even greater numbers.

The free event introduced guests to four species of birds as part of the Horizon Wings raptor rehabilitation and education program. Featured birds included an American crow, a peregrine falcon, an owl, and a parrot. Several facts were provided on each animal, including their habitats, feeding habits, and cognitive capabilities, among others.

For Horizon Wings founder and owner Mary-Beth Kaeser and her team, it's important to educate kids about birds and their habitats. It's one thing to learn about wildlife in textbooks and online, but Horizon Wings members enjoy giving kids a live look at the wonders of the wild.



Kevin Flanders Photo

The Magario family, of North Brookfield, gets ready for a Horizon Wings event at Merrick Public Library.

Following a brief presentation in the library's main room, kids and their families were able to see the birds up close.

"We want children to learn the importance of respecting nature and taking care of our environment for future generations," Kaeser said. "We try to visit as many communities as we can for educational programs.'

For library officials, it's always important to offer a strong schedule of programs when school is out. Officials were excited to see several Brookfield youngsters in attendance, as well as a few families from surrounding towns. The event was funded by the Friends of Merrick Public

"This is a fun event for the kids on their vacation. We have had similar programs in the past with other organizations, and kids really enjoyed them,' said library director Brenda Metterville.

Based in Ashford, Conn., Horizon Wings was formed in 2001 as a nonprofit wildlife rehabilitation center specializing in birds of prey. The organization has several raptors that cannot be released back into the wild due to their inju-

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

Horizon Wings has provided educational programming for more than 15 years. Organization members travel to schools and libraries throughout New England, taking part in about 200 events per year. To learn more about the organization and its many activities, visit www. HorizonWings.org.

For more information about upcoming programs at the library, or to sign up for activities, call 508-867-6339. You can also check out www. MerrickPublicLibrary.org for additional information on programs for guests of all ages.

Spencer's Matthew Kelley joins Assumption E-Sports team

The Assumption College athletics department recently announced that Matthew Kelley is a member of the school's first e-sports

E-sports is one of three new teams formed this year under the college's Blue and White Sports Program. Under the direction of Head Coach Robert Skinnion, more than a dozen students compete in a main "League of Legends,"

a multiplayer online video game platform, as well as Super Smash Bros.

Team members will also take part in the Ultimate Program (the fifth installment of Super Smash Bros., a series of crossover fighting video games that features characters from various Nintendo franchises). This past fall, the college opened a new community gaming space where players in the program practice and compete. It also hosts other community events like movie nights and casual gaming experiences.

"Building an interactive experience on campus that invites students to engage with their community, meet other students with shared interests, and connect over games, technology, and media is critical to building the campus of the future," Skinnion said. "Though still in the early stages, our e-sports team eagerly anticipates upcoming tournaments this spring, and making a statement with regard to the depth of talent on the Assumption

Assumption's Blue and White Club Sports initiative was created in 2018 to encompass three new club sports programs that are not part of the college's official NCAA teams but function at a higher, more competitive level than the school's traditional club sports model. E-sports joins women's ice hockey and men's swimming as the program's first teams, which will compete at the highest national club level of their respec-

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Simen Nodland named to Millikin University Fall 2019 Dean's List

DECATUR, Ill. — Millikin University is pleased to announce that Simen Nodland of Moss, is among the outstanding undergraduates who have been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2019 semester.

Students who attempt 12 graded credits during a fall or spring semester and earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher earn Dean's List honors. Students earning a perfect 4.00 grade point average on 12 graded credits attempted earn High Dean's List honors.

The students named to the Dean's List at Millikin University are listed in alphabetical order according to last name.

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economic development efforts.

"The grant is a significant step forward for us, as similar announced grants are being shared by multiple communities," Genereux said. "Having the ability to develop a single strategy to be specifically targeted to the challenges unique to Leicester will likely result in a clearly defined economic plan."

Town leaders are also encouraged by the hiring of economic development grant writer Bryan Milward in December. Moreover, Leicester is partnering with the CMRPC on its community development block grant (CDBG) application. Potential projects currently under consideration for the application include the design of disabled access improvements at Russell Memorial Park; the design of public works infrastructure upgrades in a section of Cherry Valley; and a housing rehabilitation program.

A public hearing on the application was held as part of the Select Board's meeting on Feb. 10. Results of the grant application (due in March) are expected to be announced in the summer.

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North Brookfield Savings Bank announces retail banking promotions

NORTH BROOKFIELD — North Brookfield Savings Bank is pleased to announce the promotions of four Retail Banking employees; Renée Jurczyk, Nicole Syriac, Laurie Lacaire and Hayley Sprague, who have consistently displayed their commitment to the customers, communities and to the overall success of the Bank.

"We are so happy to announce these very well-deserved promotions and to have Renée, Nicole, Laurie and Hayley as a part of the North Brookfield Savings Bank team," said North Brookfield Savings Bank President and CEO Donna Boulanger. "They are dedicated and knowledgeable employees who are committed to supporting our customers with their financial goals and giving back to our local communities. I know they will continue to be valuable to the North Brookfield Savings Bank team, our customers and our local neighborhoods."

Renée Jurczyk, of Hardwick, has been promoted to the role of Branch Manager of North Brookfield Savings Bank's East Brookfield Branch located on Route 9 at 100 West Main Street. Jurczyk has more than 30 years of banking experience after most recently holding the position of Assistant Branch Manager at North Brookfield Savings, in addition to previous positions with Country Bank and FamilyFirst Bank.

In her new position, Jurczyk will be responsible for overseeing the overall branch operations of the East Brookfield location. She is known for her exceptional service to customers and attention to detail and will help with customer questions about deposit and loan products, open accounts, take mortgage and consumer loan applications and ensure the branch follows the banks policies and procedures.

Jurczyk is often found volunteering at various North Brookfield Savings Bank sponsored events throughout our communities and is always willing to lend a hand for the Bank and communities whenever called upon.

"I am honored to receive this promotion and I look forward to continuing my journey with North Brookfield Savings Bank in this community. East Brookfield and the surrounding towns are amazing neighborhoods to be a part of," said NBSB Branch Manager Renée Jurczyk. "I love working with our customers to help them to reach their financial goals. We have a friendly and strong team at this branch and I am very excited for us to continue to build relationships with the community.'

Nicole Syriac, of Ware, has been promoted to Assistant Branch Manager of the North Brookfield Savings Bank Ware Branch location on Route 9 at 40 Main St., in addition to her title as Marketing Coordinator. She previously held the position of Supervisor/ Marketing Assistant.

In her new role as Assistant Branch Manager, Syriac will be responsible for ensuring the efficient operation of the teller line, opening new customer accounts, assisting customers with loan inquiries and processing loan applications, providing excellent customer service to cultivate relationships, and supporting the Branch Manager. As Marketing Coordinator, Syriac is an essential part of the marketing team, coordinating details for the Bank's community involvement, Financial Literacy Program, charitable giving efforts and helping to inform the public about the breadth and depth of financial products and services available through North Brookfield Savings Bank.

Syriac has more than 10 years of retail and customer service experience and has consistently provided NBSB customers with a positive and fulfilling banking experience. She places volunteerism as a high priority and will frequently be seen at town happenings located in Ware and the surrounding communities, including attending the Ware Business and Civic Association meetings.

'I am thrilled to have been recognized with this promotion. I look forward to the new experiences and learning opportunities that are ahead for me, and plan to continue to provide our customers with the absolute best banking experience," said NBSB Assistant Branch Manager and Marketing Coordinator Nicole Syriac, "Ware is my home too, and I am so happy to not only continue my career in the local area, but also continue to give back through community involvement."

Laurie Lacaire, of East Brookfield. has been promoted to Branch Support Specialist of the Bank's East Brookfield Branch located on Route 9 at 100 West Main St. She began her career at North Brookfield Savings Bank as a Teller in 1994 and has continued to grow with the bank, building strong relationships over the years with the Bank's customers and communities. Lacaire recently received her NBSB 25 Years of Service Award, but in fact holds over 30 years of banking experience, beginning her banking career with Southbridge Credit Union in 1989.

In her new role, Lacaire will focus largely on overseeing the daily operations of the East Brookfield Branch behind the teller line, assisting customers with their banking needs, balancing ATMs and the vault to ensure that all transactions are accurate, as well as monitoring and managing office details for the branch.

"It has been wonderful being a part of North Brookfield Savings Bank for the past 25 years and I have enjoyed building solid and trusting relationships with my customers and coworkers,' said NBSB Branch Support Specialist Laurie Lacaire. "I am so pleased to be recognized with this promotion and I look forward to continuing to grow in my new position while supporting my coworkers and assisting our customers."

As a local, Lacaire has a deep connection to the community she both works and resides. She regularly volunteers to give her support at neighborhood celebrations or helps at North Brookfield Savings Bank sponsored events.

Hayley Sprague, of Three Rivers, has been promoted to the role of Supervisor and will be primarily based out of the Bank's Palmer Branch location at 1051 Thorndike Street. She previously held the role of Teller and has consistently displayed her strong customer service skills, commitment to learning, and her dedication to providing positive banking experiences for the Bank's custom-

In her new role, Sprague will be responsible for the supervision of the Palmer Branch teller line, helping customers with deposit, service and loan inquires, assisting in the opening and closing of the branch, opening customer accounts, assisting the Branch Manager with day to day routines, and processing consumer loans. Sprague holds a Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural Education from UMASS Amherst.

"I love working in this town and getting to know the customers and community of Palmer. It is a good feeling to be able to get to know and work with customers in the same community that I live in," said NBSB Supervisor Hayley Sprague. "My goal is to learn as much as possible while still providing quality customer service and growing my career with North Brookfield Savings Bank. I am so thankful for the recognition of this promotion and excited for the opportunities that lay ahead."

Sprague, like her fellow coworkers, finds a deep importance in giving back to the local community and making a difference which is why she plans to continue to volunteer and make herself available for ongoing community outreach efforts.

SWAN TAVERN

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Looking ahead, Friends members have big plans for continuing to renovate the house to match the period of its creation. They also want to add more artifacts, themed collections, and historical-educational programming to the Leicester Historical Museum on site. Specialized displays related to various holidays are also in the works, such as a military appreciation display planned for Memorial Day. Moreover, themed exhibits will help highlight the transformation of several major facets of the community over the years, including agriculture, police and fire department history, industry in town, and archae-

"In addition to artifacts, we want to

do a lot more with photographs and names in our displays," said Lennerton, who hopes to show the faces of many Leicester pioneers and leaders.

The Friends have several more ambitious plans for the Swan, but they are relying on the generosity of the community to make it all happen. No town money has gone into the renovation or ongoing operation of the Swan, and not a cent of municipal funding will be used in the future. All projects and operations are funded entirely through grants and donations.

Moving forward, funds will be needed on an ongoing basis to pay for heat, continued renovations, and general maintenance of the building. The Swan has served the town in countless capacities over nearly three centuries, including its time as a tavern, a college administration building for Leicester Junior College and Becker College, a private residence, and even a temporary library when the Main Street facility was under renovation.

With an eye toward future years, residents and volunteers want to ensure that the community landmark continues to thrive.

"We couldn't do this without the community. We have a tremendous group of volunteers who've given their time and services," said Friends of Swan Tavern member Cheryl Cooney. "People in this town are always eager to get involved and give back.

If you would like to give back and contribute to a building that not only celebrates town history, but also serves as a venue for several community and private functions, the March 28 auction is the perfect way to get involved. The suggested donation is \$20 per person,

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The Friends of Swan Tavern include members from both the Leicester Historical Commission and the Leicester Historical Society.

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President's Day is about more than sales

For many years — in fact, for more than two centuries — we've had cause to celebrate the office of the President of the United States. President Richard Nixon, in the late 1960's, made an executive order aptly titled "The Uniform Monday Holiday Act."

Prior to Congress passing the bill (thanks in large part to influence from labor unions and the retail industry), there was Washington's Birthday on Feb. 22 and Lincoln's on Feb. 12, but alas, now the third Monday in February added the likes of every Commander in Chief in this country. As we look at history, we find that both William Henry Harrison and Ronald Reagan were born in February; however, we are not merely celebrating birthdays anymore.

We can't help but wonder what Lincoln would think if he knew citizens of the United States were getting 25 percent off that new mattress because of his time in office, or in celebration of his part in abolishing slavery. Would Washington be pleased that we can get a \$3,000 cash rebate on that Jeep Cherokee we've had our eye on for thanks to his daring efforts in leading American Revolutionary troops across the Delaware River? Perhaps for George, 10 percent off Functional Whitehall Dinghy on Overstock.com for \$17,794.49 would be more fitting on this day. Even more bizarre to ponder is that decades on from today, our progeny will likely find a discount on anything from Ivanka Trump's clothing and women's fragrance

The highest service in our country is often a thankless job, and these great men (and hopefully some day, dare we say, a woman?) make many sacrifices. Our personal histories are entrenched in every term of our forefathers, and to reflect and give thanks should be celebrated with bright eyes on the future and all the leaders of our great nation, past, present, and

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Clarifying some health care misconceptions

With the upcoming Presidential primary looming, I would like to clarify what I view as some fairly widespread misconceptions about healthcare in this

Bernie Sanders is being called a socialist for his "radical" idea of extending an expanded version of Medicare to everyone. A study from Yale University convincingly demonstrated that this approach is more cost effective (in large part by reducing the tremendous administrative costs of dealing with thousands of different insurance plans). But what is not being considered is the dramatic savings in healthcare costs that would likely result from a preventive strategy rather than a "fire engine" approach to medicine. I'm retired, but I spent most of my career in medical research. So I'm quite aware of how a healthy diet and regular check-ups to identify problems early is far more effective at keeping health care costs down than a "fire engine medicine" approach that waits for problems to happen. In a free market, capitalistic society, competition is supposed to keep prices low. Is that what we have in our health care system? Why do we pay so much more than other countries for the same medications and services? Why is our per capita health care cost double that in other industrialized nations? In a profit-motivated pharmaceutical industry, why would cures be sought for so many of our chronic degenerative diseases when the cash cow is a drug requiring life-long treatment to mask symptoms of the disease?

Another important impact on the health of our citizens is the quality of the air we breathe and the water we drink. Unfettered capitalism is far from altruistic, and it's very clear that proposed reductions in the standard of air and water quality have nothing to do with the common good. When companies view our lands as commodities to be exploited for maximum profit, the result is pollution and degradation of habitat that will compromise health and happiness for generations to come. Clean, unpolluted water is becoming increasingly scarce. When fracking or mining results in pollution of a water source, what price should be put on the damage? When mercury released from coal-burning power plants pollutes our land, what price should be placed on that damage? With unfettered capitalism regulated by

weak and rarely enforced laws to protect the environment, the industries doing the pollution rarely pay more than a

token settlement (if any).

The quality of the food we eat has a tremendous impact on our health. But we have been misled concerning what constitutes a healthy diet. A profit-driven food industry has promoted cheap, unhealthy grain oils and sugar-laden processed foods. The pharmaceutical industry has pushed statin drugs to treat high cholesterol, and this has become a standard of care. But an elevated LDL cholesterol and decreased HDL cholesterol is a symptom of a metabolic disorder caused by insulin resistance (a problem afflicting a majority of Americans without their knowledge). Lifelong administration of a cholesterol-lowering drug will do little to prevent severe health consequences of insulin resistance. This metabolic disorder is curable by dietary modifications, and it is the driving force for the obesity epidemic afflicting our country. Our bodies produce insulin in response to an elevation of blood glucose levels. In addition to controlling blood sugar levels, insulin is a fat storing hormone that prevents the breakdown of fat. There is no way an obese, insulin-resistant individual can lose body fat while drinking sugar-laden beverages or eating the sugar-laden processed cereals and other foods promoted as "heart healthy" because they lack cholesterol or are low in fat. When an attempt was made to eliminate soft drinks as an item that could be purchased with food stamps, why do you think some politicians objected? Crony capitalism has many negative impacts on our health, and most of us are completely unaware.

If you want to decrease health care costs, wouldn't it make sense to improve the health of our citizens? Many of the poor in our country are eating cheap, nutrient-deficient, heavily processed food. Access to markets with fresh produce is very limited in most inner cities. A living wage and greater access to health-promoting food will do more than improve the health of the poor. It will help prevent a looming health crisis that could bankrupt this country.

DAVE BROWN NORTH BROOKFIELD

Propane farm poses a danger to Brookfield

Dear Brookfield residents, property owners and employees that work in the center of town,

I would like to inform you all of what has been happening with our Planning Board and former Brookfield Motors. Jeff Tasse of Tasse Fuel from Southbridge has purchased the property. He applied for a special permit to install a propane farm, his business offices, his delivery and service departments on the property. The propane farm is two propane tanks capable of holding 30,000 gallons of propane each to fill the delivery trucks and the 100 gallon tanks for home fueling. They each are 67 feet long, 9 feet wide and approximately 12 feet high. The special permit would allow for approximately 70,000 of total propane storage on the property. Mr. Tasse said these would be state of the art new tanks. In a meeting, the company rep that will be installing the tanks mentioned they were used refurbished tanks. The rep also indicated that the only propane leakage that will occur is when connecting and disconnecting the hoses each time the trucks, 100 gallon tanks and filling the big tanks themselves. There isn't a way to stop or decrease these fumes. Tasse fuel owns property in Southbridge and North Brookfield. Both of these towns have zoning laws prohibiting these types of facilities. They would not be approved.

The original proposal has the two tanks located near the billboard across from Cumberland Farms. When a huge group of neighbors left a particular meeting they were under the understanding that this was the area the tanks were going to be put. A few public hearings later, a few of the neighbors found out that the location had been changed to the back of the property. The next meeting new drawings came back showing that the tanks would be laid 35 feet from Maple Street near the back gate. This location is 12 feet or so from the bus stop for the Tantasqua Jr. - Sr. High Schools. The closest house to these tanks is approximately 40 feet Most members of the planning board feel this this is perfectly fine. The chairperson is very bias and admitted it at the last meeting. As a chairperson you do run the meeting, but to stop residence who took the time to write a letters from reading them at a public meeting and not distribute other letters sent to the board to the other members, does not make a good chairperson. If someone talked against the approval of the tanks the chairperson would shut them down from talking. One of the neighbors attending their first meeting mentioned that several times during the meeting the chairperson stood up and started screaming and arguing with attendees of the public hearing. Disagreeing with their opinions. Indicated that this was not the way a chairperson should conduct them self. Also to ask a room full of residence if they were property owners was not called for. Does a renter's opinion or their concern for their own safety matter less than a home owner? As the chairperson has made it abundantly clear that the property is zoned commercial, this also abuts residential property, with an out pour of neighbors objecting to these tanks.

