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Going the extra mile

COUNTRY AUTO BODY EMPLOYEES' CONCERN SAVES CUSTOMER'S LIFE

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

NORTH BROOKFIELD – When a pair of Country Auto Body employees decided to check in on an elderly customer last month, they never imagined their actions would help save the woman's life.

Amid the bustle of a typical workday, it can be hard to find the time to make special efforts to help others. But Country Auto Body employees have always been known to go the extra mile for their customers. And on a busy Friday last month, employees Ken Soucie and Amanda Perrone went well out of their way to ensure the safety of a longtime customer.

The elderly woman, who lives in Brookfield, had dropped off her vehicle at Country Auto Body that morning for brake repairs. When Soucie called that afternoon to inform the woman that her vehicle was ready for pickup, he became concerned when she didn't answer.

"I thought it was kind of strange when she didn't

Country Auto Body employees Ken Soucie and Amanda Perrone helped ensure an elderly customer got desperately needed medical attention.

Kevin Flanders Photo

Please Read **COUNTRY AUTO BODY**, page **A10**

New First Congregational pastor ordained

BY JORDAN GABLASKI
CORRESPONDENT

ATTLEBORO — On Sunday, Jan. 6, Rev. Amie McCarthy, the new Reverend at the First Congregational Church of Spencer, UCC was ordained in her home church, the Second Congregational Church of Attleboro, UCC.

Rev. McCarthy was hired by the First Congregational Church of Spencer, located at 207 Main St., and began preaching in October of 2019. Now that she has been ordained, she takes the title of Reverend. The First Congregational Church of Spencer is the first church that she has presided over, or her 'first call'. Rev. McCarthy has nothing but kind words to relate about her new congregation. She describes the congregation as an "amazing and loving group of people" who strive to work for the betterment of the community.

At this momentous occasion, Rev. McCarthy reflects on her journey to ordination and the hard work that brought her to the long-awaited service. The ordination process is a lengthy one, beginning for Rev. McCarthy during what she describes as a calling to Pastoral Ministry. Rev. McCarthy refers to herself as a "listener" and "guide" for the people in her life, and explains that these inherent personality traits allowed her transition to Pastoral Ministry to feel "natural."

Of the journey toward ordination Rev. McCarthy says, "The whole process takes a minimum of three years."

Please Read **PASTOR**, page **A11**

Federal grant will help Leicester address water issues

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER – Thanks to support from Congressman Jim McGovern, the town recently received federal grant funding to address several water-related challenges.

Congressman McGovern's office announced last week that Leicester has received a \$100,000 grant from the U.S. Economic Development Administration. The grant will fund a feasibility study to explore the potential of increasing coordination between seven water and sewer districts that serve residents and businesses in Leicester and Oxford.

"This is fantastic news for the town of Leicester, and I'm proud my office was able to help secure this important federal investment," McGovern said. "We have water infrastructure in Massachusetts that's older than some states. The reality is that municipalities just don't have the money to bring things up-to-date."

Seven independent, semi-public water and sewer districts presently serve Leicester and Oxford. Under the current system, each district must fund its own improvements and upgrades, which places a large strain on rate-

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Kevin Flanders Photo

Gina Fasoli is the new Assistant Principal at Knox Trail Middle School.

New Assistant Principal impressed with close-knit feel at Knox Trail

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – When Gina Fasoli took the assistant principal position at Knox Trail Middle School, she knew she was joining a close-knit school community. But she never could have imagined the dedication and preparedness at all levels of the KTMS staff.

Fasoli was embraced right away by a staff that takes pride in its longevity and commitment to student achievement. Barring one retirement over the summer, the entire KTMS teaching staff from last year returned for the 2019-20 school year. The veteran presence made it easy for Fasoli to transition into her new role.

"I wanted to find a place that was similar to where I grew up," said Fasoli, who hails from a suburb of Buffalo, N.Y. "I was looking for a family-focused, community-based school, and this district has everything I wanted."

Now in her sixth year as an assistant principal, Fasoli previously worked in Southbridge and Greenfield. She began her

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Leicester to auction off Water Street fire station

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER – The town will hold an auction later this month to sell the former fire station on Water Street.

Set for Wednesday, Jan. 29, the auction will begin at 10 a.m. on site (15 Water St.). The 4,096 square foot building sits on 18 acres of land. The single-story brick structure features three overhead doors, an office area, a meeting room, and a bathroom. The property is located in the town's central business district, which offers a range of commercial uses available by special permit.

Town officials are hoping to see the building occupied by a business that can help increase the vitality of the district. With close proximity to Route 9 and Route 56, the property is ideal

for many types of small businesses and entrepreneurs. Leicester's proximity to Worcester also makes the location optimal for potential buyers who live in the city.

For Leicester leaders, it's important to see vacant buildings quickly filled with vibrant businesses that can help draw others to town.

"The building has a number of potential uses, though parking is limited," Town Administrator David Genereux said. "We are hoping to be able to find a bidder who is willing to put the building into productive use, and make it an active part of that neighborhood once more."

The former fire station was decommissioned after the long-awaited new fire headquarters on Paxton Street was completed in 2018. The town retained the Zekos Group to advertise the sale

and conduct the auction for the former station.

The building will be sold to the highest bidder on Jan. 29. A \$10,000 deposit is required.

Bidder registration for the auction will begin at 9:30 a.m. All bidders must provide identification and the deposit amount in the form of a bank check in order to qualify to bid; no personal or business checks will be accepted. The check should be made payable to the Town of Leicester.

The property will be sold in its current condition. Additional terms and conditions will be announced prior to the auction.

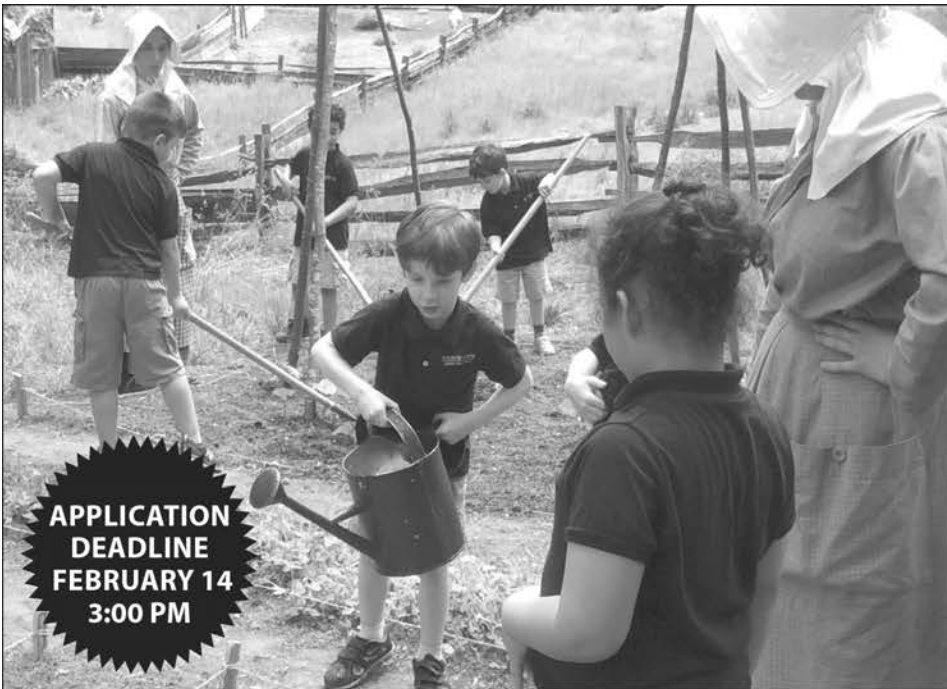
For more information about the auction and bidder requirements, visit www.LeicesterMA.org.

Alyssa Bettencourt named to Dean's List at Plymouth State University

PLYMOUTH — Alyssa Bettencourt of West Brookfield has been named to the Plymouth State University Dean's List for the Fall 2019 semester. To be named to the Dean's List, a student must achieve a grade point average between 3.5 and 3.69 during the Fall 2019 semester and must have attempted at least 12 credit hours during the semester. Bettencourt is a Nursing major at Plymouth State.

About Plymouth State University

Established in 1871, Plymouth State University serves the state of New Hampshire and the world beyond by transforming our students through advanced practices where engaged learning produces well-educated undergraduates and by providing graduate education that deepens and advances knowledge and enhances professional development. With distinction, we connect with community and business partners for economic development, technological advances, healthier living, and cultural enrichment with a special commitment of service to the North Country and Lakes Region of New Hampshire.



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Applications will be accepted beginning January 3, 2020. Go to www.osacps.org or call 774-922-1840.

All applications must be delivered in person or mailed to: Old Sturbridge Academy, 2 Old Sturbridge Village Road, Sturbridge MA 01566 no later than February 14, 2020.

Application deadline is February 14, 2020 at 3:00 pm. Applications will not be accepted after this date and time. We cannot accept applications electronically.

Lottery will be held on February 29, 2020 at 10:00 am in the Stephen M. Brewer Theatre at Old Sturbridge Village Visitor Center.



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\$244,000, 9 Hebert Rd, Bakker, Timothy, to Scott, Keith.
\$225,000, 28 Highland St, Cyr, Kendra L, and Cyr, Joseph R, to Naglieri-Prescod, Cameron, and Ironside, Tyler.
\$210,000, 36 G H Wilson Rd, Kryzswosz, Tomasz, to JK2 Financial Services.
\$143,000, 7 Vernon St, Mikkila, Maria L, to Mikkila, Victor.
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NORTH BROOKFIELD
\$280,000, 11 Cider Mill Rd, Seymour, Herbert F, to Cyr, Kendra L.
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\$180,000, 361 N Main St, Kenney, Diedre L, and Kenney, James, to Rich, Steven G.

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Town Of East Brookfield

100th Anniversary

1920 - 2020

Calendar of Events 2020

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

"The Lake in Winter" Event.
2:30: Ken Ethier:
Presentation on Ice harvesting
East Brookfield Town Hall
3:30: Bonfire, Music, Skating and
S'mores with DJ and concessions
Lake Lashaway Town Beach
FREE -snacks for sale

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 9

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

FEBRUARY / MARCH 2020

Dance lessons for 1920's era dance \$40

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 1:00-3:00

Open House at Hodgkins Building
(Museum/RR/Art Guild/ Boy Scouts)
108 School Street FREE

TUESDAY MARCH 24, 6:30

Re-enactment of signing of town bill
and unveiling of Anniversary Quilt
Senior Center, Pleasant Street. FREE

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 5:00

Roarin' Twenties Dance
at Sturbridge Host Hotel \$35
Tickets @EventBrite.com
or at the library

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 1:00-3:00

Open House at Hodgkins Building
(Museum/ RR) 108 School Street,
East Brookfield FREE

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 9:30

Historical Talk - Ed Londergan -
The First and Second Settlements
East Brookfield Town Hall FREE

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 9:00

Town Wide Clean-Up Day
Meet at East Brookfield Town Hall

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2:00

East Brookfield Nature Walks
at Pelletier Woods
Howe Street, East Brookfield FREE

SATURDAY, MAY 9, 1-2:00

Open House at Hodgkins Building
(Museum/ RR).
108 School Street, East Brookfield.
FREE

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 10:00

7K Run and Fun Walk
Timberyard Brewery, East Brookfield
\$30.00 adults, \$15.00 kids

SATURDAY, MAY 30 9:30

Historical Talk - Ed Londergan -
Murder in the Brookfields
(Spooner / Newton Murders)
East Brookfield Town Hall. FREE

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 7:00

Coast Guard Band
East Brookfield Elementary School
FREE

SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 1:00-3:00

Open House at Hodgkins Building
(Museum/ RR) 108 School Street
East Brookfield FREE

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 11:00-3:00

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

MONDAY, JULY 6

Summer Reading Kick Off -
EB Library - continues for five weeks.
East Brookfield Town Hall. FREE

SATURDAY JULY 25, 9:30

Historical Talk - Heather Gablaski -
East Brookfield: 100 Years a Town
East Brookfield Town Hall. FREE

JULY/AUGUST

Summer Concert Series
every Thursday 6:00-8:00
Connie Mack Field East Brookfield.
FREE - Food and Drinks for sale.

SATURDAY, JULY 11

Independence Day Celebration
Parade & Fireworks

Connie Mack Field East Brookfield

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 1:00-3:00.

Open House at Hodgkins Building
(Museum/ RR)
108 School Street, East Brookfield.
FREE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 9:30 -7:00.

Parade and Family Fun Event!
Route 9, East Brookfield.
FREE
Rain date Sept 13

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1:00-3:00.

Open House at Hodgkins Building
(Museum/ RR)
108 School Street, East Brookfield.
FREE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 3:30

Bus and Cemetery Tour,
ending in dinner at Podunk Chapel.
Meet at East Brookfield Town Hall.
\$15-\$20.00 pp

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 9:30

Historical Talk - Guy Morin- Central
Massachusetts during the Revolution
East Brookfield Town Hall
FREE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1:00-3:00.

Open House at Hodgkins Building
(Museum/ RR)
108 School Street, East Brookfield
FREE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 9:30

Historical Talk -
Ken and Tina Ethier - "Trolley Talk"
East Brookfield Town Hall.
FREE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12 1:00-3:00

Open House at Hodgkins Building
(Museum/ RR)
108 School Street, East Brookfield.
FREE

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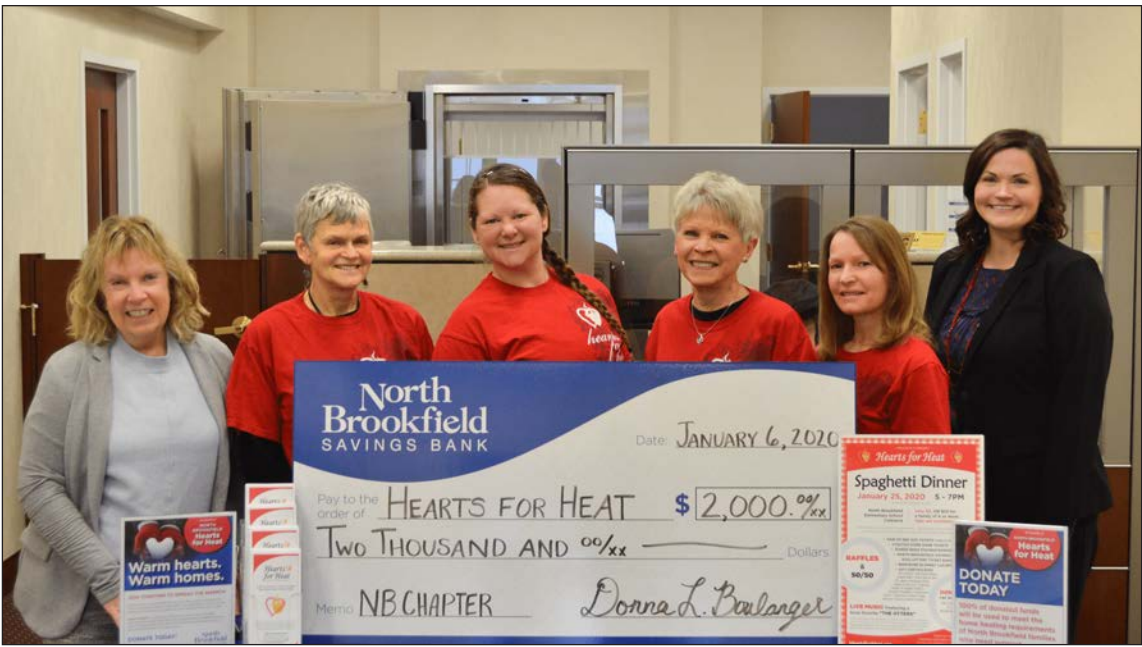
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North Brookfield Savings Bank donates to Hearts for Heat fundraiser

NORTH BROOKFIELD — North Brookfield Savings Bank is no stranger to helping their neighbors in need when it matters most. With the New Year underway, and winter weather in full swing, the Bank is continuing their support of a vital, longtime community partner, the North Brookfield Chapter of Hearts for Heat. Not only has North Brookfield Savings Bank recently made their annual \$2,000 matching donation to help North Brookfield residents stay warm during cold winter months, but the Bank’s North Brookfield Branch will kick off 2020 by hosting a community fundraiser “Warm Hearts, Warm Homes” to benefit the organization.

Want to donate? Anyone is welcome to visit the North Brookfield Branch location at 9 Gilbert St. in North Brookfield to make their donation into the collection jars at the branch designated for the “Warm Hearts, Warm Homes” campaign.

All donations will directly support the North Brookfield Chapter of Hearts for Heat, a community-based, non-profit organization dedicated to confidentially providing payments for fuel, including oil, gas, and wood, to North Brookfield residents on a fixed income, including the elderly, those who are disabled or sick, and unemployed or underemployed



Courtesy Photo

North Brookfield Savings Bank presented a \$2,000 donation to the North Brookfield Chapter of Hearts for Heat. From left to right: NBSB Senior Vice President of Retail Banking Patty Ostrout, Hearts for Heat North Brookfield Chapter Board Members Sue Lewandowski, Crystal Caron, Ellen Smith with NBSB Assistant Vice President/Marketing Manager and Hearts for Heat board member Caitlin O'Connor. Not shown are Hearts for Heat Board Members Tom Lewandowski, Michele Petraitis, and Tina Buzzell.

individuals and families.

“North Brookfield Savings Bank is proud to continue our partnership with the Hearts for Heat North Brookfield Chapter and to help our local neighbors to stay warm,” said Caitlin O’Connor, NBSB AVP/Marketing Manager and NB Hearts for Heat Board Member.

