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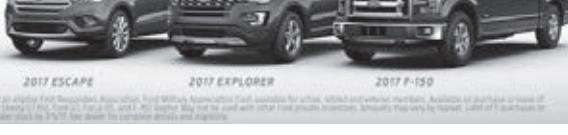
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Lions and Rotary join in concert sponsorship



Dan Gabel and the Abletones will perform July 20 in a free concert.

The Sturbridge Lions Club and the Sturbridge Rotary Club have joined forces to sponsor an event being held on Sturbridge Common on Thursday, July 20th from 6-8 p.m. The event, free to the public, is a concert by Dan Gabel and The Abletones, an 18-piece Big Band specializing in swing music of the 1930s and '40s. They will be accompanied by vocalist Elise Roth. The Abletones sport a vintage look while they perform, wearing matching tuxedos, vests and ties. Additional uniqueness is their use of period equipment such as 1930s era mutes and stands.

This is not the first time that Sturbridge Lions and Sturbridge Rotary have partnered for the benefit of the greater Sturbridge community. Together, the two Clubs contributed to

the construction of the bandstand and lanterns on the Sturbridge Common, the very site where The Abletones will be performing. Recently, the two Clubs cleaned and repaired the antique style lanterns which light the Common for the enjoyment of all Sturbridge residents, visitors and those of the many surrounding towns.

"Contributing in many ways to the local communities is what we are all about," says Lions Club President Bob Meunier.

Rotary President Dave Zonia agrees, "Partnering with the Lions to sponsor this concert and other projects makes sense for both Clubs. We look forward to joining forces again in the future for the betterment of our communities."

We invite you to come and enjoy the

concert – rain or shine. Help us also recognize the work and many contributions that these two service clubs bring to the residents of Sturbridge and its neighboring communities. There will be raffle tickets available for purchase which includes a night's stay for two people at the Publick House including dinner and breakfast.

This is a concert you won't want to miss. Bring the whole family, bring friends, bring neighbors and don't forget your lawn chairs. If your feet start tapping, get up and dance!

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4th celebration planned

Courtesy photo

The town of East Brookfield and East Brookfield fire association will be having the annual Independence day Firework celebration Saturday July 8th, launch time at 9:00 pm. Come early to enjoy live band, craft vendors, rides for the kiddos and food.

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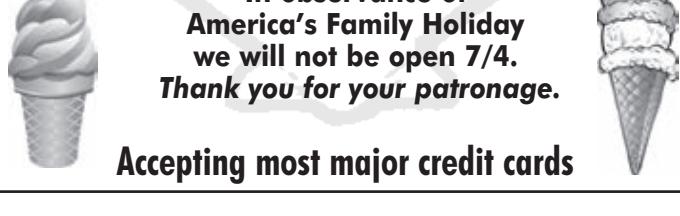
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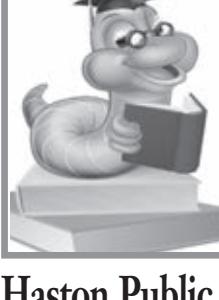
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On Wed., July 5, at 2 p.m. performer Ed Popielarczyk will kick off the Summer Reading Program with a show of magic and balloon tricks. All ages are invited to this free program. This program is supported in part by a grant from the North Brookfield Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Animal lovers will meet some unusual creatures up-close and personal when Rae Griffiths of "Teaching Creatures" comes to town with her fascinating menagerie on Tues., Aug. 8, from 10:30-11:30 p.m. She will teach us all much about the lives and habitats of our animal friends. Time will be allowed for any child who wishes to touch the animals to do so.

Another perennial favorite, "Kindergarten Here I Come", with popular singer/guitarist Renee Coro will come to the library on Wed., Aug 16, at 11:00 a.m. Children about to enter

Kindergarten in the fall, and their siblings, will have fun with stories, songs and movement.

Weekly programs of Lego building and crafts activities will take place from 2:00-3:00 on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, respectively, from July 11-Aug. 15.

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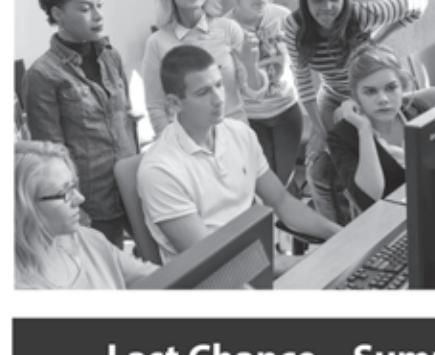
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Students learn first hand meaning of giving of self



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A group of students hard at work at Camp Marshall.

BY AMY PAUL, NEW LEADER CORRESPONDENT

During the third week of June, 100 teenagers along with their adult leaders drove from Michigan to Spencer in order to spend time volunteering in the local area. Camp Marshall served as their home base and also as one of their mission sites.

Hailing from Zeeland, MI and Vriesland Reformed Church, the group of young people drove a train of passenger vans to arrive on time

for this, their twelfth mission. Each year they travel to a different location where they spend the week bonding through volunteering.

Jeanne Cassavant, Camp Marshall director, was happy to have them.

"They did clean up where we will be installing two new gaga pits and a sandbox for Maple Leaf and the Rainbow Child Development Groups. They did an extraordinary job, in the heat, on the new farm area- raking, picking-up rocks and sticks, and even turning

a 300 pound rock into a challenge to see if they could get it out. They saved us more than a few day's worth of work."

According to Danielle Harrington, a bubbly and passionate leader whose husband is the youth minister for their church they, "felt called to the Boston area this year. Each April vacation we travel to our destination to speak with people to see what their needs are and how we can help to fill them. This year, we felt drawn to Camp Marshall after speaking



Hauling and raking were part of the hard work.

with Jeanne and Kenny (Camp Marshall's director and son), so we decided to branch out from here."

Besides doing work at camp, the group volunteered in Worcester for The Center of Hope, Habitat for Humanity, and the YMCA, working kids' camps and with refugees.

Andy Nammensma, one of eight adult leaders says, "Really this trip is about building community and relationships between all of us who volunteer and between our

community and yours."

The teens also travel without their cell phones, which is requested by the group leaders.

Harrington adds, "They don't seem to miss their phones. Besides, they get to focus on the blessing of each other and the mission, which is learning how to share the gospel in their everyday lives, living their faith."

As part of the mission, the group also finds time to have fun. On Saturday, the group traveled by train to Boston, walking the Freedom Trail,

viewing some of the Tall Ships, and strolling Fanueil Hall.

Cassavant's gratitude is evident, "We were so very pleased that this group chose Camp Marshall Worcester County 4-H Center as their home base for the week while traveling to different locations and to so many wonderful community service projects. This is an amazing group of youngsters; their work ethic is impressive. It has been our pleasure to work with them."

Halfway through school years: sixth grade gets send off



Kevin Flanders photo

The East Brookfield Elementary School sixth grade class is cheered by guests during the annual sendoff ceremony.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

EAST BROOKFIELD — Having reached the halfway mark of public education, outbound East Brookfield Elementary School sixth graders have made countless memories together. Looking ahead, they are eager to discover what the next six years will bring.

The EBES sixth grade class celebrated their accomplishments last Wednesday, June 21, as part of the school's annual sendoff ceremony. Teachers, parents, and a handful of town officials always attend the event to congratulate the students on a job well done – and wish them luck moving forward.

The sendoff is a bittersweet event for

the sixth grade class each year, which gathers for the final time as a group in East Brookfield. Next year, the majority of the class will progress on to Knox Trail Middle School in Spencer, but some students will either move away or transfer to another district. Other students will enter the district from elsewhere, and the East Brookfield students will get to study for the first time with their Spencer counterparts.

The kids in both towns understand the inevitability of change, but they also know the memories they have made will last a lifetime. The students' careers at EBES culminated with the annual spring class trip to Washington D.C., capping off several years in the same building with the same close-knit group.

"To see how these students have grown over the years – physically, emotionally, and intellectually – has been a real treat for me. They have really flourished and become great young people," said Principal Ron Tomlin, who described the class as one of the most polite and courteous groups he has ever seen during field trips.

Finance Committee member Mark Carpenter couldn't agree more. He has volunteered during dozens of school

events, and he has gotten to know this class well over the years. He encouraged the kids to always keep exploring and seeking knowledge.

"Life is learning. From the day you were born, you have always been learning," Carpenter said.

Parents and town officials also took a few moments to thank the staff for guiding the kids along the way. Many of the students first arrived at EBES as tiny kindergarteners, and now they emerge ready to take on new challenges.

"The staff is so dedicated to our students, and it shows in the energy and spirit you see every day in this building," Selectman Ted Boulay told guests.

Student Council President Grace Haight also spoke during the sendoff ceremony, describing several great memories over the course of her EBES career. The event also included the presentation of certificates from teachers, who joined town officials in reminding students to keep pursuing their dreams and not shy away from obstacles.

"Each one of you has a talent. It's up to you to find that gift and use it to make your community better," Boulay added. "Don't worry about what you do in life – just give it your best."



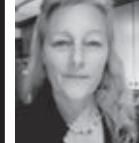
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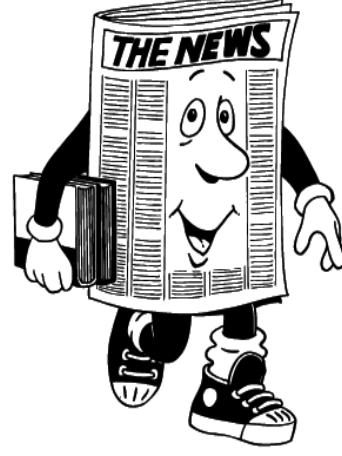
needed programming, with each box top clip carrying a 10¢ value.

The principals of both schools agreed that if their school lost the head-to-head competition, they would dye their hair to match the colors of the winning school. Both communities strongly supported the program throughout the year, and NBES emerged as the winner with 11,502 box tops collected. In a close race, ACES brought in 9,260 box tops but finished just shy of the win.

On June 20, ACES Principal Michael Leander visited NBES to have his hair

dyed purple to match the NBES color. In the spirit of sportsmanship, NBES Principal Eric Glazier had his hair dyed red – the primary color of Athol schools. Students and staff members – even North Brookfield Public Schools Superintendent Marilyn Tencza – got involved in the fun.

School officials in both towns thanked all families who took part in the initiative and collected box tops throughout the year. The two communities combined to raise \$2,076.20 to help fund needed programs and supplies. With tight budgets in school districts across the state, officials and PTO organizations have come up with unique events like this one to generate money.



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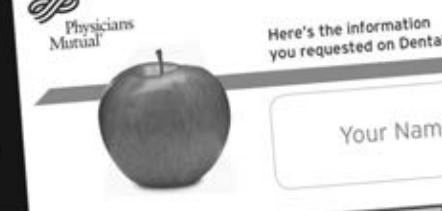


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DATE: Saturday, July 15, 2017

REGISTRATION: 7:00 AM

START TIME: 7:30 AM Tee Off

FORMAT: 18 Holes using Scramble Format with foursomes

WHERE: Leicester Country Club

1430 Main Street, Leicester, MA 01524

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CLASSROOM CORNER

This school doesn't take vacation: program is for everyone

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

BROOKFIELD Though many people don't realize it, vacation bible school at Brookfield Congregational Church isn't just for kids. Parents are invited to take advantage of the program as well.

The church's free annual program has consistently been popular among area youngsters, with around 80 kids attending in recent years. Participants from eleven local churches took part in the program last year, as well as kids who do not

belong to a church but are interested in bible study.

This year's program is set for July 24-28 from 9 a.m. to noon each day at the church (8 Common St.). The theme of the 2017 VBS is the underground church, and several scenes from Roman times will be featured throughout the church to augment instruction.

Program organizers thank in advance the dozens of volunteers who will come together to prepare the scenery, as well as volunteers who make the event happen

by running VBS instruction stations. Quaboag Valley Baptist Church always sends a group of teens to help facilitate the program.

"It is awesome to have their assistance. We couldn't do this without the help of everyone who gets involved," said event co-director Jane Snyder.

As many as 50 volunteers have assisted in VBS preparations in the past. This year, the school once again expects about 85 kids from throughout the area to sign up.

VBS is also a great opportunity for parents

to learn along with their children. From 10:30 to 11:30, a concurrent adult bible study will take place on each of the weekday mornings when the youth school is in session.

"This is the perfect chance for parents to find out what their kids are learning. That way, they can discuss it with them later on," Snyder added.

The scenery for VBS will be designed and constructed during the week of July 17. It's always a lot of long, hot work to put everything together, but the result is well worth

the many hours of preparation for volunteers. The program has become one of the largest of its kind in the area, which is particularly impressive for a church in a small town like Brookfield.

VBS always features a unique, engaging environment that appeals to kids of all ages. As they progress through different stations teeming with scenery, they learn not only about biblical happenings but also the history of the featured area. With this year's theme, participants can expect the Colosseum,

Pantheon, and a handful of other famous sites to be portrayed.

Each station will be run by different volunteer instructors, and fun activities will be offered as well to help kids beat the heat.

Registration packets have already been mailed out to all kids who attended VBS last year. If your child would like to get involved in this fun, educational summer opportunity, call the church at 508-867-6262.

You do not need to be a member of a church to take part in the program.

NBSB awards scholarships to local high school students

NORTH BROOKFIELD — North Brookfield Savings Bank is proud to announce the Bank presented \$10,000 in scholarships to local high school students to help offset the cost of attending college. North Brookfield Savings Bank has always been committed to supporting the youth of local communities and future generations in attaining their financial and education goals.

North Brookfield Savings Bank

awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to each of the following exemplary students graduating from local high schools:

Catherine Buzzell of North Brookfield High School
Jessica Ruiz of Quaboag Regional High School
Olivia Fahey of David Prouty High School
Cindy Tran of Quabbin Regional High School

School

Shannon Fiore of Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School
Mackenzie Hart of Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School

North Brookfield Savings Bank staff attended the graduation ceremonies and awards nights taking place at each high school to personally present the scholarship certificates to the recipients.

Recipients of the scholarships were within the Bank's geographical footprint and were required to exemplify a commitment to excellence and dedication to their community. The 2017 North Brookfield Savings Bank Scholarship Award recipients were nominated in the spring by the designated scholarship committee at each high school.

"North Brookfield Savings Bank is so proud to do our part to support these brilliant students," said Donna Boulanger, President and CEO of North

Brookfield Savings Bank. "We congratulate all of the recipients of the 2017 North Brookfield Savings Bank Scholarship Award for their achievements and wish them good fortune as they begin this journey in pursuit of a college education. We are confident they will do great things."

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EAST BROOKFIELD VISITS THE STATE HOUSE



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Representative Donnie Berthiaume and Senator Anne Gobi recently hosted the East Brookfield 3rd graders at the Statehouse for a tour and a visit to Governor Charlie Baker.

Good Shepherd Parochial School hosting first reunion in 45 Years

Are you one of the 800 students to have graduated from Good Shepherd Parochial School in Linwood/Uxbridge? Are you interested in reuniting with classmates, or simply reliving childhood memories by walking the halls of your former school? If so, then it's time to go back to school. Join us on Sunday, June 25 from 1-5 p.m. for our Reunion Open House.

The reunion will feature an exhibit on the history of the school and a trip down memory lane through a series of articles

and class photos. Be there for the opening ceremony at 1:30, led by parish historian Roger Poulin, who will introduce any former teachers in attendance. Good Shepherd's current pastor, Father Larry Esposito, will also be on hand to lead a talk. You'll witness the school building's transformation into the Good Shepherd Parish Center, where it continues to cultivate young minds through religious education and youth ministry programs.

The Good Shepherd Parochial

School opened its doors on June 6, 1921, educated by the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary from St. Hyacinth, Quebec. The final class graduated in June 1972. The Reunion will be the first in 45 years since the school's closing.

So whether you're a graduate of the school, or simply interested in seeing the halls and classrooms where your loved ones grew up, we welcome you to celebrate its legacy and reunite with friends along the way.



Southbridge Credit Union Awards \$5,500 in Scholarships

In memory of Thomas J. Smalarz, Southbridge Credit Union (SCU) proudly renamed its scholarship fund to the Thomas J. Smalarz Memorial Scholarship. Mr. Smalarz was a former President and CEO of SCU and was a

strong supporter of education as he started his career as a teacher himself.

SCU awarded a total of six scholarships to deserving students from local high schools for higher education. The selection of the scholarship recipi-

ents is taken care of by each school's Scholarship Committee:

Bay Path Regional Voc. Technical HS, Charlton a \$1,000 - higher education scholarship to Kelsi Mitchell; a \$500 - trade tools scholarship to Craig Dwinell;

Tantasqua Regional High School, Sturbridge a \$1,000 - higher education scholarship to Jack Bouhana;

Shepherd Hill Regional High School, Dudley a \$1,000 - higher education scholarship to Abigail White;

Auburn High School, Auburn a \$1,000 higher education scholarship to Tea

Belog ; and

Southbridge High School, Southbridge a \$1,000 - higher education scholarship to Jacob Doiron.

"The future does look very bright for these students and we wish them much success throughout their academic years! We're happy to contribute towards their education and know they will make their families and our communities proud," said Kate Alexander, President/CEO of SCU. "Best of luck to all scholarship recipients and congratulations to the Class of 2017!"

Berthiaume announces July office hours

State Rep. Donnie Berthiaume will hold office hours at the following locations for the month of July

Thursday, July 13, Barre at Barre Senior Center, 10-11 am.

Tuesday, July 11, Ware at the Ware Senior Center, 11 a.m.-noon

Tuesday, July 18, Oakham at the Oakham Senior Center, 10-11 am.

Tuesday, July 18, North Brookfield at the North Brookfield Senior Center, noon-1 pm.

Thursday, July 20, East Brookfield at the East Brookfield Senior Center, 11 a.m.-noon

Wednesday, July 26, New Braintree at the New Braintree Senior Center, 10-11 am.

Constituents and town officials are invited to meet with him to express any concerns, ideas, or issues that they may need assistance with. Please feel free to contact the office if you would like a private meeting. 617-722-2090, ext 8803.

Moore announces office hours

BOSTON – Senator Michael O. Moore (D-Millbury) released the dates, times and locations of upcoming district office hours. Residents of the Second Worcester District are welcome to meet with Senator Moore or a representative of the Senator's Office to discuss concerns or other matters of interest.

AUBURN
June 26th & July 31st, 9-10 a.m., at Senior Center, 4 Goddard Drive, Auburn.