I have been a home owner in Brookfield for over 25 years. Raised by children from babies and now grandchildren. As a taxpayer in Brookfield, these tanks and the safety issue would be an unfair burden for our police and fire departments, along with addition training and cost to be prepared for any emergency that would arise. Checking with realtors and insurance professionals, these tanks would add addition cost to insure our homes and reduce our fair market values. I feel that these tanks are a very poor fit for the center of Brookfield.

The Planning Board has scheduled another public hearing on March 4 at 6:45 p.m. Anyone looking for information or are against these tanks being put in the village part of our town, please attend. Please consider that it is a one-mile danger zone radius. The Brookfield Elementary School, Police, Fire, EMS, Highway, and Town Hall are all within the zone if an emergency arises. Also, the Massachusetts State Police Barracks. Residents would not have a safe place in town to evacuate to if there was an incident. I implore all of you to take the time to become informed or go to the meeting and ask questions and make an educated decision of your own.

> THANK YOU, PATRICIA WASHBURN Brookfield

Avoid these estate planning mistakes



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You save and invest to meet a variety of goals during your lifetime: college for your children, long vacations, a

comfortable retirement, and so on. But you probably also want to leave something behind – to your loved ones and, possibly, to the charitable organizations you support. To do so, you'll need to develop a comprehensive estate plan, but to make that plan work, you must avoid some common mistakes.

Here are a few of these pitfalls you'll want to avoid:

- Not writing a will If you were to die "intestate" – without a last will and testament – the state in which you live would determine how your property was distributed. And the state's decisions may not match what you had in mind at all. Furthermore, a will is where you would name guardians for your minor children.
- Not going beyond a will While a will is an essential component of estate planning, it's often not enough. You may need to create other documents, such as a living trust, which, among other benefits, enables your estate to avoid probate, a time-consuming and public process that can lead to disputes among your heirs and others. And a living trust lets you place highly specific conditions on how and when you want your assets distributed. You might also consider other legal documents, including a power of attorney, which allows you to appoint a person or organization to handle your affairs if you can't do so yourself, and a health care directive, which lets you name someone to make health care decisions on your behalf, should you become physically or mentally incapacitated.
- Choosing the wrong executor An executor is responsible for distributing property to your beneficiaries and paying off any debts and taxes your estate may owe, among other tasks. Because the role of executor is so important, you need to choose someone who is reliable, competent and trustworthy. It's certainly possible to find such an individual in your own family, but many people choose someone who is either conflicted, too busy or simply not up to the task. If you have doubts about picking a good executor, you may want to turn to a trust company. The costs likely will be higher than if you chose a family member, but the results may be much
- Not naming proper beneficiaries Many of your assets – 401(k), IRA, life insurance and so on - require you to name a beneficiary. These beneficiary designations are powerful, often superseding the instructions in your will. If circumstances change in your life, such as new children, or divorce or remarriage, you may well want to change beneficiaries. It's easy to do but it's also easy to overlook.
- Not updating ownership of assets A change in your family situation or changes in the laws governing income and estate taxes could require you to update ownership designations of financial assets.

And here's perhaps the biggest mistake of all: not understanding what's in your estate plan. You need to work closely with your tax, legal and financial professionals to create a plan you fully comprehend and can communicate effectively to your loved ones. Surprises are often pleasant in many areas of life – but estate planning is not one of them.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Abdication of "nation of laws"

To the Editor:

While it is true that today public school teachers can be fired for being intolerant to immigrant children or minorities it is important to put into context what things were really like "back in the day." "Freedom of speech" today and always meant that one could not be prosecuted for what they say and the positions they hold but it never prevented discrimination from private entities in areas such as employment. Public school teachers have always been considered in loco parentis and as such been held to morality clauses and could always be fired for not upholding

"Back in the day," a teacher could be fired simply for being gay. Back when America was supposedly great it was not a problem to denigrate non-citizens but a teacher could be fired for being pregnant and unwed. In some school districts, teaching biology that was in opposition to the local church teachings could have been enough. We've come a long way...

I disagree with nearly every point in the "Apologies to former students" letter. While some would think I would call the work of art in twisting an American traditionalist into a pretzel to support Trump racist or anti-Semitic it is directly neither. It is just wrong. It is simply a bizarre interpretation of the facts representing Limbaugh inspired 'radicalization'. Indirectly the pretzel twisting is to support cult leader who built his empire of sycophants on racism and anti-intellectualism so in a very distant indirect way it was written to support racist policy... But I would like to focus on it just being wrong.

Concerning Adams' famous dictum that we are "a government of laws and not of men" I happen to agree that is a pillar of our democratically elected representative constitutional republic. While there have been major failures historically, we are looking at a major contemporary failing that future historians will look at as a pivotal moment in American history, where America abdicated its membership in the community of "nations of laws".

The fact that anybody could look at

the last three years and conclude that Trump and his cultish sycophants are the true defenders of this Republic and not the ones causing Adams to roll over in his grave is simply astounding. It should be clear to everybody regardless of their policy preferences that Donald Trump and groupies represent the true threat to the republic.

An old Latin legal maxim says rex non potest peccare, "The king can do no wrong." Of course, America was founded on the very opposite principle. The preamble of the United States Constitution begins with the words, "We the people" in sharp contrast to the Magna Carta which begins, "John by the grace of God King of England". You can tell a lot about a country by how its founding documents begin, or so we thought.

Back in the '70's, Nixon proclaimed he was not a crook, and then the Supreme Court rejected his claim of executive privilege and ordered him to turn over the secret White House tapes. Later he declared that "When the president does it that means that it is not illegal". At the time Americans of all stripes called that statement un-American, but times have changed and immutable principles have become mutable. Last summer Trump tweeted, "I have Article 2, where I have the right to do whatever I want as president."

There was never any mystery about Donald Trump's ignorance of the Constitution or his disdain for the rule of law. He has made it clear again and again that he views the presidency when he holds it, that is—as nothing less than an autocracy, where he has the "absolute right" to do anything that strikes his fancy.

The "Deep State" is our nation of laws, our institutions, and public servants who uphold the rule of law throughout their career regardless of the party in power. Trump tried vociferously to undermine the Mueller investigation before it even got started and then obstructed justice at every turn. In the end Mueller concluded that only the House could bring charges against the President in the form of impeachment and he delivered William Barr a damming 400 page which he redacted and delivered to the public. The House decided to focus on the upcoming election. Then of course came Ukraine which was too blatant to ignore largely because it was focused on the upcoming election.

Let's not forget, Trump threatened not to accept losing the 2016 election, in Charlottesville he declared there were good people on both sides, the Muslim ban that he declared was actually a Muslim ban (in violation of the constitution) as his handlers were saving it was not. He declared a fake emergency to override congress and divert funds to build a border wall, then he vetoed the bipartisan law to revoke his emergency powers. Then there were ten specific crimes laid out in the Mueller report, Mueller held the view that a sitting president could not be indicted, and left it up to the House to impeach the MOFO. Then of course Trump extorted an ally to make up politically useful falsehoods about a political opponent of the president and Republicans thought that was fine. Trump obstructed congresses' constitutionally authorized investigation and that was somehow fine. Then his GOP lap dogs felt witnesses and evidence in an impeachment trial would be unnecessary.

Our founding fathers, Adams included, foremost concern was to escape the tyranny of a government of men, more specifically a king. That's why the founders created a republic in America. History will not look kindly on this latest episode in our unravelling republic.

Roger Stone was the primary conduit between the Trump campaign and Wikileaks and the Russian misinformation campaign. He lied under oath to congress while they were investigating Russian interference in the 2016 election as well as threatening other witnesses. He was convicted of obstruction, making false statements, and witness tampering. Paul Manafort was Trump's campaign manager and was convicted on 18 counts of financial crimes uncovered in the Mueller investigation including tax evasion, bank fraud, and hiding foreign bank

accounts all of course in Russia and Ukraine. Michael Flynn was Trump's National Security Director and he pled guilty to willfully and knowingly making false, fictitious, and fraudulent statements to the FBI over conversations he had with Russia's ambassa-

Trump's recent intervention into the Roger Stone case, pressuring prosecutors to reduce sentencing recommendations set off alarm bells nationwide. Trump declared himself the "Chief law enforcement officer in the country" and that he could do anything, especially because he thinks Article II gives him absolute power. Trump's attorney, Alan Dershowitz, said that even if a president cheats to win an election, it is not impeachable if the president believes it is in the best interest of the country.

Trump granted clemency to 11 criminals last week that had one thing in common: connections and political corruption. Rod Blagojevich tried to sell Obama's Senate seat, then there was a guy in jail for bribery, inside trading, lying to officials, computer fraud, a GOP donor who didn't pay his taxes, one for Medicare fraud, several Bush administration criminals, among others. Trump was sending a message to his allies not in jail at the moment. Surely, Trump's political allies that are all in jail will be getting pardons soon...

This is starting to look like a country in which a corrupt dictator holds power by abusing the legal system in an arbitrary way, punishing his enemies, and shielding his criminal allies. It is rule by impulse and caprice, throwing off the veneer of any regular order, due process, or legal constraint.

We are in a post-constitutional America. Forty-six percent of America has abdicated our great Republic to an autocrat because they like some of his policy prescriptions. We are no longer a government of laws, we have transitioned back into a government of men.

> OMAR HAR-YAROK EAST BROOKFIELD

The truth about abortion

To the Editor:

There is only one question that needs to be answered about the unborn in order to know the truth about abortion. It is the question that is never asked.

"What is it?"

"No, I mean what is it?" "Yes, you get it, that is indeed the

"What is the question?"

"No, what is it is the question!"

"What is what?" "No, what is it!"

Hey Aaaaboooooot!

In other words, the it is the unborn. What is the unborn? The correct, true answer (i.e. the answer that corresponds to reality) is unavoidable.

It is a scientific axiom (the principle of biogenesis) that species can only reproduce after their own kind. Humans can only reproduce humans. The zygote, microscopic though it be, has a unique genetic fingerprint. It is a distinct, living biological entity—a human one. It's not "just" a clump of cells. Well, in a way it is—the same

way you and I are a clump of cells. And no, it doesn't look like you and me right now. It's not supposed to. But it does look like every other homo sapiens at that stage of development and it will continue to manifest that specific set of physical traits that is consistent with its nature—from conception to death at age 20 or 40 or 80, etc. You don't look know like you did when you were six months old! A zygote is not a notential human being, it is a potential infant

just as a teenager is potential adult.
One may retort, "it's human, but it's not a person." Congratulations, you qualify for membership in the slave trade and the holocaust. In both instances, humans were disqualified as persons in order that they could be treated in a manner consistent with the objectives of those with the power to redefine personhood to exclude "undesirables." By the way, what's the difference between a human and a person? You must be very precise in your answer because if it's okay to kill a human that's not a person, but not okay to kill a human — that is, the difference should be clear and obvious.

Here is where the famous SLED acronym is most useful.

There are only four ways that an unborn is different than a newbornfour ways people attempt to differentiate between persons and non-persons. They are size, level of development, environment and degree of dependency. You can google SLED for a full discussion but the bottom line is this; any distinction you make in either of those categories in order to say the unborn is not human, can likewise be applied to humans of all ages to exclude some as full persons, or to create degrees of personhood. More than one astute observer has well asked, "how does a six-inch trip down the birth canal change the human status from non-person to person?" Human persons are valuable just by virtue of being human, regardless of our size, our degree of dependence on others, our environment and our level of development. Are men with two arms more of a human person than men with one arm? If a woman suffers the dread of mastectomy, is she less a human person because she now has only one breast rather than two?

Are those with autism less human? Examples could be multiplied.

So, the "what is it" question is answered. The unborn is a human being from the moment of conception and arbitrary qualifiers for personhood are dispensed with. It only took 580 words to do that. So why, for the love of Pete, do we tolerate ridiculous claims ad nauseum, about abortion? Here are a few

"A woman should have the right to choose what to do with her own body". First, the unborn is not her body; see above. Second, no man or woman has complete autonomy over his or her body. There are many drugs that are illegal to put into your body. No man or woman "should" have the right to use their body to harm or kill and innocent human being.

"Men should have no say on the issue". That is sexist and typical of the culture of misandry we have evolved into. Besides, as Francis Beckwith has well stated, "arguments don't have sex-

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Trump's legacy

To the Editor:

Some presidents leave legacies that will live as long as there's an America: George Washington birthed the greatest nation in the history of the world despite impossible odds against its success; Jefferson, and the Declaration of Independence; Abraham Lincoln freeing the slaves; Teddy Roosevelt building the "Eighth Wonder of the World," the Panama Canal; Teddy's cousin, FDR, defeating the Axis Powers; JFK's vision coming true when American men walked on the moon; Ronald Reagan demanding of Gorbachev that he come and "...tear down this wall!" (Which was done, not long after.)

Not all were so grand, however. Harry Truman? Disaster in Korea; LBJ gave us the failed War on Poverty, and 55,000 dead in Vietnam for no apparent reason; Jimmy Carter? Gas lines, 17% mortgages, and Iranian hostages; Clinton? That accursed blue dress. Dubyuh? Weapons of mass destruction. Obama? Obamacare--enough said.

What will Donald John Trump's heritage mean for future generations of Americans (assuming America even has a future if the brain-washed masses of millennials are so morally and intellectually stunted as to elect a Sanders or Warren or any other socialist wrecker as president)?

I submit for your consideration the notion that President Trump's open road to national immortality runs right straight through the wasted, blasted minority ghettoes of America: Baltimore, Detroit, Chicago, Oakland, New Orleans, Los Angeles, D.C., New York, Memphis, Atlanta, Dallas, Houston, and a hundred other places run by, that's right, Democrats, and where life, for many people is "nasty, brutish, and short", where police sirens wail all night, and where your life isn't worth two cents if you're wearing the wrong color shirt or hat.

You say, how do you figure that, old man? I ask, is there any problem more urgent in need of fixing, any places more in need of hope instead of handouts than the "hoods" of wrecked American cities? Trump, of all the players on the national and international scene, is a builder, a fixer, a do-er. If the thus-far insoluble problems of ruined lives, fatherless homes, sky-high abortion rates, failed schools, abandoned businesses, murderous and out-of-control street crime and gang warfare, rampant substance abuse, pestilence and disease, and a pervasive sense of despair, rage, and hopelessness can ever be solved, it will be a Trump who will accomplish it. The big-government strategy of throwing money at these problems and hoping they'll go away has been a colossal failure, and thoughtful POC's (people of color) are waking up to that undeniable conclusion.

I have this vision of Trump, upon re-election with significant help from the now-awake minority community, in his Second Inaugural Address vowing--in his inimitably confident and self-assured manner-that the end of the American inner-city nightmare has begun, and in the not-too-distant future once again Americans will be able to travel to any place in the country--any city, any neighborhood--and feel safe and at proud of what they find

He may, for all I know, re-enact a Marshall Plan for America, and buy up all the destroyed areas of these places, line up the bull dozers at one end of, say, a hundred city blocks, and start pushing it all into great piles of debris to be burned--along with it the rats, cockroaches, and bedbugs these poor people have had to live with-like gigantic Fourth of July bonfires. Out of the ashes, like the Phoenix of mythology, will rise a new and glorious existence for those lucky enough to be able to live there in their new, sane, and healthy environment.

I can see it, can you? New streets lined with thousands of transplanted hardwoods from the country; neat little Cape Cod-style homes, everyone with its own tulips, gladiolus, and petunias set against a white picket fence; clean, relatively quiet streets save for the sound of commerce with people from the neighborhood working and paying their own way; shiny, clean neighborhood schools free from: graffiti, thugs, drugs, incompetent teaching, violence of any sort, and wasted time; an abundance of churches filled on Sundays with people trying always to live the best lives they can to please God. There would, as well, be noticeable absence of: liquor stores; of protective grilles in the front of corner stores; of filth, syringes and trash on the sidewalks and gutters; and in-yourface beggars with their grubby signs accosting motorists at every intersection. And that's just the beginning.

Stop me, I'm beginning to hallucinate: I see more: "Oh, look, Momma! A bluebird with her three babies in their nest up in that Macintosh apple tree!" "Yes, child, who ever thought I'd live to see a bluebird in Bed-Stuy?! Thank you. Mr. Trump!" "But, Momma, where are all the bad guys gone to?" "Well, Mr.

Trump has rounded 'em all up, and now they're living out their days on some islands up in the Aleutians called Kiska and Attu, a thousand miles away from anything. I hear it's always cold and wet and the sun never shines, but at least they can see the whales frolicking in the bay, and I hear tell that the deep-fat-fried walrus chunks are finger-licking good and prime rib of seal ain't bad either. Doesn't matter, they can just stay where they are. Thank you, Mr. Trump!"

No, I don't know how President Trump would proceed to put his vision into reality, but it would be dramatic and big, the way he's used to doing things, and he'd probably succeed. Unfortunately, he'll get no help or encouragement from the current crop of black political leadership, who only try to out-do each other in finding new ways to express their irrational hatred of the man. So miserable and bitter are these folks that at the State of the Union Address they couldn't applaud Trump's mention of gains being made in Black America, couldn't even rise to applaud a 103-year-old black WWII veteran of the Tuskegee Airmen, but stayed slumped and glowering in their seats (because he came as Trump's guest, vou see.) These are small-minded crooks who come to D.C. poor and a few years later are millionaires who live far away from the conditions in the districts they represent.

Just last week, Congressman James Clyburn, D-S.C., in responding to the question whether he was happy that black unemployment is at historic low levels under this President responded, moronically, that this was nothing new, there was"full employment when we were slaves."