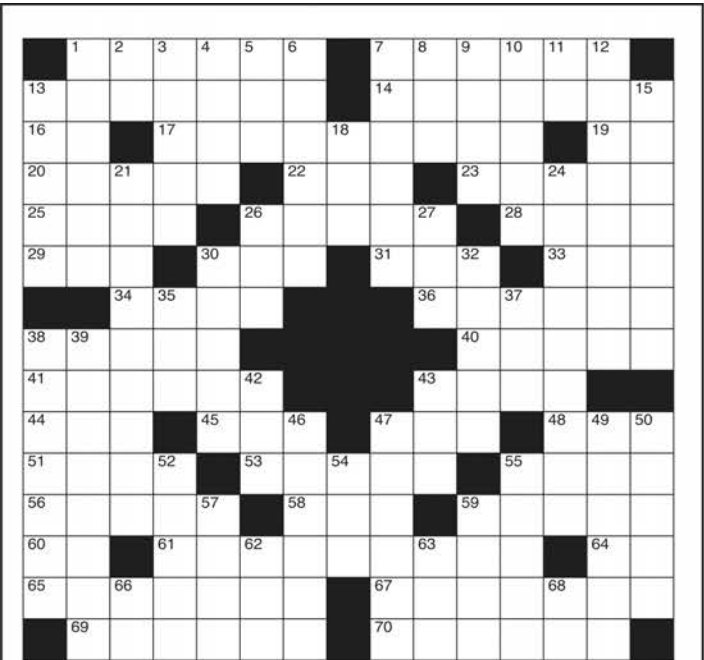
“It is an unfortunate truth that many people struggle to afford their fuel payments, often having to make the difficult choice between heating their homes, feeding their family, or other important needs. Every donation received, no matter what amount, will help local residents of North Brookfield.”

North Brookfield Savings Bank is committed to supporting their local communities and knows that just one small act of kindness can extend beyond the initial act. The “Warm Hearts, Warm Homes” campaign aligns with the Bank’s established Core Values of “Support Our Communities” and “Share Kindness” and will

help bring comfort and peace to local residents.

“With North Brookfield Savings Bank’s sustained generosity combined with the kindness and support of our amazing community members, the Hearts for Heat North Brookfield Chapter is able to help our local friends and neighbors who are in need of fuel assistance during the colder months,” said Sue Lewandowski, Hearts for Heat North Brookfield Chapter Founder & President. “On behalf of the Hearts for Heat Board Members, and the North Brookfield residents who are assisted, I wholeheartedly thank you for your continued support.”

In addition to the North Brookfield Savings Bank’s “Warm Hearts, Warm Homes” campaign, The North Brookfield Chapter of Hearts for Heat will be hosting their annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on Saturday, Jan. 25 from 5-7 p.m. at the North Brookfield Elementary School Cafeteria, featuring live music, raffles and delicious food, all for a good cause. To learn more about this event visit the Hearts for Heat Facebook page. For more information about Hearts for Heat, visit www.HeartsForHeat.org.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Recurring TV show

7. Throws out

13. Iberian Peninsula microstate

14. Gossip

16. Atomic #20

17. Ivy League institution

19. Of I

20. “He Is ___!”: Scripture excerpt

22. Musical genre

23. Heavy cavalry sword

25. Ancient Olympic Site

26. Satisfies

28. Popular flower

29. Shared services center

30. Drain

31. A way to attack

33. Urban Transit Authority

34. Spiritual leader

36. Postponed

38. N. American plant with edible purple-black berries
40. Gazes unpleasantly

41. Gets up

43. Capital of Ukraine

44. Returned material authorization (abbr.)

45. Golf score

47. Superhigh frequency

48. Swiss river

51. Felons

53. Succulent plants

55. Soluble ribonucleic acid

56. Deliberately setting fire to

58. Infamous singer Zadora

59. Anwar __, Egyptian statesman

60. Influential sports mag

61. Aromatic Mediterranean plant

64. Sixth note of a major scale

65. Unit of explosive power

67. Large watertight chamber

69. Popular street

70. A way of watering

CLUES DOWN

1. Mollusks

2. ___, denotes past

3. Anchor ropes

4. Large Middle Eastern country

5. To make a mistake

6. Ancient governor

7. Extents

8. Chinese surname

9. NYC subway “residents”

10. Essential oil used as perfume

11. A way to treat injuries (abbr.)

12. Session

13. Units of land areas

15. Goes over once more

18. Where wrestlers work

21. Italian islanders

24. Avenue

26. __ Adams, U.S. President

27. Rest with legs bent

30. Type of flour

32. The Golden State (abbr.)
35. More (Spanish)

37. Stinging, winged insect

38. The use of irony to mock

39. Arsenals

42. Pouch

43. 22nd letter of the Greek alphabet

46. Violent seizure of property

47. Restrict

49. Something comparable to another

50. Punishment device made from stems

52. Soul and calypso songs

54. Formerly OSS

55. Athabaskan language

57. __ bene: observe carefully

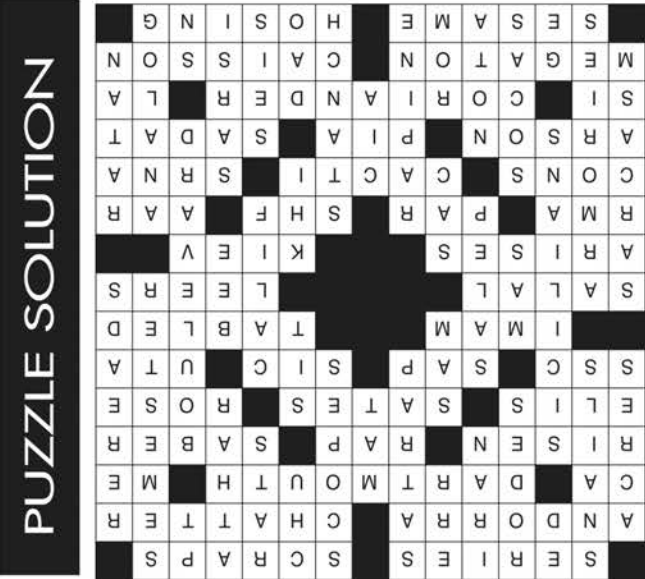
59. Six (Spanish)

62. Read-only memory

63. Chinese philosophical principle

66. American conglomerate

68. Tin



Office of Sen. Anne Gobi announces January office hours

REGION — Lucas McDiarmid, aide to Senator Anne Gobi (D-Spencer), will be holding office hours throughout the district during the month of January. Constituents and town officials are invited to meet to express any concerns, ideas and issues they have. Attendants should RSVP to Lucas at Lucas.McDiarmid@MASenate.gov or by phone at (413) 324-3082. Town attendance is not restricted to residents of those towns. Lucas is additionally available by appointment.

- Monday, Jan. 27
- 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Charlton Senior Center
- 2-3 p.m. Monson Town Hall
- Wednesday, Jan. 29
- 11 a.m.-noon West Brookfield Senior Center
- 12:30-1:30 p.m. New Braintree Town Offices
- 2-3 p.m. Brookfield Town Hall
- 6-7 p.m. Ashby Town Hall

Photos sought for Leicester Town Report cover

LEICESTER – Officials are seeking recent photos from around town for the cover of the 2019 Annual Town Report.

Photos can be emailed to forsbergk@leicesterma.org, or dropped off at the Town Administrator’s office in Town Hall. Photo credit will be given to the selected photographer.

Content can range from buildings to parks, nature scenes, events, and other items related to Leicester. For more information, contact the Town Administrator’s office at 508-892-7077.

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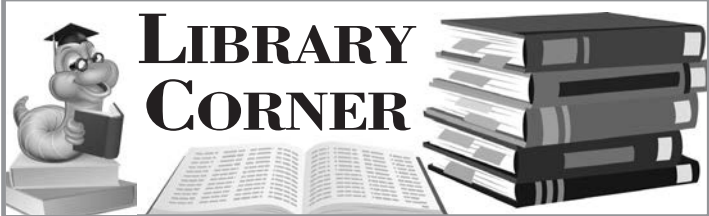
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January 20
Library is closed.

January 21
Toddler story time meets from 10:00 am - 10:45 am for ages 18-35 months and their caregivers.

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

Imagination Station: meets 4:00-4:45 for grades K-5. Launch snowballs! Make a homemade “snowball” launcher, using common materials, then test your launcher’s abilities and the snowball’s physics properties!

January 22

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

January 23

Community Connections hosts Read, Build, Play, a STEM program for infants-age 5 from 10:00 am - 11:00 am. These free programs are provided by a grant through the Department of Early Education and Care.

Bring your appetite to Warren Library’s Tea, Chocolate and Cheese event

WARREN – Residents are invited to bring their appetites to the library later this month.

On Saturday, Jan. 25, Warren Public Library will host a food tasting event called Tea, Chocolate, and Cheese. Set for 2 p.m., the program will feature an educational talk highlighting the history and health benefits of tea and dark chocolate.

If you’re interested in learning how to brew a proper cup of tea, or if you simply wish to sample teas and chocolates, this is the perfect event for you. Samplings of tea infusions, chocolate creations, and cheeses will be offered. The free event will also provide plenty of fun facts on the history of these foods.

For more information about upcoming events at the library, or to sign up for programs, visit www.WarrenPublicLibrary.org. You can also call 413-436-7690.

Isobel R. Fornerod-Couture receives degree from Western New England University

SPRINGFIELD — Isobel Fornerod-Couture, from Brookfield graduated from Western New England University with a Bachelor of Social Work on Aug. 15.

Celebrating its Centennial in the year 2019, Western New England University is a private, independent, coeducational institution. Located on an attractive 215-acre suburban campus in Springfield, Massachusetts, Western New England serves 3,974 students, including 2,629 full-time undergraduate students. Undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs are offered through Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business, Engineering, Pharmacy and Health Sciences, and the School of Law.

Gobi and Ashe announce release of Crumbling Foundation Commission report

BOSTON — Sen. Anne M. Gobi(D-Spencer)andRep.Brian M. Ashe (D-Longmeadow) are pleased to announce the release of the report completed by the Special Commission to Study the Financial and Economic Impacts of Crumbling Concrete Foundations due to the Presence of Pyrrhotite. The Commission held five public meetings and welcomed the input of government officials, scientists and industry professionals before issuing its recommendations, which include several measures to prohibit the use of tainted concrete, further evaluate the extent of its impact, and remediate the structural damages and resulting financial burden of afflicted homeowners in Central Massachusetts.

As Senate Chair of the Special Commission, Sen. Gobi commented, “I appreciate the work of the commission, our partners in Connecticut, and the professionals who assisted in this report. The work, however, is just beginning. Too many homeowners are at risk and steps must be taken to assist them in retaining their homes. I will continue to advocate for them and to work with the administration and my legislative colleagues on the state and federal level to provide

necessary relief.”

Rep. Ashe, House Chair of the Special Commission remarked, “Although I wish we never had to be in this position, it has been my privilege to Co-Chair this commission with Sen. Gobi. I am grateful and want to thank all of the members for their work, dedication and unique talents that they each brought forth. As well, I want to thank our colleagues in Connecticut for their guidance and support, as they have been dealing with this issue for a few years. Our report shows that we approached this problem with the homeowners being our top priority by trying to assist, educate and guide them through this process. We will continue to inform and educate residents from western and central Mass in an effort to make sure they understand the serious nature of this unfortunate but catastrophic issue. I am committed to continue working with Senator Gobi as we must now educate the legislature so they have a better understanding of how critical this is for many homeowners and the financial impact we are facing. Working with the legislature, our residents, realtors, banks, insurance companies, concrete professionals as well as the best science and geolog-

ical experts, we will continue to study and try to rectify our current dilemma and prevent future occurrences.”

Having sponsored the amendment establishing the commission during the budget debate, Sen. Eric Lesser (D-East Longmeadow) had this to say on the report’s release: “I want to thank Senator Gobi, Representative Ashe and the Commission for their work,” said Senator Lesser. “There have been far too many people affected by this issue, through no fault of their own, and there are many more out there who do not yet even know that they are affected. The recommendations in this report provide a way to help make them whole and assure something like this doesn’t happen again.”

This Commission was established in the FY19 State Budget after it was discovered that pyrrhotite, a mineral found in concrete originating from Becker’s Quarry in Wilmington, Connecticut, was causing residential foundations in many Central Massachusetts towns – extending as far as 44 miles from the Quarry – to deteriorate and crumble. The impacts of using this concrete have been significant in the state of Connecticut, which the

Commission focused much of its study on. The Commission was tasked with several items, including:

Examining the degree to which concrete foundations are crumbling due to the presence of pyrrhotite in the commonwealth.
Estimating the cost to fully restore concrete foundations damaged due to the presence of pyrrhotite.
Analyzing the effect the presence of pyrrhotite has on property values and the resulting fiscal impact on property tax revenues.
Providing an analysis of the impact on the real estate industry.
Review of the best practices undertaken in other states which have faced this issue.

The Commission invited state officials, scientists and professionals from Connecticut to present their findings and actions taken to address and remediate the impacts of crumbling concrete foundations in Connecticut. The Commission also drew upon the expertise of the its own members, which included legislators, Massachusetts residents impacted by crumbling foundations, local officials, and professionals in the construc-

tion, insurance, and real estate industries.

Based on its findings, the Commission recommended that the General Court pass legislation to enable Captive Insurance Companies to conduct business in Massachusetts for the purpose of overseeing the evaluation, repair, replacement and reimbursement of qualified residential crumbling foundations, as well as to create a state Crumbling Foundations Assistance Fund. It also made recommendations focused on increasing awareness and remedies available to residents and impacted industries, testing and prohibiting the use of all concrete originating from quarries containing pyrite and pyrrhotite, requiring home sellers to disclose any foundation inspections or testing, and further collaboration with the insurance and real estate industries to assess and remediate the issue.

The Commission intends to hold a public hearing in the coming months to present the report and its recommendations. For more information on the report, please contact Sen. Gobi’s office at 617-722-1540.

Gobi and Treasurer Goldberg announce BabySteps launch

BOSTON – Sen. Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) and State Treasurer Deborah Goldberg announced the launch of the BabySteps Savings Plan-Massachusetts’ first statewide post-high school education savings account program. Started by the Treasurer’s Office of Economic Empowerment, BabySteps, gives every child born or adopted in Massachusetts a free \$50 seed deposit when a family member opens a college or vocational savings account through MEFA. This deposit comes at no cost to the taxpayers and will incentivize families of all income levels to start saving for their children’s future, today.

Sen. Gobi had this to say when asked about the program: “As the Senate Chair of the Higher Education Committee, I have met with numerous students who are saddled with enormous college debt.

Starting early in saving and planning are key to relieving some of that burden. I appreciate the work of Treasurer Goldberg and I am glad to support this worthwhile program and encourage new parents to enroll their children.”
“With the rising cost of post-secondary education, the opportunity to receive a college or vocational degree is uncertain for many of our kids,” said Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg. “BabySteps will encourage families to save and invest earlier for their children’s higher education.”
This program builds upon Treasurer Goldberg’s two successful pilot programs- SeedMA and SoarMA, in economically and diverse areas of the state. Using best practices from the pilot program puts BabySteps Savings Plan in position to provide families with a seamless sign-up process.

Parents simply need to check the box on the birth certificate form they receive in the hospital (Parent Worksheet for Live Birth – Newborn) to start the enrollment process, or they can visit BabyStepsSavingsPlan.org to learn more about the program and get started.
All new parents and guardians in Massachusetts will have one year after the child is born or adopted to open a U.Fund 529 college savings account in order to receive the \$50 deposit. The deposit will be transferred directly into the child’s U.Fund account offered by MEFA and financed by

the Massachusetts State Treasurer’s Economic Empowerment Trust Fund with support from private donors.
The BabySteps Savings Plan will also provide free financial education services to all families in the Commonwealth. For more information on the BabySteps Saving Plan, please visit BabyStepsSavingsPlan.org.

Sen. Mike Moore named NCSL appointee to Public Safety Advisory Committee

BOSTON – Sen. Michael O. Moore (D-Millbury) was recently appointed the National Conference of State Legislatures representative on the Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC). The PSAC was established in 2013 and consists of 42 representatives from both traditional and non-traditional public safety responder associations and organization as well as members of local state, territorial, tribal and federal governments. The committee formed to assist the First Responder Network Authority in its mission to build, deploy, operate and maintain the FirstNet Network.


“I am honored that the NCSL has chosen me to represent its membership on this committee and I look forward to engaging with this group on matters that

will have significant impacts on public safety not only here in the Commonwealth but across the nation.” said Moore. “With troops currently being deployed and the daily threats to our nation’s safety I am humbled to be able to contribute to ensuring first responders have the tools they need to meet these ever changing challenges.”

First Net was required to establish the Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) as part of the Middle Class Tax Relief Act of 2012. The PSAC is charged with the following duties:
Offer guidance, information, and subject matter expertise from a public safety perspective to ensure that user needs, requirements, and public safety operational capabilities are included in the network

Provides subject matter expertise on concepts (e.g., policies, procedures, technologies, operational methods developed by FirstNet)
Advises FirstNet through the creation of initial documents, plans, or reports related to the build-out, deployment, and operation of a nationwide public safety broadband network (NPSBN). The PSAC reports include subject matter related to shared intergovernmental responsibilities or administration.
Conducts regular meetings to remain informed and up to date on FirstNet’s progress

To learn more about FirstNet go to <https://www.firstnet.gov/about/psac> and about Sen. Moore’s work on public safety and other issues at <https://www.senatormikemoore.com/>.



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Naomi Myers named to President’s List at Bob Jones University

GREENVILLE, S.C. — Naomi Myers, a Freshman Nursing major from East Brookfield, was among approximately 670 Bob Jones University students named to the Fall 2019 President’s List.

The President’s List recognizes students who earn a 3.75 or higher grade point average for the semester.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bloodied but unbowed

To the Editor:

“Perdicaris Alive or Raisuli Dead.” As anyone reasonably well-informed on American history will know, that was the unequivocal message sent by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1904 to Sultan Abdelaziz of Morocco, regarding the kidnapping and holding for ransom of the American citizen, Ion Perdicaris, by Mohammedan bandits in the Atlas Mountains led by one, Raisuli.

The president also let slip that hell was on its way to the North African coast in the form of seven U.S. Navy warships, and several companies of battle-hardened U.S. Marines, veterans of the recent unpleasantness in Cuba and the Philippines. Result? Perdicaris lived out the rest of his life in New Jersey, and Raisuli, for all I know, went back to waylaying travelers in the mountains and tending his goat herd.