MILLBURY
June 26th & July 31st, 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Senior Center, One River St, Millbury.

LEICESTER
June 19th & July 24th, 10:30-11:30 a.m., at Senior Center, 40 Winslow Ave., Leicester

UPTON
July 17th & August 14th, 9-10 a.m. at Senior Center, 2 Farm St., Upton

GRAFTON

July 17, 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Senior Center, 30 Providence St., Grafton,

SHREWSBURY

July 10th & August 7th, 10-11 a.m. at Senior Center, 98 Maple Ave., Shrewsbury.

NORTHBRIDGE

July 10 & August 7, noon-1 p.m. at Senior Center, 20 Highland St., Whitinsville.

Senator Moore represents the Second Worcester District consisting of the towns of Auburn, Grafton, Leicester, Millbury, Shrewsbury, Precincts 2 and 4 in Northbridge, Upton, and Wards 5-7 and Precincts 1 and 5 in Ward 8 of the City of Worcester. An online calendar of district office hours is also available on the Senator's website, www.SenatorMikeMoore.com.

100 YEARS YOUNG

Marie Latour sent a quick note and photo, as follows, "My father, Leo J. Latour, who lived in Spencer most of his life and has lots of family there, celebrated his 100th birthday on June 7. I thought it might be of interest to your Spencer area readers.

My dad lives with me (daughter) in Middleboro now. He is a WWII veteran. He worked at Klevens Shoe and also at Ware Shoe, and he was the owner of Starr Coin.



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Friday's Child



Friday's Child

John and Kelsey

John and Kelsey are a loving and bonded sibling group of two of Caucasian descent. Kelsey is a sixteen-year girl whose foster mother describes her as a "giggle puss". If you spend time with her you will quickly see why! She has the biggest smile and an infectious laugh. Kelsey is diagnosed with Down Syndrome and Cerebral Palsy. She was previously using a wheelchair prior to coming into foster care, but now is now walking and making tremendous progress! She is getting stronger every day and working hard in physical therapy! Kelsey likes to do karaoke, read, and listen to music. One of her favorite singers is "Pink"! Kelsey is in the ninth grade where she receives support in school through her Individualized Educational Plan (IEP).

John is a fifteen-year old boy who likes Pokemon, watching TV and working out! John has lost over 100 pounds in the last year due to his hard work and determination to work out and eat healthier. John is in the ninth grade where he receives additional support in the classroom through his Individualized Educational Plan (IEP). John is a talented teen who likes to cook and do woodworking projects. He is described as outgoing and engaging.

Legally freed for adoption, the children have shared they are looking forward to having a mom and a dad. They may want contact in the future with an adult sibling so a family should be open to maintaining this connection.

Who Can Adopt?

Can you provide the guidance, love and stability that a child needs? If you're at least 18 years old, have a stable source of income, and room in your heart, you may be a perfect match to adopt a waiting child. Adoptive parents can be single, married, or partnered; experienced or not; renters or homeowners; LGBTQ singles and couples.

The process to adopt a child from foster care requires training, interviews, and home visits to determine if adoption is right for you, and if so, to help connect you with a child or sibling group that your family will be a good match for.

To learn more about adoption from foster care, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at 617-54-ADOPT (617-542-3678) or visit www.mareinc.org. The sooner you call, the sooner a waiting child will have a permanent place to call HOME."

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EDITORIAL**No more pencils...
no more books...**

At one time this was the sing-song as children were released for the summer; to the freedom of what was then nearly three months of no assignments and no deadlines. Blissful freedom to sleep late, hang out with friends, eat whenever and whatever, make up games or pick up the usual kid games if you had enough kids to make up a team.

There was not much organization to it; there were kids in each neighborhood, you hung around with the ones who lived closest, as you got older you might be able to ride a bike a few blocks further away. You made do with the playthings at hand, or made your own. No proper bat and bases? No problem, mom's broom got taken apart for its handle and everyone found a sweatshirt or some such to fold into a shape for a base in the empty lot. Little League? You were an all star if you actually owned your older brother's cast off glove; and it didn't matter if it was actually a catcher's mitt and you were out in right field.

Girls made doll clothes out of hollyhocks, dressed their teddy bears in discarded t-shirts. Theirs was not a world of Design-A-Bear workshops or American Girl franchises.

There were no helmet laws or safety pads for skating or whatnot. If you fell, you got bruised or scraped. Meh.

And once you had spent a frenzied, fevered couple of days out in the sun, you might take a quieter day, lay about with a book because you wanted to; the story was a good one and transported you away to somewhere you'd never been, with people you would never meet, and had adventures. By yourself. With no interactive prompting.

See, today's version of no pencils and no books is a little scarier.

At least it is to us.

We see over scheduled kids with no free time to just BE. And if they do find a few precious seconds, they spend them on something electronic that tells them how to move, how to think, what to do...how to be.

We're losing childhood real fast here. And we're doing it to ourselves.

We can decry the kids who don't leave their homes to interact with others, why should they? If they become complacent, and live only through a screen, it seems more normal to them than actual interaction. Social justice and norms are learned behaviors. If no one teaches it, how do they learn it?

And don't tell us it will happen at school because no; just no. That is one more burdensome expectation on a teacher who is not able to do the job of actual teaching now for all the demands made. Teachers should be allowed to teach; not be social workers and nutritionists and behavioral scientists and culture police and disciplinarians and Miss Manners too. Somewhere in there should be parents and aunts and uncles and grandparents and responsible adults who also interact with the kid.

And not just through a screen, we hope.

SOUND OFF

Motorcyclists, If you have any impulses, besides juvenile self gratification?

I'm speaking about the senseless noise created driving through our neighborhoods. Could you please try and THINK of other people's point of view? Most of us don't share your enthusiasm for noise pollution.

The next time the intelligencia of Spencer permits a biker event...come into town and smell the acrid smoke and listen to the screaming motorcycles.

Great fit for the town?

Issue a temporary pouring license next time.

VIEWPOINT

OPINION AND COMMENTARY FROM SPENCER, LEICESTER AND THE BROOKFIELDS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**Emerson: it's the people**

To the Editor:

In the very first letter I ever wrote to this paper, one of the essential points I raised was global warming and the effects of climate change. Fox News notwithstanding, this is the single most important issue of our time. I opined then and remain convinced that human over-population is the principle driver of this phenomenon. Since, as civilized people, we can't force our fellow creatures to restrain their reproductive proclivity, we must address controlling the waste that all these humans produce. The immediate problem to global warming is CO2 and methane (i.e. carbon) emissions. To refuse to believe this is an exercise in willful ignorance. The evidence for global warming is manifest and obvious.

Now, when one reflects upon who is the most willfully ignorant person currently residing in this country, the name Donald Trump leaps to mind. I will not refer to him as President as, in my opinion, he deserves no such recognition. Yet, Trump does command considerable influence in this country and abroad. Unfortunately, none of that influence has yet to be used to actually benefit anyone other than himself and his immediate family. Is he related to Putin? I am not sure. Unless you live under a rock, you have undoubtedly been apprised he has withdrawn our nation from the Paris Climate Accord. His reasons for this action are nebulous at best and often tainted with an ignorance that suggests profound stupidity. In this action, he claims to be acting on

behalf of a willing and eager population. However, is this just another Trump fantasy?

Trump referenced Pittsburgh in his little dog and pony show. The mayor of Pittsburgh, a community that voted 80 percent for Hillary Clinton, unilaterally rejected Trump's claim of representing that city. The mayor went on to avow that Pittsburgh will commit itself wholeheartedly to the manifestation of the requirements of the Paris Climate Accord. In point of fact, governors and mayors all over this country have done the same thing. This in itself is amazing, but even business leaders and CEOs of major corporations (including Exxon Mobile) are following suit. Do we have a movement on our hands? Has America gone green? I certainly hope so. Renewable energy production technology is going to be the next expansive business trend while Trump is whistling "Hi Ho" and marching into a mine to dig some coal that nobody wants. I guess he really does have a big brain.

The citizens of this planet have some reason to be optimistic. Only 2 of 190 countries have not adopted the Paris Climate Accords as their template for action on this very real problem. Nicaragua, ironically, does not because they believe the Accords are too weak to be truly effective. The United States does not because our leader is too mentally weak to comprehend the problem.

ROBERT EMERSON
SPENCER

Perron: supports honorable conservative

To the Editor:

In response to a recent letter by Michael Small in regard to Mr. John McCrae's unpublished letters, I too wondered why John stopped sharing his reviews.

Mrs. Editor, your note and explanation shocked me. One who didn't know John, would assume that he was a bully and mean spirited. I do know John, and I can proudly say that he is a conservative patriotic American, and intelligent former teacher, honor-

able, respected and a man with courage of his convictions.

Mrs. Editor, could it be his conservative leanings that troubled you? I do hope that you will change your policy, and that his letters will be published again. If in today's world certain writings are attacked, how soon will I be before our voices are silenced?

EVA E. PERRON
EAST BROOKFIELD

McTiernan: missing his letters

To the Editor:

One of the most interesting pages in the Spencer New Leader to me was the Viewpoint Page. Of late, I noticed there were few letters — just articles about antiques and household hints, etc. I did not realize that the one articulate, intelligent, voice of reason had been censored (John McRae). Consequently, it didn't long for me to read the New Leader.

I went back and reread a few previous letters from John McRae, which I did not find mean nor bullying — just rational and truthful. Therein lies the problem! When you speak truth, you will be persecuted!

The editor's judgement of his letters is just another example of one-sided tolerance.

Ironically, on the same viewpoint page, there is a request for people to write to you! Sadly, at least for me, one of the most interesting letter writers has been silenced.

I only know of Mr. McRae through his letters and admire his love of God, country and his fellow man.

I hope you will have a change of heart relative to his participation on the Viewpoint page.

EILEEN MCTIERNAN
SPENCER

McRae: stirred up the hornet's nest

To the Editor:

When I finished reading the editorial page of last week's New Leader — replete as it was with both critical and complimentary comments re-your humble and obedient servant (that would be me, gang) — I found myself mentally shouting "Hallelujah!! World without end! Praise the Lord! The New Leader is back!!" Can I get an "amen!" here, brothers and sisters?!

For months now, I have corresponded with the new editor urging her to understand and respect the great tradition the New Leader has built for itself for as long as I can remember by fearlessly printing all the letters it receives regardless of the political, religious, or cultural perspective offered by the writers, unless, of course, the communication is clearly libelous, obscene, or threatening, or so poorly written as to be an embarrassment to the publisher. Otherwise, you don't really have a newspaper but, rather, a mere social calendar to remind readers of the schedule for next week's ball games, or what the local senior center has coming up. I always took the New Leader at its word: that it was a newspaper open to the idea that the citizenry ought to have some place to publicly register their opinion concerning the issues — great and small — that well-informed folks have on their minds. And those opinions needn't comport with those of the editor or the publisher. It is an indispensable, indeed, vital, service to

citizens of a putative "free" country. We all remember Thomas Jefferson's thoughts on the matter, don't we? "If I should be forced to choose between a country with no law or a country with no newspapers, I should not hesitate to pick the former."

Last week's edition came close to the Jeffersonian ideal: Comments appeared praising my literary efforts as the best thing since, oh, I don't know, the letters from another John (Adams) to his wife Abigail in Braintree, while others who see me as a hate-filled bigot implied they, if they could, would see me hanged upside down by the heels from a lamp post like the partisans did to Mussolini at Giulino di Mezzegra in 1945.

But that's O.K. If my being a lightning rod to attract all the rabid, dishonest criticism and invective from the local denizens of the fever swamps of the left is the price I must pay to help the New Leader regain its rightful reputation as a place where the First Amendment actually means something...then, so be it, I'm good to go.

However, you must understand, I have an unfair advantage. Well over half-a-century ago, it was my great and good fortune to survive what was for me — a soft and undisciplined boy at the time — the absolute hell of 12 weeks of Marine Corps boot

Financial moves for "Empty Nesters"

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When your children leave home and you become an "empty nester," you'll probably make several adjustments

in your lifestyle. But how will your empty nest status affect your financial situation?

Everyone's story is different, involving a range of variables. But here are a few issues to consider:

Insurance — If your kids are through school, your mortgage is nearly paid off and your spouse has accumulated a reasonable amount of money in an employer-sponsored retirement plan, you may not need life insurance to replace income or pay off debts. However, you might start thinking about other goals, such as ensuring your savings will last your lifetime or leaving a legacy to your loved ones or a charity. Life insurance may be able to help in these areas.

Downsizing — Deciding whether to downsize your living space isn't just a financial decision — it's also a highly personal one. Still, downsizing can offer you some potential economic benefits. For one thing, if you still are paying off your mortgage, a move to a smaller place could free up some of your monthly cash flow, which, again, you could use to boost your retirement accounts. Furthermore, if your home has greatly appreciated in value, you might make a sizable profit by selling. (If you are single, you may be able to exclude \$250,000 of the gain on the sale of your home; married couples may have a \$500,000 exemption. Some restrictions exist on this exemption, though, so you'll need to consult with your tax advisor before selling.)

Estate plans — Years ago, you might have made various arrangements in a will or a living trust that dealt with taking care of your children if something should happen to you and your spouse. For example, you might have established a trust and directed it to make payments to your children at certain times and for certain purposes, such as education. But once your children are grown and have left your home, you may need to review and update your estate plans.

Keep in mind, though, that "empty nester" status is not always permanent. You've no doubt heard about "boomerang" kids who return home after college and stay until they can afford a place of their own.

If your children become "boomerangers," even for a short while, will it greatly affect your financial situation? Probably not. However, if your children are going to drive your car, you may want to be sure that they are listed on your car insurance. Also, if they are going to bring guests to your home, you might want to consider an "umbrella" insurance policy, which typically provides you with significantly greater liability protection than your regular homeowners policy. (In fact, it may be a good idea to purchase an umbrella policy even if you don't have grown kids at home, as this coverage offers you wide-ranging protection from potentially devastating lawsuits that could arise from injuries on your property or through an auto accident in which you are involved.)

You may have mixed feelings about becoming an empty nester, but, like most people, you will adjust. And by making the right financial moves, you can get off to a good start on this new phase of your life.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor. Please contact Jeff Burdick, your local Edward Jones Advisor in Sturbridge at 508-347-1420 or jeff.burdick@edwardjones.com

Have a great day,



VIEWPOINT

Safety Tips for Car Trips

The Car Care Council dedicates this time of year to reminding drivers of the importance of being "car care aware." In fact, each year on the cusp of summer the organization launches a nationwide effort geared to focus motorists' attention on the essentials of vehicle care and maintenance. And it's no wonder the importance of regular maintenance is stressed this time of year, as accident statistics this season are staggering: An average of 13,000 Americans are killed between Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day, some a result of unperformed vehicle maintenance, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

According to statistics, each year, neglected maintenance leads to more than 2,600 deaths, nearly 100,000 disabling injuries and more than \$2 billion in lost wages, medical expenses and property damage. The eye opener is that most mechanical failures could easily have been prevent by ordinary maintenance! Read on for some car safety advice from the experts.

The U. S. Department

of Transportation reports the leading cause of mechanical breakdown on our nation's highways is overheating, a condition that is easily avoidable. Other deficiencies that are simple to detect include low antifreeze, worn or loose drive belts and defective cooling system hoses — proving it pays to check under the hood before you drive!

Checking tire pressure and inflating a tire costs nothing, yet an average of 21 percent of cars inspected in check lanes during a National Car Care check have under inflated tires, according to the Car Care Council. This can lead to a blowout and a serious accident.

Rainy weather can affect driver visibility and worn windshield blades can cause streaking and smearing that impair vision. In fact, the Car Care Council report one out of every five vehicles that passed through their safety check lanes had worn wiper blades.

Wipers generally need replacing every six months. An easy reminder is to change wiper blades in the spring and fall when you change your clock. Be sure the

windshield washers are working properly, too, and keep the reservoir filled with solvent.

Poor maintenance also takes a toll on fuel mileage. Here is a safely checklist as suggested by the Car Care Council to keep your mileage up to par and ensure you're driving safely this season.

*Check vehicle gas caps: About 17 percent of the vehicles on the roads have gas caps that are either damaged, loose, or are missing altogether, causing 147 million gallons of gas to vaporize every year.

*Inflate tires properly: When tires aren't inflated properly it's like driving with the parking brake on and can cost a mile or two per gallon.

*Replace worn spark plugs: A vehicle can have either four, six or eight spark plugs, which fire as many as 3 million times every 1,000 miles, resulting in a lot of heat and electrical and chemical erosion. A dirty spark plug causes misfiring, which wastes fuel. Spark



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plugs need to be replaced as recommended by the manufacturer.

*Replace dirty air filters: An air

filter that

is clogged with dirt, dust and bugs chokes off the air and creates a "rich" mixture — too much gas being burned for the amount of air, which wastes gas and causes the engine to lose power. Replacing a clogged air filter can improve gas mileage by as much as 10 percent, saving more than 20¢ a gallon.

*Check all vehicle lights: Motorists should check their lights monthly. When your vehicle's lighting is defective, other motorists may not get the message that you intend to stop or turn.

The end result could be disastrous. In traffic, it could be beneficial to keep headlights both day and night. This helps define your car's position on the road, and its distance from other drivers.

The Car Care Council offers three suggestions for a traveler's 10-minute pre-trip checklist:

*Check all fluids. There are several fluids, in addition to antifreeze, that require attention, including engine oil, power steering, brake and transmission fluids and windshield washer solvent and antifreeze/coolant.

*Check hoses and belts.

A belt that fails can affect the electrical system, air conditioning and power steering, as well as the cooling system. Cooling system hoses may be deteriorating from within, so old hoses and clamps in marginal condition might need to be replaced.

*Check the tires. Check tire inflation and inspect the tread for uneven wear, indicating the need for wheel alignment. Also look for bulges and bald spots.

Safety Recalls: While new vehicle owners are informed of manufacturer recalls, those who purchase a used car or truck are often in the dark when it comes to safety recalls of their pre-owned vehicle. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration website, nhtsa.gov offers free, instant recall searches by make, model, and year of vehicle. The search engine allows you to retrieve information by

the vehicle or equipment producer and/or model.

Win Dinner for Two

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

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 publications? Send questions and/or hints to: Take the Hint! c/o Stonebridge Press, P.O. Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550. Or e-mail kdrr@aol.com. Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.