Sorry, Clyburn, you're talking to the wrong man and the wrong party. It was your party, the Democrats, that kept the slaves and fought to save their "Peculiar Institution". It was your party that maintained Jim Crow and segregation right down to not so long ago not only in the South but in northern cities controlled by Democrats as well. It is your party that has kept the plantation alive in these God-forsaken metropolises---always promising, never delivering. It was Trump's party that struggled to free them and fought to end racial separation in public accommodations. No Republicans owned slaves. Hundreds of thousands of Yankee soldiers--influenced by Republican writers and leaders like Harriet Beecher Stowe, Julia Ward Howe, William Lloyd Garrison, Charles Sumner and others-- DIED trying to end the vile insti-

tution, while your party, in the North, made Lincoln's monumental efforts even harder than they needed to be.

If Trump goes down the road I see waiting for him to build his legacy, how will posterity remember him as the man who turned history on its head and saved an entire people? I propose an heroic statue atop Brooklyn Heights overlooking the "City that Never Sleeps", the river, and the harbor. This was where Washington first demonstrated his penchant for greatness when he oversaw the escape of his army--under the cover of darkness and fog--from certain destruction at the hands of Lord Howe and the Hessian mercenaries in 1776, and saved the Revolution.

This statue, like Trump, will have to be big and bold and--like the Masachusetts State House Dome--covered with gold leaf--his favorite element--and visible far out at sea. I'm thinking something along the lines of the Colossus of Rhodes, but that was only 108 feet tall. Trump, if he earns his gigantic place in the history of great men deserves something more impressive. But, wait a minute, the statue of Christ overlooking the harbor at Rio de Janiero, only stands 98 feet tall, and I'm not into blasphemy, so it'll have to be something, say, a little less than that. The Beatles boasted they were more popular than Jesus, but Trump is made of more humble stuff. I'm sure 97 feet will be just fine.

Say! What about Mount Rushmore? No, no, no. Totally inadequate, just another face in the crowd. Whatever form his memorial takes, if he succeeds in this herculean task I'm assigning him, it'll be something worth seeing. I only regret I probably won't be around to make a pilgrimage to Gotham to pay my respects. But, the little men, the Schumers, the Nadlers, the Schiffs-who are, as W. Jefferson Clinton once said of Barak Obama--not even qualified to bring Trump his coffee, will have to see it every time they look out their windows.

Do it, Mr. Trump. This may be as daunting a challenge as the moon shot, or curing cancer, or bringing down the Soviet Union, but if any mortal has the smarts, the guts and the resolve to get a supremely difficult thing done, despite all the obstacles the haters consumed with envy will put in your way...you

ual organs". It also ignores the human

being shot by armed guards or police. Therefore, we should make armed rob-

bery rare, safe and legal. If in the course of breaking a law you are injured, you don't blame the law. This point also ignores the question of the humanity

"I'm opposed to abortion, but it's not my place to tell others what to do". So, let me get this straight. You believe it is

wrong to intentionally kill an innocent

human being, but you don't want to

force your morality on someone else.

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SPORTS

Loss to Division 2 SPM helps Leicester prepare for Division 3 Tournament



Jason Mckay photos

Leicester's Jahmaira Pye leaps into the air for a shot while St. Peter-Maria defenders cir-



Leicester's Marena Matavao sprints down the court with possession of the ball and a St. Peter-Marian defender on her tail.



Morgan Merrell of Leicester drives the lane and releases a shot while being surrounded by St. Peter-Marian defenders.



Leicester's Maddie Hippert pulls up for an attempted shot in front of St. Peter-Marian's defense.

BY KEN POWERS SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

LEICSTER — In the final moments of a 62-32 loss to Division 2 St. Peter-Marian (SPM) High, Leicester High girls' varsity basketball head coach Dave Padavano found out everything he needed to know about his Wolverines, who play in Division 3.

"Did you see those girls hustle?" Padavano rhetorically asked a reporter, after the game, which was played on Feb. 20. "There was a sequence when we were down 24 points where they hustled their ponytails off. They didn't make the basket, but they didn't quit,

Padavano was referring to an offensive sequence where Leicester missed five shots in one possession. Junior Alexa Dufries missed twice, classmate Jenna Soden missed once as did senior Maddie Hippert and sophomore Abi Johnson. After each miss — except for the final one — the Wolverines came up with the rebound.

St. Peter-Marian head coach Frank Ferreer was apoplectic watching from the sidelines. When the Guardians did finally come up with the rebound, Ferreer immediately called timeout and lectured his team loudly about the need to box out and rebound, regardless of the score.

"That's good; That's awesome," Padavano said of his team giving 100 percent effort at a point when the game had long been decided. "That's going to pay off when we play someone that's more our speed in the Districts."

Leicester (13-4) was never able to figure out St. Peter-Marian's height, length and quickness. The 17-3 Guardians raced out to a 10-0 lead in the first four minutes of the game en route to an 18-5 lead at the end of the first quarter. SPM increased its lead to 29-13 at halftime and 48-25 through three periods.

Three players scored in double figures for the Guardians, led by freshman Abby McDonald, who finished with 16 points. Classmate Zaylee Ramos added 14 points and sophomore Faith Greene contributed 13 more to the winning

Dufries led the Wolverines in scoring with 14 points, while Johnson and freshman Ayva Connor added five each and Soden tossed in four.

"We didn't shoot the ball well and we didn't handle it particularly well, either," Padavano said. "But that's a good team. We knew coming in they were going to take advantage of our mistakes and our missed shots."

Padavano said the game with St. Peter-Marian materialized after some teams Leicester played last year declined to play them this season.

"A couple of the Mid-Wach teams that we played last year dropped us and we had to scramble for games," Padavano explained. "We went on the MIAA website to see what schools were looking for games and saw that SPM needed a game and, since they were close by, we figured why not?"

Adding to Leicester's scheduling woes was the fact that a game with North Brookfield High that was on the Wolverines' schedule was not on the Indians' schedule.

'We came in trying to win the game," Padavano said of the battle with SPM. "But at the same time we knew they are a very good team and, on top of that, a Division 2 team. We knew to have a chance we would have to play very well, and we would have to make all our shots. Our shots weren't falling tonight but this is a good, good tune-up for the Districts."

Now solely focused on Division 3, Leicester earned the No. 3 seed in the



Jenna Soden of Leicester goes in for the steal against a St. Peter-Marian player.

bracket. The Wolverines had a firstround bye and will play the winner of No. 6 Ayer-Shirley Regional (14-6) and the 11th ranked Bromfield School (12-8) at home on Thursday, Feb. 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the quarterfinals.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Team Mass Boys AAU Basketball to hold tryouts

Team Mass Boys AAU Basketball will hold tryouts on Saturday, Feb. 29 at Brookfield Elementary School (37 Central Street). Age breakdowns are as follows: Grades 4-6, 10-11:15 a.m.; Grades 7-8, 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.; Grades 9-11, 1-2:15 a.m. If a varsity player is in Districts, it will be a sign up only. Girls wills only sign up on Feb. 29 and try out on a later date. Please bring a birth certificate, a \$20 tryout fee and arrive 15 minutes early. In case of inclement weather visit www.teammassboys.com and www.teammassgirls. com for more information. Coaches and assistants are always needed.

Leicester Rec Basketball Results

UConn wins the Leicester Rec JV championship over Duke 31-21. UConn was led by Jack Coleman with 10 points, Colin Burtt with 8 points, and Tyler Stone chipped in with 6 points and 12 rebounds. Jack Ledbetter received the Ron Tarentino Jr. Memorial Award.





Logan Talbot

The North Brookfield resident, a Woodstock Academy varsity basketball player, registered a teamhigh 30 points in the Centaurs' 70-66 victory versus Ledyard on Tuesday, Feb. 18. Heading into that contest Talbot led Woodstock Academy with 14.2 points per game. Talbot continued his hot hand in the Centaurs' final regular season game, a 59-49 win against East Lyme on Friday, Feb. 21. Talbot scored a game-high 21 points.

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SPORTS

Rams grab season-ending victory from District-bound Tantasqua



Nick Ethier photos

Tantasqua's Madison Varney slows the play down to set up the offense versus Shepherd Hill.

BY NICK ETHIER SPORTS STAFF WRITER

WESTBOROUGH — The the Shepherd Hill Regional girls' varsity basketball team was competing versus Tantasqua Regional in a consolation round game of the 18th annual Westborough Invitational Tournament on Tuesday, Feb. 18, one would think that the sixth seeded Rams would have 10-plus wins and be preparing for the Central Mass. Division 1 Tournament.

But Shepherd Hill was actually just a three-win team heading into their tilt with the Warriors. Behind a gritty effort, the Rams finished their season at 4-16 by upsetting Tantasqua, the tournament's No. 2 seed, 57-51.

"I think we don't look like a 3-16 team," said Shepherd Hill head coach Maura Hackenson. "We play a really tough schedule and we've had a lot of close

games.' One of those losses although not too close of a game was a 58-42 setback to the Warriors back on Dec. 23. The two months between games certainly showed Shepherd Hill's improvements.

Tantasqua held a modest lead of 11-7 after the initial eight minutes, but the Rams rebounded in the second quarter, winning the frame by a

17-12 count, to take a 24-23 lead into halftime. Shepherd Hill had the lead as sophomore Amanda Adamuska beat the buzzer with a layup, got fouled on the attempt, and sank the free throw for a traditional three-point play.

The score was knotted up at 37-37 through three quarters as Warriors' senior Lydia Boland — a recent 1,000-point scorer got going with 10 points in the

And Boland scored the first basket of the fourth quarter, but the Rams responded with a 3-pointer from freshman Emery Mullen, and they never lost the lead from there.

Mullen drained another 3-pointer to extend the lead to 43-39, and senior Grace Nellis and Mullen followed with floaters to up the advantage to 47-39.

Boland gave Tantasqua life with four straight points to cut the deficit down to 47-43, but from there The Hill went to work at the free throw line. As a team they went 10-for-10 in the quarter, including a 6-for-6 effort from junior Emma

Lanpher, to ice the game. "It's a little scary, but at the end of the day we practice so many free throws that we should get them in," said Lanpher, who added that the team shoots foul shots multiple

times each practice. Lanpher, who finished with a team-high total of 16 points, was glad to give Nellis and fellow seniors Paula Barbale and Kerry Greenough (who was unable to play due to injury) a justified goodbye.

'We definitely wanted to win for our seniors because it was their last game," said Lanpher. "It's also a building point [for next year].'

Lanpher, who can play either guard position, Mullen (13 points, three 3-pointers), an athletic shooter, sophomore Triniti Sughrue (13 points, 9 rebounds), a strong post presence, sophomore Sydney Fitzgerald, a defensive standout, and Adamuska, who can fill any role needed, will help the Rams' development in the 2020-2021 season.

"We're going to miss the seniors tremendously, but I'm happy that they got to end the season on a high note and we have a promising future to come," said Hackenson, "We're looking forward to next season for sure. If they work hard in

the offseason we'll be OK." And beating Tantasqua the second time around proves that.

"This was a very crucial game for us. Going forward next year, this just proves that we can beat teams that are 15-5," Hackenson noted. "These girls have really worked hard

Lydia Boland of Tantasqua surges past Shepherd Hill defender Triniti Sughrue on her way to a made layup.

through today.' Despite the loss to Shepherd Hill, the Warriors finished

and I've asked a lot of them,

very demanding, but they came

their regular season at 15-5. Westborough and Shepherd Hill really came to play,' Tantasqua head coach Tom Goyette said of his team's two

They kind of took it to us.' When asked if the losses were a concern heading into the Western Mass. Division 2 Tournament, Goyette said, "It is a little concerning at this point. We want to get better and better each game and right now we've kind of plateaued a little bit. We need to regroup and refocus and work on some

things." Govette can look to Boland (game-high 18 points) and juniors Madison Varney (14 points) and Ainsely Way (10 points), all multi-year starters, for team leadership and guid-

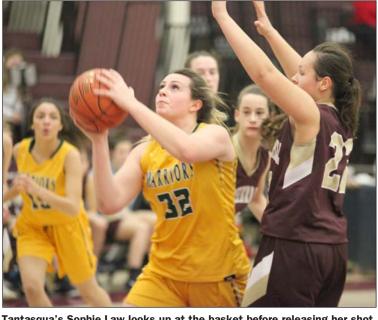
"They are experienced players and our captains. They're great leaders and they'll do a good job of leading this group," he said.

Tantasqua learned its play-

off fate on Saturday, Feb. 22. The Warriors earned the tournament's No. 5 seed and will play at No. 4 East Longmeadow High (13-7) on Thursday, Feb. 27 at 7 p.m.



Emerson Cherry of Tantasqua is able to get to the basket and finish off a layup.



Tantasqua's Sophie Law looks up at the basket before releasing her shot.



Tantasqua's Kylee Fortuna ponders what to do with the ball against

Shepherd Hill's Sydney Fitzgerald.

Local gymnasts shine at Hawaiian Luau



SHREWSBURY — This past weekend at Shrewsbury High, area gymnasts took part in the Hawaiian Luau. Brooke Buzzell of North Brookfield, competing with Miller Gymnastics, was part of the team that won first place in XCEL GOLD.

Giguere Gymnastics of Cherry Valley had solid showings from Isabella Dranginis, Mia Kelley, Hazel Arrastia, Chloe Vercellini and Maeve Foley. Twisters Gymnastics of Brookfield had strong showings from Anna Talamini and Kristen

Courtesy photo

Brooke Buzzell of North Brookfield, as part of team Miller Gymnastics, won the XCEL GOLD first place team event at the Hawaiian Luau in Shrewsbury this past weekend.

SPORTS

Warriors get battle-tested in Milford Tournament loss to Medway



From left, defenders Cam Varney and Joe Groccia of Tantasqua trap Medway's ball-handler.

BY KEN POWERS

MILFORD — Drew

Plunkett knocked down

a 3-pointer from the top

of the arc as the final

horn sounded to lead the

Medway High boys' var-

sity basketball team to a

51-48 win over Tantasqua

Regional in the third-

place game of the Scarlet

Wednesday, Feb. 19 at

The game-winning bas-

ket, which was Plunkett's

fifth 3 of the game, hit

the front of the rim with

a reverse spin, which

caused the ball to then

bounce off the backboard

and onto the back of the

rim before bouncing high

in the air and dropping

captain, finished with a

lately as a team about

how, to beat good teams,

you have to be able to make plays at the end.

[Plunkett] is their man

and he made the plays at

the end, he made some

plays early, too, and he always plays under con-

trol," Tantasqua head

coach Scott Dion said.

"That's what you're look-

ing for out of a senior point guard. We're still

trying to find that."

"We've been talking

senior

through the hoop.

Plunkett, a

game-high 19 points.

Hawks

Milford High.

Classic

Tantasqua, which trailed 44-42 with three minutes to play, surged ahead of the Mustangs 46-44 on the always rare four-point play. Junior Cam Varney (a teamhigh 18 points) was fouled while knocking down a

3-pointer from the right

corner and then hit the ensuing free throw. On the Warriors' next possession Varney found senior captain Troy Lee (18 points) open underneath and Lee's layup extended the Tantasqua lead to 48-44 with 2:40 to

play.

Medway (17-3) cut its deficit to two, 48-46, with 1:59 remaining on a runner in the lane by senior captain Kyle Regan (12 points). The Mustangs then tied the game at 48-48 with 1:18 to play when senior Matt Kaplan alertly picked up an errant Tantasqua pass at his own free throw line, drove the length of the floor and scored on a layup.

On the Warriors' ensupossession Dion called a timeout with 1:01 to go to set up a play, and while Varney got a good shot off from about 15 feet with 39.5 seconds remaining, the shot just missed the mark.

Medway then missed

an opportunity to take the lead with 12 seconds to play when its perimeter jump shot hit the front rim. Tantasqua gathered in the rebound and charged up court.

"I didn't call a timeout there because I wanted my guys to push the ball up court, so their defense was in transition," said Dion about why he didn't stop play once the Warriors' corralled the rebound. "We ended up with a pretty good scoring opportunity around the basket."

Lee, however, missed on a shot from about four feet away with four seconds to play, setting up Plunkett's final-second heroics.

"We're at the point where, that last minute and 20 seconds, you're hoping you handle better than we did," Dion said. "But, sometimes, that happens when you don't necessarily execute coming down to the end of a game like you would like to."

Despite being disappointed by the loss, Dion said there were a lot of positives that could be taken out of the game.

"They're a good team; they're 17-3 for a reason. They're locked in as the No. 2 seed in the



Tantasqua's Troy Lee looks to make a wise decision with the ball while being guarded by

Division 2 Central Mass. Tournament," Dion said. "In the last week we've played Medway tough and Westborough tough, two teams that are in Central Mass. Division Unfortunately, we didn't win either of those games, so while we can take a lot of positives out of those games, I'd like to

Medway's Andy Way.

see some results as well." Dion said he was pleased with the way several of his players performed against the Mustangs.

"Varney had a great game; he played very well. He was very active, he played with a lot of energy and he was making shots, and Joe [Groccia, 14 points, four 3-pointers] shot the ball well for us," Dion said. "Troy Lee made some plays for us,

too. He hustles, he gets all the rebounds and he always competes."

Now the Warriors, who finished the regular season at 13-7, are off to the Western Mass. Division 2 Tournament, where they are the fifth seed and will play at No. 4 Quabbin Regional (15-5) on Friday, Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. in the quarterfinal round.



While driving through the lane. Tantasqua's Ben Doros shakes off a Medway defender by making an outlet pass.

Rockets come up short in season-finale versus Groton-Dunstable

GROTON — Wednesday, Feb. 19 brought about the end of the season for the Auburn High boys' varsity ice hockey team, where they had to travel to the Groton School to take on Groton-Dunstable Regional. There, the Rockets lost a 5-2 decision to finish up 7-11-2. Auburn finished just four points shy of qualifying for the Central Mass. Division 3 Tournament. The Crusaders also narrowly missed out on postseason play.



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Auburn's Dillon Winkelmann catches up to a



Shawn Bradway of Auburn maneuvers the puck around a slipping Groton-Dunstable defender.



Auburn's Tommy Rembiszewski carries the puck down the ice.



Cooper C'Miel of Auburn does battle with his opponent from Groton-Dunstable for possession of the puck.

Joel Miller of Auburn circles the puck around the net and a Groton-Dunstable defender.