It’s amazing, isn’t it? What a hundred-or-so well-armed and pumped Leathernecks can do to turn around a situation that has gotten out of control. We saw just that a short while ago when the mere arrival via Osprey aircraft of 100 Marines at the besieged U.S. Embassy in Baghdad caused the rioting Iranian “street fighters” to read the tea leaves and slink away into the night.

The idea of a nation determined and willing to pay whatever the costs to protect its citizens abroad—as well as its property and vital interests—used to be de rigueur for any confident, proud, and unapologetic people. Until Trump, who unashamedly puts his and our country first—and is willing to act on his convictions—it has not been the case for a very long time now that American presidents act the man and do what has to be done. Jimmy Carter’s pathetic reaction to the same type of Iranian mob taking over the American Embassy in Tehran in 1979; the abject failure of the Obama/Clinton team to deal with a similar situation in Benghazi; other ignominious collapses by many administrations to respond to disparate outrages committed against America by various Islamic terror groups—to include, I’m sorry to say, the refusal by Ronaldus Magnus to deliver condign punishment to the Hezbollah terrorists that bombed the Marine barracks in Beirut in 1982—the pattern was the same: capitulation.

But now there’s a new sheriff in town. You liberals may not like it, and in your irrational anti-Trump frenzy you now find yourself glorifying and pitying the Iranian mass murdering Mengele–Qasem Soleimani—who Trump very neatly took out shortly after clearing up matters at the embassy just down the street, but you’re stuck with him, hopefully, for the next five years. Apparently, our alpha-male president means it when he

says (in borrowing a line from Uncle Sam’s Misguided Children–U.S.M.C.): “America: no better friend, no worse enemy.”

But, no matter what he does, the leftist crackpots like Ilhan Omar, D-MN, Rashid Talib, D-MI, and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-NY (I know, I know... an illegal Somali ingrate, an anti-Semitic Palestinian, and a not-very-bright bartender walk into a bar...) will wail: “racist! fascist! bigot!” Their hearts will bleed for the torturing, murdering scum–Soleimani–Trump so well-deservedly dispatched, but check to see if any of them, indeed, if any Democrat ever shed as much as one tear or one word of sympathy for any of the Iranian thug’s victims, including the hundreds of American men and women killed or disfigured as a direct result of his efforts. Don’t waste your time—not a recorded word from any of them.

I feel sorry for you liberals. You have to live in this unparalleled great economy and personally profit from it, even as you have to understand Trump is the most anti-war president we’ve had in a long time and is determined to get us once-and-for-all out of that Godforsaken region of the world—which is forever unrepairable—and where the Clintons, the Bushes, and the Obamas have wasted our treasure and the lives and well-being of far too many of our best people.

And, incredibly, Trump does it while being ferociously opposed at every step along the way by all the better people, the elites, the globalist moneyed classes, the idiots in Hollywood, the universities, the fake news media, and all the rest of them. Poor Trump, all he has is the people, the unabashed American patriots who see their president as the last hope to save what was the greatest country in the history of the world.

I think Trump must have been influenced by the legendary Marine General Lewis “Chesty” Puller, the “Teufel Hund” (“Devil Dog”) who was awarded five Navy Crosses in his career. It was Chesty, the Marines’ Marine, who said at the Chosin Reservoir in Korea, “All right...we’re surrounded, they’re in front of us, to our right, to our left, and to our rear. They can’t get away now.” That’s exactly the situation our Commander-in-Chief has been in since day one of his administration: completely surrounded by crazed, hate-filled, disgusting people who not only hate him, but their country, their fellow citizens, and themselves as well.

Thank you, Mr. President, for all you do. You are “bloodied but unbowed,” you are a man among men. Godspeed!

JOHN McRAE
EAST BROOKFIELD

On Congress and race

To the Editor:

A couple short stories about two popular topics: Congress and Race.

From the January 2020 American Legion Magazine/Parting Shots – This is the story of four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done, and Everybody was asked to do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody’s job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn’t do it. Consequently, it wound up that Nobody told Anybody, so Everybody blamed Somebody. A Pox on Both Houses – Both Parties.

From a sermon at a Saturday Daily Mass in December 2019 – The teacher asked her first grade class; “What is the color of an apple?” A student raised his hand and said red, and a group of students agreed. A second student raised her hand and said green, and another group agreed. A third student raised her hand and said she thought she saw an apple

once that was yellow. The teacher was pleased with all the responses and gave everyone an A. After a pause, Johnnie (sorry, Mr. McRae, but it’s always a Johnnie) raised his hand and said white. The teacher smiled and told the class that Johnnie was mistaken, but thanked him for his participation. Johnnie told the teacher, if you cut any apple of any color in half and look inside, you will find that all are white. Johnnies are right more often than not so maybe we all should listen to them/him a little more often than not.

I think we all need to lighten up a little in 2020 so here’s a joke from Parting Shots – A bank robber pulls out a gun, points it at the teller and says, “Give me all the money or you’re geography!” The puzzled teller replies, “You mean history?” The robber said, ‘Don’t change the subject!’ One more joke – Impeachment! HA, HA, HA!

Happy New Year To All,

JIM REID
SPENCER

Please support businesses who give back!

To the Editor:

Senior Living at Prouty on Main Street in Spencer opened in 2010, offering a supportive housing environment to low-income individuals. Since that time, we have always been impressed by how the local businesses support non-profit organizations like ours.

One of the most important events for the people living in our building is the annual Thanksgiving/Christmas/Holiday celebration when all tenants come together to enjoy dinner and entertainment. Thanks to the continued generosity of our local business friends from Spencer, the Brookfields, Leicester, Sturbridge and Worcester, the festivities were enriched by the various wonderful gift certificates and product donations they made to our door prizes.

On behalf of all those who attended this event, we would like to extend our most sincere thanks to the following businesses who gave back to the community and helped provide a great celebration for individuals at our site who might otherwise be alone for the holidays, and a good time for all!

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- Dunkin’ Donuts
- Maria’s Sewing
- Mexicali Grille
- Table Talk Pies
- Price Chopper
- 308 Lakeside
- Publick House
- Thai House Restaurant
- St. Joseph’s Abbey
- Tony’s Cleaners
- Sunoco of Spencer
- Uncle Sam’s Pizza in East Brookfield
- Subway of Spencer
- Whitco

We are incredibly fortunate to be part of a business community that is so enthusiastic in its support of one another. Once again, thank you for your generous contributions on making such a special event for all our very grateful attendees.

We wish all of you wellness and prosperity in this New Year!

Annie Wuelfing
Resident Service Coordinator
Senior Living at Prouty

LARRY OAKS
PRESIDENT/CEO FOR MHPI, INC.

Town Hall Mitten Tree has third successful year

To the Editor:

Thanks to the Residents of Spencer, a total of 23 hats, 30 pairs of mittens/gloves and eight scarves have been donated to the Spencer East Brookfield School Children. Each year, the Mitten Tree is put up in the Town Hall Rotunda and is decorated with donated hats and mittens which are distributed to the school department after the Christmas vacation.

LAURA J. TORTI
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Local K-9 units recently swept David Prouty High School for drugs.

Police search DPHS for narcotics

SPENCER – At the request of school officials, the police department led a narcotics sweep of David Prouty High School earlier this month.

The Jan. 3 sweep included K-9 units provided by the Central Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council. These units assisted Spencer Police in conducting a sweep of the entire building.

No drugs were found during the search. Police confirmed that intelligence was gathered, which will be followed up on by school officials. Police did not provide additional information on this intelligence.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Persian history

To the Editor:

I am so very grateful that this publication continues to publish the wide variety of letters that it does, allowing those of us who find writing cathartic an outlet, and giving a wide variety of perspective to the readers. We are all participants in this republic, this democracy, or whatever you want to call the government of the people, by the people, and for the people. More information, more perspective is always better and not worse.

The accusations of Ms. Gaucher and Mr. McRae don't dignify a response and, both of them ought to be ashamed of themselves. The accusations are truly beneath me, beneath this publication, and beneath the readers of this publication; however, I am grateful that their letters are published for all to see and draw their own conclusions. It should be obvious to all that the modus operandi of both authors is to promulgate extreme and partisan views while claiming monopoly on the truth and hurling insults at those with whom they disagree with the most vicious ad hominem attacks occurring after factual inconsistencies are pointed out. They have both now, apparently, tried vociferously to convince the New Leader to censor the voices they disagree with by claiming we must be 'faux.' Please consider their behavior and motives when reading all future letters.

This week, we've all been reminded of the relationship between the U.S., Iran, and President Trump. While Iran is commonly thought of as the unequivocal bad guy and the U.S. the good guy, perhaps we should examine the history. Iran is a modesty oppressive theocracy woven into a modestly democratic legislative and presidential system, where gender roles are clear but women are still people and have rights. Iran is far more progressive, modern, and egalitarian than Saudi Arabia (which is a staunch ally of ours). From a values perspective, Iran should really be a country American conservatives respect. A Mike Pence dreamland of sorts if only they were Christian instead of Muslim.

Persia (Iran) has long been sandwiched between Russian/Soviet empires and British/Western empires, and somewhat disconnected from the rest of the Islamic world due to the fact they are Shia and not Sunni.

Before World War I, in 1906, the Iranian people demanded democracy and through the Persian Constitutional Revolution established a Parliament and Prime Minister, leaving the Shah (monarch) merely a figurehead. Petroleum was discovered in 1908 by the British which renewed their imperial interests. During WWI, despite Persia being neutral, they were occupied by British, Ottoman, and Russian forces. After WW1 the Ottoman Empire

ceased to exist, the Russians, retreated, the British were unsuccessful in colonializing, and democracy was re-established. Persia was neutral in WWII.

Where it gets interesting is in 1953 the U.S. CIA, with the support of the British MI6 organized a successful coup 'd etat against Iran's democratically elected Prime Minister and Parliament and instead established an autocratic monarch who was loyal to the USA. This was the first covert action of the United States to overthrow a foreign government during peacetime. Why, you may ask, did we do this? The Prime Minister has sought to audit documents of a British oil company operating in Iran over Iranian oil reserves. When the oil company refused, Iran's parliament voted to nationalize Iran's oil industry and expel foreign representatives from their country.

This was such a grave sin that the US intervened in Iranian affairs and a classic case of nationalism clashing with imperialism in the third world. We brought busloads of paid mercenaries into Tehran to stage riots where 300 civilians were killed and to overthrow their democratically elected government. From 1953-1979 our puppet monarch maintained power via American support – financial, military, intelligence, etc. During this time Iran's petroleum industry was developed by Western corporations.

In 1979, the only Iranian Revolution most Americans are aware of occurred. The US Embassy was seized by Iranian students, labelling the embassy a “den of spies” with 52 Americans being held hostage for 444 days. The US military attempted and failed to rescue the hostages. The hostage/takeover was enormously popular in Iran where anti-American sentiment was high over all we had done.

The people overthrew the puppet dictator we had installed and the Islamic Republic of Iran was established. Instantly, Iran was an enemy of the United States. Iran's then rapidly modernizing capitalist economy was replaced by populist and Islamic economic and cultural policies. Much industry was nationalized and national institutions islamized. Iran and the USA have been enemies ever since.

In 1988, the US Navy shot down an Iranian passenger plane (Iran Air Flight 655) in Iranian airspace with a surface-to-air missile killing all 290 people on board. The U.S. ship was in Iranian territorial waters at the time and the U.S. Captain thought the Airbus A300 was a fighter jet. The US, to this day, insists that we were acting out of self-defense and while Reagan expressed “deep regret,” to this date the United States has never apologized. George H.W. Bush said, “I will never apologize for the United States – I don't care what the facts are.” The

fact that this was an Iranian plane full of Iranian people shot down over Iranian airspace from a U.S. ship in Iranian territorial waters seemed to have escaped them.

The Iranian people vowed revenge and 9 months after the incident the ship Captain's wife's minivan mysteriously exploded (causing no injuries) at a red light in California. The Captain of the ship later received the Legion of Merit award for his service inclusive of that incident. The Iranian families didn't even get financial compensation until 8 years later when the International Court of Justice awarded compensation. To this day the US has never accepted responsibility or apologized.

Iran never got over it and never forgot. As recently as July 2019, the Tehran Times published an open letter to the captain of that ship who is now 81 to confess and apologize.

Iran has been shut out of the world economy by U.S. sanctions over their audacity to reject our puppet government and re-establish an Iranian government. It isn't about shared values - Iran is 10x closer to our values compared to Saudi Arabia. Iran has been funding, arming, and training militia groups around the Middle East to wage proxy wars in weaker countries and as a way of fighting larger and stronger powers such as the US. Iran has funded and armed a lot of really bad groups, but so has the United States. It is quite rational for Iran to wage asymmetric war against a bigger bully because that is the only tool they really have.

After 9/11, we labeled them part of the “Axis of Evil” continuing our multi-decade threat to topple their government for “regime change”. We then invaded Iraq on false pretenses; toppling their government in three weeks, and unleashing 17 years and counting of instability. If Iran didn't want nukes before, after having a front row seat to the US intervention in Iraq while the US threatens Iran it seems pretty rational that they would 1.) Want to bog the US down in a quagmire in Iraq and 2) Obtain nukes so that they become “too dangerous to invade.” Iran wants nukes for the same reason we want nukes – to protect against a catastrophic attack from abroad.

After a decade of threatening Iran's existence, Barack Obama sanctioned them very hard over their terrorist activities, then brought them to the negotiating table. In return for dropping sanctions and allowing Iran to participate in the world economy, they would give up their nuclear ambitions. This was a win for the US, Iran, and the entire world. This was the very point of sanctions, to bring them to the table. Iranian President Rouhani was elected on a platform of re-engaging and negotiating with the US. Our sanctions achieved their goal.

Iran upheld their end of the bar-

gain from 2015-2018 when Trump got involved.

President Trump, in his signature policy theory of “opposite of Obama” withdrew from the Iran deal, re-imposed sanctions, and started threatening them again. Iran, locked out of the world economy, responded in kind by enriching more uranium. Trump threatened them more and threatened “regime change.”

Then Qasem Soleimani was assassinated in Iraq without the Iraqi's knowledge or permission despite the U.S. official policy against assassinations. Soleimani was an evil guy, but both Presidents Bush and Obama had clear shots at him and decided against it because the risk of unintended consequences too high. Was the calculus different this time? Did impeachment back home weigh into the President's decision?

The nationalism Trump can't see is that of other nations. The president fixates on America's sovereignty but refuses to acknowledge that Iraqis and Iranians have their own aspirations. Iraq voted to expel all U.S. troops which harms our interests, stability in the region, and could allow ISIS to re-establish itself. Iran vowed revenge. Trump said if they harm any Americans he would commit war crimes by using our military to destroy cultural sites. Iran sent missiles into Iraq destroying American buildings and equipment but no casualties.

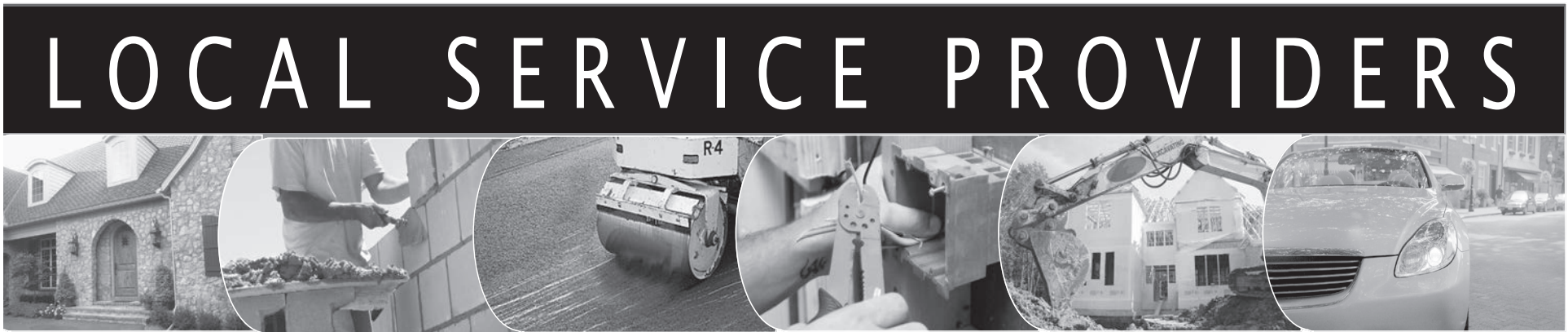
Then a Ukrainian airliner, a Boeing 737, full of Iranian and Canadian passengers was shot down over Tehran accidentally because Iran's military mistook the plane as an incoming American cruise missile. Iran has called it human error and apologized. The commander who shot the plane down had 10 seconds to determine what it was before shooting it.

Was it wrong of Iran to consider the US its enemy and wage asymmetric war against the US because we were crushing their economy over a 40 year old grudge? Was it wrong of Iran to be so afraid of incoming US missiles and bombers after all the tensions? Was it wrong of Iran to be concerned about casualties on the ground from a bomb?

Actions have consequences. Our leaders and especially our President ought to know that. We all ought to know that when we go into the ballot box.

If I've enlightened you, please write in! If you don't agree with me, write in and state your position! Ms. Gaucher & Mr. McRae – I quite enjoy the ramblings questioning my existence to divert from addressing what I write.

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EDITORIAL

A legacy we must remember

Offices will close nationwide next Monday in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. King was the chief spokesperson for nonviolent activism in the Civil Rights Movement from 1954 until his assassination in 1968. The federal holiday falls around the King's birth date, Jan. 15.

Republican President Ronald Reagan made the holiday official in 1983. In 1986, the first observation of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day took place. In the year 2000, the holiday was observed by all 50 states for the first time since 1986.

Labor unions in contract negotiations were the first to bring forward the idea of celebrating King via national holiday. Republican Sen. Edward Brooke of Massachusetts and Democrat John Conyers of Michigan brought forth the legislation in 1979 where it was five votes shy of passing in the house.