Democracy is strongest when every voice is heard



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BY CONGRESSMAN
JIM MCGOVERN

and Royalston. I'm always excited when people take time out of their busy schedules to share their concerns with me. Hearing how families are doing, what's on their minds, and how I can help is so important. Sometimes we will talk about the need to give seniors a cost of living adjustment, make college more affordable, grow our local economy and support farmers. Sometimes we talk about issues of war and peace, human rights, and immigration.

But I don't have to tell anyone — these are not ordinary times. My office has received almost double the number of letters and emails from constituents than we did last year. And at office hours, I've seen the fear, anger, and confusion about why Washington seems so broken. I understand where it's coming from.

I feel the fear of a nervous mom who asked about the Affordable Care Act. Her son has a pre-existing condition and the Affordable Care Act, she said, literally saved his life. She cried, asking

why anyone would want to put her family through this.

I share the concerns of a young boy who told me he's worried about climate change and the future of our planet and wanted to know why the President would remove our country from the Paris Climate Agreement.

I hear the anger of those who want to know why the level of civil discourse in our country seems so low — and why Republicans and Democrats can't seem to agree on anything. They reminisce about the days when political opposites like Tip O'Neill and Ronald Reagan could find common ground. The one question that always gets asked is, "Where do we go from here?" My answer — keep the faith. Stand by your values. Fight for what you believe in. If we want positive change, like-minded people need to work for it.

Office hours are a great way for me to step outside of Washington and have an open, honest conversation with people across our district. I encourage every-

one in the coming weeks to move forward in that spirit, to remain active and find meaningful ways to make a difference. It's time for all of us to step outside our comfort zone, reach outside our bubble, and begin anew the hard work that democracy asks of each of us.

Finally, keep calling, emailing, and showing up. The stories, struggles, and solutions I hear from you teach me how to be a better representative. You can engage with my office on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram, or at www.McGovern.House.gov to sign up for my newsletter and learn about how I'm working to put our families first. Your stories and words of support — and disagreement, too — give me the strength each day to make sure your voices will always be heard in Washington.

Congressman Jim McGovern represents the 2nd Congressional District of Massachusetts

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camp. There I encountered the senior drill instructor, one Staff Sergeant Lindsay, a perpetually p.o.'d, barrel-chested, bull-necked natural born killer with two Purple Hearts from the Korean War who, we all knew, could crush any one of us in three seconds if he felt like it, as easily as I dispatch between my thumb and forefinger these rotten little gypsy moth caterpillars who are destroying my trees as I write this. If he's still alive, he'd be about 95, but I would still approach him with caution even in a nursing home.

But, as hard as basic recruit training was for me physically, it was the constant stream of cursing, threats, ridicule, every conceivable form of humiliation, degradation, and obscenity often screamed into your ear from about three inches — every, single, day, for 12 weeks that nearly did me in me and my fragile emotional constitution. They — the D.I.s — couldn't care less about your precious "feelings." S/Sgt. Lindsay, probably remembering the ordeal of fighting in "The Forgotten War," didn't want to send out to the "Fleet" young men who couldn't handle the stress of boot camp, let alone ground combat. Watch the first 20 minutes of "Full Metal Jacket" if you want to get a glimpse of much of what it was like. But, cover your virgin ears if you're unusually sensitive to certain words or thoughts.

So, when the local libs make

personal attacks on me or other conservatives in the same old, tired, boring fashion, having been verbally abused in the most extraordinary fashion by the masters — U.S.M.C. D.I.s of the "Old Corps" — anything said to or about me ever since has had no effect whatsoever. If I could survive Lindsay the sadist, what can a few trite words from Massachusetts moonbats do to me? I always consider the source. To me, it's just "Meh...is that your best shot? Go bother someone who cares."

Now, that only applies to me. If you go after my wife or my kids in an attempt to get to me that way, well, then, all bets are off. I might have to go all Jake Lamotta, all "Raging Bull" on yo azz.

It might be nice, though, if my critics could make at least a passing effort to tell the truth when they write about me. This person from North Brookfield, this Donovan, for example, claims that I once wrote that Sen. Gobi's father would have been "ashamed" of her. I went back in my files to see if there was anything to her charge, because I had no recollection of it at all. Attempting to be kind, I'll not say that is an outright lie. I'll settle for her being "disingenuous," and she has "disremembered" this thing, because I never said anything like that, only that her father would have wanted her vote to favor her working class constituents rather than illegal aliens.

She also, comically, claims I once compared myself to Mark Twain. Lady, back away from the mescaline mush-

rooms. I may have quoted Samuel Clemens, but just in your fevered dreams did I ever compare myself to the great man. The only writer to whom I strive to compare myself would be a fairly good high school senior; I'm primarily concerned with not ending a sentence with a preposition, or needlessly repeating the same word. Try, next time, to get your facts straight, then we could have a conversation.

Then, another keyboard warrior's voice rises — very briefly — to attack me from the hills of Warren, a place so wild a hiker can take a wrong turn and wander for days trying to find their way back to civilization. But, not nearly so wild as the claims made by this Warrenite snowflake needing a safe place (maybe out in the woods) to enjoy his safe, non-controversial newspaper. Now, this guy, this Mark Papirio, is just as unabashed as his blood-sister in North Brookfield in his defense of the selective editing of opinion. He basically says, "Hey, I'm fine with the censorship the New Leader appears to be exercising with regard to conservative speech. Keep it up!" He defends his indefensible position by dragging out the old dead horse of "hate," and delivers a few more licks to the carcass before retreating back into the hills of Warren possibly to never be heard from again. You've got to do better, you liberals; when you have to fall back on the old reliables: hate and bigotry, you remind one of Churchill's — or Shakespeare's — crack regarding a rhetorical foe: "To a battle of wits, he comes unarmed."

But here's the problem, Papirio (who may be a typically brain-washed high school boy, or an 85-year-old retired liberal professor — don't know, don't care), the "hate" you smug libs so love to ascribe to those of us on the "Right" is almost entirely located within the ranks of liberals like yourself. Let me make just the briefest mention of the sins of your tribe as they occur to me off the top of my head:

1) The insane, filthy-rich, so-called comedienne Kathy Griffin and the severed, bloody "head" of President Trump — no hate there, at least to liberals like you. Let the same thing be done to Obama or Clinton and listen to you howl.

2) The planned, only barely-averted massacre of Republican Congressmen by a fanatical liberal Democrat in D.C. recently — no hate there.

3) The beatings of attendees, and almost constant disruptions of Trump events ever since they began — no hate there.

4) The politically-inspired murders of police officers by Black radicals egged on by white, liberal revolutionaries — no hate there.

5) The relentless discrimination against and persecution of white and Asian males on nearly all American college campuses perpetrated by liberal Democrats — no hate there.

6) The violence committed against and shutting down of conservative speakers at such shameless institutions as Berkeley, Middlebury, UMass, Cornell, U of Chicago and countless others — no hate there.

7) The undisguised, blatant, applauded discrimination against authentic Christians be they traditional Catholics or Evangelicals by the mainstream press, Hollywood, and television (all controlled by you know who: liberal Democrats) — no hate there.

8) The Shakespeare-in-the-park "assassination" of President Trump by left wing actors for the delirious, roaring approval of the "better" people of Manhattan — no hate there.

But, I lie. There's plenty of hate there, Papirio, and it's all on your side. And I've only just scratched the surface. That you even dare accuse us on the starboard side of the political landscape of being haters makes you — and others who express those same sentiments as you — one of either two things: pathetically ignorant of the situation as it actually is on the ground, or a cynical practitioner of political pereveration.

Whatever the case may be, keep writing. I told the new editor if she wanted to make the paper at least somewhat interesting to read, she had to solicit all views, the more the merrier. I think she now knows that we conservatives are FAR more protective of the First Amendment that is her surest safeguard, than her readers on the Left. We don't want to censor anyone for any reason. They do.

As for me, I stand, on at least one thing, with Nietzsche: "That which does not kill me, strengthens me."

JOHN MCRAE
EAST BROOKFIELD

SPORTS

Cherry Valley Legion can't take down the giant in Leominster



Mathew S. Plamondon photos

Cherry Valley's Aidan Gilman records a putout on an infield pop fly.



Aidan Gilman of Cherry Valley sends a base hit to the outfield.



Cherry Valley's Evan Bond makes a catch out in center field.

(Edgar Lopez).

"I guess he caught a couple times last year with Bay Path," Stephens said of Belanger's catching career. "I think he did a good job."

All of the first-year Legion players are taking advantage of their opportunity to play, said Stephens.

"They were offered an opportunity to come play baseball against the best kids in Central Mass., [and] this is what they're doing. They're learning on the fly," he noted.

And Cherry Valley was rewarded for its efforts the following day (June 23) when they picked up their first victory of the season, a 10-8 decision in extra innings over Wachusett Post 42.

Stephens sees the wins accumulating over the next couple of summers.

"I've got sophomores and juniors. We should be better next year and then in two years we could be very good," he concluded.



Cherry Valley's Brendan Hart tries to avoid the tag of Leominster's Matt Dupuis as he slides into third base.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

LEOMINSTER — When the winless Cherry Valley Post 443 American Legion baseball team took on undefeated Leominster Post 151 at Pin Cannavino Field on Thursday, June 22, manager Jim Stephens knew that his team needed to put everything together to take down the giant.

"I just want to see them make the plays and stay in the game,"

he explained before the contest. "We'll have an opportunity to win, you never know."

Stevens added that Cherry Valley played its best game of the season to date their last time out, a 4-3 setback to Framingham Post 74 on June 20.

"They played their best game against Framingham. We didn't get the timely hits, but I think we had seven hits. We made really one error," he

said.

But Leominster proved to be too much, as they improved to 9-0 following their 8-1 victory versus Post 443, as Cherry Valley slipped to 0-8.

"A team like that, you've got to be right on top of it. You have to play a pure game, a perfect game, and we were far from it," Stephens said afterward. "Mental mistakes...those are the things that are bad, bad baseball."

Post 443 made a few mental mistakes and three more physical errors, and Leominster took advantage early on. Post 151 scored once in the bottom of the first inning, five times in the second, once in the third and one more time in the sixth.

Leominster scored its first run off Cherry Valley starter Aidan Gilman when Dom Fusco (2 for 3) was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded.

Then, in the second, Post 151's bats chased Gilman after 1-plus inning of work. Tyrus Garvin stepped up to pitch for Post 443 as they now trailed 2-0 and Brandon Lefebvre (2 for 2, hit by pitch) stepped in. Lefebvre then launched a grand slam over the left-center field fence to make it 6-0.

Leominster made it 7-0 in the third when Matt Dupuis (2 for 3) scored on a wild pitch thrown by Garvin, who was

replaced by Jake Leone in the fourth inning.

Leone pitched the final three innings for Cherry Valley and allowed one run — Fusco hit an RBI single in the sixth — on three hits with three strikeouts and no walks.

"He pitched real good," Stephens said of Leone, who is making the most out of his opportunity to play Legion baseball, his first summer doing so. "He's one of those

kids where he was on the bubble whether he was going to play with us or Senior Ruth. He gave up that one run, but he buckled back down."

And although Gilman didn't have his best stuff on the mound, he went 3 for 3 at the plate. His second hit helped set up Post 443's run, where Andrew Fritze was caught in a pickle between first and second base, but it allowed Ryan Fahey to score from third.

"He started out 0 for 10 and now he's on a three-game hitting streak," Stephens said of Gilman, another first-year Legion player.

A third player making his Legion debut this summer is Alex Belanger, a pitcher and outfielder for Post 443 who

caught because of an injury to the usual starter (Ryan Sanderson) and the unavailability of the normal backup

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Second annual Officer Tarentino Softball Tournament slated for July 15

The Lemieux family is running its second annual Officer Tarentino Softball Tournament in Webster on Saturday, July 15 at the Ray Street Fields, with the national anthem going off at 8 a.m. While not knowing the Tarentino family personally, they wanted to hold a 16-team tournament last year and give the family the team fees as their contribution to help.

Through a tremendous amount of support, the tournament blossomed into 20 teams with sponsors and raffles. It was a fun-filled day with a DJ playing music all day and many people from all over joining. The tournament raised over \$24,000 last year and the Lemieux's are hoping to do the same this summer. Two food trucks are coming this year and there will once again be a raffle and DJ. Local police departments and fire departments, and police departments from far away as West Springfield to North Providence will be coming to join.

All donations and proceeds made through sponsorship and the tournament will go to the Memorial Fund for the Tarentino Family. Each sponsor will be recognized on a single sponsorship banner displayed at the tournament with the Grand Slam sponsors receiving recognition on

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their own personalized banner. Single sponsorship is \$50, double is \$100, triple is \$200, home run is \$400 and grand slam is \$500-plus. To become a sponsor, please send a check by July 5 to Don and Lisa Lemieux, 10 Klebart Ave., Webster, MA 01570. Please include the family or business name to be displayed on the banner. Please make the check payable to Officer Ronald Tarentino Jr. Memorial Fund. Please email TarentinoSBTourney@yahoo.com for sponsorship related questions.

Kettle Brook Golf Club has openings for Tuesday Night Men's League

Golfers are needed for Kettle Brook Club's Tuesday Night Men's League. The first tee time is 4:30 p.m. and the league uses a quota system, luck of the draw. Come join this fun league at Kettle Brook.

Quail Hollow Golf & Country Club Results

Pit's Crew

First place: Dennis Fontaine, Brian Shorten, Ron Fontain and Dick Whipple; -6

Second place: Tom Crosbie, Bruce Smebakken, Gary Miner and Harvey Thomasian; -4

Third place: Rick Nolin, Tom Emery, Dick Ullman and Dick Morse; -4

Lady's Nine-Hole League
Low Gross: Irene Caruso, 40
Flight A: Irene Caruso, 40
Flight B: Cheryl Woodman, 45

Quail Hollow Junior Golf instruction available for 2017 season

PGA Certified Teaching Professional Larry Hanch will be conducting Junior Golf instruction at Quail Hollow Golf & Country Club. The program is two days long, including Sunday afternoons from 4 to 6 p.m. and Monday mornings from 9 to 11 a.m. Each day we will start with instruction and then play on the course. Class size will consist of a maximum of six players. The fee is \$40 per young player. We have clubs if needed. The dates are July 9-10 and July 23-24. We can run more if there is interest. Please call Larry Hanch to schedule or with questions at (772) 633-8649.

Kettle Brook Golf Club — Kettle One League Week 9 Results

First Place: Arnie Arsenault and Kris Houston, +5

Second Place: Jeff Wozniak and Dave Lussier, +5

High Quota: Jeff Wozniak, +6

Closest to the Pin on 12th Hole: Kevin Anderson

SPORTS

Sturbridge Legion snaps losing streak with 9-8 win over East Side



Greg Barlow photos

Versus East Side, Tyler Stoever of Sturbridge started on the mound and earned the win for Post 109.

BY GREG BARLOW
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

WORCESTER — After a two-hour rain delay, the sun came out and temperatures reached the mid-80s as the Sturbridge American Legion Post 109 baseball team saw its bats heat up as they snapped a five-game losing streak with a 9-8 victory over East Side Post 201 at the College of the Holy Cross' Hanover Insurance Park on Saturday, June 24.

"Just being here [Holy Cross] was good for everyone," exclaimed Sturbridge manager Jim Rosseel. "It was a good win for us, we needed it."

The Saturday afternoon

matchup served as part of the Massachusetts Zone 4 American Legion Baseball's A Day At Holy Cross initiative, which included the zone's 13 teams clashing in seven games played at the Crusaders' and Worcester Bravehearts' home field over a two-day span.

Rosseel and Post 109 earned its revenge, as it marked the second time this season Sturbridge faced East Side, with the Raiders coming out on top, 10-2, back on June 14.

This time around, each team equally totaled 12 hits on the day.

"We haven't been stringing the hits together, so that

was important for us," noted Rosseel.

The young Sturbridge squad started off the way they wanted to after jumping out to a 2-0 lead in the opening inning.

"We've been playing from behind in our past several games, and that wasn't working for us," explained Rosseel. "Jumping out early, now you have a luxury where you can take more chances, like steal more bases, and you want to pour it on a little bit."

Connor McCaffrey led off the first inning with a walk before Brannon McMullen drove him home on a triple that got past East Side's right fielder and rolled all the way to the fence.

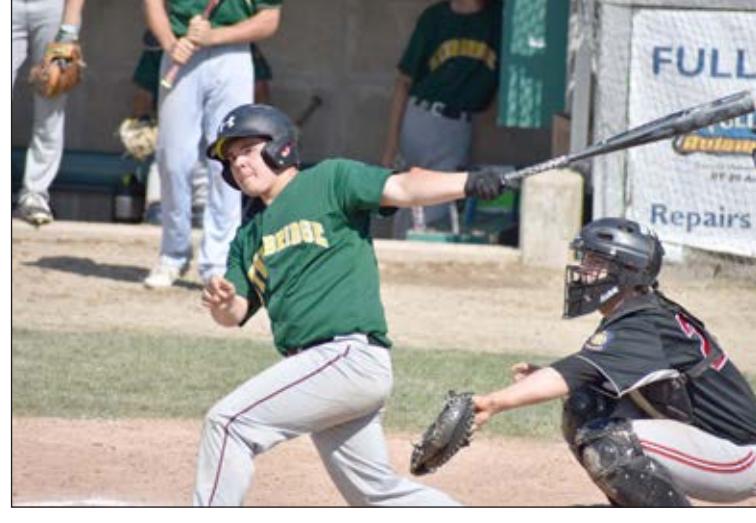
"My first triple there was off the curve ball," recalled McMullen, who ended the day with four hits. "My next three hits were off the fast ball."

Colin Eliason picked up the second RBI for Post 109 with a sacrifice fly sent to shallow right center.

On the defensive front, pitcher Tyler Stoever earned the win, throwing 6-2/3 innings with five strikeouts. Stoever was a threat at the plate too, notching two hits with an RBI single.

"It feels good, I mean we came together as a team, and won the game — that's all I can say," said Stoever.

Sturbridge carried its energy into the top of the second and third innings, tacking on another two runs to move out to a 4-0 lead. Post 109 scored on one of the Raiders' two errors on the day in the second inning



Sturbridge's Keegan Moynahan follows through on his swing versus East Side.

before Mick Sullivan plated Stoever with his second base hit in the third.

"I had a couple good BP's during the off days, but I felt I didn't have a lot of pressure on me because I knew the other guys would get it done either way," mentioned Sullivan, who ended the day 2 for 3.

The momentum briefly shifted in favor of East Side, as the home team battled back in the bottom of the third, fourth and fifth innings to tie the game at 4-4.