Readers Reveal their Favorite Tips and Tricks

As winter winds down, readers are gearing up for a season of making life a little easier! From getting a head start on gardening, to popping a bowl of perfect corn, read on for the latest roundup of readers' helpful hints and helpful tips:

Recycling plastic while boosting seed sprouting is a win win!

seeding season quickly approaching, start saving the clamshell-type containers that strawberries and other berries may be packaged in. Fill the containers with growing medium, plant seeds (for example tomatoes), water and close the lid. When the seeds sprout, open the container, allow to grow until ready to transplant. The "clam shell" creates a mini greenhouse to help seeds germinate quickly.

Jim Reynolds Charlton, MA

This reader's reminder to clean common surfaces keeps flu bugs at bay:

During cold and flu season I use hand sanitizer to clean my TV remotes, phone, door knobs and light switches

Terry Mariorana Ashford, CT

This thrifty kitchen trick is not only classic, but foolproof!

One piece of bread softens everything from brown sugar to cookies. Whether you cook or bake often, you definitely have some brown sugar hardening up in a plastic bag somewhere in your pantry. Over the years I've learned that a piece of bread in a jar of brown sugar

or stuck into a plastic bag of dry cookies adds just the right amount of moisture! Of course the bread will be hard as a rock, but that just means it worked

Bob Bourdeau Fiskdale, MA

This reader's salt shaker extends way beyond the dinner table!

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2. Sprinkle salt on the back of pots and pans to remove majority of blackness. Dampen pot. Sprinkle salt. Let it sit for a minute. Remove with wire scrubber

3. Sprinkle salt on icy porch steps. Cheaper than ice melt.

5. Sprinkle salt in hot bath with a few lavender drops. It's an inexpensive

Sandy MacDonald



TAKE THE HINT

KAREN TRAINOR

Uxbridge, MA Perfect popcorn, step by step:

I enjoyed your popcorn article.. I use a 3 qt Italian cookware pot that has a clear glass cover with vent hole in it. I use olive

oil (which I believe adds delicious flavor to the cooked popcorn as it pops). I cover the bottom of the pot with the oil, wait a while for the oil to heat up then I add enough popcorn to nearly cover the bottom. This process usually provides 98-100% of all kernels popped. I have also added a teaspoon of brown sugar to the oil. This also adds to popcorn flavor. Scolaro

Webster, MA

Move over Comet, this multi-purpose cleaner is pub approved:

To remove brown iron stains from your sinks, toilets, and even fiberglass showers, use Barkeepers Friend. I've tried everything, scrubbing with pumice (porcelain only), leaving on baking soda, Magic Eraser, etc etc., and nothing took out the stains in my sink or shower. The pumice works, but it is not easy or pleasant. This worked like magic and I only used a toothbrush and a non-scratch pad. No scrubbing!

(PS: their website says this, but who knew? I bought it to clean my copper

Holland MA

Prize Winner

Congratulations to Joe Scolaro of Webster whose name was drawn for a three course Dinner for Two at the Publick House. He submitted the popcorn cooking method above.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

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

When difficult times come, don't miss the dance

We have all been challenged and will be again. Whether it's being denied a raise at work or being fired. You might have been turned down for a date or your spouse has left you. Or maybe you broke your leg playing softball or have been diagnosed with cancer, heart disease or some other life-threatening affliction. Regardless of the hardships we face, we often look back at the worst of times and find the best. It's always hardest to find the blessing in the moment of despair, but with the benefit of time, I surprisingly hear often that the life destroying problem ends up being the life changing bless-

No matter what the challenge is, if we open our mind and heart to the lessons that we find embedded in tragedy, we can experience bursts of personal growth and wisdom often impossible to experience at any other time.

As you know, I'm experiencing one of these opportunities. For those not aware, I've been diagnosed with a rare disease called Neuroendocrine Tumors (NETs). There are as few as 200,000 diagnoses worldwide each year and it's the disease that killed both Steve Jobs and Aretha Franklin. I've been encounter-

ing health difficulties for over a year and was unable to find the cause. It was found during a routine exam that I had a colon blockage, but a few days later, my surgeon removed thirty inches of my colon along with three large tumors.

I thought, "blockage removed, so all is well," until I was laying in my hospital bed and the hospital lab accidentally sent me an email via "My Chart" that was intended for my doctors. I opened the email and was stunned and frightened. The idea that there was a benefit for self-growth never entered my mind. All I wanted to know was how long did I have to live, and I felt an overwhelming rush of self-pity.

I closed my eyes and prayed. Surprisingly, you, the read-

er of this column, came to mind. I **POSITIVELY SPEAKING** By Gary W.

MOORE

a column "Positively called Speaking." I've travelled all over the world as a speaker, extolling the benefits of optimism and positive thinking. I

realized that this was an opportunity to model the behavior I've written and spoken about for years ... and this is a perfect moment to prove the model.

It's now six weeks later and here is what I've experienced and learned.

I have a rare form of cancer and the outcome will largely be determined by my optimism and attitude, which will drive my cooperation with my healthcare providers and treatment. No, I do not believe attitude alone will cure me, but I know that my optimism and attitude will be a great asset as I navigate my path back to good health.

I've adapted a descriptive statement to my outlook on this health challenge. "I'm going to die of something someday, but it's not going to be this."

I'm experiencing an outpouring of love that I find surprisingly beautiful. I knew I had friends, but the love from my church, my church small group and other friends has been truly heartwarming. Without this diagnosis, I would not have recognized the depth of my friendships.

I've begun a journey of soul-searching that has encouraged me to examine my life in ways that would otherwise not have happened. This has caused me to reach out to friends I haven't seen in years, talk about old times and in a few occasions, given me the opportunity to apologize where needed.

I've experienced a renewed depth of family relations that I'm finding to be one of the most beautiful and cleansing experiences of my life. There is too much here to go into detail but will in future columns. Arlene and our children have been wonderful, as have been my sisters and their husbands.

And I'm experiencing a renewal of faith and reliance on God that I cannot describe in a few short words. All I can

say is that it is a joyful experience.

Believe it or not, I have found the positive impact of my negative diagnosis to be a profoundly beautiful experience in ways I never could have anticipated or predicted.

Garth Brooks mega-hit song, "The Dance," addresses it best. He sings of a tragedy in his life and how if he'd known in advance, he might have avoided the pain by changing his course. But as the benefit of time often teaches us, avoiding the pain may deprive us of some of our greatest life experiences. The song teaches us ...

"Our lives are better left to chance. I could have missed the pain, but I'd have had to miss the dance."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Here we go again...Russia, Russia, Russia

To the Editor:

Last week we learned that the U.S. Intelligence Agencies had briefed the president, congress, and Bernie Sanders that both the Trump campaign and the Sanders campaign have been receiving unsolicited support

from Russia. It seems ironic that the two campaigns that the Russians are trying to help are the two that seem likely to receive their respective nominations. The Russians are supporting the candidates in various ways on social media which while doesn't change the narrative much can certainly trim around the edges and give a campaign much needed "momentum." In primaries people like voting for the winner or the person that they think will or might win the nomination so any disinformation or undeserved fake popularity has an enormous impact on primaries. The Russians are undermining our institutions, trust in our system, and spreading conspiracy theories. They are taking disinformation and repeating it through social media in the tell a lie 1,000 times and it becomes the truth theory.

The House has passed a bill which would require that any campaign that is approached by a foreign power or foreign source that offers to help in any way report it. That bill died in the Republican Senate and was proudly killed by Mitch McConnell likely because he feels that foreign influence is helping the Republicans right now.

What is unthinkable is that the President of the United States is told that a foreign country is interfering and trying to change the sacrament of democracy (sorry, republicanism), which is our public voting with a secret ballot, and they are trying to tamper with it and the results and his reaction is silence or tacit acceptance. His reaction was not fury or anger at the foreign power. His reaction was to call it a hoax and decry the fact that congress was briefed without his permission.

On the other hand, Bernie Sanders, a candidate for president, reacted very differently. He said, "Mr. Putin is a thug, an autocrat, and he may be a friend of Donald Trump's is not a friend of mine... Americans are sick and tired of foreign countries interfering... What I say to Mr. Putin is if I am elected president you will not be interfering in American elections." A strong statement like that is the type you'd expect by any political leader by either party, yet Trump refuses to give.

Trump then proceeded to appoint a loyalist to acting head of the National Intelligence Service who has no relevant experience, only further politicizing the position.

Russia's goal is a weaker America. The best way to weaken America is to divide us, cause us to fight among ourselves, create political chaos, and pull back from international affairs and allow Russia to reassert itself. Russia wants Donald Trump to be president.

Bernie is not only one of the easiest to smear in October; he is running a similar style campaign to Trump – outside the party and playing to the base with divisive rhetoric. A Bernie candidacy will be very disruptive if Trump wins. and even if Bernie were to win the chaos in America over it would serve Russia's goals as a second choice. The last thing they want is a return to normalcy for the USA.

Also this week, Trump pardoned or commuted the sentences of 11 individuals who all seemed to have some connection to the Trump White House. While the President is within his power to grant clemency, the naked politicization of this is somewhat astounding. Trump has become unleashed by his impeachment acquittal. His behavior has shifted in the last month or so. There has been a rise in the attacks to the institutions of our society.

Joni Ernst, Rob Portman, and Susan Collins have been proven wrong rather swiftly. They told us that Trump's actions vis-à-vis Ukraine were wrong and he learned his lesson. They told us that the President would be chastened and chained by the simmering experience of impeachment. They couldn't have been more wrong... He's unbridled, unfettered, and he only has enablers around him now. There is nobody to hold him back; people like Kelly and Mattis have been flushed. The common thing binding his clemency approvals is white collar crime, fraud, tax deception, and the ability

to donate to Republican causes. This was a clear signal to his current operatives that he'll have their back should they be prosecuted. There is almost a self-identification with these felons because the president himself is credibly accused of the crimes most of those people were serving time for.

Roger Stone, seemingly the chief architect and primary liaison between the 2016 Trump campaign and Russia was sentenced to 40 months. We all expect Trump to pardon or commute his sentence. It is hard to think of a public career that has shown fewer redeeming qualities than Roger Stone's. Trump as surrounded himself with shady characters but Roger Stone is epically shady. This is the fourth individual who is close to the president who has been sent off to prison.

How anybody could read our nation's founding documents, consider the supporting documentation, and then conclude that "a nation of laws and not men" can be used to support Trump against seemingly everybody else is absurd. A nation of laws has failed to contain Trump while he consolidates power around one man, himself. If anybody really thinks all of this evidence from all of these sources is "fake news" then perhaps they ought to consider wearing a tin foil hat before the fake news being broadcast over the airwaves infects them, too.

> DAVID ROSENBERG SPENCER

Birds of prey make a comeback



Birds of prey have made a big comeback after DDT spraying for mosquitos was stopped many years ago. Red tailed hawks are protected birds, and cannot be shot or trapped in any way. This week's photo was taken of a Red Tail Hawk a number of years ago at a local Rod & Gun Club. The hawk became entangled in a net that was covering pheasant. The bird was spotted one early morning hanging upside down. Fish & Wildlife was called about the problem, and they sent a couple of personnel to the site to untangle the bird and send it on his way.

Hawks are not the only bird of prey to raise havoc with pheasant pens. Owls often try to get a free meal of pheasant, and they too have been caught in the act, as the one that found his way into the Uxbridge Rod

& Gun Club pen a few years ago. The huge bird found his way into the pen through a hole in the net, and managed to kill a number of birds before he was noticed by a club member. Again, the M.D.F.W. was called to remove the big bird. We have had numerous animals like the Fisher Cat and Fox that manage to kill a few birds every year. They often wait for a bird to come close to the fence, and attack them from the outside.

Hawks, Osprey & owls also raise havoc with our trout pond, killing many trout annually. Otter populations are on the rise also, and they can sense the recently stocked trout pond, dining on them daily. The cost of live trout has been rising annually with the average cost of \$8 & \$9 a pound the norm. Fortunately, raising club birds and stocking trout is



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still worth the effort of many clubs in the area. We have learned to share with wildlife.

Wild turkey populations have exploded throughout Massachusetts & neighboring states. Some of these birds need to see a psychiatrist by the way they have been acting lately, especially those in cities and towns. Chasing and attacking people, are just a few of their nutty tactics. If someone calls you a turkey I would not take it lightly. They have also became a nuisance for farmers by walking straight into the barns and feeding and contaminating the food source. Destruction to recently planted corn just sprouting through the soil every year, have became somewhat of a pain in the neck for farmers.

Most farmers have learned to tolerate the huge birds that bring so much excitement to bird hunters. This year, M.F. & W. have increased the daily spring bag limit to two, starting this year and still allow a turkey hunter to harvest a bird in the fall. It may not be enough to slow the population growth of these birds. This year, Mother Nature has given all wildlife an easy winter to feed and survive in the woods and backyards of Massachusetts residents. Deer & Wild Turkey populations are going to be huge this year, along with many other species of wild animals.

Trout fishing has been slow this year especially for ice fishermen. Many local anglers have headed North to get some ice fishing in before spring moves in. It is still looking good for an early spring and may have M. F. & W. stocking trout





early this year. The good thing about early ice out, has ponds and lakes becoming suitable for stocking trout. Open water allows the lakes and ponds to become oxygenated by wind & waves, making it suitable for stocking trout. Anglers are reminded that Wallum Lake in Douglas closes this Saturday, Feb. 29, as the interstate body of water is governed by Rhode island regulations. Lake will reopen on the second

Saturday of April. This year's opening date is April 11.

This week's second picture shows a fisher cat that is nearing there breeding time. Close encounters with this killer should be avoided, especially residents with cats and small

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

Increase indoor garden success with proper watering



Melinda Myers Photo

Set plants on saucers filled with pebbles to eliminate the need to empty the water that collects in the saucer

Too much of a good thing can mean death for indoor plants. Overwatering is a good example of this and a common problem for indoor gardeners. For others it's the opposite extreme, allowing plants to go too dry. Knowing when to water your indoor plants can increase gardening success and eliminate the stress of uncertainty.

The first step is to throw away your watering schedule. Start watering plants based on their individual need not the date on the calendar. Consider the type of plant, container material and size as well as other growing conditions.

Get to know your plants by

checking the plant tag, online resources and books. Those native to tropical climates or wet soils such as peace lily, baby tears and papyrus prefer moist soil. Plants from drier locations like cacti, succulents, Chinese evergreens, ponytail palm and snake plants do best when the soil dries between watering.

Evaluate the indoor growing conditions. Plants located in bright light and warm homes where the humidity is low lose moisture faster and need more frequent watering. Cooler homes, higher humidity and lower light conditions mean longer stretches between watering plants.

Adjust watering as the seasons change. Shorter, often gray days of winter mean plants dry out more slowly. When the heat and air conditioner are turned on, the humidity level drops and plants dry out more quickly. Plus, many plants rest in winter and prefer drier soil.

Check plants growing in small pots, breathable terra cotta containers and fast draining growing mixes more often and water as needed. Plants growing in larger containers and those made of plastic, glazed ceramic and similar materials dry out more slowly.

Use your finger to determine when plants need to be watered. Stick your finger an inch or so below the soil surface of small pots. You'll need to go a finger length deep for larger containers. And for succulents and cacti feel the soil through the drainage holes on the bottom of the pot. Water thoroughly until the excess runs out the drainage holes as needed.

Extend the time between watering with self-watering pots and watering aids. These have reservoirs that slowly provide water to plants over time. Or amend the soil with a moisture-retaining product like wool pellets (wildvalleyfarms.com). This organic and sustainable product holds 20 percent of its weight in water and slowly releases it into the



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soil when needed. The wetting agents in most potting mixes lose effectiveness after a month or two. These pellets continue working long after this, so you'll be watering less often.

Make watering easy, so it feels like an opportunity to enjoy each individual plant instead of a chore. Use a watering can with a long narrow spout, making it easy to apply water over the entire soil surface and under the leaves and crown of the plant. This reduces the risk of disease that can occur when the top growth remains wet.

Set plants on saucers or trays filled with pebbles. The excess water collects in the tray and the pebbles elevate the container above the water. This eliminates the need to empty the water that collects and remains in the saucer for more than thirty minutes.

With more experience watering indoor plants, it will become second nature. That means you'll have more time and opportunity to enjoy and even expand your indoor gar-

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



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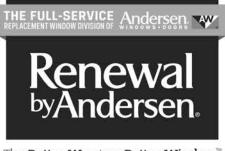
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Antiques that got away



Long time fishermen like to share stories about the ones that got away. We've been fortunate enough to auction some incredible items like Eliot Ness's credentials, the memorabilia from Boston's Durgin Park restaurant, and a coat Admiral Byrd wore on one of his expeditions. However,

there are always things we wish we had gotten the opportunity to sell that slipped through our fingers.

When I first started to sell antiques, I bought a copy of the "Want Advertiser" every week, the morning it was distributed. The Want Ad was based in Sudbury, and magazines were distributed to most of the local convenience stores. The Want Ad listed a broad range of classified ad categories including cars, pets and antiques.

One week I saw that someone in Worcester advertised a photograph of Abraham Lincoln's assassins at the gallows. I met with the seller but the \$550 asking price seemed like a big expense when I was new to the business and only running my antique business part time. I thought about it more and decided I should buy it. I called the seller back a couple of days later and it had already sold. As a side note, after operating for 50 years in business, The Want Advertiser closed in 2006. Online classified ads like Craigslist eliminated the need for a print magazine.

I've seen some great items at appraisal events. Most people just want to know what their items are worth, but some want to auction their pieces. At an appraisal event at Worcester Senior Center, someone brought in a collection of Victorian lithographed games to be evaluated. They were in pristine condition and I appraised them in the mid-thousands. The owner already had a handshake agreement with another auction house to sell them when I met with him. He honored his agreement and sold them with the other auctioneer. At anoth- WAYNE TUISKULA er appraisal event in Barre we had some

slack time and I informed the group about what type of items were selling well. When I told them that older baseball cards were very desirable, one of the attendees said he had many unopened packages of 1950's era baseball cards in the original store display box. I was hoping to discuss auctioning them with him before the end of the event, but he left while attendees were still asking questions. There's probably



ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES & ESTATES

closet somewhere in Central Massachusetts. I enjoyed meeting with the members of the Southbridge Women's Club and appraising their items last week. My "Evaluating your

still a box of baseball cards worth tens of

thousands sitting in a

antiques" class will take place on March 3 at the Bay Path Adult Education Evening School. I'll be appraising items at E.N. Jenckes Store Museum for the Douglas Historical

Society on May 3. Other events are being scheduled. Please see www.centralmassauctions. com for details on these and other events.