Those in opposition to the notion of adding yet another federal holiday to a calendar cited costs, arguing that it was ridiculous to ask taxpayers to shoulder the burden of paying for so many unproductive labor hours. Others stated that honoring a private citizen would go against tradition, given that King never held a public office.

In 1980, singer Stevie Wonder released the single "Happy Birthday" to shed light on the campaign. The largest petition in favor of an issue in the history of the United States gathered six million signatures.

Two Republican senators from North Carolina (Jesse Helms and John Porter) opposed the bill because of King's public opposition to the Vietnam War, and also accused King of being a communist, despite the fact that an FBI investigation dating back to 1963 had turned up no evidence that King had ever been under the influence of the Soviets.

The bill passed the House of Representatives, 338-90. Within the bill was language establishing the Martin Luther King, Jr. Federal Holiday Commission. King's wife, Coretta Scott King, was made a lifelong member of this commission by President George H.W. Bush in May of 1989.

Martin Luther King Day is seen as a day to promote equal rights for all Americans. While there are few traditions surrounding the holiday, many educators use the day to teach their students about the struggle against racial segregation and racism. In New Hampshire and Arizona, the day is combined with Civil Rights Day. In Idaho, the day is referred to as 'Human Rights Day' and in Wyoming, 'Equality Day.'

King, who was born in 1929, was an American Baptist minister from Atlanta, Ga. In 1964, King was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his work in promoting nonviolent resistance and for advocating for Civil Rights.

On April 4, 1968, King was assassinated at the age of 39 in Memphis, Tenn. by James Earl Ray. Ray, 41, was sentenced to 99 years in prison. The assassin died in prison in 1998 from hepatitis.

As we prepare to celebrate the life of this great American and the principles of unity and inclusiveness for which he stood, which are arguably more important for us to cling to now than ever before, let us remember the words of one of his most famous speeches, delivered during the March on Washington in 1963:

"So let freedom ring from the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire; let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of New York; let freedom ring from the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsylvania; let freedom ring from the snow-capped Rockies of Colorado; let freedom ring from the curvaceous slopes of California. But not only that. Let freedom ring from Stone Mountain of Georgia; let freedom ring from Lookout Mountain of Tennessee; let freedom ring from every hill and mole hill of Mississippi. From every mountainside, let freedom ring.

And when this happens, and when we allow freedom to ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual: Free at last. Free at last. Thank God Almighty, we are free at last."

VIEWPOINT

OPINION AND COMMENTARY FROM SPENCER, LEICESTER AND THE BROOKFIELDS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

U-S-A! U-S-A! U-S-A!

To the Editor:

Nothing makes me more proud as an American than when we use our military to avenge American casualties and make the world a safer place. This has been on display these first weeks of the year as we have entered a new phase of geopolitics where the world knows that America has the mightiest military in the history of the planet, we can hit anybody anywhere, and we will assassinate enemies of the United States.

General Qassem Soleimani has killed or badly wounded thousands of Americans over an extended period of time and was plotting to kill many more...but got caught! He was responsible for the death of millions of people, including protestors in Iran itself even though Iran won't admit it. He should have been taken out many years ago!

The United States has given Iraq billions of dollars every year, trillions in total of military aid that they have not paid us back for. We liberated Iraq from the brutal hands of Saddam Hussein, liberated them again from Iranian backed militias, and then liberated them a third time from ISIS. They have not compensated the United States for our military spending and lives lost. How do they repay us? They are ungrateful and want us to leave. Over the last 15 years Iran has been edging for control over Iraq and they want U.S. troops to leave because we were looking out for Iraqi interests. We have always been more interested in Iraq's oil industry because if the oil industry thrives, the people will also.

If they are going to be so ungrateful then maybe we should just leave and let Iran and ISIS duke it out in Iraqi territory! We'll always be available to re-bomb and re-invade when it suits our interests!

Both Obama and 'W' had clear shots at Soleimani and were too cowardly to take out that butcher. Thankfully, President Trump puts America first!

Soleimani planned the Benghazi attack that both Obama and Crooked Hillary allowed to happen and Soleimani had a Benghazi style attack planned for the embassy in Baghdad.

It is hard to feel bad for a country (Iran) when it is full of savages and 56 people die in a stampede during a funeral! Iran is religiously backward and barbaric!

When President Trump vows to avenge American casualties, he means it! Iran doesn't value human life but they do value cultural sites. It makes me so proud as an American to know that our president will hit any target, with or without obvious military value as a deterrent. We care about American lives. They care about 600-year-old mosques carved out of a single stone. Some call it war crimes, I call it being effective. If being effective is a war crime then I'm ready to put a bumper sticker on my car that says, "Pro-Trump, Pro-War Crime, Pro America!" It should be noted that when Iran "retaliated" there were no casualties. The President's war-crime-deterrent worked!

In an ironic twist of events, Iran then shot down a Ukrainian passenger plane full of Canadians. They can't hit the United States, so they are trying to hit our allies. I wonder if Hunter Biden had anything to do with this... If they think we care about Canadian-Iranians, they are sorely mistaken. If they think we care about an airline that probably has Hunter and maybe even Joe Biden himself making \$50,000/month on their board, then they are sorely mistaken. The Bidens are traitors. Canadians aren't American. We didn't want Muslim Canadian-Iranians on our continent anyway!

Never apologize for the United States!

God Bless America, and no place else!

GEORGE GRAHAM
NORTH BROOKFIELD

Crazed writers

To the Editor:

Every week, I eagerly await the Spencer New Leader so I can see what crazed writers, our neighbors, wrote in. It is kind of like Facebook, but the "long form." Unchained from any 140 character limit, these letters are highly entertaining.

This week, I'm pretty sure one of the craziest of them all called me "crazed" for suggesting that those who spend significant time researching other authors who put forth viewpoints inconsistent with their own are cowards. They just as easily could set the record straight, attack the ideas, or explain the other side of the story. But no, they ask the paper to ignore or censor these views, they've spent a lot of time researching public records which sounds a lot like stalking, they write in incessantly about their nemesis' existence or lack thereof... All the while claiming some moral high ground without explaining it.

We read the paper to read ideas and viewpoints both consistent with our own and inconsistent so that we may form our own new, better informed, opinions. The people that waste their time stalking other authors they don't like instead of arguing with them either know that they're wrong and won't admit it, or they are cowards because all they know how to do is launch personal attacks.

To claim military credentials as proof you are not a coward is silly. Some of the biggest cowards carry guns, shoot innocent civilians, and commit war crimes as they march.

Most military service members are exemplary people for sure, but wearing a uniform and carrying a gun does not confer any automatic personality status. If anything, bragging about it raises some questions.

Why haven't our local volunteer private investigators found these individuals who write from a left-of-center viewpoint? Perhaps they are new to town and this is merely a bedroom community, perhaps the public records are in their spouse/partner's name, or perhaps these kooks are just making it up to convince the paper to silence their political foes. How American and free-speechy...

Perhaps these "wind of the wisps" are really pen-names. Pen names are used by countless authors for a variety of reasons. Does that make their ideas and content less valid? If anything, the crazed writers have proven why a pen name would be wise. Crazy old creeps demand to meet in person to settle scores, demand to drive over to their houses, search through public records at various town halls, etc. If anything, this proves the need for a pen name. They are clearly real people who know the area, and not 'bots', and not AI. Why can't you argue with them?

I look forward to substantive arguments and conversation. Both from the 'faux five' and from the crazed writers.

RICHARD TAYLOR
SPENCER

In reference to "do onto others!"

To the Editor:

Mr. David Brown, I accept the correction; there is a difference between the beatitudes and doing onto others, the golden rule. Also, God is teaching us He does not want for us to be enablers. [Galatians 6: 5] [Ephesians 5: 11] [2 Thessalonians 3: 10-15] and that is what you and the democratic congress are suggesting, that we should enable, allow the incoming immigrants into this Country without responsibilities.

President Trump and his followers, supporters have no problem welcoming the immigrants; however, they must enter legally and follow the same legal procedures our immigrant parents were subjected to. The incoming immigrants are

not entitled to a free pass. You and the Democratic Congress believe the immigrants should be able to enter without the legal process, freeloaders at the expense of our tax dollars; they should have no consequence — freeloaders. Again, President Trump and his supporter's welcome any and all immigrants that enter this country legally, they must follow the required protocol.

God does teach about doing onto others treating others fairly and God also reminds us we are not to be enablers. Each of us is to carry his or her own load, no freebies as you and congress are suggesting.

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Business owners:
Plan for next
phase of life



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As a business owner, you're always thinking of what you need to do now. But you can't forget about the future – yours and that of your business. So it may be a good idea to consider your personal retirement plan and business succession strategy.

Let's start by looking at a few retirement plan possibilities:

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SEP IRA – If you have just a few employees or are self-employed with no employees, you may want to think about a SEP IRA. You'll fund the plan with tax-deductible contributions, and you must cover all eligible employees. (Employees themselves cannot contribute.) You can generally contribute up to 25 percent of compensation, up to \$57,000 annually. And you can fund your SEP IRA with virtually any type of investment.

Solo defined benefit plan – Not many businesses still offer pension plans, also known as defined benefit plans, but you can set one up for yourself if you're self-employed or own your own business. This plan has high contribution limits, which are determined by an actuarial calculation, and your contributions are typically tax-deductible.

A financial professional can help you choose the appropriate retirement plan. But you'll still need to think about succession planning. Of course, you can always sell your business outright at any time you like. Or you could leave your business to your children in your will, but if you give it to them gradually during your lifetime, you can become more confident they'll be able to manage the business on their own.

Another alternative might be to transfer the business with a buy-sell agreement, which allows you to determine when, to whom, and at what price you can sell it. Because you can establish the purchase price as your business's taxable value, a buy-sell agreement is useful in estate planning. If you want to keep the business in your family, you might want to consider funding the buy-sell agreement with life insurance, so family members can use the death benefit proceeds to buy your ownership stake.

In any case, given the complexities and tax issues involved with succession planning, you'll need to consult with your legal and tax advisors when creating a strategy. But don't wait too long. You can't predict the future, but by planning ahead, you can help achieve the outcomes you desire.

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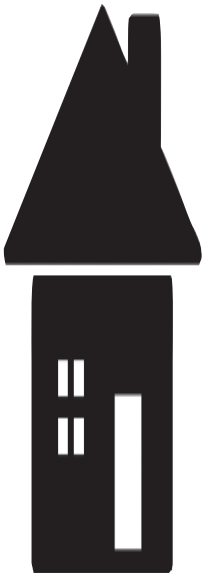
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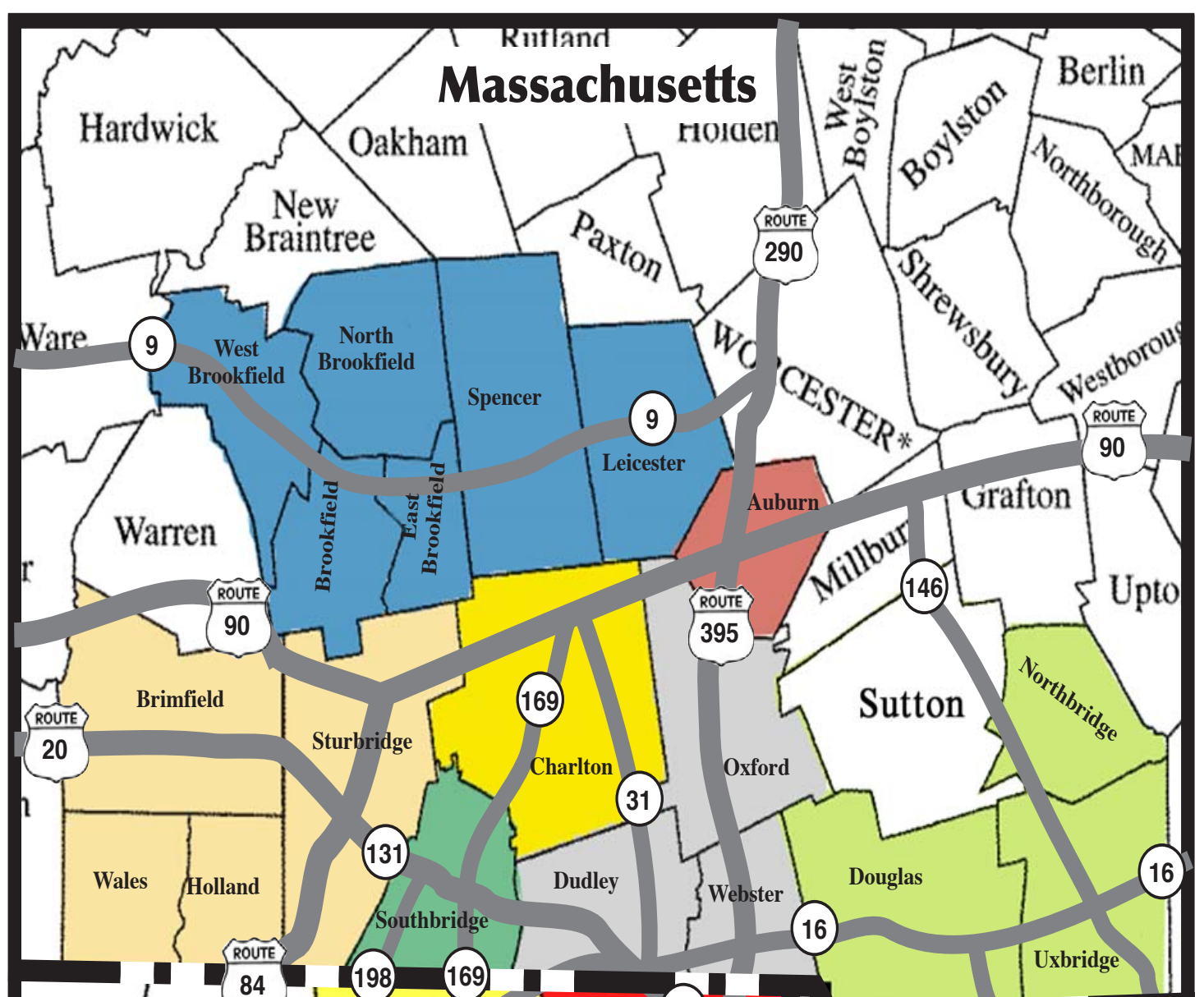
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A call to Fat Nancy’s Bait & Tackle Shop in Pulaski, N.Y. this past weekend revealed some great news for anglers that enjoy catching Steelhead trout on the famous Salmon River. A four hour ride to upstate New York can have you catching a fish of your lifetime, if you can handle the extreme

cold weather that the area has every year. This past weekend was prime time to fish for steelhead trout as far as the weather was concerned, but the break in the weather is short lived at this time of year. If it is your first time fishing the Salmon River, you need to talk to the pros at Fat Nancy’s

Tackle shop. They will give you information on fishing tactics , proper gear including corkers (a type of non-skid equipment that attaches to the bottom of your boots or waders). The rocks and bottom structure are extremely slippery, and are necessary to avoid a fall in the fast moving current. This week’s picture shows an angler with a large steelhead taken from the Salmon River in past years. Check out Fat Nancy’s Tackle Shop on the web for more information. Good luck, and stay safe. The Whitinsville Fish & Game Club will hold their annual Founders Day supper this Saturday, Jan. 18, at 6 p.m. at their club house on White Court in Douglas! A full course meal including Prime Rib will be served during the event. Homemade pastries will follow the supper. Games and raffles will be held throughout the night. There were very

few tickets left as of this past Sunday. The public is invited to attend the celebration. The Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club stocked their club pond this past weekend with trout, and had hoped to hold their annual fishing derby this Saturday. Unfortunately, the warm weather left the pond ice free. It is unlikely the cold weather for the next two days will change the conditions of the ice. Call the club for updates on the derby. The Springfield Sportsmen’s show at the BIG-E will be held on Feb. 21-23. The annual show draws a few thousand sportsmen to the show annually. More on the show in the coming weeks. The New England Fishing Expo in Boxborough Mass. will open their doors on Jan. 24-26. Dan Kenney has taken over the show which was once held at the Worcester Centrum, and has made the annual event worth attend-



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ing. There is something for everyone to enjoy at the show, as we wait for spring to arrive. Fishnet Charters with Captain Mel True, Jr. is holding another fishing show on Feb. 8-9 at Whites of Westport. The Tried & True show will have many vendors selling used fishing tackle as well as tables of new fishing equipment. Whites of Westport is located on Route 66, State Road, Westport! Check him out on his Web site at Capt.MelTrue@gmail.com. *Take a Kid Fishing & Keep them Rods Bending!*

In 2020, be an encourager

THE WORLD ALREADY HAS ENOUGH NAYSAYERS

Want to make a positive and profound difference in 2020? Be an encourager of others. There are already too many voices telling us what is wrong with everything from our personal lives to world events. What the world needs is more positive encouragers. As I’ve mentioned before, our local school districts are desperate for substitute teachers. There’s a shortage of willing substitutes. I can’t do it often but jump in when I can. I don’t do it for the money. It doesn’t pay much, but I do it for the opportunity to stand in front of a classroom of students and provide positive encouragement. Children and adults alike, all benefit from positive affirmation. Whether it is purposefully provided from an optimistic encourager or not, the kids are going to find affirmation somewhere and it’s not always positive. “Come on try it ... all the popular kids are doing it” or “come on smoking makes you look older.” I can go on and on, but I’m sure you get the picture. Our children are

going to be influenced somewhere by someone ... why not you in a positive way? Why not step out this year and make a purposeful effort to be a positive influence in your family, workplace and community? Last year, I accidentally accepted a substitute teaching job for the day with kindergarteners. I generally only do junior high or older. I misunderstood the assignment, but with encouragement from my wife, I didn’t call and cancel. I headed out to the school and when I arrived was introduced to my teaching assistant for the day. She immediately lined up the class of the cutest little boys and girls I’ve ever seen. She pointed to the first in line and loudly said, “This is the one who hides and sucks his thumb. He’s too old to act like a baby.” She pointed to the next and said, “This little girl never tells the truth, so don’t believe anything she says.” I was


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stunned. She pointed to the next little boy, but before she spoke, I interrupted her and said, “Thank you, but I think I’ll make my own judgment.” I smiled and introduced myself to the class and said, “I am so excited to be here. I have a feeling this is the best kindergarten class I have ever met, and I believe you will be cooperative and well-mannered today. We are going to learn some fun new things, so lets all take a seat and begin.” I spent the day encouraging, complimenting and doing everything I could to uplift and positively affirm these kids. I expected them to be cooperative and well-mannered and they were. At the end of the day, they didn’t want to leave. As one little girl was boarding the bus, she turned and asked, “Why are you so nice?” I said, “Because you deserve it.” Her smile made the whole day worthwhile. I headed back to the room to get my things and the teaching assistant asked, “Are you coming back tomorrow?” I answered that I was not. She said, “Good. These kids don’t need someone telling them how good they are. They need someone telling them the truth.” I won’t go into detail of how I responded. I certainly told her what I thought about her attempted introduction of the students that morning. Life can be tough and rarely fair.