However, Sturbridge found a response in the top of the sixth to regain the lead, using three hits to plate three runs for a 7-4 lead. McCaffrey knocked in the go-ahead run with a triple sent to deep center field. McMullen then earned his second RBI with a single to right field. Next, Stoever returned

the favor with an RBI single to drive in McMullen for his second hit of the game.

"We just need to keep hitting the ball and putting runners in scoring position," McMullen noted.

Sturbridge used three more hits in the top of the seventh to add another two insurance runs to their advantage with Jared Langevin and Patrick Wilbur logging the RBIs during this span to give Post 109 its 9-4 cushion.

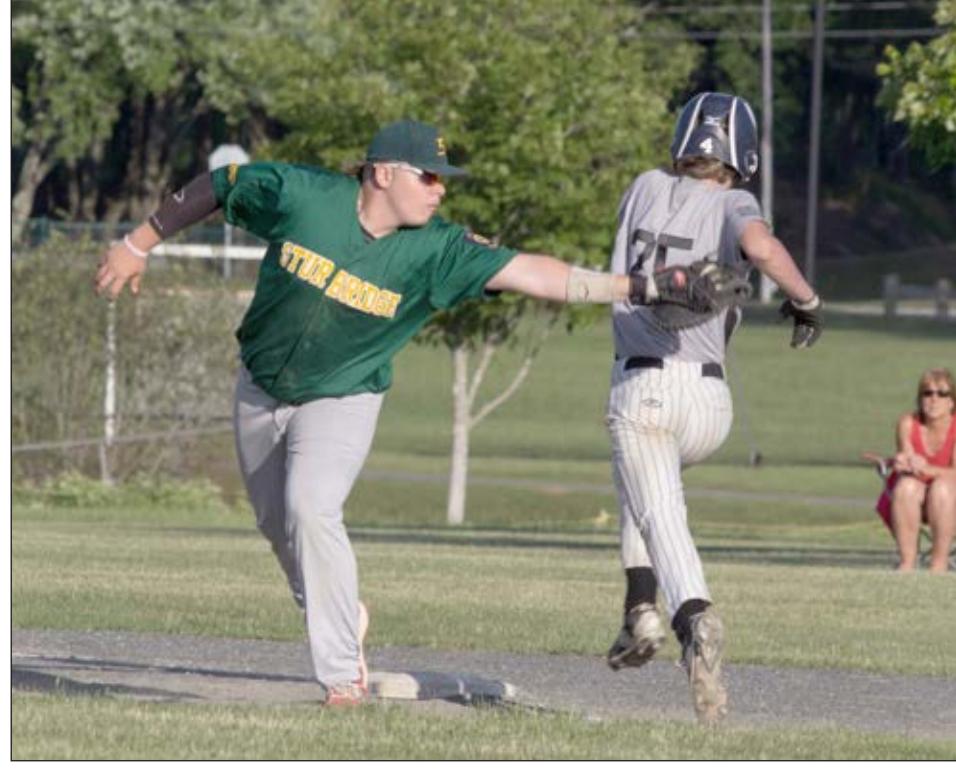
Down by five with two outs, East Side surged for a late rally in the bottom of the seventh, recording four runs on four hits and an error to make it a one-run game. However, coming in to close for Sturbridge was southpaw pitcher Deven Kingman, who retired the one batter he faced with the tying run on base to earn the save.

Sturbridge falls just short versus Main South

STURBRIDGE — It was a close game, but in the end the Sturbridge Post 109 American Legion baseball team dropped a 7-5 decision to Main South Post 341 on Tuesday, June 20. Main South improved to 1-1, while Sturbridge slipped to 3-6. It was Post 109's third straight setback after a 3-3 start.



Roman Krochmalnyckyj of Sturbridge lays down a sacrifice bunt to move the base runners along. Tyler Stoever of Sturbridge goes for the tag on a Main South base runner.



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Sturbridge's Patrick Wilbur works through his delivery before sending the baseball toward the plate.



Sturbridge's Brannon McMullen fires the ball over to second base during a Main South base-stealing attempt.

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Ron Olson

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5K Race to benefit Bay State Equine Rescue set for July 9

Runners and walkers are invited to take part in the fourth "Run Like the Dickens" 5K race on Sunday, July 9 at Old Sturbridge Village. The race is for all ages. The race is the year's principal fundraising event for Bay State Equine Rescue, an all-volunteer non-profit organization that rescues and rehabilitates abused, neglected and abandoned horses.

The course of the race offers participants a unique experience of Old Sturbridge Village, as it winds through the Village's picturesque roads and trails. This is the only public race through Old Sturbridge Village. Prizes will be awarded to the overall first place male and female finishers, as well as to first place male and female finishers in age-based divisions. The first 150 registrants will receive "Run Like the Dickens" T-shirts. Entry fee for the race is \$30 until July 3 and \$40 from July 4 until race day. A children's stick-horse race will be part of the day's events. Participants can register online and find more information on the race and on the rescue's work at www.BayStateRescue.org.

North Brookfield to host most popular soccer camp in North America

Challenger Sports has a rich history of being the most successful and popular soccer camp in the United States and Canada for over 20 years. Challenger Sports is very excited to once again team up with West Brookfield Youth Soccer for another summer of soccer.

West Brookfield Youth Soccer's weeklong "British Soccer Camp" will run July 10-14 at West Brookfield Elementary School. The camp runs

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Annual golf tournament to benefit Saint-Jean Baptiste Educational Foundation

On Monday, July 24 at Pleasant Valley Country Club in Sutton, the 21st annual golf tournament to benefit the Saint-Jean Baptiste Educational Foundation will be held. The cost is \$150 per person — twosomes and singles are welcomed — and will include a hole-in-one contest, a putting contest, door prizes and a special golfer's raffle. The features include 18 holes of golf on a PGA and LPGA course with valet parking, bag handling services, unlimited use of the driving range, chipping and putting areas prior to the 10 a.m. shotgun start, which is a Florida-style scramble. Early registration begins at 8 a.m. with carts with rain bag covers, a gift, coffee, a continental breakfast and snacks. An

executive buffet dinner is to follow the tournament. For additional information please call Tournament Chairman Ken at (508) 277-5314 or Foundation Trustee Ted at (508) 764-7909.

Quaboag Plantation Triathlon date set for July 9

WEST BROOKFIELD — The Quaboag Plantation Sprint Triathlon and Kids Triathlon, now in its eighth year, will be held Sunday, July 9, at 8 a.m. at the West Brookfield Town Beach. Register online at www.RunSignUp.com (there, you can link to our website/mail-in registration forms). Registration forms are also available at the West Brookfield post office, library and Town Hall lobby.

The sprint triathlon, for ages 13 and up, consists of a quarter-mile swim, 12-mile bike ride and a three-mile run. Check-in time is from 6 until 7:15 a.m., with the race starting at 8. Entry fees are \$50 for individuals, \$75 for teams and \$25 for students (ages 13-18). Sprint race entry fees increase by \$10 for race-day registration (the student rate does

not increase). The Kids triathlon, for ages 4-13, consists of a 50-yard swim, half-mile bike ride and a 300-yard run. The entry fee is \$15 per child. This year, we are offering a colorful technical tank T-shirt for all registrants and medals for the top-three finishers in each age category. All participants in the kid's race will receive a technical tank and finisher's medal.

Proceeds benefit the Quaboag Plantation Triathlon scholarship fund, as well as community service organizations. Quaboag Regional students who participate in or volunteer for the triathlon are eligible to apply for the scholarship, which can be applied toward college, a technical certificate or vocational program. Applications are available through the QRMHS Guidance Office.

The triathlon began eight years ago when West Brookfield celebrated its 250th anniversary. Since then, the race has attracted participants from towns throughout New England. For more information and race updates, visit our Facebook page or www.RunSignUp.com.



Tatnuck Senior Babe Ruth tops Paul Mitchell, 4-1

Nick Ethier photo

CHARLTON — The Tatnuck Senior Babe Ruth baseball team, a Worcester based squad, held on to defeat Paul Mitchell of Charlton, 4-1, in Paul N. Johnson League play at Memorial Field on Wednesday evening, June 21. Spencer Giorgio, a Spencer resident and David Prouty Regional graduate, plays for Tatnuck and batted third — above, he swings away — and made a spectacular catch in center field to help his team to victory. Tatnuck's record after the win improved to 5-3.

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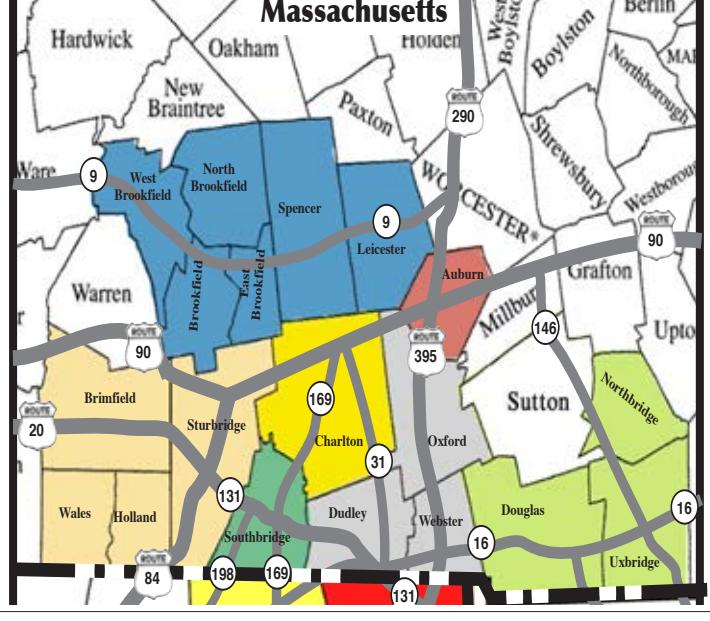
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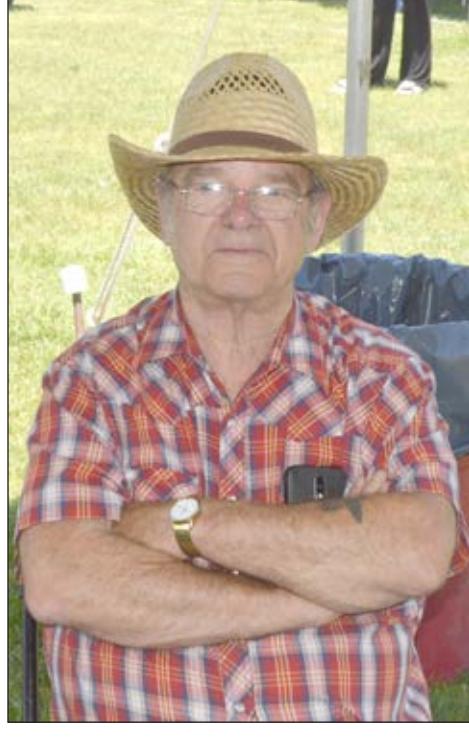
It's a Blessing for the horses and the riders

SPENCER — Residents don't horse around when it comes to helping their neighbors, evidenced by the strong attendance at last weekend's Hearts for Hooves event. Hosted by Klem's, proceeds from the June 24 fundraising event will benefit Blessings Farm in Charlton.

The event featured pony rides, drill

team presentations, kids' activities, crafts, and plenty of delicious food. Founded in 2003 by Jack and Lois Scott, Blessings Farm empowers neglected and underprivileged children by educating them about horses and giving them the thrill of the great outdoors.

For more information about the farm, visit www.blessingsfarm.org.



Kevin Flanders photos
Blessings Farm owner Jack Scott was thrilled by the support he received from residents.



Lisa Bocelli, of Worcester, spends the day with her children, Noah and Lily (both age 8).



From left, Weston Burrows, age 2, Mercedes Burrows, age 10, and Madison Burrows, age 7, of Sterling, get ready to see the horses.



Horses get a look at the many guests who came out to see them.



Auburn's Stephen Valastro with his 2-year-old son, Cashel.



The Marshall family, of West Brookfield, enjoys the afternoon.



Tim Morway, of Worcester, and his 6-year-old son, Simeon, run the snack table.



Dr. Carolyn Bessette, of Ware, offers natural supplies of all kinds to guests during the crafts portion of the event.

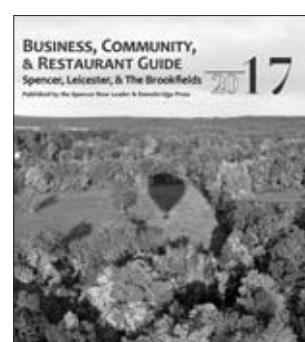


Guests get an up-close look at the horses.

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Cousins Page Cameron, age 8, of North Brookfield, and Ellie Galloni, age 5, of Auburn.



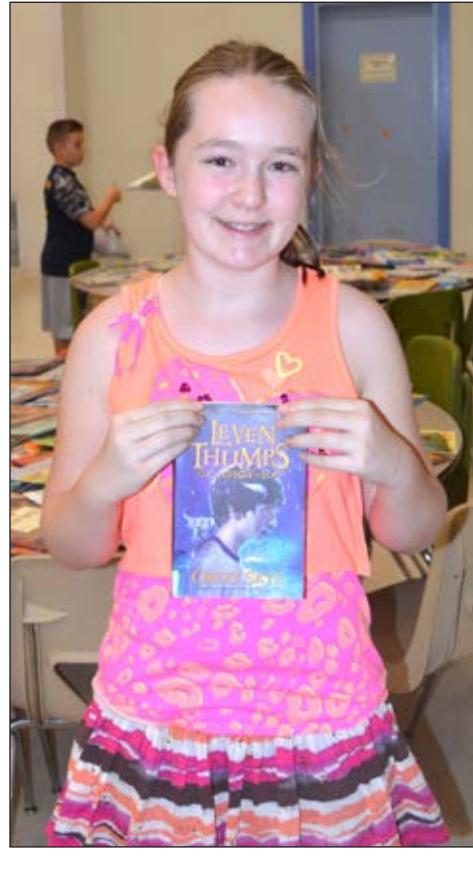
You're never too young to enjoy a great book, as proven by 2-year-old Lenna Ford, of North Brookfield.

NORTH BROOKFIELD – Some kids dread the idea of summer reading, but students attending North Brookfield Elementary School's book pickup event earlier this month can't wait to hit the books. Thanks to donations from throughout the community, the NBES cafeteria was filled with books for youngsters to enjoy on June 15. Regardless of their interests, there was something for everyone's tastes.

The event is made possible each year by NBES reading specialist Robin Pratt and the rest of the staff, who all work hard to collect and display the books.



Kevin Flanders photos
NBES youngsters get ready to pick out their books.



Liana Kiszka, a sixth grader at NBES, shows off the book she has chosen.



The Leander clan, of Barre, makes it a family event.



North Brookfield's Aaron Lackovic, age 7, is going to be very busy reading this summer.



McKenna Connors, age 9, of North Brookfield, grabs a few books from the tables.



Mother-son duo, Ruth and Liam, age 11, Honthumb, of North Brookfield.



Jacob Toomey, age 9, of North Brookfield, has enough books in his bag for weightlifting exercises.



Tanya Stonehouse, of North Brookfield, and her 9-year-old son Nathaniel check out an array of books.



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4/30/2017 Sunday

12:01-9:39 a.m. property checks completed, secure; 12:21 a.m. traffic citation (Alix Rd.); 1:37 a.m. arrest by other agency (West Main St.); 8:49 a.m. lost and found- cell phone found in parking

lot (West Main St.); 9:24 a.m. fire alarm (Chestnut St.); 12:49 p.m. officer wanted (West Main St.); 2:46 p.m. fire alarm (Main St.); 2:36 p.m. commercial alarm (Water St.); 3:57 p.m. recreational vehicle complaint (Capin Hill Rd.); 5:19 p.m. officer wanted (Main St.); 5:36 p.m. baby foxes in yard (Chickering Rd.); 5:40 p.m. officer wanted (Main St. and High/Elm Sts.); 6:00p.m. ambulance (from Grove St.); 6:15 p.m. officer wanted (Maple St.); 6:16 p.m. commercial burglar alarm; 6:41 p.m. property returned (West Main St.); 8:25 p.m. officer wanted (Cranberry Meadow Rd.); 8:54 p.m. suspicious MV activity (Howe Rd.); 9:03-11:54 p.m. property checks, secure

5/1/2017 Monday
12:08 a.m. traffic citation (May St.)

and Main St.); 12:10 a.m. commercial alarm (west main St.); 12:20 -12:24 a.m. property checks, secure; 4:55 a.m. suspicious activity of person (Chestnut St.); 6:57 a.m. commercial alarm (West Main St.); 6:58 p.m. parking violation (Mechanic St. and Church St.); 7:22 a.m. parking citation (Church St.); 8:11 a.m. ambulance (from Summit St.); 8:18 a.m. officer wanted (Main St.); 8:54 a.m. prisoner transferred to court (West Main St.); 9:16 a.m. child safety seat inspection (West Main St.); 10:12 a.m. suspicious activity -person walking in camo with rifle(North Spencer Rd.); 11:10 a.m. ambulance (from Hastings Rd.); 11:52 a.m. ambulance (from Crestview Dr.); 1:38 p.m. found dog left in dumpster (West Main St.); 2:44 p.m. residential alarm (McCormick Rd.); 2:53 p.m. juvenile

nile matter (West Main St.); 2:59 p.m. suspicious activity (Main St. and Dairy Queen Grill); 3:03 p.m. traffic citation (Main St.); 3:37 p.m. officer wanted (Main St.); 3:53 -11:40 p.m. property checks, secure; 4:03 p.m. MV accident and property damage (West Main St. and Main/ Olde Main St.); 4:51 p.m. commercial fire (West Main St. and Forever Nails); 5:49 p.m. MV complaint (Lake Ave.); 7:09 p.m. harassment order (Church St.); 7:52 p.m. parking complaint (Mechanic St. and Church St.); 8:02 p.m. MV accident and property damage (West Main St. and McDonald's); 9:11 p.m. burning that smells like plastic (Church St.); 9:25 p.m. elderly matters (Lincoln Hill Manor); 9:44 p.m. fire alarm (West Main St.)

PAOLUCCI

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I spent the majority of my years in education," Paolucci said. "Smithfield, in particular, is a perfect match for me in terms of values. It is a district where I would send my own children, if they were still school-aged."