Contact us at: Wayne Tuiskula Auctioneer/Appraiser Central Mass Auctions for Antique Auctions, Estate Sales and Appraisal Services www. centralmassauctions.com (508-612- 6111) info@centralmassauctions.com

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

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

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Saint John, Annapolis Valley

5 Days/4 Nights June 29-July 3, 2020 What's Included: Roundtrip motor coach, 2 nights lodging – Marriott Saint John - New Brunswick, 2 nights lodging – Westin Nova Scotian – Halifax, breakfast each morning (4), 2 scrumptious dinners, 1 lobster luncheon, guided tours each day and more!

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\$849pp Double Occ. - \$1159 pp Single

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CHARLTON SENIOR CENTER

TRIPS w/Charlton Senior Center

Our new Trip Coordinator is Mary Lou Lepko.

A few things to know:

Sign up at the center, or call 508-248-2231, or email: charltontrips@yahoo.

Please put your full name and phone number on sign-up sheets

Trips are open to the public

Flyers available at the center or online at www.townofcharlton.net. Click on Government, then Council on Aging/Senior Center

Mail payments to: Charlton Senior Center Trips, 37 Main St., Charlton, MA 01507 or bring into center and give to Elaine or Katherine. Please be sure to make checks payable to the company stated below.

You will be notified of pick up time & location

Bus pick up will usually be at St. Joseph's Church 10 H Putnam Rd. Ext. in Charlton

April 17— FOXWOODS \$34 includes transportation, buffet or \$10 food voucher and \$10 casino slot play. Make checks payable to: Fox Tours (payment due

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ment due 4/17) July 28 — GLOUCESTER HARBOR CRUISE LOBSTERBAKE includes transportation, Beauport Princess Cruise, Lobsterbake buffet, Entertainment & Dancing. Driver gratuity not included. Make checks payable to: Best of Times (payment due

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DOUGLAS SUNSHINE CLUB

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

DUDLEY SENIORS

Dudley Seniors present a Pigeon Forge and the Smoky Mountains Show Trip. It will be 7 days and 6 nights from Sept. 20, 2020 through Sept. 26, 2020. The price per person/ double occupancy is \$689 and will include motorcoach transportation from Dudley, 6 nights lodging, 10 meals, admission to Titanic: the world's largest museum attraction, 2 dinner shows, 2 evening shows, one morning show, free time in downtown Gatlinburg and a guided tour of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

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

FRIENDS OF THE STURBRIDGE **SENIORS**

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

On Thursday, July 16, come with us for a Lobster Bake at Foster's Clambake in York, Me. For 99.00 enjoy a 1 1/4 Boiled Lobster, Clam Chowder, Steamed Mussels, Fresh Steamed Maine Clams, Corn on the Cob, Potatoes and Onions, Blueberry Cake and a Beverage. Also available is 1/2 Barbecued Chicken in place of the Lobster. Now let us add the Ultimate Jimmy Buffett Tribute Show featuring Jimmy and the Parrots. They are the most requested Jimmy Buffett Tribute Band in the Country and they were also nominated as Band of the Year by Trop Rock Entertainer. Hear them play the favorite songs of Jimmy Buffett as well as songs by The Beach Boys, Paul Simon, Harry Belafonte, Bob Marley and many others. Included is Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation, Lunch and the Show.

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On Thursday August 20th, get ready for the 10th Anniversary Tour of The Texas Tenors. These 3 very Handsome, Classically Trained Men have performed over 1300 Concerts with

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We had 34 people travel to the Pennsylvania Dutch Country 3 Day/2Night Trip this past December and they had such a Great Time that many of them asked to go back again this September 23-25th. We will see the New Show "Queen Esther". One of the very most riveting Bible Stories of the Old Testament that comes to life in the Magnificent Sight and Sound Theater which incorporates Live Animals, Secial Effects and Jaw Opening Stage Sets. Ask anyone who has seen a Show at the Millenium Sight and Sound Theater and they will tell you this is a Must See. in your lifetime. Now let's add a 2nd Show called "Saturday Nigh Fever" at the Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre, a Backcountry Tour of the Dutch County Farmlands, enjoy your luck at the Sands Casino and more. Prices are 499.00 pp Double and 599.00 Single Occupancy and include 2 Nights Lodging, 4 Meals, Tickets to the 2 Shows,

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

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

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For trip information and reservations, please call Joan Wall at (508)

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

MARY QUEEN OF THE ROSARY PARISH

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

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

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

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

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

POLICE REPORTS

Spencer Logs

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

12:00-3:24 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 3:36 a.m.: parking violation (Main Street), ticket issued; 4:20 a.m.:medical/sudden death (Lambs Grove); 5:00 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), Harrington CT down; 5:58 a.m.: mv stop (Monticello Drive); 6:26 a.m.: 911 call (North Spencer Road), open line; 6:57 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; 7:43 a.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), dead cat; 7:46 a.m.: medical/ general (Wall Street); 8:28 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 8:41 a.m.: mv stop (North Brookfield Road); 9:45 a.m.: disturbance (Mechanic Street), domestic; 9:56 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), fed. firearms license; 9:59 a.m. officer wanted (Main Street), spoken to; 11:15 a.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), purse found; 11:35 a.m.: community service (Howe Village), public assistance; 12:06 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), Harrington CT down; 12:12 p.m.: medical/general (Meadow Road); 2:19 p.m.: 911 call (South Spencer Road), misdial; 2:32 p.m.: disabled mv (North Spencedr Road), assisted; 3:14 p.m.: LTC issued/3 (West Main Street), assisted; 4:10 p.m.: chemical/ fuel spill (Irving Street), services rendered; 4:39 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), Harrington CT down; 4:44 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (Howe Village), services rendered; 5:06 p.m.: disabled mv (Charlton Road), assisted; 8:19 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 9:36 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), info given. THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

12:15-12:26 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:28 a.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), investigated; 12:32 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 1:00-2:00 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:29-2:35 a.m.: parking violations (Mechanic, Chestnut streets), tickets issued; 4:09 a.m.: medical/general (Bixby Road); 8:17 a.m.: DPW call (North Brookfield Road), low-hanging wire; 8:19 a.m.: officer wanted (Lincoln Street), ex-tenant issue; 8:31 a.m. mv complaint (Mechanic Street), unruly motorist; 9:26 a.m.: harassment prevention order sercie (West Main Street); 9:45 a.m.: medical/general (Northwest Road); 10:14 a.m.: mv stop (Northwest Road); 10:20 a.m.: animal complaint (West Main Street), poss. rabies exposure; 11:16 a.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), road rage; 11:36 a.m.: accident (West Main Street), info taken; 12:33 p.m.: animal complaint (West Main Street), spoken to; 1:13p.m.: DPW call (Route 49), bridge conditions; 2:19 p.m.: officer wanted (Bixby Road), spoken to; 2:38 p.m.: medical/general (Mechanic Street); 3:00 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), human tx task force; 3:00 p.m.: DPW call (Mechanic Street), branch on wire; 3:11 p.m.: medical/ general (Howe Village); 4:08 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), 4:14 p.m.: disabled mv (South Spencer Road), assisted; 4:18 p.m.: accident (West Main Street), info taken; 4:32 p.m.: officer wanted (Lincoln Street), ex-tenant issue; 4:47 p.m.: suspicious mv (Howe Road), info taken; 5:36 p.m.: accident (Main Street), hit/ run; 5:37 p.m.: disturbance (Bay Path Road), unwanted parties; 6:49 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 7:38 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street);

checked, secure. FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

7:50 p.m.: building checked, secure:

8:33 p.m.: mv stop (Charlton Road); 8:55

p.m.: mv stop (Adams Street); 9:11 p.m.:

building checked, secure; 9:14 p.m.:

disturbance (Grove Street), domestic;

9:53 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Town

House Court), accidental; 10:27 p.m.:

disturbance (Church Street), noise

complaint; 11:30-11:47 p.m.: buildings

12:19 a.m.: parking violation (Chestnut Street), ticket issued; 12:21 p.m.: building checked, secure; 12:28 a.m.: fraud (Northwest Road), spoken to; 12:41 a.m.: DPW call (West Main Street), patchy ice; 12:50-2:24 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:30 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 2:48 a.m.: building checked, secure; 2:56 a.m.: suspicious mv (South Spencer Road), info taken; 2:56-3:13 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 4:38 a.m.: mv theft (Main Street), info taken; 8:03 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 8:20 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village), lift assist; 10:09 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; 10:55 a.m.: medical/general (Kingsbury Road); 11:15 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), Harrington CT down; 11:15 a.m.: juvenile matter (Ash Street), bullying; 11:59 a.m.: larceny (Paxton Road), floor jack stolen; 12:35 p.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 1:18 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operation; 1:33 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), info taken; 1:34 p.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 2:04 p.m.: fraud (Cranberry Lane), scam call; 3:24 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 3:25 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), no trespassing inquiry; 3:48 p.m.: medical/general (Temple Street); 4:04 p.m.: elderly matter (Lincoln Street) ex-tenant issue; 4:47 p.m.: disabled mv (North Spencer Road), assisted; 6:12 p.m.: suspicious mv (Valley Street), info taken; 7:19 p.m.: mv stop (Charlton Road); 7:59 p.m.: building checked, secure; 8:12 p.m.: officer wanted (Mechanic Street). spoken to; 8:21 p.m.: medical/general (North Spencer Road); 9:41-10:15 p.m.: buildings checked, secure;

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

12:17 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 12:47 a.m.: mv stop (Maple Street); 1:55 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 2:05 a.m.: building checked, secure; 2:07 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 2:09 a.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 3:05-3:09 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 7:36 a.m.: suspicious mv (Wilson Street), info taken; 8:19 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), Harrington CT down; 9:31 a.m.: school alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 10:39 a.m.: mv complaint (Meadow Road), erratic operation; 11:01 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 11:46 a.m.: officer wanted (Mechanic Street), failure to pay; 12:52 p.m.: accident (Main Street), spoken to; 1:45 p.m.: animal complaint (Craig Road), barking dogs; 1:59 p.m.: officer wanted (North Spencer Road), skateboarders in road; 2:07 p.m.: medical/general (R. Jones Road); 2:17 p.m.: animal complaint (McCormick Road), dead deer in yard; 3:59 p.m.: animal complaint (Temple Street), loose dog; 4:30 p.m.: juvenile matter (West Main Street), young child/no coat; 4:45 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 5:10 p.m.: suspicious persons (West Main Street), investigated; 5:48 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street); 6:06 p.m.: parking violation (Chestnut Street), ticket issued; 11:10 p.m.: mv complaint (Route 49), erratic operation. 11:26-11:33 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 11:34 p.m.: mv stop (North Spencer Road); 11:45 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 11:55-11:59 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16 12:02 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 12:08 a.m.: building checked, secure; 12:18 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), Kayla M. Tuttle, 30, 15 Elmwood Avenue, Jefferson, OUI liquor, negligent operation, no inspection sticker, marked lanes violation, arrest; 1:05 a.m.: medical/general (Smithville Road); 2:01 a.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), spoken to; 6:08 a.m.: medical/general (Greenville Street); 6:26 a.m.: medical/ general (Howe Village); 11:38 a.m.: disabled mv (West Main Street), assisted; 11:46 a.m.: medical/general (Church Street); 12:14 p.m.: commercial alarm (Water Street), services rendered; 12:58 p.m.: 911 call (Lincoln Street), accidental; 1:26 p.m.: animal complaint (Jolicoeur Avenue), sick fox in area; 1:49 p.m.: 911 call (Howe Village), open line; 2:36 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 2:41 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), Johnathan M. Riopel, 33, 3 Prairie Schooner Trail, Brookfield, disturbing the peace, trespassing, arrest; 6:16 p.m.: building checked, secure; 6:21 p.m.: disturbance (Grove Street), domestic; 7:30 p.m.: medical/general (South Spencer Road); 7:52 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), Charlton PD bolo; 7:59-8:17 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:52 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Temple Street), no contact; 11:06 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Leicester

request. MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

12:49 a.m.: elderly matter (Church Street), services rendered; 1:26-2:13 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:20 a.m.: parking violation (Main Street), ticket issued; 6:54a.m.: 911 call (Pleasant Street), accidental; 7:02 a.m.: disturbance (Chickering Road), unwanted party; 9:23 a.m.: suspicious persons (Church Street), info taken; 11:16 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), Samantha E. Devault, 28, 14 Pelham Street, Worcester, warrant arrest; 11:27 a.m.: officer wanted (Northwest Road), spoken to; 12:12 p.m.: medical/general (Briarcliff Lane); 12:58 p.m.: medical/ general (Main Street); 1:46 p.m.: mv lockout (West Main Street), assisted; 4:04 p.m.: chemical/fuel spill (Duggan Street), services rendered; 4:05 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), accidental; 4:49 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 4:51 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 4:53 p.m.: multiple LTC issued/6 (West Main Street), assisted; 4:54 p.m.: FID card issued (West Main Street), assisted.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

12:13 a.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 12:36 a.m.: fire alarm (Mechanic Street), CO detector activation; 12:36 a.m.: mv stop (Charlton Road); 12:36-2:01 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:13-2:18 a.m.: parking violation (Elm, Mechanic streets), tickets issued; 2:46 a.m.: buildings checke, secure; 5:55 a.m.: medical/general (Bixby Road); 5:57 a.m.: mv stop (North Spencer Road); 6:13 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Sreet); 6:14 a.m.: mv stop (Charlton Road); 6:26 a.m.: mv stop (North Spencer Road); 8:26 a.m.: 911 call (Ash Street), open line; 9:08 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), Harrington CT down; 9:18 a.m.: disabled mv (West Main Street), assisted; 10:11 a.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 12:52 p.m.: elderly matter (Lincoln Street), spoken to; 1:59 p.m.: officer wanted (Lincoln Street), poss. scam; 2:16 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), loitering; 3:10 p.m.: LTC issued/2 (West Main Street), assisted; 4:30 p.m.: suspicious persons (Main Street), services rendered; 4:57 p.m.: suspicous persons (North Spencer Road), investigated; 5:08 p.m.: mutual aid (Main Street), State Police bolo: 5:28 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), accidental; 6:55 p.m.: mv repossession (Roys Drive), info taken; 6:59 p.m.: juvenile matter (Bixby Road), info taken; 7:29 p.m.: harassing phone calls (Pearl Street), info taken; 9:44 p.m.: fire alarm (Rene Drive), CO alarm; 11:51 p.m.: building checked,

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

12:33 a.m.: suspicious person (Stafford Street), investigated; 8:59 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and addess redacted from police log, unlicensed operation, criminal application issued; 3:04 p.m.: ambulance (Pine Ridge Drie), transported; 3:58 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 4:42 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 5:07 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 5:49 p.m.: accident (Auburn Street), unable to locate; 8:57 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), mv towed.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

8:37 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Stree), no action required; 10:08 a.m.: ambulance (Chapel Street), transported; 10:46 a.m. mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 10:56 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 11:12 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 11:45 a.m.: welfare check (Fairview Drive), no action required; 12:24 p.m.: parking complaint (Washburn Square), citation issued; 12:35 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), no action required; 12:51 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 12:57 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), assisted; 1:14 p.m.: erratic operation (Main Street), no action required; 1:57 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), mv towed; 2:04 p.m.: property found (Stafford Street), report taken; 4:38 p.m.: mv stop (Warren Avenue), verbal warning; 4:51 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 5:03 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), mv towed; 5:13 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, unlicensed operation, criminal application issued; 5:51 p.m.: welfare check (Chickering Road), services rendered; 6:39 p.m.: welfare check (Pleasant Street), investigated; 6:55 p.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street), transported; 9:36 p.m.: parking complaint (Bottomly Avenue), investigated; 9:39 p.m.: mutual aid (Lincoln Circle, Paxton), services rendered.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15 12:21 a.m.: ambulance (Mayflower Circle), transported; 12:29 a.m.: ambulance (Auburn Street), transported; 1:54 a.m.: mv stop (River Street), citation issued; 3:32 a.m. suspicious mv (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 4:41 a.m.: ambulance (Pine Street), services rendered; 5:14 a.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 8:15 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street, Oxford), citation issued; 9:21 a.m.: mv stop (Auburn Street), verbal warning; 10:31 a.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 1:35 p.m.: erratic operation (South Main Street), no action required; 2:29 p.m.: lockout (Water Street), services rendered; 2:56 p.m.: ambulance (Pine Street), services rendered; 4:03 p.m.: ambulance (Salminen Drive), transported; 4:53 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 6:25 p.m.: assist other PD (South Main Street), message delivered; 11:27 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 11:34 p.m.: civil dispute (Brook Street), services rendered; 11:39 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 11:50 p.m.: suspicious person (Stafford Street), transported.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

12:19 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 12:29 a.m.: suspicious mv (Stafford Street), spoken to; 12:34 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 1:57 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), name and address redacted from police log, uninsured mv, unregistered mv, criminal application issued; 1:58 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 2:03 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), criminal application issued; 2:57 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 3:03 a.m.: noise complaint (Ingram Road), unable to locate; 3:22 a.m.: suspicious mv (Stafford Street), services rendcered; 6:33 a.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 6:42 a.m.: mutual aid (Howe Street, Spencer), transported to hospital; 2:23 p.m.: assist citizen (Main Street), no action required; 2:40 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Cricklewood Drive), no action required; 2:44 p.m.: water/sewer problem (Main Street), services rendered; 3:45 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 5:06 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 5:11 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 5:48 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 5:52 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning;; 6:05 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 6:13 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 8:27 p.m.: disturbance (Bethel Avenue), services rendered; 9:17 p.m.: mv stop (Waite Street), criminal application issued; 10:11 p.m.: ambulance (Towtaid Street), transported; 11:03 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), referred. MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

12:16 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), verbal warning; 12:32 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 12:39 a.m. mv stop (Pleasant Street), verbal warning; 12:57 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 2:20 a.m.: mv stop (Marshall Street), verbal warning; 3:17 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redactd from police log, op w/suspended license, mv towed; 4:12 a.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), services rendered; 7:56 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), no action required; 9:09 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 9:18 a.m.: suspicious person (Bunker Hill Road), spoken to; 9:45 p.m.: accident (Soojians Drive), report taken; 10:16 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 10:52 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 1:31 p.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), verbal warning; 2:25 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 2:42 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), mv towed; 3:30 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), written warning; 3:50 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 4:04 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 4:13 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 4:21 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 4:28 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 4:43 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 4:51 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 5:24 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 6:34 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 7:32 p.m.: ambulance (Sunset Drive), assisted; 7:47 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), citation issued; 8:07 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), written warning; 8:25 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), name and address redacted from police log, op w/suspended license, mv towed; 11:45 p.m.: assist citizen (Staford Street); 11:57 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), spoken to.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18 12:10 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), spoken to; 12:29 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), spoken to; 12:56 a.m.: mv stop (Peter Salem Road), Shamiko D. Chouinard, 43, 20 Wall Street, #2, Worcester, op w/suspended license/ subsequent offense, arrest; Kaitlyn B. Farnam, 28, 2 Arnold Road, Worcester, failure to appear upon recognizance, warrant/failure to appear upon recognizance, arrest; 1:07 a.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 3:12 a.m.: residential alarm (Burncoat Lane), false alarm; 8:23 a.m.: abandoned mv (South Main Street), assisted; 8:59 a.m.: ambulance (Sargent Street), transported; 10:36 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), name and address redacted from police log, op w/suspended license, criminal application issued; 11:37 a.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), verbal warning; 1:08 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), name and address redacted from police log, speeding, negligent operation, criminal application issued; 1:46 p.m.: welfare check (Paxton Street), unfounded; 1:56 p.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), spoken to; 2:47 p.m.: disturbance (Stafford Street), peace restored; 3:55 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning: 4:30 p.m.: my stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 4:54 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 5:06 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 5:45 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 5:54 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 5:57 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 6:13 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 6:30 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warnng: 8:01 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 8:09 p.m.: disturbance (Collier Avenue), Catherine A. Young, 22, 1355 Main Street, Worcester, failure to appear upon recognizance/2 counts. arrest; 8:11 p.m.: ambulance (Salminen Drive), transported; 8:41 p.m.: fire/CO detector (Sunset Drive), assisted; 10:07 p.m.: disturbance (Upton Street), services rendered.