To shield others from harsh realities doesn’t serve them well, but every human will benefit from kindness, encouragement and compassion. You can make a difference in the lives of others by being the conduit of encouragement. Offer positive input and praise. Your discouragement isn’t needed or helpful. The line of those wanting to rain on the parade of others is long and not too distinguished. Everyone has a reason you can’t do something and shouldn’t try. “What if you fail?” the majority will ask. Why not be the lone and needed voice crying out from the wilderness that asks, “What if you succeed?” What we focus on is what we make happen. Focus on the negative creates more negativity. I find when I encourage others, I become personally encouraged. Why not make it your personal mission to make a positive difference by being an encourager this year? You can do it. Where should you start? Begin at home and see what happens. I think you will like the result! Gary W. Moore is a freelance columnist, speaker and author of three books including the award-winning, critically acclaimed, “Playing with the Enemy.” Follow Gary on Twitter @ GaryW Moore721 and at www.garywmoore.com.

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

Cost Friendly Home Remedies: Massage and Bath Oils

If your new year vows include a healthy lifestyle as well as saving money, this week's column does double duty to help you stay on track with your resolutions! Offering natural massage oils, bath oils and more, the following cost friendly "home remedies" feature a variety of options that go beyond reaching into a medicine cabinet.

Note: Please note the following suggestions are not intended as medical advice or treatment. Do NOT try these home remedies without consulting a health professional to make sure they are appropriate for you. Any treatment, including these home remedies, should be used only under medical supervision. Suggestions offered should not be used as a substitute for proper medical treatment.

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She explains that in order to apply to a Seminary school, she first had to appeal to the Committee on Ministry and be accepted as a member. Rev. McCarthy attended Andover Newton Theological School and later transferred to the Boston University School of Theology where she graduated with a Master's in Divinity in

January of 2019.

The ordination itself is a unique service planned by Rev. McCarthy. In planning the ordination service, she asked people with whom she had worked closely with on her journey to

give prayers at the service and others who were close with her volunteered to contribute. In

addition to Congregation leaders, many people from Rev. McCarthy's life spoke or

offered

prayers and blessings during the ordination. Having once been an Interfaith Chaplain in the

Attleboro area, many members of the clergy from the area attended the service on her behalf.

Close friends that the Reverend has known since high school spoke for her, as well as some

members of the First Congregational Church of

Spencer, which had chartered transportation to

Attleboro to attend the service in support of their new Reverend. Rev. McCarthy's high school

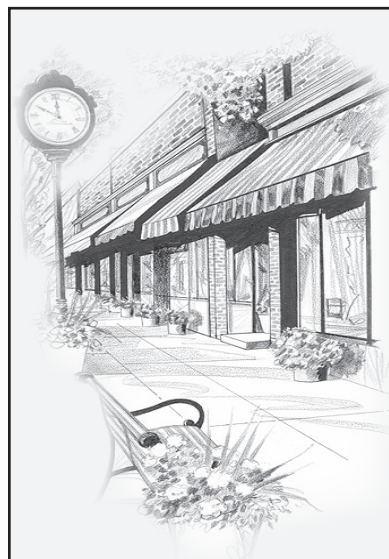
band director even arranged a rendition of her favorite song, The Little Drummer Boy, for the service.

Rev. McCarthy speaks fondly of her ordination, saying that it was simply "wonderful."

She is moved by the strength

of community which came together for the service. "It was inspiring to have people come together to support not only one person but an entire community,"

she says. Rev. Amie McCarthy will be installed to the First Congregational Church of Spencer on March 22.



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O’Neill’s last-second 3-pointer helps Wolverines edge past Northbridge

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

NORTHBRIDGE — This fall, high school football fans throughout central Massachusetts got used to watching Jack O’Neill leap high in the air and catch passes that seemed uncatchable.

The Leicester High senior, after all, helped the Wolverines win their first 12 games and capture the Central Mass. Division 7 Championship before losing to Abington High in the Division 7 state final. O’Neill finished the football season with a Central Mass.-best 59 catches — 16 of those receptions ending in touchdowns — gaining 1,194 yards in the process.

On Monday, Jan. 13, at Northbridge High’s Veterans Memorial Field House, O’Neill seemed to leap high into the air and pull out a victory for Leicester just when the Wolverines needed it most.

The 6-foot-2, 190-pound O’Neill swished through a 3-pointer with 1.7 seconds to play from the left corner to lift the Wolverines to a 56-54 victory over the Rams. For O’Neill, who finished with a game-high 34 points, it was his seventh 3-pointer of the game.

“It was the best feeling ever,” O’Neill said when asked how he felt when he released his high-arching, game-winning shot, “because I knew it was going in as soon as it left my hand.”

Leicester improved to 2-4 overall and in Southern Worcester County League (SWCL) play with the victory. Northbridge, which started the season 4-1, fell to 5-4 overall and 2-4 in league play.

Before O’Neill’s last-second heroics, it appeared the Rams would be celebrating a game-winning shot. Senior captain Zach Pryor (6 points) had given Northbridge a 54-53 lead with 17.2 seconds to play when he hit his second 3-pointer of the game from the right wing.

“That was a big shot by Zach,” Rams’ head coach Aaron Katz said. “But I knew the game wasn’t over. I knew we were going to have to stop O’Neill at the other end to win the game.”

And Northbridge almost did. Following Pryor’s 3-pointer, Leicester

head coach Mike Lynch immediately called time out to set up the Wolverines’ final possession.

“It was our plan all along to go to Jack in the corner,” Lynch said. “We ran a set we had been running all game. We wanted to get the ball to Jack coming off the stagger [double] screen on the baseline. We wanted to get him a touch with some space to drive it if the catch and shoot wasn’t there. Northbridge played it well, they pinned him in the corner. He just went up and made a crazy shot. But that’s him. That’s Jack O’Neill.”

O’Neill said the play went completely according to plan.

“Coach drew the play up for me to come off two screens because they were face-guarding me,” O’Neill said. “Getting the ball to me in the corner was the way the play was designed, but I was a little worried I wasn’t going to be able to get the ball because they had been guarding against that play all game. On that last play I took them [the Northbridge double team] into the paint a little bit, came out and caught the ball and just ripped the 3.”

Katz said there was literally nothing more his defense could have done to stop O’Neill.

“We did exactly what we wanted to do. We had help and the guy on him was right on him,” Katz said. “I had the perfect angle to see the play. Our defender was right in his face. If he was any closer to him it would have been a foul. He just hit the shot.”

The fact that the lead went back-and-forth in the final 17 seconds wasn’t surprising; the game was a back-and-forth affair for all four quarters.

Leicester, behind O’Neill’s 11 points, led 13-6 after the first quarter. Northbridge, however, rallied to take a 25-24 lead at halftime, thanks to a right-side 3-pointer by sophomore Cam Boucher (a team-high 16 points) at the buzzer. The Wolverines, thanks to 12 points from O’Neill, led 42-40 after three quarters.

The only players scoring in double figures — other than O’Neill and Boucher — were Northbridge sophomore Ryan Boyce and Leicester junior Luke Clay. Both scored 10 points.



Nick Ethier photos
Leicester’s Stephen O’Connor flings a pass to get the ball away from Northbridge defender Rocco MacNeil.



Leicester’s Luke Clay gets fouled by Northbridge’s Patrick Rosenlund while shooting toward the basket.



Jack O’Neill of Leicester fades away in order to hit a shot on Northbridge’s Christian Wermuth.



Leicester’s Tej Patel finishes off a pass at the top of the key versus Northbridge.



Bryce Gosselin of Leicester looks over to his right before firing off a pass in that direction.



Patrick Rosenlund of Northbridge drives down the court after coming away with the ball in his team’s defensive end.

SPORTS

Called upon Smith coming up big for Spartans, this time against Quaboag



Quaboag's Brandon Valentin rises up to shoot a 3-pointer from the corner.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

UXBRIDGE — Making the most of his playing time. That's what Uxbridge High's Nate Smith is doing this season while playing for the boys' varsity basketball team.

Smith, a senior, poured in a game-high 20 points and sparked a key fourth-quarter rally to lead the Spartans past visiting Quaboag Regional 52-46 on Tuesday, Jan. 7.

With the win Uxbridge improved to 4-3 overall and 3-1 in Southern Worcester County League (SWCL) play. The Cougars, who won just one game last season, dropped to 5-3 overall 2-3 in SWCL play.

As play began in the final quarter, Uxbridge led by the narrowest of margins at 33-32. Less than three minutes later the Spartans were ahead by 11,

43-32. Smith got things going for Uxbridge with a pair of free throws and later in the run added a fast-break layup, one of four in the 11-point spurt. He scored eight points in the fourth period, six coming from the free throw line.

The team's starting point guard and a captain, along with fellow seniors Matt Stark and Jake Usenia, Smith is averaging 10.3 points per game. Not bad for a guy who was averaging fewer minutes than that last season.

"Last year I averaged about two minutes a game. Coming into this season the coaching staff made it clear that they expected me to be a starter, so I knew I was going to have to put in the work," said Smith, who worked on his game all summer. "I didn't really have any experience coming into this

year. I was cut freshman year and played JV as a sophomore and then two minutes a game last year.

"I knew coming in I had to take over the league and I think I'm starting to do that," Smith added. "The first two games were tough, getting the rust off, but now I'm feeling confident in my game and my shot is feeling good. I just got to keep the ball rolling now."

Uxbridge head coach Ryan Hippert has been thrilled by Smith's development.

"Nate's been playing great this year. He really devoted himself, after not getting many minutes last year, to working out and getting stronger," Hippert said. "He has been our best on-floor leader, there's no doubt about that. He's poised and he's doing a lot of great things. There's still room in his game for him to grow, but I've been very pleased with his development."

"We had nine seniors last year, so one of our biggest concerns coming into this season was not really having a point guard," Hippert continued. "And, even though I think he would be better suited on the wing, Nate's doing a great job controlling the ball when we need him to. I'm ecstatic with the way he's been playing. He's such a great kid; he deserves this."

Uxbridge, which played without sophomore starter Luke Schollard, who missed the game with an injury, used just six players in the game. Stark scored 12 points (7 in the second quarter) while fellow senior Jaideep Sidhu returned to action after missing a week with a hyperextended knee, injured in a loss to Oxford,



Alex Worthington of Quaboag dribbles the ball around an Uxbridge defender.

added 9 points.

Quaboag, behind the play of sophomore Brandon Valentin (11 points, 9 in the second half) went on a 9-2 run of its own after Uxbridge's run, cutting the Spartans' lead to 45-41 with 3:32 remaining. Valentin had seven points in the Cougars' spurt, including the ultra-rare four-point play, when he was fouled while making a 3-pointer from the left corner.

Fellow sophomore Alex Worthington also scored 11 points — and hit three 3-pointers, while junior Chris Paquette added 10 and sophomore derrick Shepherd help the cause with 9 points.

"We're young; it's all sophomores and freshmen and a couple of juniors mixed in, but the kids played hard," longtime Quaboag head coach Chris Reilly said. "I thought our basic man-to-man defense was pretty good. Once we got down and we had to start taking some chances defensively I thought that gave them some

extra hoops."

Reilly was disappointed his team did not shoot the ball better.

"I think that was the Jaideep factor," Reilly said, referring to Sidhu, the Spartans' 6-foot-9 center. "That's why I had to call a couple of timeouts in the fourth quarter. I had to keep telling them that we had to take the ball down to the baseline and get into the middle. That's when Paquette got the ball in the middle a couple of times and went to the hoop on them and scored from inside."

"You can't be afraid of this guy," Reilly said he told his team. "You have to get him up in the air, you have to go around him. We did that, but then we would go stretches where we would go away from that and just shoot the 3 and that was a problem because we weren't hitting the 3 like we usually do. They're young guys, so I have to keep reminding them of things."

HIGH SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Tantasqua swimming enjoys busy week



The Tantasqua Regional boys' and girls' swimming and diving teams hosted Grafton High at the natatorium on Wednesday, Jan. 8.

Tuesday, Jan. 7

Tantasqua 88, Advanced Math and Science Academy 67 — Swimming at Clark University, the female Warriors picked up the victory. Tantasqua started out strong by winning the medley relay (Kira Dambly, Emily Owens, Zoey Zhu and Sarah Kersting-Mumm). Katie Wade won the 200 Freestyle, Owens the 200 IM and the 100 Freestyle, Kersting-Mumm the 50 and the 500 Freestyle, Tiana Brantley the diving, Dambly the 100 Backstroke, Erika Madden the 100 Breaststroke, and the 200 Freestyle relay team (Madden, Owens, Alyson Locke, Wade). The freshmen (Dambly, Owens,



Nick Ethier photos

Zhu) were particularly impressive as the Warriors improved to 1-2.

Advanced Math and Science Academy 96, Tantasqua 77 — The boys' swim team from Tantasqua lost a close one, with Eben Mazeika winning the 200 Freestyle, Andrew Wade the 200 IM and the 100 Breaststroke, Jonah Green the diving, Dan Sickenberger the 500 Freestyle, and the 200 Freestyle relay team (Green, Tyler Locke, Mazeika, Wade) also won. Their record is now 0-3.

Wednesday, Jan. 8

Tantasqua 105, Grafton 41 — The Warriors picked

up their first win in boys' swimming and diving versus the Indians. The 200 Medley relay team of Dan Sickenberger, AJ Osimo, Andrew Wade and Jonah Green took first, as did the 200 Freestyle relay team of Green, Sickenberger, Cameron Chisholm and Wade, and the 400 Freestyle relay team of Eben Mazeika, Garret Webb, Tyler Locke and Eli Currier. Individual winners included Currier (200 Freestyle, 500 Freestyle), Wade (200 IM, 100 Freestyle), Green (Diving), Mazeika (100 Backstroke) and Osimo (100 Breaststroke).

Grafton 93, Tantasqua 90 — The Warriors' swimming and diving girls' team lost a nail-biter to the Indians, as they dropped to 1-3. Sarah Kersting-Mumm won the 200 Freestyle and 50 Freestyle, while Zoey Zhu took first in the 100 Butterfly, and Kira Dambly won the 500 Freestyle. The 400 Freestyle relay team of Kersting-Mumm, Kami Davis, Zhu and Dambly also won.

Friday, Jan. 10

Tantasqua 140, Worcester 42 — In a coed meet at the Boys and Girls Club, the Warriors' swim team picked up the victory. Winners were the Medley relay team of Dan Sickenberger, Andrew Wade, Eli Currier and Jonah Green, Eben Mazeika in the 200 Freestyle, Sarah Kersting-Mumm in the 200 IM, Green in the Diving, Zoey Zhu in the 100 Fly, Sickenberger in the 100 Freestyle, Wade in the 500 Freestyle, the 200 Freestyle relay team of AJ Osimo, Cameron Chisholm, Sickenberger and Green, Kira Dambly in the 100 Backstroke, Emily Owens in the 100 Breaststroke, and the 400 Freestyle relay team of Osimo, Mazeika, Currier and Wade.

Navigating garden catalogs to plan for the season ahead



Melinda Myers Photo

Quality garden catalogs will list the cold hardiness zone of trees, shrubs and perennials and usually include the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Plant Hardiness Zone Map.

As garden catalogs are piling up and online versions fill your inbox, your thoughts may turn to the growing season ahead. With so many choices of beautiful flowers and scrumptious vegetables it can be overwhelming and hard to resist buying more seeds and plants than you have space to grow and time to tend.

Start by flipping through the pages of various catalogs and searching gardening websites and online catalogs to gather ideas and inspiration. Narrow down your search by selecting plants suited to your climate and growing conditions.

Quality catalogs will list the cold hardiness zone of trees, shrubs and perennials and often include the Plant Hardiness Zone Map developed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. These hardiness zones are based on the average minimum winter temperature. The lower the number, the more cold-tolerant the plant.

Sunset Climate Zones for North America may be new to many gardeners. A variety of factors beyond high and low temperatures were considered when the 45 hardiness zones were created. Microclimates, growing season, rainfall, humidity, wind patterns, and ocean currents were some of the other factors that went into defining these zones.

Read the plant description and select plants that match the light, soil and moisture in your garden. Make sure annual flowers and vegetables you select have time to flower and produce before your season ends. Those with a longer time to harvest than your growing season allows will need

to be started indoors. You will need time and indoor growing space to start your own long-season plants from seed indoors.

Select the most disease resistant and low maintenance varieties whenever possible. Make sure you have enough space in the garden or containers for all the plants you select and for each of them to reach their mature size. Overcrowding plants increases the risk of disease and can reduce flowering and productivity.

Look for award-winning plants when reviewing the catalogs. All-America Selections' winners (AAS) are tested nationally and selected for improved growth habit, flowering, pest resistance or some other unique feature for the home garden. Perennial Plant, Hosta and Daylilies of the Year are selected by members of the various organizations for their outstanding performance.

Consult your local University Extension service. Most create lists of plants and varieties that are best suited to your region. They often recommend planting dates based on the average local soil and air tem-

peratures.