Reflecting on her tenure in Leicester, Paolucci is proud of the accomplishments she made and the progress she helped create for the district. During her four years leading the district, Leicester schools saw the return of several instructional programs, including world languages at the middle school. Additionally, such new programs as middle school pre-engineering and a support pro-

gram for grades K-8 emerged under her direction.

"Leading a community's school system is a big responsibility that sometimes means making difficult decisions that may not all be popular," Paolucci said in an interview. "I hope that school staffs, parents, students, and community members alike can look upon my tenure here as one where great strides were made and that I served them well. I have worked alongside many wonderful people in support of deserving students."

Relationships between town and school leaders significantly improved under Paolucci, leading to a more transparent and stable budget process. The improved relations also helped town and school officials work

together to secure major voter approvals, first for a roof replacement at Leicester High School, which was completed this past fall. School officials also received the green light for a feasibility study for the renovation or replacement of the aging Leicester Middle School.

At a February meeting of the Massachusetts School Building Authority, the board of directors reviewed Leicester's statement of interest and invited the middle school into the MSBA's eligibility period. This 270-day period provides the town with time to establish a building committee and initiate preliminary planning for an eventual building project.

As Paolucci prepares to leave Leicester, she is proud to see the district on a far better

track than the one she inherited. A comprehensive district improvement process established at the Future Search program in April will guide the district forward under the direction of a new superintendent.

"To see such a wide range of people gather together and all have the best interests of the children in mind made me very proud of the town of Leicester," Paolucci said of the Future Search event. "The improved relationship between the town and school departments was a major accomplishment here, and I hope to see this relationship nurtured after I leave."

Paolucci thanked all of the educators she worked with for their support, as well as parents and students for their

continued involvement and leadership. The advancement of major projects indicates a collective commitment among students, staff, parents and residents to provide the best educational environments possible.

"Getting the middle school building project kicked off is something I am very proud of," Paolucci added. "When I first came to Leicester, I heard: 'A school building project will never happen.'"

Moreover, three of the four school libraries have been remodeled under Paolucci's leadership, and a committee was established to evolve library media programming to meet the needs of each school.

SOLAR

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Melink representatives, the company expressed its desire to add replacement installations to make up for the revenue lost from the two eliminated proposals. Officials are currently examining the feasibility of installing a solar array canopy over the high school parking lot — a proposal that has received support from selectmen and resident members of Citizens for Sensible Solar who oppose projects involving the clearing of woodlands.

"Vehicles would be shaded in the summer, snow clearing would be minimized in the winter, and it wouldn't eliminate any parking spots. I don't see a downside to it," said Selectman Dale

Kiley.

Town officials are also looking into the possibility of other buildings whose owners might be amenable to solar installations on the roofs. Meanwhile, Citizens for Sensible Solar members continue to oppose the two remaining proposals calling for the cutting of woodlands.

"We are not opposed to solar, but we don't want to see our forests cut down in order to put up solar panels," said Dennis Kelley, a member of Citizens for Sensible Solar. "We are still looking for answers on exactly what is going on with this process and where it is headed."

Kelley and other members of his organization have spoken at several Select Board meetings in recent months. Though selectmen explained that the

solar installations will eventually be removed at the conclusion of their use to allow for the regeneration of woodlands, opponents want to see the pursuit of other options instead.

Kelley supports the high school parking lot canopy proposal as an alternative to woodland cutting; he also supports the police station roof project. His organization has asked the Board to continue exploring other options that don't involve forest cutting. Members of the organization said that, as of June 16, they hadn't received confirmation from selectmen on the elimination of the Bell Road proposal from consideration.

Even if the property works its way back onto the table for discussion, Kelley does not support moving forward with it.

"I would be opposed to any further

pursuit of Bell Road. We have been given documentation that it was protected," Kelley added.

Selectmen said a bond will be in place to ensure the successful removal of the solar structures following the decommission, even if Melink Solar is no longer in business at that time.

Residents continue to question whether the financial gains of the project justify the environmental costs. Several residents who live near the proposed parcels for development remain upset, and Citizens for Sensible Solar asked selectmen for an update on where the project stands.

"I'm not sure anyone is clear on exactly what is being done," Kelley said. "We would really like some answers."

FOGLIO

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edge she has will be sorely missed."

According to Charlton Town Administrator Robin Craver, Foglio's new post and the others will correct a somewhat confusing situation that has existed for years — the situation of "employees wearing too many hats," including herself.

"The responsibilities of committees and boards aren't always clear," Craver said. "A finance director can cross lines and work with all boards. Charlton will benefit from having a more coordinated system."

Stephen Coleman, chair of the

now disbanded Government Study Committee, said his group was largely created to address that lack of coordination.

"No one person can set financial policy, including the Board of Selectmen," he said. Although that hasn't been "chaotic" and hasn't led to any "real detrimental situation," there was concern it could.

It did have one routinely frustrating feature: boards and departments determined independently when they turned in accumulated cash; some did it weekly, some monthly, and some annually. That makes it difficult to keep a clear view of what Charlton's finances actually are, Coleman said.

Indeed, the May 2016 report

states the issue quite clearly.

"During our interviews with various employees whose offices handle money on a consistent basis, there is an inconsistent basis for when checks are returned to the Collector. Some departments admitted a loss of funding stemming from checks expiring before they reach the office of the Collector. It is in the opinion of the Committee that this behavior is a major detriment to the fiscal well-being of the Town and the perception of trust in the local government."

The report also cited a need to start the budget process earlier "to provide greater availability and transparency to the public, as well as more opportunity for in-depth conversa-

tions with department heads."

Correcting those issues and others points to an opportunity, the committee observed: "If more voters were educated and informed on budget issues substantially prior to Town meeting we could see a greater involvement and more enlightened solutions."

Regarding the finance director, it specifically recommended the job-holder not be allowed to be on the Finance Committee, but would attend such meetings. Traditionally, the treasurer and collector have not attended many FinCom meetings, but the town administrator usually has.

"A finance director will make sure everybody's playing by the same handbook,"

Coleman added.

He noted it will also "free up the Town Administrator's time to focus on 100 other things." Over the years, "she has really spent a lot of time focusing on the financial picture of the community. She should continue to have a role in that, but it's not 90 percent of her job."

Craver agreed, noting having someone focused on finances will help make financial information available to boards and the public more quickly than she can do it.

"We've heard some great things about [Foglio]," she added. "She has an excellent reputation in Oxford and with the Department of Revenue."

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of issues that the Board of Selectmen can help facilitate a solution. My town email is wilsons@leicesterma.org. A big thank you to all those who voted for me and supported my campaign."

Former selectman Michael Shivick resigned his position, which still has two years remaining. That seat was contested between Dylan Lambert and Brian Green, with Green cruising to victory (679-226). Like Wilson, he is eager to tackle many of the issues facing the town right away.

"We will have a lot of positions to fill with people moving on and retirements. People want more businesses in town to help with tax burden, so people will need to accept change. Hopefully Route 56 can blossom," Green said. "Thanks to all who came out to support me. Let's work together and make it the town you call home."



For the Leicester School Committee, members Grover Adams and Paul McCarthy did not seek re-election. Tammy Tebo (678 votes) and Nathan Haggard (555 votes) were selected over Elin Anderson Dolen and Joseph Richardson, who picked up 442 and 138 votes, respectively.

Selectman Harry Brooks, meanwhile, defeated Shivick, 713-315, for a Moose Hill Water Commission seat.

"I am so grateful that the Leicester townspeople appreciate all the hard work I do and gave me their vote," Brooks said in an interview. "I would also like to thank all the residents who pulled papers and got involved. The ones that lost - I really hope they stick around, stay involved, and try again since all of them had great ideas."

The total number of voters casting ballots at this year's election was 2,168.

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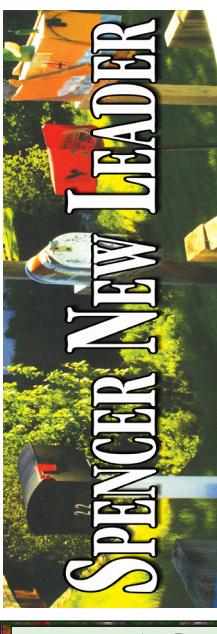
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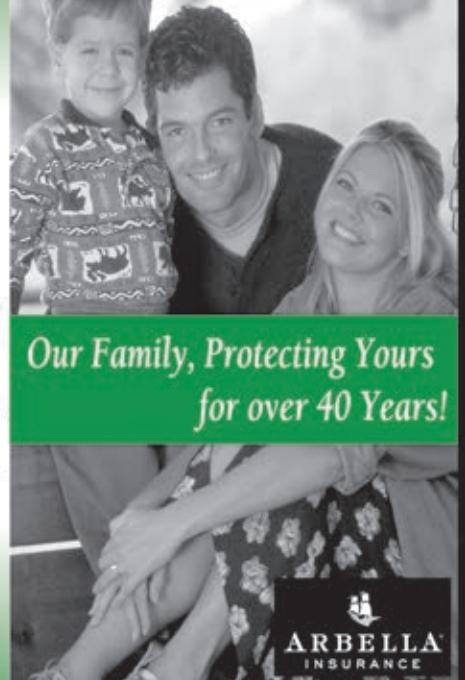
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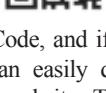
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The final WRITE STUFF of this season is in this issue. I hope you've enjoyed the creative writings of our authors and will consider joining us in the fall. As I've mentioned in the past, we need more participation and business sponsors to keep this feature going.

I'd like to thank all my customers in advance for their cooperation in getting ads in early for our early holiday deadline. It's always a challenge to get an issue done ahead of schedule, and we couldn't enjoy the holidays without our advertisers' help. THANK YOU!

Have a great week and a fun and safe 4th of July!

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Vivian H. (Daoust) Mondor, 94

DERRY, NH — Vivian H. (Daoust) Mondor of Derry, NH passed away on Monday June 23, 2017 at the age of 94.

Vivian was born in Spencer on Jan. 23, 1923, daughter of Rene' and Marie Daoust. Vivian grew up in Spencer where she met her husband of 60 years Roland Mondor. Vivian resided in Spencer before relocating to Atkinson, NH in 1972 and eventually Derry, NH in 2008.

Vivian enjoyed life and being with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She loved taking walks and enjoyed knitting, dancing, bowling, and the Red Sox. She enjoyed New Hampshire and traveling to Florida during the winter. Vivian was an active member of St. Mary's of Spencer and St. Anne's Parish in Hampstead NH for many years.

Vivian is predeceased by her husband Roland and her son Mark

Mondor. She is survived by her five children Steven Mondor and his wife Maureen of Hyannis, Anne Gregoire and her husband Francis of Hooksett NH, Francis Mondor of Atkinson NH, Kenneth Mondor of Merrimack NH, Roger Mondor and his wife Tammy of Amherst NH, seven grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

The funeral was held Tuesday, June 27 from J. Henri Morin & Son Funeral Home (morinfuneralhomes.com), 23 Maple Terrace, Spencer with a Mass in Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 7 Church Street, Spencer. Burial followed at Mary, Queen of the Rosary Cemetery, Spencer.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Hospice Services, Visiting Nurse Association of Manchester and Soothern New Hampshire, 1070 Holt Ave., Suite 1400, Manchester, NH 03109.

Burton G. MacArthur, 96



EXETER NH — Burton G. MacArthur passed away peacefully on February 1, 2017 at Exeter Center in Exeter, NH. Born in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada on August 14, 1920 he was 96-years old. Son

of the late Gordon G. MacArthur and Helen (Milligan) MacArthur, Burt was educated in the Waltham school system and graduated from Waltham high school class of 1938 where he participated in ice hockey and football. He received both his bachelor's and master's degrees at Boston University where he was captain of the varsity ice hockey team. Burt served as a Captain in the United States Marine Corps during World War II and saw combat duty during the Battle of Okinawa. He also participated in the initial landings in Japan. Burt had a long and distinguished career as an educator including teacher/coach at Amesbury High School Amesbury, MA where he started the ice hockey program; athletic director at Tantasqua Regional High School in Sturbridge; principal at Exeter High School in Exeter, NH where he also started the ice hockey program; and finally principal at Triton Regional High School in Byfield.

Burt was active in many educational and community organizations including president of the Worcester County Principal Association, president of the Rockingham County Principal Association, president Essex

County Principal Association, Executive Board of the New Hampshire Principals Association, president of NHIAA, Executive Board of the Massachusetts Principals Association, president Exeter Rotary Club, Executive Committee of the Exeter Recreation Department, one of the original founders of the Jim Houston Hockey Committee and a vestry member of Christ Church Exeter.

Burt was predeceased by his wife of 68-years Marie (Murphy) MacArthur. He is survived by his brother Lorne MacArthur of Waltham and his family, four children Anne [Allen] Zobay, Burton MacArthur Jr., Wendy [Fred] Keith and Robert [Dawn] MacArthur and their spouses, 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at Christ Church Exeter, NH on July 8th 2017 at 2 p.m. Brewitt Funeral Home (brewittfuneralhome.com), 14 Pine St., Exeter, NH is assisting the family with the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Burt's name to the New Hampshire Association for the Blind, 25 Walker St., Concord, NH 93301, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, www.nationalmssociety.org, Compassionate Care Hospice, 18 Orchard View Dr., Unit 4, Londonderry, NH 03053 or the charity of your choice.



OBITUARIES

Michael J. Nardone Sr., 57



UXBRIDGE — Michael J. Nardone Sr., age 57, died Monday June 19, 2017 at Milford Hospital after being stricken ill. He is survived by his loving wife of 37 years Brenda S. (Harris) Nardone; a son Michael J. Nardone Jr. and his wife Tammy of Grafton; two daughters Devina Nardone and her husband Anthony Alexander of Uxbridge, and Nikole Hughes and her husband Brian of Hemet CA; his mother Shirley A. (DesRosiers) Bilodeau of Northbridge; 9 grandchildren Mason Scott, Brandon Hughes, Aaron Scott, Jonathan Nardone, Destiny Alexander, Kaylee Hughes, Dylan Alexander, Nathan Nardone, Ashley Nardone; siblings; Margaret R. Tremblay of Spencer, Joseph Nardone of Leicester, Michael J. Nardone of Charlton, David Nardone of East Brookfield, Fran Bilodeau of Mendon, Thomas Nardone of New Hampshire and Nancy Lucciarini of

Uxbridge; and several aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces and good friends. His father Roland J. Bilodeau and brother Anthony Nardone predeceased him.

Born in Webster on Aug. 9, 1959 he was raised in Mendon and lived in Uxbridge many years. He attended both Nipmuc and BVT high schools. He worked as a general contractor and often referred to himself as a "jack of all trades and a master of none." He was always finding something to fix whether it was a car or a project around the house. He especially enjoyed teaching his grandchildren his skills. He was very well liked, and was a big collector of eagles, and skulls. However, he loved being with his family most of all and had a special bond with his grandkids.

Due to his wishes Michael will be cremated and his memorial calling hours were held Wednesday June 28 in Jackman Funeral Home (jackmanfuneralhomes.com), 12 Spring St. Whitinsville.

In lieu of flowers please make a donation to: www.gofundme.com/funeral-cost-for-michael-nardone-sr.

Jean S. Waugh, 97

NEW BRAINTREE — Jean S. Waugh, age 97, on June 21, 2017, as the sun was coming up, she continued her journey surrounded by loved ones. She was born in Watertown in 1920 and her family moved to New Braintree when she was a young girl.

Jean trained as a registered nurse and worked in that profession before marrying Clifton "Kip" M. Waugh in 1945. Jean devoted her whole heart to her family and home. Together, Jean and Kip raised four children and ran a dairy farm, which they later transitioned to a Christmas tree farm. During those years, Jean also worked as a secretary for the New Braintree Congregational Church and the Tri-Parish Community Church. Jean was an excellent cook, food preservationist, and enjoyed taking brisk walks in town. She crocheted hundreds of baby afghans for her family, friends, and local hospitals.

Jean is predeceased by her husband and best friend Kip, her beloved son Kenneth M. Waugh, and her very

dear grandson, David Nimtz. She leaves behind her daughter, Shirley A. Nimtz and her husband, Kevin of New Braintree; her son Russell R. Waugh and his wife Carol of Greenbelt, MD; her son Douglas A. Waugh and his wife Marion L. of New Braintree; 4 grandchildren and their spouses; 5 great-grandchildren and a sixth due in October; loving nieces, nephews, and numerous other relatives.

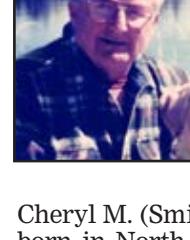
Jean believed she was very fortunate to have lived a long and healthy life. Our family was blessed to have been loved and cared for by her kind spirit.

A memorial service will be held in her honor on Saturday, July 22, 2017 at 2 p.m. in the New Braintree Congregational Church, 3 Oakham Rd., New Braintree, MA.01531.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the New Braintree Congregational Church.

Pillsbury Funeral Home 44 Gilbert St. North Brookfield is directing arrangements.

Floyd R. Richardson, 91



BROOKFIELD — Floyd R. Richardson, age 91, of Brookfield died on Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at the Quaboag Rehabilitation & Skilled Care Center in West Brookfield.

He leaves his loving wife of 32 years, Cheryl M. (Smith) Richardson. He was born in North Adams, son of Floyd I. and Maude (Superneau) Richardson, and lived in Brookfield for over 40 years.

Floyd began his long career with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in 1951 as a conservation helper. He held various environmental positions throughout his career, the last being chief of wildlife lands, until retiring in 1987. During his tenure, he directed the acquisition of more than 30,000 acres, including considerable land in the Berkshires. He received the presti-

gious Carballo award, in recognition of his performance with the Commonwealth.

Mr. Richardson was a United States Marine Corps veteran, having served overseas during World War II.

He enjoyed being outdoors, and was an avid golfer, having been a member of Cohasse Country Club in Southbridge, and more recently as a member of Bay Path Golf Course in East Brookfield. He was an avid hunter and fisherman as well. He could often be seen with either a golf club or a fishing pole in his hands.

He attended the East Brookfield Baptist Church.

A funeral service with military honors was held on Thursday, June 29, 2017 in the East Brookfield Baptist Church, 262 East Main St., East Brookfield.

Ryan W.A. Howard, 33



BROOKFIELD — Ryan W.A. Howard, age 33, died unexpectedly on Wednesday, June 21 in Baystate Medical Center in Springfield surrounded by his family.