FEBRUARY WEDNESDAY,

1:2:02 a.m.: welfare check (Pleasant Street), Angela Marie Zona, 35, 42 Richardson Street, #3, Worcesrer, vandalizing property, simple assault & battery, witness intimidation, arrest; 2:18 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), Joseph Morengo, 30, 128 Elm Street, Southbridge, OUI liquor, negligent operation, unlicensed operation, my not meeting safety standards, arrest; 8:18 a.m.: mutual aid (Homes Street. Spencer), services rendered; 8:50 a.m.: mutual aid (Holmes Street, Spencer), services rendered; 9:08 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 10:06 a.m.: welfare check (Burncoat Street), no action required; 11:53 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 12:38 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 12:50 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 3:44 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), verbal warning; 4:18 p.m.: assist citizen (McCarthy Avenue); 5:01 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 7:19 p.m.: assist other agency (Stafford Street), services rendered; 8:03 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), no action required; 8:21 p.m.: mv stop (Main Steet), verbal warning; 8:54 p.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), verbal warning.

Commonwealth announces fire department gear cleaning machine grants

STOW - Gov. Charlie Baker and Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito today announced \$420,000 in grant awards to 75 Massachusetts fire departments for gear cleaning machines that will reduce firefighters' exposure to cancer-causing chemicals on the job.

The Spencer Fire Department will receive \$5,380.

"This grant program will help keep firefighters across the Commonwealth healthy by preventing repeated exposures to the dangerous chemicals they encounter every day," said Gov. Charlie Baker. "Firefighters take significant risks each and every time they put their gear on and respond to an emergency. One way that we can protect them and show our appreciation for their dedicated service is to provide these machines to ensure their gear is clean at the start of every emergency."

often overshadowed "Though by more visible risks, occupational cancer has affected far too many Massachusetts firefighters," said Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito. "Providing financial assistance to departments so that they can improve their cancer prevention efforts with gear washing machines is one way we can begin to change this in the future."

"The best-practices related to the care and handling of turnout gear have

changed rapidly in recent years," said Secretary of Public Safety and Security Thomas Turco.

"We have a far better understanding of the occupational cancer problem in the fire service now than we did just a short time ago, and have learned that providing firefighters with the ability to wash their turnout gear after every exposure to smoke or fire is one of the best things we can do for their longterm health and safety," he added.

The awards come in addition to \$920,000 in grant awards delivered last year to 174 Massachusetts fire departments, funding 75 washer-extractors and about 3,000 pairs of gloves and another 3,000 hoods. The Baker-Polito Administration has also filed a bond bill which would provide \$25 million in authorization to continue funding similar grants to allow departments to purchase equipment including washers-extractors.

"It was not long ago that turnout gear was rarely washed because we didn't understand the cumulative effects of wearing soot-laden gear every day," said State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey. "We now know the importance of washing gear regularly, however the financial challenge of equipping fire stations with gear washers has delayed the implementation of these practices in many departments. The 75

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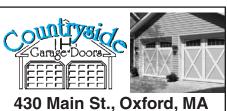
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machines purchased through this program will greatly accelerate the adoption of these practices for a significant number of firefighters."

Through the Washer-Extractor Equipment Grant, \$420,000 was awarded to 75 departments that will each receive a new washer-extractor to clean their structural firefighting gear after exposure to smoke and other toxic chemicals. A national standard set by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) on the care and cleaning of structural firefighting gear delineates specific types of machines that should be used to effectively remove cancer-causing chemicals after each fire. All washer-extractors purchased with this grant will meet this standard and enable personnel to wear clean gear each time they leave the fire station for an emergency.

"Adding modern washer-extractors to 75 fire stations across the Commonwealth is a truly significant step forward for the fire service in Massachusetts. Over the lifespan of these machines, they will help improve the health and wellbeing of innumerable firefighters and their families", said Needham Fire Chief Dennis Condon. President of the Fire Chiefs' Association of Massachusetts (FCAM). "We are extremely appreciative of the generous assistance the Commonwealth has provided to address what has been an urgent issue for many fire departments in Massachusetts," he added.



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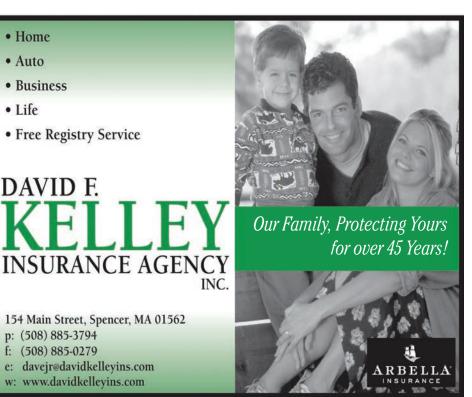
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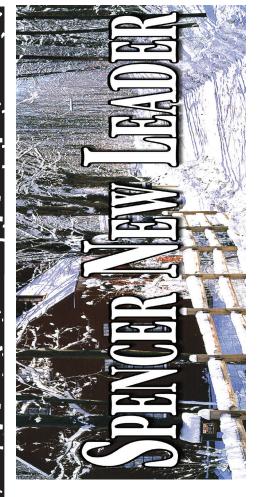
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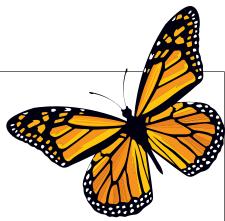


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The Write Stuff is in this week's issue. I took a stab at it this week...it's fun to write. You don't have to be a professional writer, as my poem shows. Just have fun with it. The next Write Stuff will publish on March 27. See some suggested topics or pick any topic to write about and email it to me, best as a Word.doc or docx.

The TOWN OF CHARLTON has a few Help Wanted ads in this week's issue. Maybe one of them is the perfect fit for you or someone you know.

Check out EB FLATTS this week offering Creole Cuisine, and CHARLIES special this week is swordfish...a great option now that Lent has begun. SPENCER COUNTRY INN is taking reservations for Easter! Lots to look forward to this spring!

Have a great week and Happy Birthday to all Leap Year babies!

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We hope you enjoyed our Winter ABC's of the Season crossword puzzle. The randomly chosen winner of all the correct entries for a \$25 gift card is

Kathy C. of Spencer

Please continue to support these and all of your local businesses. Our next ABC's of the Seasons will be our Spring Edition, coming out on April 24.

Thank you to all the ABC businesses and to those who completed our puzzle! If you would like a letter for spring, please contact your sales representative to see what is available.

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OBITUARIES

Jane E. Saucier, 83



SPENCER- Jane E. (Donnelly) Saucier, of Greenville Street died Thursday, February 20 in UMass Memorial Hospital, 55 Lake Avenue N. in Worcester after an

Her husband Robert D. Saucier, Sr., died in 2009. She leaves a son Steven A. Saucier of Spencer, a brother James H. Donnelly, Jr. of Lebanon, CT and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by two sons Robert D. Saucier, Jr. and Gary Saucier, a brother Lloyd P. Donnelly and a sister Claire L. Berry.

Mrs. Saucier was born in Spencer,

son of James H. Donnelly and Edna M. (Dwelly) Parker. She graduated from David Prouty High School. She worked at Optivac Inc. in North Brookfield for 11 years retiring in 1997. She was a member of the First Congregational Church of Spencer.

A funeral service was held on Monday, February 24 at 11:00 AM in J. Henri Morin & Son Funeral Home, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer. Burial will be at a later date in Pine Grove Cemetery, Spencer. A calling hour preceded the funeral from 10:00-11:00 AM in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to a charity of choice.

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Kenneth R. Wilson, Sr., 75



S P E N C E R -Kenneth R. Wilson, Sr., 75, of Spencer died peacefully surrounded by his family and friends Tuesday, Feb. 18 in UMASS Medical Worcester.

leaves He his wife of 56 years, Judith C. "Judy" (Lachambre) Wilson, his son Kenneth R. Wilson, Jr. & his companion Ryann Faymen of Worcester, his daughters Penny Bentley and her husband Mark of Upton, Kim Brown and her husband Jeff of Chicopee and Wendy Wilson & her companion Paul Whitman III of Athol, a brother Warren Wilson and his wife Pat of Spencer, 11 grandchildren; Derek (Maggie), Danielle (Jeff), Travis, Paul, IV (Andrea), Riley, Danielle (Adrian), Justin, Shelina (Brett), Nathan, Dilan and Ava, 12 great grandchildren; Hannah, Tavian, Zayden, Kaylea, Aidan, Michael, Katie, Kaelyn, Xyla, Abria, London and Cameron, nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by a sister Barbara Delisle.

Ken was an auto worker for General Motors Corp. for 32 years, retiring in 2006. He was a member of the United

Autoworkers Union Local 422. Dad loved his wife and family more than life itself. He was always cracking jokes for everyone he knew or even a complete stranger. His other joys in life were playing pitch at the local American Legion or Fish & Game, going to Foxwoods with the love of his life, watching football, baseball and NASCAR. Besides being in Local 422, he also repaired windows and screens for customers as a side business and at times installed flagpoles with his long-

Born in Proctor, VT., he was the son of Clifford and Floris M. (Perron) Wilson

time friend John "Mickey" Mosher.

A Memorial Mass was held on Saturday, Feb. 22 at 9 a.m. in Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 7 Church St., Spencer. Friends and family are asked to go directly to the church. Burial followed in Worcester County Memorial Park, Paxton. Calling hours were Friday, Feb. 21 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the J.HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl., Memphis, Tenn., 38105.

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Marie A. Snow, 97



SPENCER- Marie A. (McCreadie) Snow, 97, of Spencer, died peacefully Friday, Feb 21, 2020. Marie was born on August 23, 1922 in Chicago, IL to the late Thomas and Amy (Madera)

McCreadie. Tenacious and determined from an early age, Marie graduated from Wright Junior college and became the first woman to be an assistant in their male-dominated business department. During World War II, she taught radio mechanics at the Wisconsin Air Force base, and met her husband, Richard D. Snow, at a USO dance. The two settled in Spencer, and remained lovingly married for over 40 years until Richard's death in 1989.

Marie enjoyed varied careers with positions at the Worcester Telegram and Gazette, Dutchmaid and Queensway Clothing Company, and as bookkeeper to her husband's plaster business. She loved to travel, and for 15 years organized group trips locally and abroad, with her group "Snow's Happy Travelers," displaying a particular fondness for trips to casinos, where she was always a lucky winner! During one of her trips, Marie's bravado won her an appearance on the Price is Right television show, where she won several prizes and which remained a highlight until her last days. She was a long time, active member of the Spencer First Congregational Church, and gave generously of her time there, chairing the Sunshine Committee and the Church fair for several years, singing

soprano in the choir, serving in the Women's Fellowship and numerous other church programs and activities.

Marie was devoted to her family, and was much loved as a wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Known to all as "Grandma Snow," her outspoken, positive spirit and constant smile enlivened any situation in which she was present. Her fearlessness and leadership skills were inspirational and her presence will be greatly missed.

Marie was predeceased by her husband, Richard D. Snow, and her daughter Joanne M. (Snow) Leveillee, and is survived by her daughter, Dianne (Snow) Hange, of Wooster, OH, as well as her grandchildren: Lisa (Tom) Robbins of North Brookfield, Richard J. Leveillee of Spencer, Cheri (Jason) Vanderpool of Greenland, NH, Doug (Michelle) Hange of Melbourne, FL and Dennis Hange of Cary, NC. She also leaves behind ten dearly loved great grandchildren, countless friends and others whose life she touched.

A funeral service for Marie will be held on Friday, Feb. 28th at 10 a.m. in the First Congregational Church of Spencer, 205 Main St., Spencer. Burial will follow in Pine Grove Cemetery, Spencer. There are no calling hours. J.HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., is directing arrangements for the family. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the First Congregational Church Scholarship Fund, 205 Main St., Spencer, MA 01562.

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Jeanne M. Karle, 90



GRAFTON Jeanne M. (Poirier) 90, Karle, February Sunday, 23, 2020, at the Life Care Center Auburn. She predeceased by her husband of 65 years, Alfred J. Karle Sr.,

who died in 2016. She is survived by five children, Kevin Karle and his wife Sharon of Dudley, Richard Karle and his wife Lisa of Griswold, CT, Philip Karle and his wife Amy of Acton, CA, Kathy Levicki-Karle of Methuen, and Alfred Karle Jr. and his wife Anita of Sneads Ferry, NC; 13 grandchildren, Angelique, Alfred III and his wife Theresa, Jennifer, Christine and her husband James, Alise and her husband P.J., Christopher and his wife Heather, Daniel and his wife Ashley, Matthew and his wife Lauren, Melissa and her husband Bob, Nicholas, Alyssa, James, and Ashley; 8 great-grandchildren, Yazmin, Joseph, Nicholas, Camden, Mason, Makenna, Madison, and John; five brothers, Marcel Poirier of Cherry Valley, Bertrand Poirier of Grafton, Edgar Poirier of Leicester, Roland Poirier of San Diego, CA, and Emile

Poirier of New Hampshire; two sisters, Rita Tremblay of New Hampshire and Marie DiDonna of Grafton; and many nephews and nieces. She was predeceased by two brothers, Leo Poirier and Paul Poirier; and a sister, Doris Simonian. She was born in Rumford. ME, daughter of the late Emile and Marie (Fortier) Poirier. She graduated from Worcester Girls Trade High School in Worcester.

Mrs. Karle was an accomplished seamstress who worked at Swiss Fabric Outlet in Worcester and made beautiful custom draperies. Her greatest joy was raising her children and caring for her home and family.

A funeral was held on Thursday, February 27, 2020, 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 followed at Pine Grove Cemetery in North Grafton. Calling hours were Wednesday, February 26, 2020, from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA

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Jessie M. Jackson, 42



HARDWICK Jessie M. Jackson, 42, of Hardwick died suddenly on Tuesday,

February 4, 2020 at

her home. She leaves her three sons, Kyle Jackson of Spencer, Jason Boudreau of

Ware and Pete Jones of Ware as well as her brother Sammie Jackson. She was born in Ware, daughter of the late Ronnie and Beryl (Erickson) Jackson.

Funeral Services will be held privately. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Second Chance Animal Shelter, Inc., P.O. Box 136, East Brookfield, MA 01515 or www.secondchanceanimals.org.

Charbonneau Funeral Home, 30 Pleasant St., in Ware is assisting her family with arrangements.

An online guest book is available at charbonneaufh.com

Lois V. Larrabee, 91

Lois V. Larrabee, 91, of Davenport, IA, passed away Sunday, February 16, 2020. at Ridgecrest Village. Funeral Services will be 10:00 a.m., Friday, February 21, at Ridgecrest Village Chapel. Visitation will be 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Thursday, February 20, at Weerts Funeral Home in Davenport. Inurnment will take place at a later date at Davenport Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Lois Larrabee Scholarship Fund at St. Ambrose University. Online condolences may be expressed at www.

Lois was born February 3, 1929, to James and Vera (Raymore) Buckmaster in Ware, MA. She was united in mar-1951, in North Brookfield, MA. Lois was a vocal teacher at St. Ambrose for over 20 years, where she was a mentor and mom to many students. She performed

leading roles at the Canton Ohio Civic Opera and was a soloist at Temple Israel in Davenport for many years. In her free time, Lois enjoyed sewing. She was a staple member of the QC Music Guild, PEO Sisterhood, and several other music clubs. Lois was an active Christian at many churches over the years, most recently Ridgecrest Village Chapel, where she directed choir and played for chapel services weekly.