Your next step — inventory any leftover seeds saved from last season. When properly stored in a cool dark location many seeds can last for years. Longevity does vary with the type of seed, but you may be surprised to find you can get years of planting from one packet of seeds. Onions, parsley, verbena and salvia usually last about a year, whereas properly stored Brussels sprouts, cabbage and zinnias can last an average of five years.

Create your list and set it aside for a day or two before placing your orders. A bit of planning can save you money and increase success as you grow plants best suited to your climate and gardening space.

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SPORTS

Punishing full-court press pushes Beavers out of slow start, into win column vs. Bay Path



Bay Path's Christin Pink tries to win the game-opening jump ball tip versus Blackstone Valley Tech.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

UPTON — The Blackstone Valley Tech girls' varsity basketball team, despite its strong early-season record, hasn't shown the tenacity that head coach Britt Kahler is looking for. And when the Beavers hosted Bay Path Regional on Tuesday, Jan. 7, she called an early timeout with her team, again, being outworked.

"Coming into this game we were 5-1, but we're a struggling 5-1. We've been battling every game. We're lucky because we're pretty talented this year, but we've been out-hustled every single game," Kahler said. "We're learning to push ourselves and we're looking and searching for people to step up."

The Minutemen held a 4-2

lead early in the first, but that timeout sparked the Beavers. They scored the quarter's final 23 points — and embarked on an overall run of 29-0 bridging the first and second quarters — en route to a lopsided 72-21 victory.

"I saw things tonight that I haven't seen yet. They played as a team, they were talking, they were moving really well, passing really well," Kahler said of the turnaround, as BVT committed just three first-half turnovers as they held a 46-8 lead at the break.

And it was the full-court man-to-man press that worked wonders for the Beavers. They continually produced a steal, finished off a fast-break layup, and then repeated the process. "Momentum, we needed it," Kahler said of the importance

of the full-court press, which was only used in the first quarter as a big lead of 25-4 was established after the initial eight minutes of action. "They are fast. I think at the half we had 14 steals, so that's a big deal. We do much better when we're pushing the ball. But they know in order to push we have to get stops — it always starts with defense."

Bay Path head coach John Selen conceded that his youthful team hadn't seen a press that effective yet this season.

"We've got young players that aren't used to playing the up-tempo, the pressure, so this is their first experience of that," he noted. "They're a fast team, they're a good team, they're a well-coached team. We have trouble replicating that type of energy in practice. The older kids that were there that could help us replicate that aren't with us any longer, so with the younger kids we're not there. We're in a rebuild right now — we're all freshmen and sophomores with a couple underclassmen."

Blackstone Valley Tech then won the third (14-6) and fourth quarters (12-7) with all 15 rostered players getting plenty of minutes. In all, 13 of them scored. Victoria Russian led the way with 14 points, while Madison Magri (11), Mackenzie Vollmer (9), Maddison Mathieu (6) and Sarah Trumm (6) also chipped in offensively.

"I was really, really proud of them," Kahler said. "If you look at the box scores, we have a good eight kids scoring every night, if not more than that."

Now at 6-1, Kahler is hoping that her team has found its stride.

"I think we're starting to get it," she said. "We'll keep working and if we keep getting a little better every day, that's all we're asking."

Bay Path, meanwhile, slipped to 1-4. Kalyn Saez and Bethany Lasell each scored 6 points for the Minutemen.



Nalin Koo of Bay Path fights her way toward the basket and draws the foul.



Bay Path's Jackie Ross looks toward the interior and a teammate to pass the ball to.

Antique firearms

Firearms manufactured prior to 1899 are considered antiques. As with most other antiques, there are many collectors specializing in antique guns.

The first recorded use of a firearm dates back to 1364, according to the PBS "History Detectives" Web site. By 1380, handguns were "known across Europe." During the 1400's, matchlock guns came into use. They "were fired by holding a burning wick to a 'touch hole' in the barrel igniting the powder inside." The principal of rifling was discovered in 1498. In 1509 the wheel lock or rose lock was invented. A spark was generated mechanically, and a wick no longer was needed for ignition. In 1540 more accurate rifles began being produced using the rifling that was discovered in 1498. "The first true flintlock" was made in 1630. According to PBS, a lid was added to firearms' flash pans. The lid had to be moved manually until the flintlock was created to "push back the lid and spark a flint at the same time." Proof marks were first used in 1637. From 1750 to 1850 dueling pistols were used. In 1777, a standard was even created for dueling pistols. They called for "a 9 or 10 inch barreled, smooth bore flintlock of 1 inch bore, carrying a ball of 48 to the pound." In 1807 the percussion-detonating principal was patented. By 1825 percussion cap guns were in general use. The back action lock appeared in 1830. The first Colt revolver was produced in 1835. According to



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ing revolvers by Samuel Colt sold for \$977,500 according to Money Magazine's "The 10 Most Expensive Guns Ever Sold at Auction" list. A gold inlaid pocket revolver from 1849 went for \$1.1 million. WQAD of Moline, IL reported that a record was set when a rare "Walker" Colt revolver was auctioned for \$1.84 million. One set of guns with historical ties that brought six figure sums at auction were Simon Bolivar's (South American instrumental in revolutions against the Spanish Empire) flintlock pistols which sold for \$1.68 million. George Washington's saddle pistols hit the mark when they sold for a little under \$2 million

"History Detectives" "Samuel Colt developed the first mass-produced, multi-shot, revolving firearms." In 1840 pin-fire cartridges were developed. "True shotguns" came into common use in 1850 according to PBS. The first full rim-fire cartridge was introduced in 1859. Breech loading guns came into common use in 1861. In 1873, Winchester began mass producing affordable rifles. 1877 saw the first effective double-action revolver. Firearm innovations continued through the 1900's and still continue today.

Antique guns often bring some great auction results. We sold a Colt revolver several years ago that brought \$2,000. Many of the most valuable guns that have sold at auction have a connection to someone famous. Some were valuable because of their rarity alone though. For example, one of the first repeating revolvers by Samuel Colt sold for \$977,500 according to Money Magazine's "The 10 Most Expensive Guns Ever Sold at Auction" list. A gold inlaid pocket revolver from 1849 went for \$1.1 million. WQAD of Moline, IL reported that a record was set when a rare "Walker" Colt revolver was auctioned for \$1.84 million. One set of guns with historical ties that brought six figure sums at auction were Simon Bolivar's (South American instrumental in revolutions against the Spanish Empire) flintlock pistols which sold for \$1.68 million. George Washington's saddle pistols hit the mark when they sold for a little under \$2 million



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We have another colt revolver, a Kentucky long rifle and other antique firearms in our January 30th auction. My "Evaluating your antiques" class will be held on March 3rd at the Bay Path Adult Education Evening School in Charlton. Other events are being scheduled. Please see www.centralmassauctions.com for details on these and other events.

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

Second Chance receives \$50,000 From ASPCA

NORTH BROOKFIELD — The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty of Animals has awarded Second Chance Animal Services a \$50,000 grant to help care for medically needy pets in their animal relocation program.

Pets with extensive medical needs are often turned away from other shelters because they don't have the resources to help. With an expanding nonprofit veterinary hospital system, Second Chance is uniquely qualified to treat these pets. The organization works with the ASPCA and a network of animal shelters along the East Coast to help these pets in peril in overcrowded shelters.

CEO Sheryl Blancato is proud that Second Chance is the recipient of this



competitive grant, and said "Second Chance and the ASPCA have a history of working together to help pets. We have been an Emergency Placement Partner since 2013, providing refuge and services for pets displaced by the recent hurricanes."

"Last year, Second Chance took in homeless cats from an evacuating shelter ahead of Hurricane Dorian. Two cats had tougher medical needs," noted Blancato, who was part of the transport team. "One cat had serious heart and digestive issues. Our medical staff treated this guy and he got his second chance too."

The grant will help pets that arrive at the organization's Almost Home Transport Facility in North Brookfield. Pets in transports that cross state lines must meet a state-mandated 48-hour quarantine period. They get a full check-up by the Second Chance veterinary staff to determine what each pet

needs prior to adoption. Their medical needs range from basic vaccines and spay/neuter surgery to treatment for heartworm or advanced dental disease, and in some cases surgery for prior injuries or illness. They are brought to our adoption center once cleared and when space is available. This ensures that local pets are not displaced for out of state pets so we can help meet both needs.

This grant will help ensure good health for pets in the relocation program, enabling Second Chance to continue to accept pets with significant medical needs.

"This is important because we are oftentimes their last chance," added Blancato.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The last few weeks...

To the Editor:

In this week's edition, I would like to comment on both the assignation on Qassem Soleimani and some of the letters that have been published in recent weeks.

To start, I would like to address the letter from Dana George Reed of Dec. 20. Mr. Reed's description of "Anti-Christian," "Anti-Christmas," and "Pro-abortion" can better be described as "American freedom enshrined in our First Amendment." The First Amendment of the constitution prohibits the government from establishing a religion, any religion, and allows the free exercise of religion privately. The United States is not a Christian country but it is a secular country in our founding documents that at the moment has many Christians living in it. The First Amendment is not only guarantees the free exercise of religion to those that choose, but it is the freedom from religion for those of us who choose not to make it part of our lives.

In case you were wondering...I am "anti-Christian" just as much as I am anti-Muslim, anti-Zoroastrianit, or anti-Satanist. Christianity is just as ridiculous as the polytheistic Greco Roman gods such as Jupiter, Juno, Minerva, and Mars. Organized religion is an antiquated method of justifying central authority and maintaining peace between individuals - functioning as the first form of government. To believe that gobbledy-gook in light of universal literacy, science, and the critical thinking skills your educators tried to teach you is beyond comprehension. I am anti-Christmas because Christmas has turned into a cultural litmus test to determine if you belong. I am not pro-abortion; every abortion is a tragedy of some type. I support

abortion as a private decision between interested parties. The Pope isn't invited. Other voters aren't interested parties either. Your morals don't matter to me and don't matter to anybody else. Keep your morals to yourself!

Refrain from belligerent submissions during "The Holy Advent season" out of respect to observant Jews and Christians? I hope you know that Advent is a Christian concept with no meaning to Jews other than an uptick in anti-Semitic events. I also hope you know that to an observant Jew Chanukah is a minor holiday that doesn't give people the day off from work and has only been blown up in the United States to "compete" with Christmas since WWII, when the Christians tried to find ways to bring Jews into the fold, honorary whites if you will. After including Jews in your Christmas rant you then remind all that Jesus is the reason for the season ("birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus, the Christ child, and what His birth, death and resurrection can mean to us." Mr. Reed - you certainly have a tendency to conflate Christian things with Jewish things, almost like if it is covering something up... To the point though - NO, you do not get a month off every year from deserved criticism.

To say that Roe v. Wade was worse than the Dred Scott decision (which Mr. Reed did on Dec. 20) really stands on its own. For those not aware, the Dred Scott decision (7-2) determined that people of African ancestry (black) could not be citizens of the United States, regardless of the circumstances. Even if born in the USA, even if living in a free state where slavery was illegal. The court further ruled that black people were property even if living in a free state. The court found that no person of African ancestry could be

a citizen even if free, that only white individuals were granted citizenship in the Northwest Territory, and the Missouri Compromise was voided. If you believe that Roe v. Wade is worse than that I don't even know what to say...I rest my case.

Regarding Mr. Graham's letter of Dec. 20 with his Christmas break reading list... Has anybody read those? Has anybody looked up any reviews? I looked those up on Amazon, and I think every reader of this publication owes it to look those books up.

Mr. McRae - I hope you had a good Christmas with your family. I'm very sorry that the cultural tide has turned against telling those that don't celebrate Christmas "you don't belong here" when buying groceries at Walmart. All the "Happy Holidays" must have eaten your soul from the inside. I'm very sorry that Walmart has a modicum of respect for people like me - I know the country has changed a lot and change is hard...

Mr. Blais - Gobbledy-gook as always. Keep writing, though! You make my point every week...

Mr. Lacaire - You say some religions are simply not true, indicating you believe some are true, or at least more true. Please elaborate. Clearly everybody can't be correct and there can only be one truth as you correctly point out. Please elaborate on what you believe that one truth to be along with your reasoning and evidence.

Mr. Foyle - Catholics may preach morality but I don't think they have much of a leg to stand on. Look at the recent sex abuse scandals, the cover-ups, back to how they acted in the Holocaust, back to not treating unmarried pregnant women or even married Jewish women at Catholic hospitals because they were "in sin."

Ms. Gaucher - I challenge you to attack my ideas rather than diligently searching records so that you can find my house to egg it or do who knows what. See if you can find Kim Kardashian's house while you're at it. Tell me how many houses in East Brookfield are owned by Trusts or Corporations.

Now, Qassem Soleimani... Has anybody noticed all the videos circulating from 2011 where Trump accused Obama of wanting to start a war with Iran in order to win the 2012 election? It sounds like Trump was projecting in the sense of "If I was president..."

Soleimani was a bad dude. The United States has had an official policy against political assassinations for many years and for a reason. It's possible that nothing comes of this, it's possible that Iran backs down a little bit, but it is also possible that we start a war. Even if only a proxy war, think of the tens of thousands of lives that will be lost. Iraq wants our forces out. Trump released a target list in Iran including "culturally significant sites." Hitting culturally significant sites with no military value is a war crime and the US has been sharply critical of ISIS and the Taliban for doing just that.

It really seems like Trump is trying to be a war criminal with the strongest military in the world that can hit anybody anywhere and then say, "So what are you going to do about it?" He is a mob boss trying to run the United States like the mob. We might get what we want, but the risk of it blowing up in our face simply isn't worth it.

OMAR HAR-YAROK
EAST BROOKFIELD

Eastwood's "Richard Jewell"—a screen gem honors hero

To the Editor:

It is finally 2020 Anno Domini (that is, A.D., in the year of our Lord), so Happy New Year to one and all! If Hollywood's film industry had to survive on the rare purchases of movie tickets from folks like me over the course of our lives, they would have gone the way of Decca Records. With that disclosure up front, I was nonetheless deeply moved to learn of and then go see legendary Actor and Director Clint Eastwood's 2019 film "Richard Jewell" at the end of December. The film is based on the true story of the 1996 Summer Olympics bombing in Atlanta's Centennial Park, and the heroic Security Officer who found the bomb yet was soon falsely accused of being the bomber. This film earned two separate awards as Top 10 Films of the Year (2019/ American Film Institute; National Board of Review Awards (NBRA)).

Clint Eastwood has achieved a storied Hollywood career including Actor, Director, Producer and Composer, spanning an amazing seven decades. Further to his credit, some of Eastwood's well-known films and/or acting roles call attention to government corruption, abuse of power and the plight of those unjustly attacked or targeted. These works include Magnum Force, Pale Rider, Unforgiven, Absolute Power, Changeling (2008) and J. Edgar. This new release is an addition to that list. Next to Paul Walter Hauser, who plays the main character—Richard Jewell, Sam Rockwell shares the best acting in this film as Jewell's reluctant attorney, Watson Bryant, representing him against the government. Kathy Bates of "Dolores Claiborne" fame is a renowned Actress and plays the role of Richard's Mother, Bobi, without flaw. She earned three different nominations with this film

for "Best Supporting Actress" and won one of them. Hauser also won the NBRA Award for "Best Breakthrough Performance". However, as occasionally happens with Hollywood creations, this film attracted some controversy. This was chiefly due to the implication perceived by some reviewers that the Atlanta-Journal Constitution's reporter, Kathy Scruggs, played by Olivia Wilde, engaged in sex with an FBI Agent for the name and related information of the suspect, Mr. Jewell. This was said to perpetuate a "sexist trope" of female professionals, yet Ms. Wilde—an activist in her own right—courageously defended her role in the film as depicted. Specifically, she noted there is a double-standard with no apparent outrage, protestations and ignoring the consensual action/implications of the male FBI Agent (played by Jon Hamm) in the portrayed exchange. Wilde has also clarified that the perspective of the fictional dramatization of the story, as she understood it, was that Kathy, and the FBI Agent who leaked false information to her, were in a pre-existing romantic relationship, not a transactional exchange of sex for information. When I first heard this brouhaha concerning the film, I recalled another classic Eastwood film from 1988, his final Dirty Harry called "The Dead Pool". In it, Actor Liam Neeson, playing a horror film Director, replies to Inspector Harry Callahan about a recently-murdered star on the set named Johnnie Squires, who both used and sang about drugs: "He was controversial; it sells tickets. You know, bums on seats Love?" With that observation applied here, isn't it ironic comparing the typical reaction of truly controversial films? They generate both outrage and interest usually resulting in huge ticket sales from a diverse audience,

many with polar-opposite viewpoints regarding the content. The box office receipts here have been paltry to date, so it appears the film has thus far been more a victim of public apathy than any sporadic burst of controversy, with the 1996 Summer Olympic event nearly a quarter century in the rear-view mirror now. See this film with an open mind to the possibility of a seasoned Actor/Director utilizing a well-established practice in tinsel town of "poetic license", here with a bold and salacious creation of tossing in the sex component, unless there is, in fact, some truth to the portrayal. The Atlanta-Journal Constitution's objection aside, I don't know the truth about it, yet I get the hyped-up feminist/virtue-signaling outrage. After all, the very idea of a 20th Century newspaper reporter sleeping with a well-positioned and informed "source", be it a G-man or whomever, is just bloody ludicrous, right? That would never happen among reporters and journalists of today, pillars of integrity and honesty; protecting the innocent and vulnerable accused in society... Lol, many of these folks would sell their own soul and family member to advance their party line, get a first or exclusive, or bolster the ordained narrative their editorial overseers favor. Maybe this was just Eastwood's own way of evening up the score after the fact; to stick it to the ruthless, arrogant, powerful, willful, ambitious, and careless *itches and *astards who seriously harmed an innocent man and his family. Regardless, the perpetually-outraged crowd is both seeking and serving to drive attention away from the real issue here. At the sunset of his long career, Mr. Eastwood, now 89, chose to correctly portray a fallen hero and victim, and in so doing, helped

clear Jewell's good name, albeit posthumously. The real Richard Jewell died in 2007 at the age of 44. For their troubling part in this historical event, the Atlanta-Journal Constitution was the only one of several defendants named by Jewell in lawsuits that did not settle with the plaintiff (or later, his estate) over being falsely implicated in the bombing. That newspaper has also, to date, not apologized for what happened to Mr. Jewell and his Mother, at the hands of their overzealous reporter and the editorial decisions made at the time (Ms. Scruggs died in 2001, reportedly of a prescription-drug overdose). What a shameful rag!