He leaves his parents William A. and Doris E. (Berard) Howard of East Brookfield, a son, Ryan M. Howard and a daughter, Madysen E. Howard both of Spencer, a brother, Cole W.A. Howard of Chicopee, four sisters; Kristina Jewell and her husband Robert of Spencer, Takeko Mulhearn of Leicester, Milisa J. Howard and Brianna M. Howard both of East Brookfield and several nieces and nephews.

Ryan was born in Worcester. He was a self employed carpenter and plumber and loved to work and was always a perfectionist. He enjoyed fishing, playing basketball and football and watching the Boston Red Sox. He was an avid outdoors man. He loved spending time with his family especially for a good meal together. Ryan was always quick to lend a hand to anyone in need and will be greatly missed by many, but always remembered by his beautiful smile and heart of gold. May his soul be free and his spirit always be with us.

Burial will be private and at the convenience of the family. There are no other services.

J. Henri Morin & Son Funeral Home (morinfuneralhomes.com), 23 Maple Terrace, Spencer was entrusted with arrangements.





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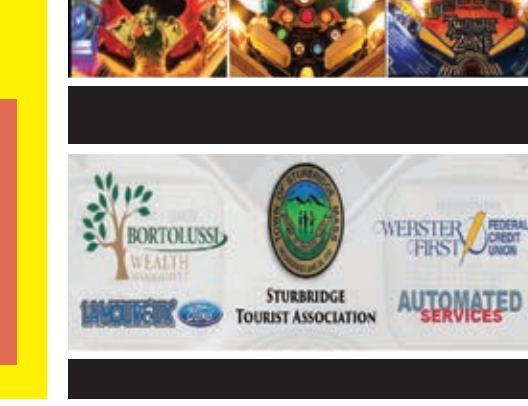
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OBITUARIES

Amanda Lee Albino, 28



SOUTHBRIDGE — Amanda Lee Albino, age 28, died Tuesday, June 13, 2017, with her family by her side at Harrington Memorial Hospital after a long illness. She is survived

by her father Blas Albino of Southbridge, her mother and step-father Lynn A (Duval) and her husband Alan Demers of Southbridge, paternal grandmother Juana Quiles of Worcester, maternal grandfather Richard Duval of Brookfield, and step-grandfather Paul Tavernier of Southbridge. She also leaves her sister Ashley Albino of Southbridge, and half-sister Brianna Albino of Boston, 2 step-brothers Jeffrey Demers and Jordan Demers both of Southbridge,

and a half brother Cristian Albino of Boston. She also leaves her 2 dear nephews Aiden Demers, and Tristan Trifone, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. She was a devoted and loving granddaughter of the late Terri Tavernier. She missed her grandmother dearly and kept her close at heart.

Amanda was born in Southbridge, Sept. 27, 1988. She attended local high school for 12 years, and was a member of the former Sacred Heart of Jesus Church.

Amanda was known for her great sense of humor and her kindness, she also loved to spoil her nephews.

Calling hours for Amanda were Thursday, June 15, at Sansoucy Funeral Home (sansoucyfuneral.com), 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge, MA 01550. Burial will be private.

Jean (Colihan) Flanagan, 97



W O R C E S T E R — Jean (Colihan) Flanagan, age 97 of Worcester passed away peacefully on Friday, June 16 at Dodge Park Rest Home.

Her husband of 54 years Bernard Flanagan passed away in 2006. She was also predeceased by her twin sister Joan, brother Jack and her parents John and Frances Venus Colihan. Jean was born in Danbury CT. She leaves a son Shawn Flanagan of Webster and his children Archie Suprenant, Heather Mancini and Jonathon Suprenant. Jean leaves a daughter Sheila Burque and her husband Richard of Spencer and children David Burque, Ret Mst Sgt Jeremy Burque and Daniel Burque.

She was a graduate of St Peter's High School in Danbury, CT and Hebrew Infant's Hospital Nursing School NY, NY.

Jean was a World War II veteran serving in the Navy at Pearl Harbor. She was recently awarded a key to the city and featured in a local news story for her years of service and volunteering with many veteran organizations. Jean was previously awarded both Veteran of the Year and Volunteer of the Year. She was a Legion member of the 40 and 8, Post 419, 423, 288 and Blue Star Mothers. Jean held numer-

ous Legion offices.

Jean was a member for Christ the King Church, its Woman's Guild and Senior Club. She was also a volunteer with the bereavement committee for many years.

After raising her children and foster children, Jean returned to work at the former Heywood Valley Nursing Home. After her retirement, Jean volunteered for many years at UMass Memorial Hospital and delivered food for Meals on Wheels.

The family would like to express thanks to the wonderful staff at Dodge Park Rest Home, Notre Dame Hospice and to Monsignor Thomas Sullivan for their loving care.

A funeral was held on Tuesday, June 20, from Callahan~Fay~Caswell Funeral Home, 61 Myrtle St. with a funeral Mass in Christ the King Church, 1052 Pleasant Street. Burial will be in Worcester County Memorial Park, Paxton.

Instead of flowers please make donations in Jean's memory to Dodge Park Rest Home, 101 Randolph Rd. Worcester, MA 01606.

Those attending Jean's services were requested to wear red, white and blue in her honor.

Todd M. Gully, 39



= L E I C E S T E R — Todd M. Gully, age 39, passed away peacefully, on Friday, June 16, in the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania Medical Center in Philadelphia after an illness. Born and raised in Sterling, Todd was the son of the Late Paul H. Gully Jr. and Judith (Berry) Gully and lived in the Cherry Valley section of Leicester for 11 years.

He leaves his wife of 11 years, Amber L. (Hedlund) Gully, two sons; Gage Smith and Ty Gully, a daughter, Gia Gully all of Leicester; brother, Brian J. Gully and his wife, Madeleine of San Francisco, CA; mother-in-law, Gail Laboissiere and her husband, Don of Leicester, and sister-in-law Autumn Connor and her husband Dan and two nieces, and his many loyal and loving friends.

Todd graduated from Wachusett Regional High School where he was a member of the varsity soccer team and varsity baseball team. He also played premier club soccer which afforded him the opportunity to play in England. He was a member of the Wachusett Junior Race Team at Wachusett Mountain for 7 years and qualified for the USSA Rolex Junior Olympics in 1994. He went onto race at Waterville Valley in their ski program. In college, he continued playing soccer and was a member of the ski team at Colby Sawyer College in New London, NH. His ski team qualified for the Nationals 3 years in a row. He graduated from Colby Sawyer College in 2000 with a Bachelor degree of science in sports management.

His two greatest passions were skiing and New England sports teams. Skiing afforded him the opportunity to meet

people and see the world. This included traveling around the United States and Europe. After college, he coached at Mt Sunapee in New Hampshire. He also loved the Patriots, Bruins and the Red Sox.

Todd joined the family business, and became owner and operations manager of Quality Chairvan Service, after college. As fate would have it, is how he met the love of his life, Amber. They married in May of 2006.

Todd was a people person; he was outgoing, caring, empathetic and loving. He would strike up a conversation with anyone who would listen to him. His smile was infectious above all he loved a good joke. He was a loyal friend who could always be depend on. He loved his family and took pride in his wife and children's accomplishments. Courageous determined always strong! He was a fighter who never gave up and it carried him a long way over the past 4 years. He may be gone but never will be forgotten.

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated Saturday, June 24, at St. Pius X Church, 1153 Main Street, Leicester. Burial will be private and at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to: Gully Children's Fund, C/O TD Bank, 178 Main St., Sturbridge, MA 01566.

Morin Funeral Home (morinfuneralhomes.com), 1131 Main St. Leicester was entrusted with arrangements.

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Vietnam. He also was a drill instructor at Parris Island. He played hockey at Auburn High and was inducted to the Hall of fame. He was known as the "Lamp Lighter." He enjoyed yard work and the casino and was a avid hunter and fishermen. He was in car sales and worked for Riverside Auto in Auburn and also worked previously at Colonial Autobody for many years.

There are no calling hours and services and will be announced at a later date.

The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home (shaw-majercik.com), 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with his arrangements.



John Cernauskas, 89

NORTH BROOKFIELD — John Cernauskas, age 89, died Tuesday, June 20, 2017.

He leaves his wife of 61 years, Norma G. Cernauskas; a son, Russell Cernauskas of North Brookfield; a daughter, Joanne Cernauskas of North Oxford; two sisters, Helen Hart and Barbara Pierce of North Brookfield and numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by eight siblings. He was born and grew up in Hardwick, son of the late George and Anna (Kudzma) Cernauskas before moving to North Brookfield 61 years ago.

Mr. Cernauskas worked as a welder for Sim's Cab and then Wain-Roy of Rutland before retiring in 1992.

He was a United States Army veteran of the Korean War.

A graveside service for John was held on Thursday, June 29, 2017 in Walnut Grove Cemetery in North Brookfield.

Flowers may be sent or memorial donations may be made to the North Brookfield Emergency Squad, PO Box 73, North Brookfield, MA 01535.

Varnum Funeral Home, Inc. (varnumfuneralhome.com), 43 East Main St., West Brookfield is assisting his family with arrangements.



Maya Irene Dahrouj, 13



BROOKFIELD — Maya Irene Dahrouj, age 13, died Friday, June 23, 2017, at Boston Children's Hospital, Boston following an illness.

Maya is the beloved daughter of Roy and Nicole (Naylor) Dahrouj, and sister of Mason and Joshua Dahrouj. She is also survived by her grandparents, Dennis and Melanie (Emerson) Naylor of Brookfield; four uncles, Colby Naylor of Brookfield, George Dahrouj of Lebanon, Dany Dahrouj of Lebanon, Touma Dahrouj of Paris; an aunt, Joycelyn Chahine of Kuwait; and many other extended aunts and uncles, cousins and friends. Maya was predeceased by her paternal grandparents, Wadih and Therese

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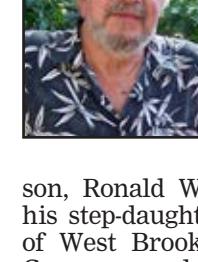
Maya was born in Worcester, on May 18, 2004. She was a student at Trinity Catholic Academy in Southbridge. Maya loved her school and classmates. She also enjoyed reading, swimming, cheering, coloring. Her favorite times were spent with her family, friends, and her dogs. Maya's favorite color is purple those attending services were urged to please wear something with the color purple to help celebrate and honor Maya if able to.

Her Mass of Christian burial was Wednesday, June 28, 2017 at Notre Dame Church, 446 Main St., Southbridge.

Flowers are acceptable, or, because Maya loved her school and many friends there, memorial donations may be made to Trinity Catholic Academy, 11 Pine St., Southbridge, MA 01550.



Ronald "Nick" Nicoll, 77



BROOKFIELD — Ronald "Nick" Nicoll passed away on May 19th in El Granada, CA.

He leaves his daughters, Cheryl Gauthier of Charlton and Bonnie Burlington of El Granada, CA; his son, Ronald W. Nicoll of Brookfield; his step-daughter Chrissy Braconnier of West Brookfield; sisters, Marilyn Guerrero and Maureen Marshall of California and brother, Gordon Nicoll of Charlton. He also leaves granddaughters, a great granddaughter a great grandson and close family friends Billie Farrelly, Barbara Fletcher and Pat Jacques.

He was born in Worcester, the son of the late Irving and Barbara (Spooner) Nicoll and grew up in North Brookfield. Nick also lived several

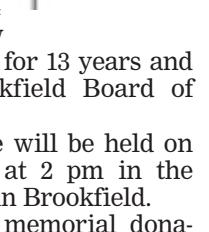
years in Brookfield and California.

Nick was in the National Guard and the Army and was an avid NASCAR fan. He worked at Quabao Rubber in North Brookfield for 14 years, ABC Window in San Francisco, CA for 13 years and served on the Brookfield Board of Health.

A graveside service will be held on Friday, July 7, 2017 at 2 pm in the Brookfield Cemetery in Brookfield.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Second Chance Animal Shelter, Inc. PO Box 136, East Brookfield, MA 01515.

Varnum Funeral Home, Inc. (varnumfuneralhome.com), 43 East Main St. in West Brookfield is directing arrangements.



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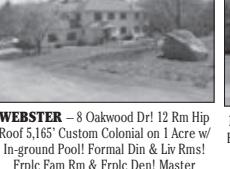
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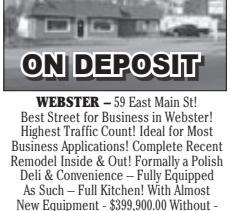
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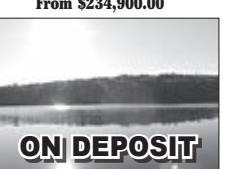
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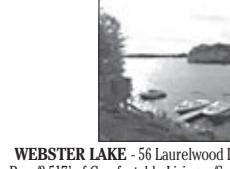
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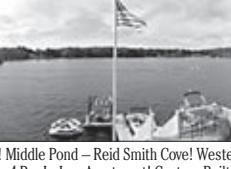
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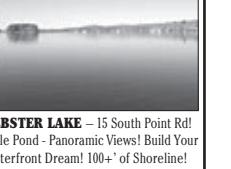
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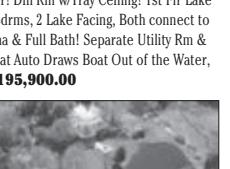
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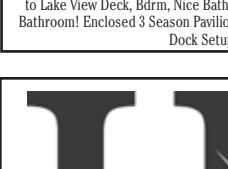
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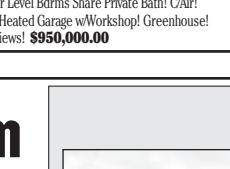
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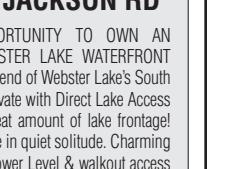
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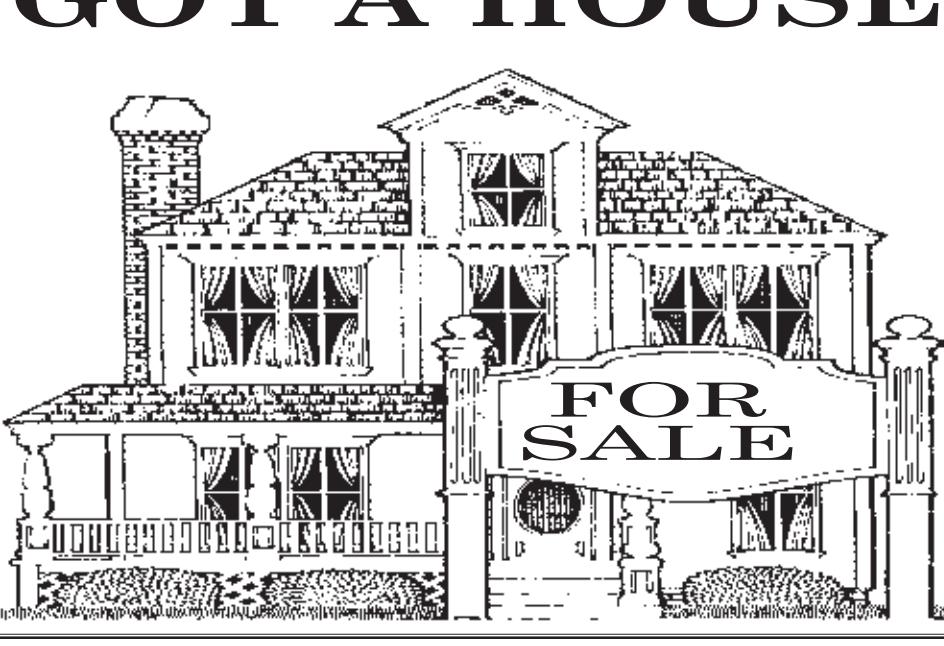
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Living moment to moment trying to make it through
Sometimes in life you have to put your feelings aside
Asking for help anyway you can with dignity and pride
He is just this little person - your precious little boy
Your everything - your world - your pride and your joy
So before you go to bed tonight - get down on your knees
Ask our Lord up above to listen to hear you please
This precious little angel is too young to go to heaven
Dear God, I'm begging you, please if not someone else, then "Why not Devin?"
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**GROWING OLD TOGETHER**

BY SUE ANGELA HEALY, NORTH BROOKFIELD, MA

Sitting at the ocean watching seagulls soaring in the sky  
Memories cherished with you bringing teardrops to my eyes  
Everything now is but a yesterday but on the earth, one - we shall forever stay  
Recalling the happy occasion of becoming husband and wife  
From that day forward I knew we'd spend the rest of our life  
Everything then was so different - simple in every way  
Still as beautiful-handsome as both of us start to gray.  
Never hearing of diseases - of cancer, Alzheimer & AIDS  
There was never a reason to ever be afraid  
Not realizing that animal meat could make you sick  
Or even think about the best fruits and vegetables to pick  
Everyday like clock work- we practiced the same routine  
You were the king and I of course, the queen  
Having breakfast of coffee, cereal, eggs and toast  
Sharing the mornings with you - I enjoyed the most  
After reading the newspaper, we'd go for our daily walk

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June Simakauskas

Hand and hand you'd listen - I would usually talk  
Sometimes I would wonder if you were hearing me  
But by that smirk on your face I could painfully see.

Then off to work we went, on our separate ways  
Kissing each other good-bye, saying have a nice day

Once or twice a day you'd call me on the phone  
Without me close by your side and you said you felt alone

At noon for lunch on Wednesdays we would always meet  
Going to a cozy restaurant on a well known quiet street

After work when our day was done, rushing home to be with you - my number one

We were so different - but yet so alike

Never going to bed angry whenever we had a fight

Things we say, we at times regret

The one solution is to forgive and forget

Throughout the years we shared good times and bad

But being husband and wife we were so fortunate Glad like twins-inseparable side-by-side-beaming with happiness, joy and pride

Special times reminiscing on the shore at the beach

The highest level of love for you, I would reach In large letters engraving our names in the sand

Just living day to day was simply part of our plan

For many hours relaxing - lemonade we would drink

Your sun burned face, sparkling eyes, that very certain wink

My mind now wanders of today - fear, terror, pain  
The surreal of yesterdays, we will never be the same

As I feel your arms around me, I feel secure-safe  
A life spent with you - time can never erase

We are both up there in age

Not teenagers anymore

So many treasured moments - the year now 2004

Sometimes the words are left unspoken, but our feelings show

We don't have to say "I Love You" because in our hearts we know

Weeks, months, years - a century of us - gone by

But Growing Old Together with you, our love will never die

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LAST CALL

BY SUE ANGELA HEALY, NORTH BROOKFIELD, MA

The state of Rhode Island is still feeling the pain
The fire at the station - who is to blame?