Lois is survived by her children: Nancy (Jim) Garrow, Bill Larrabee, Jim Larrabee, and Rebecca Larrabee; grandchildren, Marcea, Christopher, Sarah, Nancy, Rachel; great grandchildren: Jacob, Alexis, Katie, Colton, Anthony, Kalienna, Vera, and Peter. preceded in death band, Nelson, and her siblings, Jean Pawlowski, Elizabeth Neikel, and James Buckmaster.

Richard P. Brigham Sr., 79



BROOKFIELD OXFORD - Richard P. Brigham Sr., 79, of West Street and formerly of Oxford, died peacefully Thursday, February 20, 2020, surrounded by his family whom he

adored more than anything. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Ellen M. (Bergin) Brigham of West Brookfield; six children, Richard Brigham Jr. and his wife Debra, Lorna Winders and her husband James, Mark Brigham and his wife Celeste, Maureen Murray and her husband Scott, Arlene Simpson and her husband Ian, and Mathew Brigham and his wife Julie; 18 grandchildren, Jacob, Joshua, Benjamin, Timothy, Jennifer, Amanda, Cody, Justin, Daniel, Chelsea, Shelby, Shannon, Katelyn, Cole, Kayla, Mitchell, Austin and Taylor; 24 great-grandchildren; many sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nephews and nieces. He was predeceased by his brother Dwight Brigham. He was born in Worcester, son of the late Arthur H. and Helen (Patrick) Brigham, and lived in Oxford for over 40 years before moving to West Brookfield 4 years ago. He graduated from Auburn High School.

Richard worked at Kinefac Corporation in Worcester for 25 years, retiring in 2013. Previously, he worked at Johnson Steel and Wire in Worcester and Spag's in Shrewsbury. He coached his children in baseball and soccer for many years. He was a fan of NASCAR and spent a lot of time working on cars when he was young. He enjoyed golfing and camping but his greatest joy was spending time with his family and attending his children's and grandchildren's sporting events.

The family would like to thank the Vista Club Adult Day Program at Overlook in Charlton, for their exceptional care during his short time with

A funeral service was held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, February 25, 2020, at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. A private burial will be held at a later date. Calling hours were Monday, February 24, 2020, from 4-7 p.m. at the funeral home, and Tuesday from 9-10 a.m. prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the National Kidney Foundation, 30 East 33rd St., New York, NY 10016, or to the Alzheimer's Association, 309 Waverly Oaks Rd., Waltham, MA 02452.

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To place a Card of Thanks In-Memoriam, Birthday or Anniversary Greeting, the deadline is Friday noon for the following week. (Memoriams will run on the Obituary pages) Ad prices are \$15 for a 2x3 (actual size 2.4" x 3") or \$25 for a 3x4 (3.7" X 4") or 4x3 (5" x 3"). You can add a photo at no additional cost. To send by mail, please mail or drop off to June Simakauskas, P. O. Box 90, 25 Elm St.,

For more information, please call June at 508-909-4062 or email jsima@stonebridgepress.news

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OBITUARIES

Victoria G. Mason, 88



zWEBSTER – Victoria G. "Tory" (Wiggin) Mason, 88, died February 15, 2020 at UMass Memorial Medical Center in Worcester with her family at her side. She was the beloved

wife of 49 years to James W. Mason until his passing in 2000

Victoria was born in South Thomaston, Maine a daughter of the late LeRoy A. and Nellie (Steioff) Wiggin. She attended and graduated from Tourtellotte Memorial High School in North Grosvenordale, CT in 1949 and also graduated from Nichols College in Dudley in 1986 at the age of 55. Victoria held various jobs throughout her life but would say the most important job she had in life was raising her four children and providing "Nana's" day care service for her five grandchildren.

Victoria was a woman of many talents including, knitting, sewing, organ and piano playing, wood working, cake decorating, negotiating at yard sales, painting and paper tolling. She also enjoyed gardening and took pride in her back yard including the numerous multicolored brick walkways and patios that she put in herself. She was a true "Mason!" Victoria was also a Eucharistic Minister and a religious education teacher at St Louis Parish in Webster for many years. She enjoyed card playing, board games, puzzles, bowling, bocce, penny poker machines, church suppers and any family gathering that involved musical entertainment provided by her children and grandchildren.

Victoria is survived and will be deeply missed by her four children, Lois Mason of East Brookfield, James Mason, Jr of Las Vegas NV, Cathy Stolarczyk of Sutton and Earl Mason of Tyngsboro. Victoria also leaves five grandchildren, Lauren and Bryan Mason, Rebecca, Maria and James

Stolarczyk; two sisters, Ava Allen and Idabelle Perry and one brother, Eugene Wiggin, all of Owls Head, ME; and many nephews and nieces. She was predeceased by her sister Marjorie Kalloch and her brother Harold Wiggin, both in 2019

The family would like to acknowledge and thank the staff at UMass Medical Hospital in Worcester for the excellent care she received, in particular the 8th Floor Bone Marrow Team as well as the team on the 6th floor in the ACC building. Victoria took great pride in being able to say she was the oldest person in the country to have gone through and survived two bone marrow transplants and has paved a road of hope and inspiration for those behind her. The family would also like to thank a very dear young woman in Germany for her bone marrow donation that truly did provide the gift of life, along with our wonderful caregiver Grace, who provided extraordinary care, comfort and compassion which allowed Victoria to live her remaining years in her own home which she loved so much. Last of all, a special thanks to Dr Jan Cerny who believed in Victoria's strength, courage and will to live, which allowed her to have an additional wonderful nine years of quality time with her family.

The funeral was held Friday, February 21, 2020 from Scanlon Funeral Service, 38 East Main Street, Webster with a Mass at noon in St Louis Church, 15 Lake St., Webster. Burial will be at the family's convenience in Calvary Cemetery, Dudley. Calling hours were from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Thursday, February 20th, at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Dr Jan Cerny's ongoing leukemia research fund. Checks should be made payable to: Dr Jan Cerny, UMMF-TRIAL and sent to: UMMF-TRIAL Fund, UMass Medicine Development Office, 333 South Street, Shrewsbury, MA 01545.

www.scanlonfs.net

Richard P. "Pat" Williamson, 80



LEICESTER-Richard P. "Pat" Williamson, 80, of Salminen Drive died Sunday, February 16 in Life Care Center of Auburn after an illness.

He leaves his wife of 54 years, Elizabeth

T. (Tobin) Williamson, four sons; Patrick A. Williamson and his wife Joan of Bellingham, Matthew M. Williamson of Leicester, Timothy D. Williamson of Leicester and Paul J. Williamson of Corning, New York, a brother Ralph J. Williamson of Spencer, three grandsons; Patrick M., Daniel J., and Sean P. Williamson and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by two brothers; Arthur M. Williamson, Jr and Andrew J. Williamson and a sister

Mary L. O'Brien.

Pat was born in Worcester, son of Arthur M. and Theresa (Cook) Williamson, Sr. He was a civil engineer and construction manager at Stone & Webster Engineering in Boston for 35 years retiring in 1999. He graduated from Saint John's High School in Shrewsbury and W.P.I in Worcester. He took post graduate courses at Worcester Academy and attended Carnegie Mellon in Pittsburgh, PA.

At Pat's request funeral services and burial in St. Roch's Cemetery, Oxford are private. MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main Street, Leicester is directing funeral arrangements. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Saint John's High School, 378 Main Street, Shrewsbury,

MA 01545.

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Ann C. Cazeault, 79

LEICESTER- Ann C. (Hendrickson) Cazeault, 79, of Auburn Street in the Cherry Valley section of Leicester, died Thursday, February 6 in St. Vincent Hospital.

Her husband Armand M. Cazeault, died in 2009. She leaves two daughters; Kelly S. Papagni and her husband Steven of Rutland and Allison M. Holbrook and her husband Bruce of Cherry Valley and seven grandchildren.

Ann was born in Auburn, daughter of Leo and Mary (Westlund)

Hendrickson. She graduated from Auburn High School. She enjoyed gardening, bird watching, nature, baking and spending time with her family.

Funeral services and burial are private. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Second Chance Animal Services, Inc., P.O. Box 136, East Brookfield, MA 01515. MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main Street, Leicester is directing funeral arrangements.

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CALENDAR

Saturday, February 29

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DINNER: Knights of Columbus Council # 11080, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, Brookfield/West Brookfield, Mass. is having a Chicken Parm Dinner on Saturday, Feb. 29, in Dugan Hall, Sacred Heart Church, 10 Milk St., West Brookfield, Mass. Proceeds from this event will benefit Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, Brookfield/West Brookfield. Dinner includes pasta fagioli, chicken parmigiana, pasta, garden salad, garlic bread, homemade desserts, water, soda, and coffee. Cost is oniv a \$12 donation and \$10 for children under 12 years old. Take out is available at 5:30 p.m. and sit down dinner is served at 6 p.m. Admission tickets are also good for entry for special door prizes! Raffle tickets for a 50/50 Raffle and more will be available! Advance

ticket purchase is encouraged and appreciated! Tickets are available by calling Wally Connor at 413-813-8100, or by emailing wally@supportingorphans.org. Only 120 tickets to be sold! Tickets will only be available at the door while they last!

Wednesday, March 11

LEICESTER GARDEN CLUB: The Leicester Garden Club will hold their first meeting for 2020 at the Leicester Senior Center on March 11, at 7 p.m. The talk titled "Tick Talk" will be presented by Mark Blazis. Mark is a scientist, writer, sportsman and naturalist. He writes a column for the Worcester Telegram and Gazette and has a weekly cable television program on Charter Cable Network. You will learn all you need to know about the deer tick, its role in the spread now Lyme disease,

and what you can do to prevent an encounter with ticks. With garden time fast approaching, this is a timely subject we all should be interested in. Everyone is invited and refreshments will be served.

Tuesday, March 17

DEE GEES CONCERT: 1:45 p.m., Senior Living at Prouty, 195 Main St., Spencer. The public is invited to enjoy St. Patrick's Day with some music from bluegrass to classic rock, along with refreshments! This concert is provided through a local cultural grant from the town of Spencer. Please call (617) 431-4937 to reserve a seat and for parking instructions.

Wednesday, March 18

LEICESTER WOMAN'S CLUB: 11:30 a.m., Leicester Country Club. Program, "Surprising but True," will be presented by Dianne Taraz, singer, songwriter, and storyteller. Cost for lunch is \$15. Call Maureen at (508) 864-6871 for reservationsby Friday, March

ONGOING EVENTS

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

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

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

DEJA NEW: Art, Antiques & Collectibles Marketplace which is open in the St. Joseph's Rectory building at 759 Main Street Leicester. Hours are Tuesday 5-7 p.m., Wednesday 9 a.m.-

noon, Thursday 3-6 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.-noon, all proceeds going back into the town's Food Pantries, Hearts for Heat and programs for the needy. We are non-profit and run on volunteers. We are open May into December.

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

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

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

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

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Deadline is Friday, March 20. Please email your submission to jsima@stonebridgepress.news. If sending your submission by mail, please send by March 13 to

The Write Stuff, P. O. Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550. Thank you.

THE NEXT WRITE STUFF WILL BE PUBLISHED ON MARCH 27

Leap Year Story BY EMILY JANES, NORTH BROOKFIELD, MA

It was a special day, Erin's 12th birthday! The reason it was so special was because her birthday only comes officially every 4 years.. Erin was born on a leap year, the shortest month of the year! Erin took her time getting ready. She brushed out her long brown hair and braided it. She put on a little mascara and lip gloss. Then she got dressed. She looked at herself in a full-length mirror. "Perfect" raced down She the the kitchen. stairs to "Happy Birthday Erin!" Mom and Dad cheered. Dad put 2 chocolate chip pancakes on a plate for Erin. Mom kissed her forehead. Erin knew today would be special! "How does it feel to Mom joked. be four?" "Mom!" Erin giggled. It was the yearly"Bornonaleapyear"Joke. "Have a great day Erin!" Mom and Dad called as she headed to the bus. "Bye Mom, bye Dad!" Erin skipped off to the bus stop. She met her friend Tammy. "Нарру 4th birth-Tammy cheered. "Haha, Mom and Dad already got me with that one" Erin winked. The school day went by fast. Erin had a great day. When she got home during dinner that night, Mom told Erin about her birth. "I was a little upset when I gave birth on a leap year" Mom said "I felt sad that you only get to celebrate it every four years. "But it only makes you more special," Dad ruffled her hair.

A Magic of Time BY: EMILY OWENS, 9TH GRADE, TANTASQUA REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

When I am dead and gone, I'll come back a gentle fawn. When the world is turned on it's back,

I'll pin each and every star by a tack.

When the moon winks out, I'll go planting lanterns about.

My eyes are coated in star dust, So as I see I see as I must. My lungs are full of bees, Their buzz and their bite enough to bring me to my

My brain is a swirling void of color,

My body product of my mother.

knees.

I am the pitch black night sky, I'm the wailing swan that must die.

Because when time continues on,

And dusk turns to dawn, My glittery eyes will see, That everywhere I go I leave a part of me.

I'm a time traveler in a sunken jar,

One that hasn't gone very far. I collect stories and leave some in my wake,

To give love of books and forget my own love's sake.

Was it the porch light? BY EVA E. PERRON, EAST BROOKFIELD, MA

Winter driving in a snowstorm in the western part of Massachusetts was a worry to Teckla Taylor, and on this January Saturday afternoon, while returning from a shipping trip to Boston, she grew impatient and stressed out. Visibility was poor and the snow piling up high. Traffic was heavy as she got closer to home she decided to take a back road with less activity. A snowplow heading in her direction forced her car into a snowbank; even her telephone was out of order.

It was getting dark; a porch light got her attention. As difficult as it was, she trudged through the snow piles and soon she was standing on a strange porch. As she rang the doorbell, she notice the name Teckla Rice. An elderly, friendly lady welcomed her in.

"You look like a snow lady, come into my warm kitchen."

After removing her snow coated coat and boots, the kind lady covered her with a blanket. A hot cup of tea and a helping of lasagna was comforting and delicious; as the ladies talked they were surprised that they shared the first name Teckla.

"My middle name is Jean and my husband called me T.J.," summed up the lost traveler, "and me just be so worried about me, could I use your telephone?'

"I'm sorry dear, my phone has been out of order since this morning; my son Stanley should be coming in soon and you'll be able to use his," she explained.

That they shared the first name, a Polish one that wasn't very popular was surprising to the both of them.
"I was named after an aunt

I never knew," explained T.J. "My mother's sister Teckla was 19 when she left home with her boyfriend, and she was never found. Her family believed that because she was pregnant, she didn't want to disgrace her fam-

ily."
"Where did she live?" asked "She lived in California at the

"Oh, ok," muttered the

stressed lady, and she became pale and was shaking.

"Mrs. Rice, are you feeling

"No my dear, I'm just shocked. I believe I'm the aunt you were named after!"

'Well there's one way you can prove it to me," stated the younger Teckla. "I understand that my aunt had a birth mark on her right arm in the shape of a heart.

As her aunt pulled up her sweater sleeve, a formation of a red heart was exposed.

Aunt Teckla, who would believe that a sighting of a porch light would solve a family mys-

Living Valentines BY JEAN O'NEILL, BROOKFIELD, MA (THIS POEM WON 2ND PLACE AT THE HARDWICK FAIR IN 2019!)

One night he took me in his arms

And laid me on our bed. We kissed and hugged and sighed out load, So enchanted to be wed.

We promised moons and rainbows,

And never more to part. Thinking we'd never need again,

Only to keep each other's hearts.

We had no idea at the time, What was about to come. We were about to become parents

Of two daughters and a son. First Susan 1959 Then Michael 1961 And later came Jennifer 1969

Happy Valentine's Day children.

You are the sweet fruit of, Your mother and father's

hearts. You made our lives fulfilled. You are

Our "Living Valentines"

Thank You Mike BY JEAN O'NEILL, BROOKFIELD, MA

Not so long ago my love I had an empty life. Then one day I met you And soon became your wife. What love you gave and happiness

All our dreams came true. Please believe me darling I'd lay down and die for you. But wouldn't that be foolish

When I stop to think I've just been alive for thirteen years

Since you first gave me a wink. Thank you Mike, thank you For loving me like you do. Please never forget for a moment

That I love you too.

Adjusting L.C., NORTH BROOKFIELD, MA

Grief is a long walk and a very painful one. Even when you have learned how to cope with your loss, you never really get over it. It's like a haunting memory that pops up now and then. Over time the loss of Dad and my beloved husband in the same year really devastated me. The questions of "What now" and "What's next" come to mind. It is a time of learning about what is to come. I pulled myself up by my bootstraps and continued on. Actually there is no choice. You have to let go of the old stuff and welcome in a new life. You will learn to put your memories in a special part of your heart. When you recall your memories, welcome them, but don't dwell on them

Starting a "new life" was my goal. Time continued on, but arriving home after work and talking to my cat didn't fill the void. Is there a "new life" or did I imagine it? I was waiting but it seem like I was never going to have it within my reach. My family, friends, God, and Church kept me moving every day. But I needed someone to love, to talk to about serious decisions. I wanted a man in my life. As time rolled on, the person I needed arrived. He also had lost a loved one. We spent time together, and then came love and marriage.

This love was welcomed into my life. You do have room in your heart for a new love. Do not close your mind to loving again.

Valentine's Day was one of his favorites. He would come home with a beautiful bouquet of flowers, hugs, and coffee cake. He made me feel loved, needed and happy at the time of my "new life". We had a wonderful eighteen years together but sadly the Lord took him home. God needed a super carpenter to help out on his team. Memories of that wonderful time are stored in my heart, so I can recall them when needed. At this older age, it is great to look back but do not get stuck in the past. This loss was devastating also. Once again the Lord has a new journey for me. I am on that journey now. Feeling bless for my life. Family, friends, God, and church help me to go along this path.

Yesterday has passed, Today is here, and Tomorrow has not vet arrived.

Take one minute, one hour, day and night to talk to God. He'll guide you through your "new life". Try to be happy, loving, caring and kind. Smile it helps not only you but others who see you. Life is a much better place with a happy attitude. Thank you, Father and Son and the Holy Spirit for holding me in your loving arms.