If you haven't already, do resolve to go out and see "Richard Jewell" before it disappears from the big screens locally, or be sure to get a DVD once they're available. If you need some motivation and a catchy tune to put you in the proper frame of mind, I recommend taking in a good high-fidelity recording of Don Henley's 1982 release and chart-topper "Dirty Laundry" before watching this film. To be sure, Clint Eastwood doesn't need to prove anything with regard to his legendary acting nor directorial skills with his films at this point. Nonetheless, supporting this release will show Jewell's family, friends and the world that the greatest nation on earth—especially when we get it wrong at the outset—honors the value of due process for Americans; innocent until proven guilty! May Americans truly recognize a hero who was done terribly wrong by the most feared and powerful institutions in America—government/law enforcement and the media. Honor the man and memory of Richard Jewell, an American hero.

DANA GEORGE REED
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work to gently soften them. Begin to work your thumbs and fingers down the back of your neck from your skull to your shoulders. Shake your head gently from side to side now and then as you work. Once your neck begins to feel more relaxed, work your finger up over your temples and ears, then back down to your neck. Push your thumbs against your scalp and rotate them firmly in small circles. Press the palms and heels of your hands against the sides of your head, using the most pressure at the softest points on either side. Rather than pressing in, pull up toward the top of your head.

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Soothing Foot Massage: Foot massage can induce serenity and relieve tension all over the body. It also invigorates tired, aching feet. To do: Sit on a chair and place one foot on the opposite thigh. Rub some oil or lotion onto your foot if you like. Apply pressure with your thumbs to the sole of your foot, working from the bottom of your arch to the top near your big toe. Repeat several times. Make a fist and press your knuckles into the bottom of your foot, moving from your heel to your toes. Repeat several times. Now massage each toe by holding it firmly and moving it from side to side. Extend each toe gently out and away from the ball of your foot. Now apply pressure to the areas between your toes. Hold your toes in one hand and bend them backward holding them there for five to ten seconds. Then bend them in the opposite direction and

hold for five to ten seconds. Repeat three times. Press and roll your thumbs between the bones of the ball of your foot. Now switch to the other foot.

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Essential Massage Oils: Essential oils form the basis for therapeutic massage potions. The following blends, which are easy to concoct, offer a natural approach to treating various maladies. Massage oils are made by blending therapeutic grade essential oils with a carrier oil such as Grapeseed, Sunflower, Sweet Almond, or Rosehip oils. To do: Mix the oils in a dark, glass container. Roll the jar to mix. Store in a cool dark place with the lid tightly closed and they will last up to three months. Apply only one half to one teaspoon of massage oil for each massage. Note: Oils used on skin should be therapeutic grade essential oils. Essential oils should be used with care and caution. Be sure to check with a health professional before using any aromatherapy treatment.

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After Sports Massage Oil: This amazing blend promises to relieve sore joints after a tough workout or sports session. Mix together four ounces of carrier oil with 14 drops each of eucalyptus, peppermint and ginger essential oils. Gently shake to blend before each use. Massage joints gently. Sore Muscles Blend: Another "recipe" to try to tame muscle aches. Mix together one ounce carrier oil to the following essential oils: 3 drops ginger, 2 drops black pepper, 5 drops peppermint, 5 drops eucalyptus. Blend well and massage sore muscles gently.

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Relaxing Back Rub Oil: Mix one ounce carrier oil with 8 drops each of mint and eucalyptus oils. Apply to back and massage.

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Insomnia Massage Oil: This oil, applied with a light massage, will lull you off to blissful sleep. Mix together four ounces of carrier oil with nine drops each of lavender, marjoram, clary sage essential oils.

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Foot Massage Oil: Lavender's role in inducing calm is legendary, and this foot massage oil soothes away stress. Mix four ounces of carrier oil with 12 drops of lavender oil. Massage on the bottom of the feet.

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Oil Treatments and Bath Blends: Add oils to bathwater after it has cooled a bit. Very hot water makes essential oils evaporate too quickly.

Antidepressant Aromatherapy Bath: This simple bath blend has been praised for its calming antidepressant properties. Simply add three drops of rose essential oil and four drops of ylang ylang essential oil to a tub full of warm water. To induce further relaxation, bath by candlelight.

Anti-Anxiety Bath: Add six drops geranium and four drops basil oils to a tub of warm water.

Ginger Bath Blend for Arthritis: Soak in this bath to relieve arthritis pain and stiffness. Mix together four drops ginger essential oil and two drops each lavender, rosemary and lemon eucalyptus oils to one quarter cup honey or Epsom salts. Mix oils

together with honey or salts. Add solution to warm bath water. Soak and Relax.

Anti-Stretchmark Oil: Apply to the skin a few times a day to prevent or reduce the eruption of stretch marks. (from Aromatherapy and Massage for Mother and Baby by Allison England). To four tablespoons of almond oil and one tablespoon of avocado oil, add seven drops of lavender and five drops of mandarin or tangerine oil. Apply to the skin a few times a day to prevent or reduce the eruption of stretch marks.

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Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

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

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

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18
12:02-12:16 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:18 a.m.: suspicious mv (Howe Road), info taken; 12:24-12:33 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:38 a.m.: mv stop (West Main Street); 12:53-1:19 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 4:00 a.m.: 911 call (Old Farm Road), accidental; 6:05 a.m.: search warrant (Main Street), Paul E. Lirette, Junior, 44, 26 Main Street, Spencer, possession Class A drug, possession w/intent to distribute, conspiracy to violate drug laws, failure to notify RMV of name/address change, arrest; 7:20 a.m.: suspi-cious mv (West Main Street), dog alone in mv; 9:13 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 9:35 a.m.: accident (Main Street), hit/run; 9:41 a.m.: juvenile matter (Bixby Road), student fled; 10:27 a.m.: medical/gen-eral (Starr Street); 10:57 a.m.: officer wanted (Lincoln Street), spoken to; 10:57 a.m.: sex offender registration (West Main Street), assisted; 11:20 a.m.: officer wanted (McCormick Road), immediate threat; 12:04 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), hang-up; 1:43 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 2:46 p.m.: FID card issued (West Main Street), assisted; 4:05 p.m.: mv com-plaint (North Brookfield Road), traf-fic hazard; 4:25 p.m.: medical/general (Kingsbury Road); 4:29 p.m.: juvenile matter (West Main Street), spoken to; 4:43 p.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), investigated; 5:25 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Church Street), child w/phone; 7:24 p.m.: mv stop (West Main Street); 7:43 p.m.: suspicious mv (Howe Road), investigated; 8:20 p.m.: suspicious mv (Howe Road), investigated; 11:42 p.m.: building checked, secure; 11:48 p.m.: mv stop (Maple Street); 11:54-11:57 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19
12:00 a.m.: building checked, secure; 12:03-12:25 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:26 a.m.: school alarm (Ash Street), services rendered; 12:29 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), info taken; 12:56 a.m.: school alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 1:25-1:41 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 4:14 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 6:53 a.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), assisted; 6:54 a.m.: medical/general (Ash Street); 8:10 a.m.: officer wanted (Mechanic Street), eviction inquiry; 8:23 a.m.: medical/gen-eral (Howe Village); 8:51 a.m.: med-ical/general (Borkum Road); 11:13 a.m.: lost/found (Cherry Street), lost wallet; 11:29 a.m.: 209A service (West Main Street); 12:01 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), Harrington CT down; 1:01 p.m.: parking violation (Mechanic Street), ticket issued; 1:04 p.m.: park-ing violation (Mechanic Street), tick-et issued; 1:50 p.m.: medical/general (Crown Street); 2:16 p.m.: residential fire (Clark Street), services rendered; 2:19 p.m.: building checked, secure; 2:20 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 4:16 p.m.: medical/general (Barclay Road); 4:50 p.m.: med-ical/general (South Spencer Road); 5:44 p.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 5:48 p.m.: officer wanted (Starr Street), welfare check; sometime between 6:00 p.m. & 7:44 p.m.: entire incident redacted from police log; 7:44 p.m.: animal complaint (Sherwood Drive), missing dog; 9:56 p.m.: building checked, secure; 10:07 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 10:33 p.m.: com-mercial alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 11:09 p.m.: animal complaint (Olde Main Street), dead raccoon.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20
12:23-1:30 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:34 a.m.: mv stop (Ash Street); 1:39-1:55 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:16 a.m.: accident (North Spencer Road), mv vs deer; 7:06 a.m.: suspicious mv (Donnelly Cross Road), info taken; 8:01 a.m.: medical/general (Pauls Drive); 9:40 a.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), info taken; 9:59 a.m.: DPW call (Treadwell Drive), icy con-ditions; 10:01 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 10:34 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), info given; 10:44 a.m.: abandoned mv (Elm Street), investigated; 11:15 a.m.: mv stop (North Brookfield Road); 11:38 a.m.: DPW call (Howe Road), icy conditions; 1:37 p.m.: officer wanted (Chestnut Street), no trespass order issued; 2:02 p.m.: suspicious persons (Thompson Pond Road), investigat-ed; 2:50 p.m.: officer wanted (Lincoln Street), spoken to; 2:52 p.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 3:08 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 3:23 p.m.: medical/general (Greenville Street); 4:26 p.m. 911 call (Dustin Street), misdial; 4:35 p.m.: DPW call (Charron Street), icy conditions; 4:42 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), Harrington CT down; 4:53 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 5:38 p.m.: disturbance (Mechanic Street), c/o harassment; 6:10 p.m.: suspicious persons (Main Street), customer issued; 6:12 p.m.: fire alarm (Ceder Road), service rendered; 6:18 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), theft; 6:46 p.m.: medical/gen-eral (Chestnut Street); 9:00 p.m.: 911 call (Bixby Road), accidental; 9:18 p.m.: building checked, secure; 9:54 p.m.: parking complaint (Chestnut Street), traffic lane blocked; 10:04 p.m.: build-

Warren woman arrested on drug related charges



Courtesy Photo
Warren Police found several drugs during a traffic stop ear-lier this month.

WARREN – A woman is facing several charges following a drug arrest earlier this month.
On Jan. 2, Officer Shawn Morin conducted a motor vehicle stop on Town Farm Road at approx-imately 3:30 p.m. He was joined by Officer Matt Morin, who assisted with the investigation of the vehicle.
The driver, Ann Cutler, 39, of Warren, possessed a large quantity of drugs and money hidden on her person, police said. Cutler was arrested and charged with possession with intent to distribute a Class A substance-heroin (subsequent offense); possession with intent to distribute a Class B substance-crack cocaine (subsequent offense); possession of a Class B substance-crack cocaine (subsequent offense); possession of a Class E sub-stance (Xanax); failure to keep right; and failure to signal.
Cutler’s arraignment was scheduled for last week.

ing checked, secure; 10:56 p.m.: officer wanted (Lincoln Street), info taken; 11:15 p.m.: medical/general (Chestnut Street).

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21
12:21-12:50 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:51 a.m.: parking violation (street not noted on police log), tick-et issued; 12:52-1:02 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:02 a.m.: parking violation (Main Street), ticket issued; 1:03 a.m.: building checked, secure; 1:04 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), info taken; 1:12-1:16 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:17 a.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), debris in road; 1:21 a.m.: parking violation (Chestnut Street), ticket issued; 2:22 p.m.: medical/general (Condon Drive); 4:46 a.m.: commercial alarm (Meadow Road), services rendered; 4:47 a.m.: dis-turbance (Chestnut Street), neighbor complaint; 6:07 a.m.: 911 call (Highland Street), accidental; 6:21 a.m.: residen-tial fire (Pleasant Street), services ren-dered; 8:37 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), accidental; 10:26 a.m.: commer-cial alarm (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 10:29 a.m.: medical/general (Grove Street); 10:56 a.m.: DPW call (Ledge Avenue), lg. pothole; 11:00 a.m.: medical/general (Greenville Street); 11:41 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 3:06 p.m.: mv lockout (Wm. Casey Road), assisted; 3:23 p.m.: offi-cer wanted (Charlton Road), sm. fire; 5:39 p.m.: vandalism (Lyford Road), poss. break-in; 3:46 p.m.: officer want-ed (West Main Street), assist disabled party; 4:34 p.m.: mv complaint (North Spencer Road), erratic operation; 7:27 p.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 7:47 p.m.: 911 call (Pleasant Street), child w/phone; 8:39-9:45 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:46 p.m.: fire alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 11:11 p.m.: suspicious mv (Valley Street), info taken; 11:27-11:41 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 11:51 p.m.: suspicious persons (Park Street), Devin Richard Peterson, 22, 6 Highrock Lane, Worcester, trespass-ing, arrest; Brendon James Torres, 23, 17 Waterman Street, Worcester, tres-passing, arrest;

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22
1:31 a.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), info taken; 1:37 a.m.: park-ing violation (Mechanic Street), tick-et issued; 1:38-1:39 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:41 a.m.: parking vi-olation (Mechanic Street), ticket issued; 1:43-2:04 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:07 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), Southbridge PD bolo; 8:39 a.m.: officer wanted (Paxton Road), noise complaint inquiry; 9:33 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 9:45 a.m.: medical/general (Meadowbrook Road); 9:57 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), open line; 10:55 a.m.: officer wanted (Greenville Street), search for male; 11:26 a.m.: mv lockout (Bell Street), assisted; 11:53 a.m.: commercial alarm (Water Street), services rendered; 12:24 mv accident (Lake Avenue), report taken; 12:29 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 12:50 p.m.: vandalism (Wall Street), graffiti; 1:23 p.m.: 911 call (Howe Village), ser-vices rendered; 2:13 p.m.: officer want-ed (Northwest Road), spoken to; 2:58 p.m.: commercial alarm (Mechanic Street), services rendered; 3:20 p.m.: 911 call (Donnelly Road), hang-up; 3:56 p.m.: commercial alarm (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 4:32 p.m.: mv stop (North Brookfield Road); 5:12 p.m.: mv stop (West Main Street); 5:26 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 5:29 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), info taken; 5:57 p.m.: transportation (Main Street), courtesy transport; 6:45 p.m.: medical/general (Chickering Road); 8:58 p.m.: mv stop (West Main Street); 8:59 p.m.: mv complaint (Dale Street), speeding; 9:28-9:32 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:33 p.m.: medical/gen-eral (Mechanic Street); 9:54-10:05 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 10:11 p.m.: officer wanted (Mechanic Street), req. to assist property retrieval; 10:32 p.m.: medical/general (East Charlton Road).

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23
12:39-12:53 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:02 a.m.: disturbance (West Main Street), assault in store; 1:09 a.m.: officer wanted (Lincoln Street), issue

w/ex-tenant; 1:48-2:02 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:02 a.m.: suspicious mv (North Street), info taken; 2:23 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:28 a.m.: parking violation (Grove Street), ticket issued; 2:33-3:03 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 3:12 a.m.: medical/gen-eral (Browning Pond Road); 3:18 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 8:19 a.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), amb. to East Brookfield; 9:14 a.m.: mv complaint (West Main Street), erratic operation; 9:17 a.m.: fraud (Pleasant Street), theft from bank account; 9:44 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), 209A inquiry; 10:25 a.m.: medical/general (Route 49); 10:33 a.m.: fire alarm (Main Street), serv-ices rendered; 10:42 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no con-tact; 12:59 p.m.: trespassing (Chestnut Street), no trespass order served; 1:04 p.m. 911 call (Woodside Road), acciden-tal; 2:52 p.m.: animal complaint (West Avenue), missing dog; 3:45 p.m.: mutu-al aid (Maple Street), welfare check; 3:47 p.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 4:22 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 4:52 p.m.: med-ical/general (Main Street); 5:03 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), amb. to East Brookfield; 5:58 p.m.: com-mercial alarm (West Main Street), services rendered; 6:06 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), assist cit-izen; 7:35 p.m.: mv complaint (West Main Street), erratic operation; 8:09 p.m.: disturbance (Fourth Avenue), gunshots heard; 8:55 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), services rendered; 11:39-11:45 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24
12:12-12:54 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:20 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; 2:23 a.m.: parking violations (Grove, Elm, Valley streets), tickets issued; 2:33 a.m.: building checked, secure; 2:37 a.m.: mv stop (Chestnut Street); 2:48-3:06 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:07 a.m.: suspicious mv (Woodside Road), investigated; 6:27 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 7:30 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 8:10 a.m.: officer want-ed (East Avenue), welfare check; 9:13 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Ash Street), accidental; 10:15 a.m.: medical/gen-eral (Main Street); 12:02 p.m.: accident (Pleasant Street), report taken; 12:11 p.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 12:31 p.m.: medical/general (High Street); 1:06 p.m.: medical/gen-eral (Smithville Road); 1:07 p.m.: 209A service (West Main Street); 2:55 p.m.: fire alarm (Candlewood Drive), ser-vices rendered; 3:13 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 4:08 p.m.: school alarm (Ash Street), services rendered; 4:41 p.m.: accident (Wilson Street), mv vs deer; 5:57 p.m.: juvenile matter (Pope Street), spoken to; 8:56 p.m.: officer wanted (Paxton Road), welfare check; 9:23 p.m.: fireworks complaint (Pleasant Street), gunshots heard; 10:02 p.m.: medical/gen-erl (Clark Road); 10:16 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Mechanic Street), accidental; 10:30 p.m.: building checked, secure; 10:38 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), speeding; 11:44 p.m.: medical/general (Water Street).