What made this building go up so fast

This once popular nite club - a thing of the past

It was Thursday Great White playing - an ordinary nite

But something went wrong - a horrifying sight

The band started singing the back wall now in flames

No one could ever imagine the next thing that came

Hundreds of patrons dashed towards the door

One by one stumbling to the floor

Tons of people like logs piled high

Smoke - fire shooting up to the sky

A man jumping through a window - hurt but was saved

As the building around him began to burn- cave

Another faced with death but somehow survived

Pulling his wife by the coat - thankful to be alive

Crawling on knees - holding onto a piece of wood

Trying somehow to escape any way they could

Looking for the exit sign over the door

Friends - family loved ones they could see no more

Soot - flames - what was the reason why

So many innocent people having to die

People walked in circles - in disarray

Going over in their heads the events of the day

Names - faces - images running through their minds

Husbands - mothers - friends - each was trying to find

Not knowing inside if you would ever heal

This is not a dream - this is for real

Burnt skins - peeling on fire jumping in the snow

What this victims went through no one would ever know

The pain - anguish - the feeling of loss

Hoping for an answer - no matter the cost

All just out for a night of fun

As the death toll rose one by one

Some were flown to another state

Why did this happen or was it just fate?

Over 30 men and women in critical condition

Hoping and praying til they're in remission

All the remains of the victims were some how found

As the club called the station now burnt to the ground

Special services each church - congregation would hold

As a result of this tragedy tries to unfold
A make shift memorial at the site is now made

As haunting memories of that nite never seem to fade

Not knowing if an answer they ever will find

As the death toll rose to over ninety nine

Recalling fighting the crowd to get a refill

For half of my drink I had already spilled

Ordering a drink at the overpacked bar

Needing more money - going to my car

Turning around my heart filled with grief

Stunned - shocked - disbelief

Screams - commotions, I thought was a brawl

The drink I had ordered was the last call

HAVE A NICE DAY

BY SUE ANGELA HEALY, NORTH BROOKFIELD, MA

The most common words you hear people say

Is thank you - "Have a nice day!"

It lifts your spirits when you're feeling blue

Makes people know when they're thinking of you

It makes you feel better when you want to cry

Bringing a smile where once was a tear in your eye

A way of saying enjoy your stay

A farewell phrase if you're going away

Another way of saying be happy not sad

Meaning in other words don't get mad

It simply means enjoy your life

Your relatives - friends - husband - wives

Look towards the future - don't dwell on the past

Spend time with your loved ones - making it last

Finding the good in people - not the bad

Little things in life should always make you glad

Enjoy every month - minute -hour - week

Happiness and peace may you always seek

A way of saying be grateful for what you have

Something beautiful or even rad

Enjoy the things you love the most

Have a drink - make a toast

Go to the ocean for a relaxing walk

Listen to someone if they want to talk

Make some cookies - bring them to a friend

A kind word from you they will depend

In the fall picking apples from a tree

Having one for yourself - giving one to me

Go to church just to stay a prayer

A more tranquil place you can find no where

Sitting by the pool enjoying the sun

Watching children playing - having fun

Helping a neighbor rake leaves from their yard

Feeling good inside from working so hard

Calling a forgotten schoolmate on the phone

Telling them you're feeling alone

Picking blueberries to make a pie

Giving sympathy if someone's relative died

Spending time by yourself just to sit and think

Someone passing by you give them a wink

Telling someone I love you

Returning it back - I love you too

Have a nice day can mean a million things

Just think of the happiness these words can bring

So when someone says to you "Have a Nice Day"

Listen from your heart what they're trying to say

Wood Sprite

BY FRANCES ANN WYCHORSKI, WEST BROOKFIELD, MA

I twinkle in the twilight by this bend in the river. My name is Adelphi and I was born in the roots of this great old copper beech tree. When I say the magic words, a door appears in the tree trunk. The squirrel hollowed out my little den filling it with thistle-down and moss for my bed. The best thing in the world is to rest in beech while she sways to the rhythm coming up through the soil. The sensation of swirling is always present. She moves with earth and sky. She is forever talking to the sky and loves brother sun. The tug of the moon eddy is best of all.

I live in a cove where the river turns in the shy shallow end. The water is calm here. In the warm afternoons, the water striders skate over the surface. Sometimes they let me ride on their backs and we go sliding along. The raccoon always stops here to wash before going to bed for the day. Last night, he got into a nest and had egg all between his toes. A mama bird is very sad now.

The forest always sings, night and day. The chirp of crickets, peep of birds and bustle of bees plays for me. The patter of deer hooves, foxes gentle tread and rabbits silent pass fill my heart with love. What do I do all day? I listen. The water writes new music every moment. It's always in tune with the great spirit of the forest. Sometimes, I hop a ride on a branch flowing by. We ride the current all the way to the big rock that sits in the middle. I get a ride back from the dragonflies to my beech tree.

There is a water nymph named Xinx under the riverbed. I am here to serve her. I've never seen her in the daylight. Splash, splash, splash, she wades out every night to

Slide Into Safety: Tips For A Fun, Safe Season



Your kids can have a swinging good time playing outdoors as long as everyone remembers a few safety suggestions. (NAPS)

While the warmer months and longer days are often a time for outdoor fun and more physical activity—camping, boating, swimming, biking and

the like—they can also mean an increased potential for injuries. Playground falls, lawn mower accidents, campfire and fire pit burns are common childhood injuries—but they

don't have to happen to your family.

These tips from Shriners Hospitals for Children can help.

GO OUTSIDE AND PLAY

Outdoor play provides physical and mental health benefits, including opportunities for exercise, creative expression, stress reduction and access to a natural source of vitamin D—sunlight. Before sending kids out to play, however, make sure they're wearing shoes to protect from cuts, scrapes and splinters, and sunscreen to protect against sunburns and harmful ultraviolet rays.

PLAYGROUND 101

- Teach children that pushing and shoving on the playground can result in accidents and injuries.

- Remind kids to go down the slide one at a time and to wait until the slide is completely clear before taking their turn. Teach them to always sit facing forward with their legs straight in front of them and to never slide down headfirst.

- Remind children to swing sitting down, to wait until the swing stops before getting off and to be careful when walking in front of moving swings.

MAKE A SAFE SPLASH

- Instruct children to never swim alone or go near water without an adult present.

- Always jump in feet first to check the depth before diving into any body of water.

- Never dive in the shallow end of the pool or into aboveground pools.

- Fun on the Water

- Have children wear a Coast Guard-approved, properly fitted life jacket while on a boat or when participating in water sports.

- Educate yourself. According to the U.S. Coast Guard, 86 percent of boating accident deaths involve boaters who have not completed a safety course.

- Check water conditions and forecasts before going out on the water.

- Fire Safety Simplified

- Teach kids to never play with matches, gasoline, lighter fluid or lighters. Make a habit of placing these items out of the reach of young children.

- Do not leave children unattended near grills, campfires, fire pits or bonfires.

- Leave fireworks to the professionals.

LEARN MORE

To see other tips, find activity pages and learn how to become a "Superhero of Summer Safety," visit www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org/safesummer.

June 30

The White Stuff

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Poems and more!

Open to ALL ages

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WHEN A SUMMER DAY LASTED A MONTH

BY RICHARD TRAUSCHKE, WEST BROOKFIELD, MA

I remember when school ended, and the summer was mine; I would play forever, I'd make sure it was never-ending. The following morning, I'd awake to bright sunshine; I'd dress quickly, I had the whole day I'd be spending.

What would I do first, (after I ate breakfast I mean); I had made so many plans, I hardly knew where to start. I went out to the barn and saw our new milking machine; then wandered over to Danny's, he had a neat go-cart.

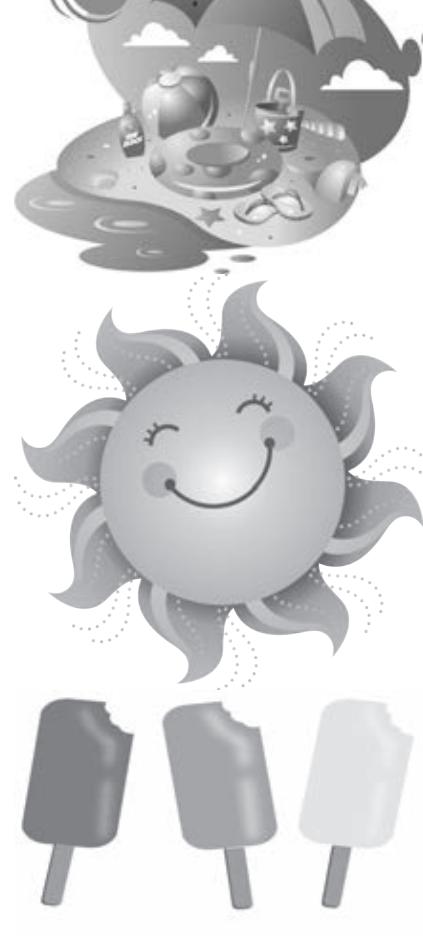
So off, to the barn first, with Dad, and spent a little time; then to Danny's, and his mom said first he had chores to do. No kids were about either, well, then I'd find a tree to climb. Even noticed a spider repairing his web, in the morning dew.

I played hide-and-seek, and peek-a-boo with our cat, before she got tired of me, and didn't want to play no more. I picked up some stones, and ran to where the garden was at; firing at 2 curious crows, I yelled and watched them soar.

The day was half gone almost, and I hadn't done much at all; If summer was goin' to be like that, with nothing at all to do, before I got to enjoy vacation, it would almost be fall! That day had lasted about a month, at least it had seemed so.

My afternoon was mostly spent, gazing up at the sky; finding shapes of horses, sailing ships, dogs and more. I'd wonder where clouds came from, as they passed by; and why they changed shape, and what were they for?

The shadows got longer then, and the sun went away; I'd meander back home, before my mom's call. I had planned to have more adventures next day; O-mi-gosh, No! It was Saturday, had to clean the cow stall!



A GREAT LESSON – 1943

BY EVA E. PERRON, EAST BROOKFIELD, MA

While growing up, my friend Gladys and I spent countless hours at the Haston Public Library. Mrs. Minnie C. was librarian, and as soon as we entered the library, she was putting her fingers to her lips shushing us to be quiet. When we whispered to each other, it was so low, we could hardly communicate, so we'd write our thoughts to each other.

I always returned my books on time, but when I was in the sixth grade, I misplaced one of my books, "Girl of the Limberlost," a popular book, and Mrs. Croaks scolded me a few times. By the time I located the book, I had accumulated a heavy fine of \$2.00. As time went by, I worried more, so stopped going to the library. Gladys would take out books for me on her card.

A card in the mail to my mother which I threw away was another reminder that I was breaking the law, and Gladys' story that she heard about a girl going to reform school over an overdue book haunted me. We were no naive.

On day after school when I was next door at my grandparent's home, one of my brothers ran over and said the police chief (Mr. Leo Delude) was looking for me. I just knew I was off to jail, and seeing my brother's crying that I would be sent away, was a nightmare. I ran under my grandmother's bed and after a few words of assurance from Mr. Delude that all he wanted was the book, I came from under the bed, embarrassed, ran home and handed the book to him.

He was a lot nicer than the librarian, and told me there wouldn't be any fines and he made me promise that I wouldn't stop going to the library because of this incident.

On my next visit to the library, I was a little nervous, but relieved to see a substitute librarian.

When I finally saw Mrs. Croaks, she was kind, welcoming and friendly, and I learned a good lesson—to share worries with my mother, and to be more attentive to details, like borrowed books.

Graduation Day

BY DEBORAH GREGOIRE LEFEBVRE, SOUTHBRIDGE, MA

Seniors look forward to this day all year; Graduations are happening countrywide. With this event comes joy along with an occasional tear, Their success is an honor to the school pride. Caps and gowns in school colors are worn, Students are walking in sync to the recognizable tune of "Pomp and Circumstance". Parents are reminded of the day their child was born; Without a diploma, these students don't have much of a chance.

The National Anthem is sung with pride, It is a real honor for one talented senior. He is relying on his time of rehearsing as a guide, His nervousness shows through his exterior. The highest grade point average belongs to the valedictorian; Along with the title comes the honor of giving a speech. The second highest grade point average belongs to the salutatorian; These words of wisdom can also teach. Scholarships and diplomas are presented at this time. They are given for academics and sports. To the science student who knows about an enzyme,

Also to the jock who excels on the tennis and volleyball courts. Full time jobs are waiting for some, While others enlist in the service. Some have no idea what is to come, And a few are headed towards wedded bliss. The college bound will have many challenges to face, Like finding a job and making new friends. Imagine learning how to live with strangers in a whole new place. Teenagers quickly mature from life's real experiences and trends. After it is official, everyone tosses their cap, This chapter has now ended in their lives. Some head to Friendly's for a celebratory frappe. Another class survives.

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(SEAL) **COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT**
17 SM 002703 ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:
Edward F. King, Individually and as Personal Representative of the Estate of Barbara A. King
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act; 50 U.S.C.c. 50 §3901 (et seq):
U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Residential Asset Securities Corporation, Home Equity Mortgage Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-KS12

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Spencer, numbered 19 May Street, given by **Barbara A. King and Edward F. King to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for, Homecomings Financial Network, Inc., its successors and assigns**, dated November 1, 2005, and recorded with the **Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds** in Book 37785, Page 164, as affected by a confirmatory mortgage recorded in said Registry in Book 38963, Page 340, and now held by plaintiff by assignment has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before July 24, 2017 or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act. Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER Chief Justice of this Court on June 9, 2017
Attest:

Deborah J. Patterson

Recorder

(14-017664 Orlans)

June 30, 2017

Notice of Public Hearing- Planning Board

The Spencer Planning Board will be holding a Public Hearing on Tuesday **July 18, 2017** in McCourt Social Hall of Memorial Town Hall, 157 Main Street, Spencer, MA, on the following item(s) starting at 7:00PM or as soon thereafter as can be heard:
Special Permit/ Major Site Plan Review/ Stormwater Permit-Applicant: ForeFront Power, LLC; Owner: Laura Hopkins, Location: 36 Cranberry Meadow Road; Spencer Assessor's Map R12/4. The applicant is requesting a Special Permit under Section 4.8.9 of the Spencer Zoning Bylaw to install a 2.2 megawatt solar farm and Site Plan Review under Section 7.4 of the Spencer Zoning Bylaw. The property is located within the Rural Residential zoning district.

Interested Parties may review these applications at the Office of Development & Inspectional Services in Memorial Town Hall located at 157 Main Street Spencer, MA 01562, during regular business hours from 7:30-4:30 Monday-Wednesday.

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

June 30, 2017

July 7, 2017

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. WO17C0224CA

In the matter of:

Benjamin Paul Benvissuto
Of: Brookfield, MA
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

To all persons interested in petition described:

A petition has been presented by Benjamin P Benvissuto requesting that:

Benjamin Paul Benvissuto be allowed to change his/her/their name as follows:
Benjamin Paul Aurelio
IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT Worcester ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON 07/18/2017

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

Date: June 14, 2017

Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate

June 30, 2017

(SEAL)

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT

17 SM 002937

ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:
Michael N. Nefzger and Mindy S. Nefzger

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act; 50 U.S.C.c. §3901 et seq:

Santander Bank, N.A.

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in **Spencer**, numbered 28 Lincoln Street, given by Michael N. Nefzger to Sovereign Bank, dated March 1, 2006, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 38567, Page 197, and now held by plaintiff as successor by merger, have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before July 31, 2017 or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act.

Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER Chief Justice of this Court on June 9, 2017
Attest:

Deborah J. Patterson

Recorder

(17-003706 Orlans)

June 30, 2017

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Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
June 30, 2017

(SEAL) **COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT**
17 SM 002787

ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:
Bartholomew Riel; Elisa B. Riel

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act; 50 U.S.C.c. 50 §3901 (et seq):

MTGLQ Investors, LP,

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in **Spencer**, numbered 63 Chestnut Street, given by **Bartholomew Riel and Elisa B. Riel to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for American Mortgage Network, Inc., DBA American Mortgage Network of MA, a DE Corp., its successors and assigns**, dated August 29, 2006, and recorded with the **Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds** in Book 39716, Page 345, and now held by plaintiff by assignment has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

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HERE & THERE

Local Events, Arts, and Entertainment Listings



SATURDAY, JULY 1

9:00 p.m.
DAVE MACK
Versatile solo performer who's sure to get you dancing!
308 LAKESIDE
308 East Main St.
East Brookfield, MA
774-449-8333

SUNDAY, JULY 2

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
JARED FISKE
On the outside patio
308 LAKESIDE
308 East Main St.
East Brookfield, MA
774-449-8333

SATURDAY, JULY 8

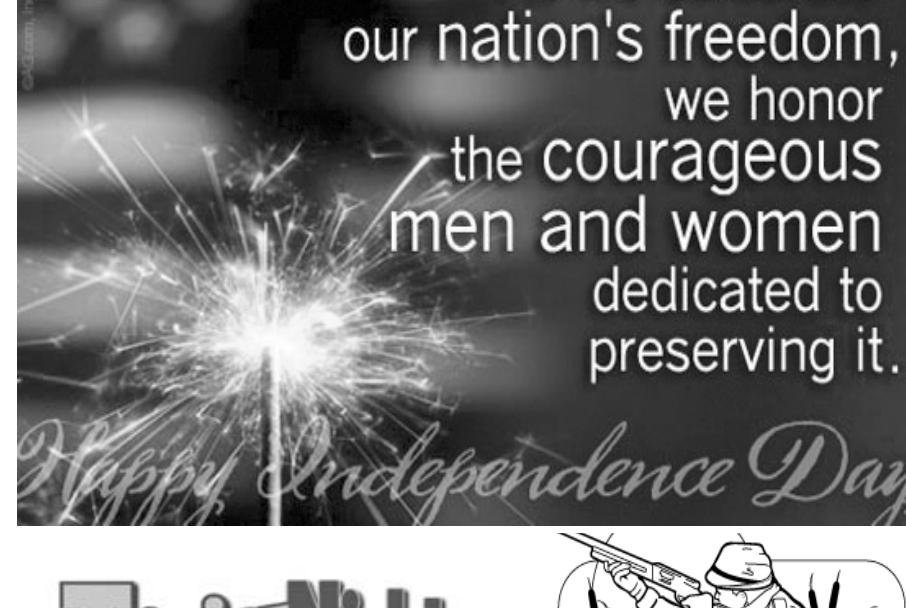
9:00 p.m.
SUGAR PUNCH BAND
3-piece electronic dance rock band known for energetic, interactive live shows
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MONDAY, AUGUST 7