Days Long Ago BY SHER MORSE, SPENCER, MA

We gaze at a photo of us from days long ago and ask each other "Where is that young, happy couple?" The answer is not that bad. We grew older, but as one, together. Our love did change but only for the better. Our passion grew deeper and stronger. We are more devoted to each other than days long ago. We became partners and soulmates. We can converse with each other with no words spoken. We know each other inside and out. So that couple from days long ago is not gone, just older and wiser and more in love than either of us thought possible.

Angels And Crosses BY SHER MORSE, SPENCER, MA

Sight unseen,

we believe.

We trust that our guardian angels will walk with us down the bumpy roads. We don't see them, yet we know they are there. We just know there are angels among us. Sign unseen, we believe in the power of the cross. We have faith in what it represents. We just know the strength of the cross will see us thru all our troubles and inadequacies. We can't always see what is very real in our lives. We just need beliefs and faith in our angels and crosses.

MY STUFF BY RICHARD TRAUSCHKE

I used to keep things, all my own; they were mine after all, what did I care. Hidden away where none could find the treasures I kept, never to share. There were rolls of string from a now lost kite; and a small horse, with legs of three; a secret code ring from a cereal box; a pocketknife and a skeleton key,

my rabbit's foot some shiny stones, and shells from a beach by the sea. Just all kinds of fluff and stuff,

but they all meant the world to me. All kept safe in a drawer in

my room my boyhood collections to me were quite rare The drawer overfull, but I had played with all, never once suspecting they'd all go somewhere.

That time finally came while I was away the drawer got emptied of all hidden there.

By whom I don't know, and I wasn't aware.

I am now an old man, and miss the hours spent with the trinkets of the

secret lair. I never returned to that home again,

never to learn just what happened there

to my important bits of collected ware,

Gone forever, only God knows where!

The Beauty Of A New England Spring BY SHARON F., NORTH BROOKFIELD, MA

The beauty of a New England

Buds popping on the Forsythia branches

The first crocus peaking out from the morning frost

Expectations of life, flowers, new love

Birds chirping as they forage for nesting materials Brown spots in your yard

showing rebirth of green Excitement in children's faces as they look out at their soon to

be used swing sets. Babies and small breeds finally returning outdoors to breathe

in the fresh air... Couples planning their new garden beds, future parties, and the sight of loved ones

Finally returning for visits to get reacquainted after these many months

Spring is finally here!!

The Write Stuff BY JUNE SIMAKAUSKAS, SPENCER, MA

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you're not feeling so great I began this section in 2001 With several sponsors The Write Stuff had begun With classes of students expressing their thoughts

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writing for fun

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Now times have changed and it's mostly adults No longer are many students writing for us But I think they'd benefit in so

many ways Using proper grammar and spelling would be such a plus

So put down the Iphones and pick up a pen Write an essay, a poem, or tale About a super adventure with your very best friend Using your imagination...you

will not fail It's quite obvious that I'm not a writer by trade

But I enjoy promoting this feature, it's true I hope you like reading these

works As much as I enjoy bringing them to you.



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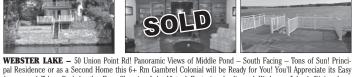




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POMFRET, CT - 280 RIVER RD



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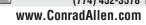
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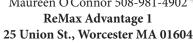


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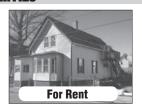




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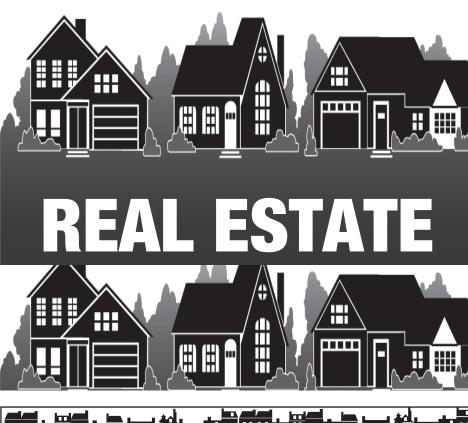
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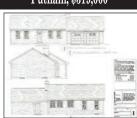
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Notice of Public Hearing

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William King, Chair February 28, 2020 March 6, 2020

Notice of Public Hearing Spencer Zoning Board of Appeals

At the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 in the McCourt Social Hall of Memorial Town Hall, 157 Main Street, Spencer, MA, a public hearing will be held on the following item starting at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard:

Special Permit – Applicant/Owner: Francis & Barbara White. Location: 35 R. Jones Road, Spencer Assessor's Map R24/10. The applicant is requesting a Special Permit under Section 4.8.1 of the Spencer Zoning Bylaw to construct an accessory apartment in a garage. The property is located within the Rural Residential zoning district.

Variance - Applicant/Owner: David & Jean Flint. Location: 77 Cherry Street, Spencer Assessor's Map U06-144. The applicant is seeking a variance under Section 7.3

(Variances) of the Spencer Zoning Bylaw to install a driveway within the side boundary setback. The property is located in the Village Residential zoning district.

Interested Parties may review these applications at the Office of Development & Inspectional Services in Memorial Town Hall located at 157 Main Street Spencer, MA 01562, during regular business hours from

7:30am-4:30pm Monday-Wednesday and 7:30am-12:00pm on Thursday. 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.

February 21, 2020 February 28, 2020

TER COMMISSIONERS

TOWN OF SPENCER MASSACHUSETTS OFFICE OF THE WATER DEPARTMENT ATTENTION SPENCER RESIDENTS A PUBLIC HEARING WITH THE WA-

WILL BE HELD TO DISCUSS WATER RATE FEES WEDNESDAY MARCH 4, 2020 @ SPENCER WATER DEPARTMENT 3 OLD MEADOW RD. SPENCER, MA. 01562

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LEGAL NOTICE

A public hearing on the proposed Brookfield Elementary School budget for 2020-2021 will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 6:30 p.m., at the Brookfield Elementary School, in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 71, § 38N. Copies of the proposed budget are available from the Office of the Principal at Brookfield Elementary School. Kyle Hill, Chairman

Brookfield Elementary School Committe

February 28, 2020

Legal Notice FY2021 SCHOOL BUDGET

Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District FY2021 School Budget. The Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School Committee, in compliance with Massachusetts General Law on the proposed FY2021 School Budget on Tuesday, March 11, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., in the Auditorium at Wire Village School, 60 Paxton Road, Spencer, MA. Immediately following the hearing, there will be an open discussion of the budget. Copies of the budget are available for examination at the Office of the Superintendent, 306 Main Street, Spencer, MA, and on the District's website: www.sebrsd.org. Spencer-East **Brookfield Regional School Committee** February 19, ž020 February 28, 2020

March 6, 2020

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Division 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508) 831-2200 Docket No. WO18P2815EA

Estate of: Theresa L. Hayes Date of Death: 06/19/2018 **CITATION ON PETITION** FOR ORDER OF

COMPLETE SETTLEMENT A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by

William T. Hayes of Brookfield MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account, and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

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 03/17/2020.

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

Witness, Hon. Leilah A Keamy, First Justice of this Court February 19, 2020 Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate

February 28, 2020

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family Court

225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508) 831-2200 Docket No. WO20P0530EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate of: Shane W Woodward Date of Death: 07/28/2019

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Adjucation of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Margaret M Woodward 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: Margaret M Woodward of North Brookfield MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve With Personal Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administra-

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Date: February 20, 2020

Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate

February 28, 2020

Town of Spencer Conservation Commission PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

In accordance with the requirements of the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act, MGL c. 131, s. 40 and the Spencer Wetlands By-Law:

Colin Derhammer has filed an NOI with the Spencer Conservation Commission to develop a large scale ground-mounted solar array located at Charlton and Bacon Hill Roads, Spencer, MA.

Andrea Agostino has filed an NOI with the Spencer Conservation Commission to construct a new feeder and pole replacements at 7.5 Meadow Road & Wire Village Road U11, U24, R38, U11/9, U11/10, U24/17 and R38/6, Spencer, MA.

Applications can be reviewed at the Office of Development and Inspectional Services, Town Hall. A public hearing regarding these filings will be held by the Spencer Conservation Commission in McCourt Social Hall at Town Hall, 157 Main Street, on Wednesday, March 11, 2020, at which time all persons having an interest may be present and participate. Conservation Commission meetings open at 7:00 p.m., public hearings begin at 7:15 p.m.

Mary McLaughlin, Chairwoman February 28, 2020

Town of Spencer, MA Tree Hearing

A public hearing will be held at the Spencer Memorial Town Hall, Conference Room A, 157 Main Street, Spencer, MA. On Monday, March 9, 2020, at 6:00pm to consider National Grid proposed removal of trees at the following address for a total of numerous trees: McCormick Rd. 5 trees various sizes Information of different sizes and species is available on the Town website spencerma.gov

Ray Holmes Tree Warden February 21, 2020 February 28, 2020

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE DEP File No. TBD

The North Brookfield Conservation Commission, in accordance with M.G.L. c. 131, §40, will hold the following Public Hearing related to the proposed work within a wetland, waterbody, or resource area and/or within the 100-foot buffer zone to a wetland, waterbody, or resource area on:

March 10, 2020 at 7:30 PM in the North Brookfield Town Hall, 215 North Main Street, North Brookfield, MA 01535.

This Public Hearing is in regards to the proposed management of aquatic invasive plant species in Lake Lashaway, submitted by ESS Group, Inc. on behalf of the Lake Lashaway Community Association. Any person interested in or wishing to be heard on this request should appear at the time and place designated. Copies of the above noted submittal are available for review at the North Brookfield Town Clerk's Office. Submitted by:

NORTH BROOKFIELD CONSERVA-TION COMMISSION

DATE: February 24, 2020 February 28, 2020



FULL TIME HR DIRECTOR

The Town of Charlton seeks to fill a full-time benefit-eligible Director position for its Human Resources department.

Under the general direction of the Town Administrator, the HR Director is responsible for the administration and coordination of the Town's Human Resources Program. Bachelor's Degree in related field and three years of experience in a Human Resources field; municipal personnel experience preferred; or any equivalent combination of education and experience. PHR Certification or equivalent Human Resources certification preferred (one year allowed from date of hire to achieve). Starting salary \$78,333 -\$82,305 annually, dependent on qualifications;

application can be found at https://www.townofcharlton.net/158/Human-Resources or the HR office at 37 Main St. Charlton, MA 01507. Deadline to apply is 3/9/20

Temporary Cemetery Maintenance Worker

The Town of Charlton seeks to fill a Maintenance Worker position for the Cemetery Department. Under the direction of the Cemetery Superintendent, the Maintenance Worker will help in maintaining the Town owned Cemeteries. This position will assist in all cemetery operations including setting up for graveside services. This is a temporary part-time position, during the months of April-November with an average of 32 hours per week. All applicants must be 18 yrs. or older, possess a valid driver's license, and be able to lift 75 pounds. It is preferred that candidates have outdoor landscaping skills.

www.townofcharlton.net/158/Human-Resources. Applications are also available and will be accepted via walk-in or mail at:

Salary:\$15.00/hr. Applications can be found at

Town Hall, Human Resources Department, 37 Main Street, Charlton, MA 01507. This position will be open until filled.

The Town of Charlton is an equal opportunity employer and encourages diversity.

Town of Charlton Library Custodian Position

The Town of Charlton seeks to fill a custodian position at the library. Provide support to Library service programs and meeting room groups. The Custodian is responsible for performing custodial, maintenance, and grounds keeping work

This position is benefited at 35 hours per week. Hours are Monday - Friday 3:30pm-11:00pm. Salary range is \$16.00-\$18.00/hr Application for Employment, found at

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TUESDAY, MARCH 24

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SATURDAY, APRIL 4, ROARIN' TWENTIES DANCE at Sturbridge Host Hotel \$35, 5:00pm

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SATURDAY, APRIL 11, at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)

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SATURDAY, APRIL 18,

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

HISTORICAL TALK - Ed Londergan -The First and Second Settlements

East Brookfield Town Hall 9:30 FREE **SATURDAY, APRIL 25**

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

SATURDAY, MAY 2,

EAST BROOKFIELD NATURE WALKS at Pelletier Woods

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SATURDAY, MAY 9,

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

SATURDAY, MAY 16,

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SATURDAY, MAY 30

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 6



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

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 20,

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MONDAY, JULY 6



SUMMER READING KICK OFF -EB Library - continues for five weeks. East Brookfield Town Hall. FREE

SATURDAY JULY 25

HISTORICAL TALK - Heather Gablaski -

East Brookfield: 100 Years a Town East Brookfield Town Hall, 9:30. FREE

SATURDAY, JULY 11

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

PARADE AND FAMILY FUN EVENT! Route 9, East Brookfield, 9:30 -7:00. FREE. Rain date Sept 13

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 3:30



BUS AND CEMETERY TOUR, ending in dinner at Podunk Chapel. Meet at East Brookfield Town

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

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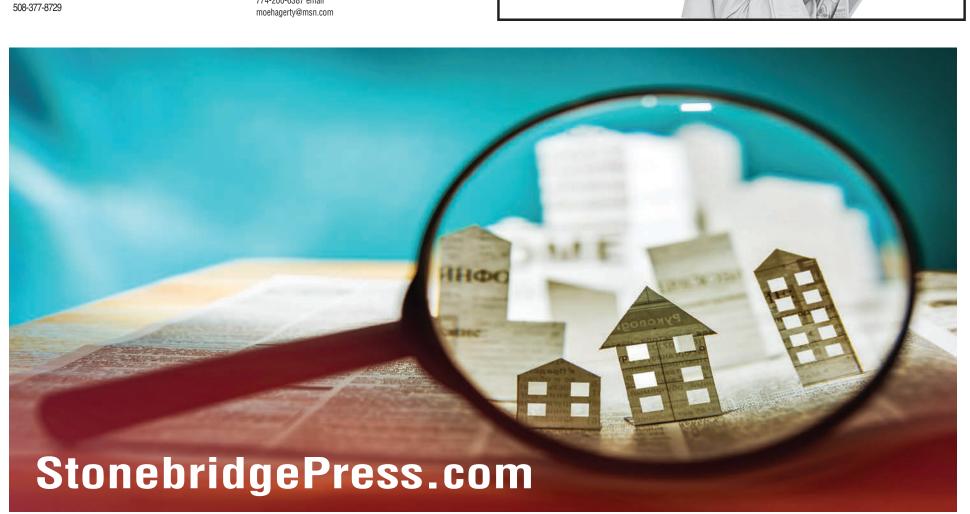
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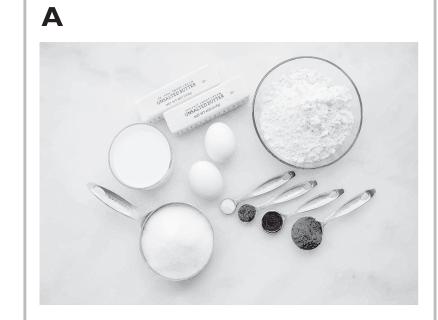


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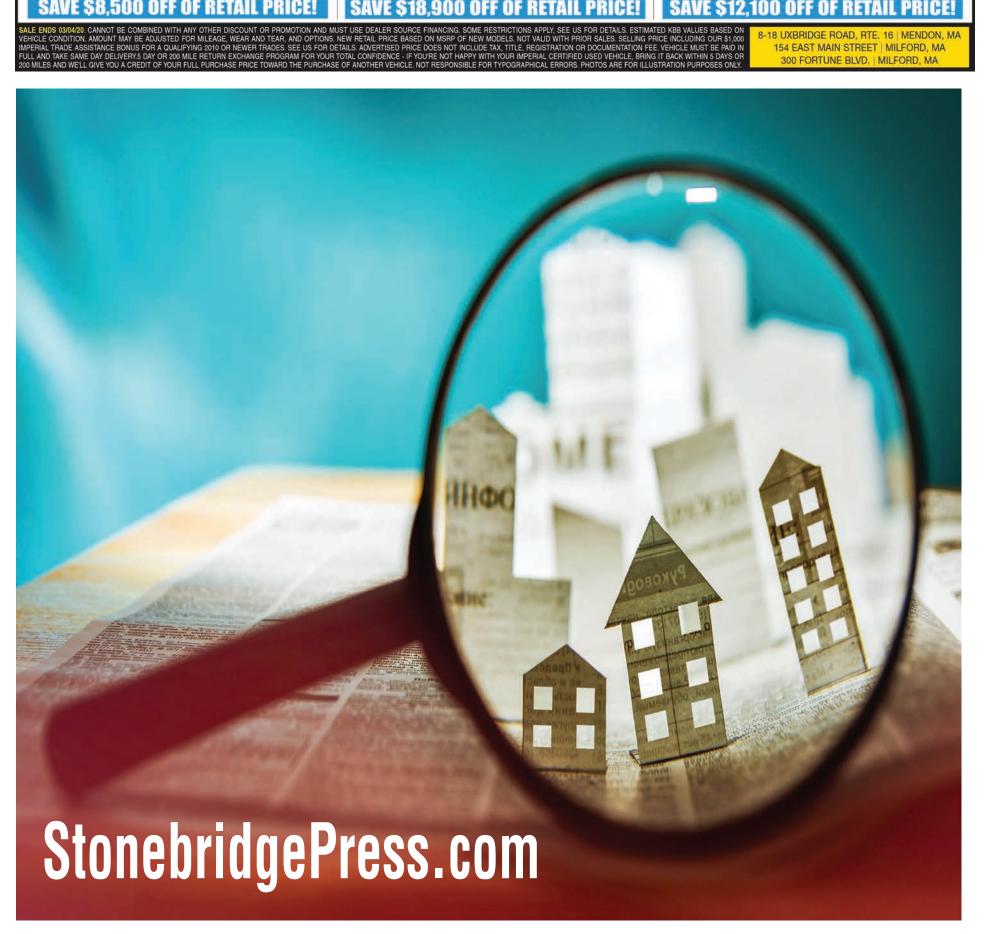
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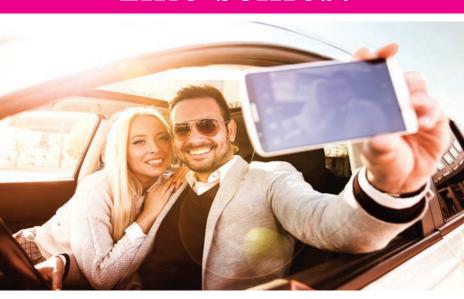


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