308 LAKESIDE
3rd ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
To benefit East Brookfield 100 year celebration fireworks
Sign up at 308
Pay by July 26th
Call 774-449-8333
for more info

ONGOING

ROADHOUSE BLUES JAM Every Sunday, 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.
CADY'S TAVERN
2168 Putnam Pike, Chepachet, RI
401-568-4102



Trivia Night

TRIVIA SATURDAY NIGHTS

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

WISE GUYS TEAM TRIVIA
Every Tuesday, 8:00 - 10:00 p.m.
CADY'S TAVERN
2168 Putnam Pike (Rt. 44)
Chepachet, RI
401-568-4102

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HEXMARK TAVERN
AT SALEM CROSS INN
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Every Sunday at 11:00 a.m.
Open to the public
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NRA certified range officer on site every shoot



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50 Elm St., Auburn, MA

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HUGE MEAT RAFFLE
First Friday of the month
Early Bird 6:30 p.m. - 7:00
1st table: 7:00 p.m.
Auburn Sportsman Club
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Cash prizes

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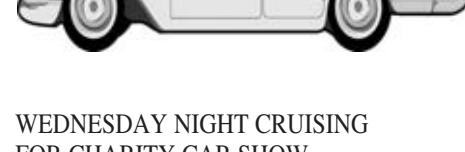
June 10th through Oct. 21st

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This is a producer only market
Vendors are welcome
No fees

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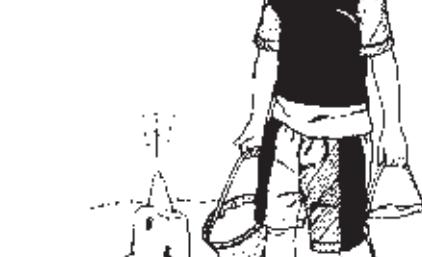
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LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Sean F. Kenneway and Shauna L. Kenneway to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting solely as a nominee for America's Wholesale Lender, dated December 3, 2004 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 35253, Page 376 of which mortgage The Bank Of New York Mellon FKA The Bank Of New York, as Trustee for the Certificateholders Of CWMBS, Inc., CHL Mortgage Pass-Through Trust 2005-07, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-07 is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. to The Bank Of New York Mellon FKA The Bank Of New York, as Trustee for the Certificateholders Of CWMBS, Inc., CHL Mortgage Pass-Through Trust 2005-07, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-07 is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. to The Bank Of New York Mellon FKA The Bank Of New York, as Trustee for the Certificateholders Of CWMBS, Inc., CHL Mortgage Pass-Through Trust 2005-07, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-07 dated August 22, 2011 recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 47757, Page 41, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 6 Parent Street, Spencer, MA 01562 will be sold at a Public Auction at 3:00PM on July 13, 2017, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

A certain parcel of land situated on the Northerly side of Parent Street in Spencer, Massachusetts and being shown on a plan of land in Spencer, Massachusetts prepared by Donald A. Para, R.L.S. for Ted and Mary Goulet dated January 6, 1995 and recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 697, Plan 14.

BEGINNING at a point at the southwesterly corner of the lot to be described on the Northerly side of Parent Street and at a point where Parent Street, land now or formerly of Thebeau and the land of grantors intersect;

THENCE North 4 degrees 23' 54" West along the land now or formerly of Thebeau for a distance of 66.16 feet to an iron pipe set;

THENCE North 85 degrees 55' 51" East along the land now or formerly of Smith for a distance of 136.00 feet to a point;

THENCE North 74 degrees 03' 39" East along the land now or formerly of Smith for a distance of 10.82 feet to an iron pipe set;

THENCE North 89 degrees 32' 15" East along the land now or formerly of Smith for a distance of 19.49 feet to a point;

THENCE South 2 degrees 03' 52" East along the land now or formerly of Smith for a distance of 1.00 foot to an iron pipe;

THENCE South 2 degrees 03' 52" East along the land now or formerly of Smith for a distance of 24.20 feet to an iron pipe;

THENCE South 3 degrees 06' 20" West along the land now or formerly of Smith for a distance of 42.26 feet to an iron pipe;

THENCE South 85 degrees 54' 42" West along the Northerly line of Parent Street for a distance of 129.50 feet to an iron pipe and the point of beginning.

Containing 8,780 square feet +- For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 22452, Page 250. See also deed recorded in said Registry of Deeds in Book 53452, Page 208.

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

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

The Bank Of New York Mellon FKA The Bank Of New York, as Trustee for

the Certificateholders Of CWMBS, Inc., CHL Mortgage Pass-Through Trust 2005-07, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-07, Korde & Associates, P.C. 900 Chelmsford Street Suite 3102 Lowell, MA 01851 (978) 256-1500 Kenneway, Sean F, 16-026529, June 16, 2017, June 23, 2017, June 30, 2017 June 16, 2017 June 23, 2017 June 30, 2017

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Barbara Vandyke and Robert Vandyke to Aames Funding Corporation DBA Aames Home Loan, dated August 15, 2005 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 37150, Page 59, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from Aames Funding Corporation d/b/a Aames Home Loan to HSBC Bank USA, National Association dated August 26, 2005 and recorded with said registry on August 31, 2009 at Book 44790 Page 340 and by assignment from HSBC Bank USA, N.A. to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee for FBR Securitization Trust 2005-5, Mortgage-Back Notes, Series 2005-5 dated August 14, 2009 and recorded with said registry on August 31, 2009 at Book 44790 Page 343, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 12:00 p.m. on July 21, 2017, on the mortgaged premises located at 70 Thompson Pond Road, Spencer, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:

All that parcel of land in Spencer, Worcester County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as more fully described in Deed book 21695, Page 228, being known and designated as Lot 19, Plan dated 10/11/1952 made by Joseph Swartz.

By fee simple Deed from Barbara Vandyke FKA Barbara Ann George AKA Barbara Ann George NKA Barbara Vandyke as set forth in Book 21695 Page 228 dated 07/27/1999 and recorded 08/03/1999, Worcester County Records, Commonwealth of Massachusetts

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 21695, Page 228. These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

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

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR FBR SECURITIZATION TRUST 2005-

5, MORTGAGE-BACKED NOTES, SERIES 2005-5

Present holder of said mortgage

By its Attorneys,

HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.

150 California Street

Newton, MA 02458

(617) 558-0500

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aMORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Jesse J. Barrows and Katherine J. Barrows to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Countrywide Bank FSB , its successors and assigns, dated November 16, 2007 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 42097, Page 110, as affected by a Loan Modification Agreement recorded in said Registry of Deeds at Book 53771, Page 99, subsequently assigned to Bank Of America, N.A., Successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing LP fka Countrywide Home Loans Servicing LP by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Country Wide Bank FSB , its successors and assigns by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 48708, Page 244 and subsequently assigned to Federal National Mortgage Association by Bank of America, NA by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 49788, Page 113; of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, same will be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 AM on July 7, 2017 at 101 Podunk Road, East Brookfield, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

The land together with the buildings thereon situated in East Brookfield in the County of Worcester and said

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Helen F. Cox to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for U.S. Bank, N.A., its successors and assigns, dated July 13, 2007 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 41500, Page 261 subsequently assigned to U.S. Bank, National Association by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 47736, Page 301; of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, same will be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 AM on July 7, 2017 at 101 Podunk Road, East Brookfield, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

The land together with the buildings thereon situated in East Brookfield in the County of Worcester and said Commonwealth of Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

WESTERLY on said Podunk Road Five (5) rods and Twenty (20) links; NORTHERLY on Howe Street about six (6) rods; NORTHEASTERLY about four (4) rods; WESTERLY about twelve (12) rods; SOUTHERLY about Nine (9) rods; The last three courses being by land now or formerly of one Lavine. Property Address: 101 Podunk Road, East Brookfield, MA 01515 BEING the same premises conveyed to the mortgagor by deed of Mountain View Corp. dated May 4, 2007 and recorded Worcester District Registry of Deeds Book 41120, Page 24.

Upon information and belief, there is an error in the legal description attached to the mortgage, wherein the fourth bound should read: Easterly about twelve (12) rods; and

The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, building and zoning laws, liens, attorney's fees and costs pursuant to M.G.L.Ch.183A, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.

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

U.S. Bank National Association

Present Holder of said Mortgage,

By Its Attorneys,

ORLANS PC

PO Box 540540

Waltham, MA 02454

Phone: (781) 790-7800

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June 16, 2017

June 23, 2017

June 30, 2017

Town of West Brookfield

Zoning Board of Appeals

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, July 11, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the West Brookfield Town Hall, to act on an application for a Special Permit for Brenda Boltz for the property located at 23 Beach Drive, West Brookfield. The applicant wishes to tear down an existing portion of the dwelling and build a new living room at the above pre-existing nonconforming property build a room above his garage at the above pre-existing in Neighborhood Residential District requires a special permit as per sections, -1.5 Nonconformity, - §1.52 Nonconforming Structures, (a) (et al). The public is invited to attend. Renee Adams White Clerk June 30, 2017 July 7, 2017

July 14, 2017

FAMILY

Making Connections: Exploring The Themes Of 'Splash And Bubbles' With Preschool Children

BY ERIC SOLOMON,
DIRECTOR OF ARCTIC PROGRAMS
AT THE VANCOUVER AQUARIUM
MARINE SCIENCE CENTRE

(NAPS)—Whether we live in Idaho or India, we are bound together by, and intimately connected to, the ocean. It covers 71 percent of the Earth's surface and over 90 percent of the habitable space; it is the source of half the oxygen we breathe; it regulates the temperature and creates the climate and weather we rely on to survive.

Meanwhile, beneath the surface swims the most amazing life—glowing-in-the-dark fish, disappearing octopuses, scallops with 200 eyes and just about any other weird and wonderful thing you could imagine. The ocean is weirder, funnier, richer, more colorful and dynamic than the craziest world our imaginations could ever conceive of. Yet unlike the fictional worlds of Neverland, and the many enchanted kingdoms, the ocean realm is real—and it's a vast world to which we are all intimately connected.

These are the reasons I jumped at the chance to be the Curriculum Advisor for The Jim Henson Company's new marine science-based preschool show, "Splash and Bubbles" (airing daily on PBS). It's a show that celebrates our one big ocean and all its wackiness while exploring marine biology concepts ranging from currents to cephalopods and camouflage. The show is built around five circular themes that have both marine biology and

social-emotional connections.

Diversity: Differences in how we look and where and how we live are worth celebrating!

Splash and Bubbles discover and celebrate the value of diversity as they explore new habitats, make new friends, and learn about all the different ways life looks and lives in the ocean.

Talk about it: Use moments in the show as jumping-off points to discuss diversity in our own land-based communities.

Interconnectedness: We are all connected to the ocean and to each other.

For example, in many episodes, we learn that the more we discover how diverse the world truly is, the more we realize how connected we all are.

Talk about it: Use these ocean examples to start a discussion about the many ways we all rely on each other.

In d i v i d u a l i t y : Everyone has something valuable to contribute. The gang learns that everyone on the reef has an important job to do.

Biologically speaking, every living thing has a role to play in the web of life. From a social-emotional perspective, we all have something valuable to contribute in our homes and communities.

Talk about it: Explore with your child what valuable contributions they make at home, among their friends and in their community.

Empathy: Awareness and understanding of another's feelings help us



Rangers. highlight the connections Julie Phillips and **Splash, Bubbles and their best friends Dunk and Ripple go on epic adventures, discovering marine biology and oceanography as they meet all kinds of "citizens of the sea."**

to be good friends. Rangers. highlight the connections Julie Phillips and **Splash, Bubbles and their best friends Dunk and Ripple go on epic adventures, discovering marine biology and oceanography as they meet all kinds of "citizens of the sea."**

Empathy grows as self-awareness develops in children. In the "Double Bubbles" episode, Ripple can see that Bubbles is upset about something.

Talk about it: Ask children whether they've ever felt that way and what would have made them feel better.

Celebration of learning: It's fun to share what you've learned with others.

Scientists are inherently excited about learning and sharing what they've learned with others. So are preschoolers. And so are the Reeftown

Talk about it: Give young viewers an opportunity to tell you about what they've learned and share in their excitement.

"Splash and Bubbles" demonstrates and celebrates diversity, interconnectedness, individuality, empathy and a love of learning while exposing viewers to concepts of marine biology. The stories and characters make them relevant and

to viewers' own land-based lives. As you watch "Splash and Bubbles" with the children in your life, I encourage you to look for and explore those connections.

"Splash and Bubbles" is a production of The Jim Henson Company and Herschend Studios. The series is executive produced by Lisa Henson and Halle Stanford of The Jim Henson Company,

Merrill Puckett-Miller of Herschend Enterprises, as well as John Tartaglia, Michael Shawn Lewis and Jill Shinderman. The series is funded in part by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and by the National Science Foundation (NSF). Airing daily on PBS (check your local listing) and streaming on Netflix.

<http://pbskids.org/splashandbubbles>

Don't Let Lice Ruin Summer Camp



Be vigilant about head lice in advance of summer camp.

(NAPS)

When sending kids to summer camp, parents have always worried about homesickness, safety and sunburns. One more concern is head lice. The likelihood of exposure to lice increases at places such as school and camp, where children share belongings and are in close proximity to other kids.

WHAT YOU MAY EXPERIENCE AT CAMP CHECK-IN

Many camps now perform head checks at registration to help prevent lice transmission at camp. Children who have lice may be delayed from entering camp to be treated or potentially sent home.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Conduct a Pre-Camp Head Check. Parents who examine their child at home for lice can detect an infestation early and save their child the frustration of being diagnosed with lice during camp registration.

3. Keep Lice from Returning Home from Camp.

It takes four to six weeks for telltale itching symptoms to start. This means a child returning from camp may not be diagnosed until family and friends have been exposed.

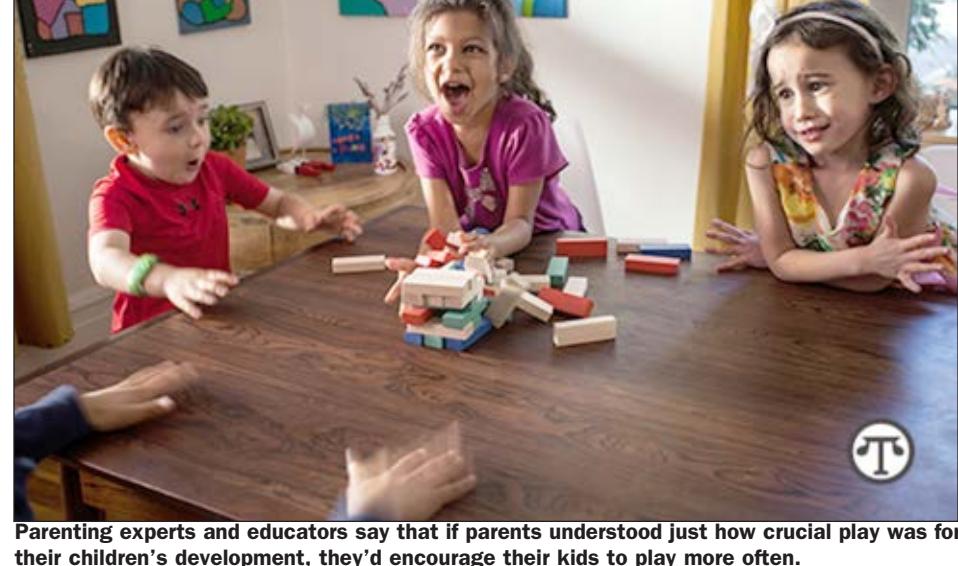
While kids are away, have them use a daily defense shampoo such as Vamousse Lice Defense, which has been shown to kill lice during routine hair washing.

Encourage your child to keep belongings separate, and pull long hair into a ponytail to minimize contact.

Remember that although lice are an annoyance, they are very common and do not spread disease or pose serious health risks. By making Vamousse products part of your plan for summer, you can look forward to hearing camp memories rather than, "Mom, my head itches!"

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Parenting experts and educators say that if parents understood just how crucial play was for their children's development, they'd encourage their kids to play more often.

shows that children are more attentive

Make No Mistake—Play Is Crucial, Experts Say

(NAPS)

While most kids score an "A" in play, many parents need to understand just how crucial play is for their children's development.

That's the consensus experts share in "The American State of Play" report published by The Genius of Play™, a national movement to raise awareness of play's vital benefits.

"The latest research shows that children are spending less time playing than ever before and it's a problem," says Dana Points, a parenting expert and one of the report's contributors.

"Play is one of the most essential elements of learning, helping kids develop social, emotional and cognitive skills. Yet overly structured schedules, increased screen time and diminishing recesses in schools are getting in the way."

To help your child learn, explore, create and evolve through play, check out these tips:

- Engage in All Types of Play. Kids learn through all play, but not all play must be structured and not all play is the same. Kids may take part in active, cooperative, creative, even solitary play in a single afternoon, with and without actual toys.

- Use Play as a Learning Tool. Enrolling children in a program to learn a skill is not the same as just letting kids play. The pressure parents feel to make sure their kids are getting the best training can be counterproductive to the positive emotional, social and skill-based learning they get through play.

- Recognize the Power of Recess. Recess helps kids learn. Research

after recess.

• Trust Your Kids, Within Boundaries. Teach kids problem-solving skills to help them make better decisions and then set certain parameters in terms of knowing where they are, giving them space and trusting their judgment. That's how kids learn independence, competence, and confidence they need for success in life.

• Guide Children's Tech Use. Give kids time to explore virtual worlds and tech-based play but set limits, just as you do with everything else. Parents can be role models in how to use technology in a responsible way.

• Let Kids Lead the Way. Parents learn much more from children when they interact and play with them on their terms. Just being present plays a significant role.

More expert advice and everyday play ideas based on a child's age or developmental stage are available at TheGeniusofPlay.org. To support The Genius of Play's mission to bring more play into kids' lives and get daily play inspiration and facts, follow @GeniusOfPlay on Facebook and Instagram.





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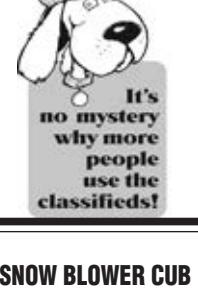
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