Leicester Logs

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19
4:58 a.m.: ambulance (Virginia Drive), transported; 8:53 a.m.: welfare check (Chapel Street), spoken to; 12:18 p.m.: suspicious activity (Whittemore Street), spoken to; 12:24 p.m.: ambu-lance (Mayflower Road), transport-ed; 1:43 p.m.: larceny (Aldena Road, Worcester), referred; 1:47 p.m.: acci-dent (Main Street), report taken; 2:39 p.m.: suspicious activity (Stafford Street), spoken to; 3:25 p.m.: accident (Pleasant Street), report taken; 6:03 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), name and address redacted from police log, op w/suspended license, mv towed; 6:28 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, op w/suspended license, mv towed; 6:48 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), verbal warning; 7:29 p.m.: disabled mv (South Street), unable to locate; 8:35 p.m.: assist citizen (Main Street), ser-vices rendered.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20
12:50 a.m.: erratic operation (South Main Street), spoken to; 1:53 a.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 4:54 a.m.: ambulance (South Main Street), transported; 8:30 a.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street), report taken; 8:35 a.m.: residential alarm (Marshall Street), false alarm; 8:58 a.m.: water/sewer problem (Sterling Street), assisted; 10:03 a.m.: fraud (Huntoon Memorial Highway), services ren-dered; 10:53 a.m.: investigation (South Main Street), services rendered; 11:10 a.m.: investigation (Huntoon Memorial Highway), services ren-dered; 12:16 p.m.: ambulance (Carleton Road), unfounded; 12:48 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 12:51 p.m.: disabled mv (Marshall Street), assist-ed; 1:03 p.m.: debris in road (Auburn Street), removed; 1:35 p.m.: accident (Huntoon Memorial Highway), assist-ed; 3:29 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), assisted; 4:30 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21
7:05 a.m.: ambulance (Salminen Drive), transported; 9:13 a.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), citation issued; 10:58 a.m.: harassment (Burncoat Street), report taken; 2:26 p.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive), name and address redacted from police log, larceny under \$1200, arrest; 2:41 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 3:01 p.m.: accident (South Main Street), assisted; 4:18 p.m.: ambulance (Foster Court), transport-ed; 4:55 p.m.: welfare check (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 5:14 p.m.: accident (Stafford Street), Barry R. Beauregard, 57, 614 Henshaw Street, Rochdale, OUI liquor, negligent oper-ation, arrest; 7:06 p.m.: water/sewer problem (Breezy Green Road), services rendered; 7:56 p.m.: ambulance (River Street), transported; 8:07 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), verbal warning; 9:11 p.m.: mv stop (Man Street), spoken to.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22
1:52a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, op w/suspended license, mv towed; 10:44 a.m.: ambulance (Meadow Lane), transported; 11:28 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 12:14 p.m. mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 4:29 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 4:56 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, unin-sured mv, op w/revoked registration, criminal application issued; 5:22 p.m.: residential b&e (Lynde Brook Drive), report taken; 5:32 p.m.: erratic opera-tion (Main Street), gone on arrival; 8:06 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 8:27 p.m.: wel-fare check (Stafford Street), assisted; 9:11 p.m.: investigation (Highland Street, Auburn), services rendered; 9:22 p.m.: erratic operation (Main Street), unfounded; 9:37 p.m.: mv stop (Westminster Street), verbal warning; 10:09 p.m.: welfare check (Oakwood Lane), transported.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23
3:22 a.m.: mutual aid (Main Street, Spencer), transported to hospital; 3:47 a.m.: ambulance (Whittemore Street), transported; 8:10 a.m.: investigation (South Main Street), services rendered; 9:28 a.m.: summons service (Peter Salem Road), served; 9:47 a.m.: assist citizen (Huntoon Memorial Highway), services rendered; 12:13 p.m.: ambu-lance (Brown Street), transported; 12:20 p.m.: ambulance (Stafford Street), transported; 12:24 p.m.: ambulance (Atwood Terrace), no action required; 1:30 p.m.: larceny (South Main Street), investigated; 2:00 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), name and address redact-ed from police log, marked lanes vi-olation, unlicensed operation, arrest; 2:44 p.m.: ambulance (Willow Hill Road), transported; 4:35 p.m.: investigation (South Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, b&e misde-meanor; name and address redact-ed from police log, b&e misdemea-nor, investigated; 5:21 p.m.: accident (Paxton Street), report taken.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24
12:11 a.m.: suspicious mv (Boyd Street), spoken to; 1:05 a.m.: assist cit-izen (Main Street), services rendered; 6:33 a.m.: suspicious mv (South Main Street), spoken to; 6:46 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 8:59 a.m.: welfare check (Chapel Street), spoken to; 9:28 a.m.: ambulance (Winslow Avenue), transported; 3:49 p.m.: acci-dent (Stafford Street), mv towed; 6:45 p.m.: suspicious person (Main Street), unable to locate; 8:04 p.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street), transported; 8:30 p.m.: erratic operation (Main Street), no action required.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25
4:27 a.m.: ambulance (Edward Street), transported; 5:08 a.m.: ambu-lance (Peter Salem Road), transport-ed; 9:10 a.m.: ambulance (Mayflower Road), transported; 11:18 a.m.: disabled mv (Marshall Street), assisted; 12:25 p.m.: suspicious mv (Chapel Street), spoken to; 12:48 p.m.: parking com-plaint (Lillian Avenue), services ren-dered; 1:26 p.m.: ambulance (Auburn Street), transported; 2:35 p.m.: welfare check (Stafford Street), investigated; 7:17 p.m.: welfare check (Henshaw Street), investigated.

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payers as infrastructure ages. Only nine out of 351 cities and towns in Massachusetts currently have more than three water or sewer districts.

The feasibility study is expected to provide an in-depth analysis of each district, including physical assets, financial operations, and future challenges. Once complete, the study will yield several recommendations that will benefit the districts and their ratepayers going forward, officials said.

Local and state leaders agree that Leicester is long overdue for significant changes to its water systems.

"I've sat across the table from countless local leaders who are pinching pen-

nies trying to bring safe, clean drinking water to their residents. It shouldn't be that way," McGovern said. "I'm proud that this grant is going to identify improvements to help us build a more sustainable and safe water system in the years to come."

McGovern brought the Economic Development Administration to the table two years ago to start discussions on federal involvement. Additionally, the Congressman advocated for Leicester during the application process with the EDA's local office.

The most recent federal grant comes in addition to \$100,000 that was secured by State Senator Michael Moore for the same study, as well as \$10,287 from the town of Leicester.

For several years, residents have implored leaders at all levels to assist with the water-related challenges. In March of last year, residents in the Cherry Valley Rochdale Water District paid the highest water rates in the state.

"Resolving the issues with the drinking water and wastewater systems in Leicester should not be approached in a piecemeal fashion," said Sen. Moore. "Instead, a full review of these utilities should be completed to unite the patchwork of services in an efficient, viable model that meets the needs of the community. This critical grant funding will complement state and local funds to help address many problems facing these districts."

Town officials thank area leaders for their assistance in securing the funds. Town Administrator David Genereux worked closely with Congressman McGovern and Senator Moore throughout the process.

"This is the culmination of a thoughtful and cooperative process between the town, the water and sewer districts, and our elected representatives at the state and federal level," Genereux said. "I would like to thank Congressman McGovern, Sen. Moore, Representative David LeBoeuf, and Debra Beavin, of the EDA, for their tireless efforts in helping us obtain the funding for the study."

Looking ahead, officials will craft a request for proposals and hire a consultant to conduct the feasibility study.

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career as an English teacher in Connecticut, and she has spent a total of 23 years in education.

Prior to this year, Fasoli had never worked at a school with such minimal teaching staff turnover. She has been thrilled by the daily approach of all staff members.

"The longevity of the teachers speaks volumes about this school and district," said Fasoli, who has taught everything from special education to advanced placement in her career. "There is a great camaraderie here – everyone has

made me feel very welcomed. The students are set up well for success by a great curriculum and staff."

Fasoli also praised the strong unity between district leadership, teachers, and parents. She continues to meet families and community members. With two children of her own, she understands the importance of parents getting to know teachers and administrators on a personal level.

"I have already made many great relationships with parents," Fasoli said.

The Assistant Principal has also played an important role in bringing several new programs

to KTMS this year, including student and staff recognition activities. Quarterly award assemblies celebrate student achievement in several categories, with awards recognizing "team players," "shining stars," and "most improved." Teachers nominate students in each category based on subject area. Moreover, a scholarship breakfast is held each quarter to recognize students who achieve high honors.

Staff recognition efforts have also been popular this year.

"Saying thank you and really appreciating people goes a long way," Fasoli said. "Many of our teachers are heavily involved

in coaching and other activities outside of school."

Meanwhile, the school introduced monthly programs to accentuate positive character attributes like teamwork, politeness, commitment, and civility.

Fasoli has also worked closely with the district's new school resource officer, Todd LaPorte, of the Spencer Police Department. Along with Superintendent Paul Haughey and KTMS Principal Ralph Borseth, Fasoli has helped introduce LaPorte to all facets of the school community.

"Todd has been amazing. He works great with the staff and

families – he is a great part of our support team," Fasoli said.

Introducing new professional development opportunities was also an emphasis at KTMS this year. In November, Fasoli and Borseth were pleased to welcome Polly Bath to the school. Bath, a student behavior consultant, discussed several new strategies that have proven effective.

Outside of school, Fasoli is finishing a doctorate program in educational leadership from the University of Hartford. During her limited free time, she enjoys reading, going for walks, and yoga.



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NORTH BROOKFIELD HEARTS FOR HEAT SPAGHETTI DINNER: The 12th Annual Hearts for Heat fundraiser is being held from 5-7 p.m. at the North Brookfield Elementary School Cafeteria. The snow date is Feb. 29. Collaborators include: the Hayden Masonic Lodge, North Brookfield Savings Bank, NBPTO, Hannaford's Supermarket, NB Honor Society, and Valley View students. The Otters will again be providing the musical ambiance. Numerous raffle items. Tickets are \$8 or \$25 for a family of four or more and are sold only at the door. Takeout is available.

ONGOING EVENTS

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

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

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

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Let the celebration begin! See Page 3 this week for **EAST BROOKFIELD'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY** schedule of events for 2020. The schedule is also in our 2020 Community Guide (pages 62-63). Clip and save this page, put it on your fridge, so that you won't miss all that's going on. KUDOS to the 100th Anniversary of East Brookfield Committee members for taking on this task. Please see page 11 of our 2020 Guide for a special dedication to these proud East Brookfield citizens!

It's the beginning of TAX SEASON and our Professional Directory features some tax professionals this week. Don't go it alone...trust one of our local accounting offices to help you file your taxes this year!

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See **FIVE LOAVES BAKERY & CAFE'S** ad this week for their Valentine's Day dinner special. Reservations are required for their delightful Friday and Saturday night dinners....and diners love that it's BYOB! They also offer fresh baked bread, party platters, pastries and cookies, specialty cupcakes and cake orders. Call 508-885-3760 for dinner reservations Friday & Saturday 5-8, or join them for lunch anytime Tues-Sat 10-3.

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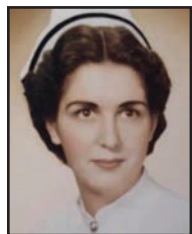
Have a great week!

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OBITUARIES

Alice J. Giguere, 88



Alice J. (Gosselin) Giguere, 88, died Monday, January 6th, at Overlook Masonic Health Center in Charlton, where she has resided for the past eight years.

She is survived by her seven children, William Giguere and his wife Barbara of Charlton, Marie Giguere of Belgium, Joseph Giguere and his wife Elizabeth of Myrtle Beach, Lise-Anne Marsal and her husband Frédéric of France, Angela Einstein and her companion Shane Brooks of Burnham ME, Thomas Giguere and his wife Jacqueline of Sturbridge, and Monique Giguere and her husband Dustin Lima of Charlestown, RI, 18 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren. She also leaves three sisters, Annette Willette of Sandwich, Bernadette Milligan and her husband Edward of Buzzards Bay, Cecile Zarum and her husband Seth of Mashpee, and a brother William Gosselin of Buzzards Bay and many nieces and nephews.

Alice was born in North Attleborough, MA, daughter of Victor and Irene (Robinson) Gosselin

and lived many years on the Cape before moving to Charlton. Alice was a Registered Nurse graduating from Sturdy Memorial Hospital School of Nursing. She was a highly respected nurse at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital where she became one of their youngest head nurses. Alice was also an avid reader and loved her romance novels. She loved to play scrabble, do puzzles and to play cards. Her smile could light up a room, especially when her grandchildren and great-grandchildren visited. She got her strength through her faith and love for God.

The family would like to thank the wonderful staff at The Overlook for all her special care.

The funeral Mass will be held at 10AM on Thursday, January 23, 2020, at St. Joseph's Church, 10 H. Putnam Road, ext., Charlton, MA 01507. There are no calling hours, and burial will be private. Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge, MA 01550 is directing the arrangements. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Overlook, 88 Masonic Home Road, Charlton, MA 01507. www.sansoucyfuneral.com

Ella May (Jaskoviak) McCullough, 94



DUDLEY – Ella May (Jaskoviak) McCullough, 94, of June Street, died Monday, January 6, 2020, at Beaumont Skilled Nursing Center in Worcester. She was predeceased by her husband, Joseph Andrew McCullough who died in 1985. She is survived by two children, Sara J. Smith and her husband Douglas of Brookfield, and Bruce J. McCullough and his wife Sandra of Dudley; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by a grandson, James Joshua Smith. She was born in Oxford, daughter of the late John T. and Sarah A. (Furness-Barnes) Jaskoviak, and lived in Oxford before moving to Auburn 6

years ago. She graduated from Oxford High School.

Mrs. McCullough worked at Cranston Print Works in Webster for many years. Previously, she worked at American Optical in Southbridge for 10 years. She enjoyed knitting, sewing, painting, shopping at thrift stores, and vacationing in Maine.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, January 15, 2020, at North Cemetery, Main St., Oxford. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Brookdale Senior Living, c/o Activities, 669 Washington St., Auburn, MA 01501, or to Beaumont Skilled Nursing Center, 378 Plantation St., Worcester, MA 01605. Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements.

paradisfuneralhome.com

Paul A. Lemieux, 64



CHARLTON / WALTHAM – Paul A. Lemieux, 64, died on January 7, 2020 after a courageous battle with ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease).

Paul was born in Ware, MA and was brought up in North Brookfield. He attended St. Joseph's Elementary School before graduating from Holy Name High School in Worcester and Assumption College in 1977. Paul had a passion for music. Early in his career he was an on-air personality for WAAF-FM in Worcester, WCOZ-FM and WZLX-FM in Boston, where he also served as Music Director.

Later, Paul provided his talents to the Information Technology / Computer Engineering industry. He worked as a Network Engineer for Harvard Pilgrim Healthcare, Dictaphone / Nuance and his most recent position at Idemia in Billerica, MA. Paul was widely known as a network security expert and was relied on heavily to handle complicated issues involving encryption and certificates. Even while he battled ALS, he continued to work until September, 2019.

Paul is survived by his two brothers, Philip L. Lemieux and his wife Cheryl of North Brookfield and Stephen R. Lemieux and his wife Kristen of Sturbridge; many nieces and nephews (along with their children) who were his pride and joy. He was predeceased by his father, Joseph L. Lemieux, his mother, Alice K. (Masterson) Lemieux and his twin brother, Peter J. Lemieux.

In his free time, Paul enjoyed fishing, music, photography, cooking and spending time with his many amazing friends.

Paul's family would like to thank all the caregivers at Overlook in Charlton for providing such compassionate care for Paul during his final months. Your kindness will never be forgotten.

Friends and family are invited to attend calling hours on Friday, January 10, 2020 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. in PILLSBURY FUNERAL HOME, 44 Gilbert St., North Brookfield MA. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Saturday in St. Joseph's Church, 296 North Main St. North Brookfield MA. Burial will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in memory of Paul to the ALS Association, MA Chapter, 685 Canton St., Suite 103, Norwood MA 02062.

Carlos G. Lane, Jr., 52



EAST BROOKFIELD - Carlos G. Lane, Jr., 52, died Wednesday, January 1, 2020 at home in the presence of his family after a long illness.

He leaves his significant other of many years, Luann Varney, her son Christopher Varney and his partner Amanda Bouley and their son Xander of Woonsocket, RI; his brother, Robert G. Lane and his wife Kimberly of Dudley; a nephew, Nicholas Lane and a niece, Amanda Lane; and his faithful companion Bear.

He was born on July 21, 1967 in Worcester, a son of Carlos G. Lane, Sr.

and Carolyn R. (Sonta) Lane and was raised in Charlton. He has lived in E. Brookfield for many years. He attended Shepherd Hill Regional High School in Dudley.

Mr. Lane first worked at Black Bear Construction, his father's company. He then was a roof installer for several companies, most recently Applied Roofing in Dudley.

Carlos liked working on cars, riding his motorcycle and snowmobiling.

A celebration of his life will be held at a later date to be announced. Donations in his memory may be made to Central Mass. Hospice, 191 Pakachoag Street, Auburn, MA 01501. Arrangements are under the direction of Scanlon Funeral Service, 38 East Main St., Webster. www.websterfunerals.com

Virginia E. "Ginny" Lussier, 101



ROCHDALE / SPENCER- Virginia E. "Ginny" (Paquette) Lussier, 101, of Rochdale, formerly of Spencer and Auburn, went to heaven Friday, Jan. 10 at Overlook Masonic Home in Charlton

surrounded by family.

Her husband of 61 years, John A. Lussier, Sr. predeceased her in 2001. She leaves her sons John A. Lussier, Jr. and his wife Christine Lesinski of Randolph, VT, Gerald F. Lussier of Delmar, NY, James R. Lussier and his wife Alice of Phoenix, AZ, Jay R. Lussier and his wife Andrea of Spencer, a daughter Jill M. Terrien and her husband Stephen of Rochdale, 9 grandchildren; Kim, Kirk, Joe, Kelly, Craig, Amy, Kevin, Zachary and Hailey and 14 great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by a granddaughter Cierra Terrien in 1997, a daughter in law Joyce Lussier in 1997, a brother Royal Paquette and a sister Dora Heuer.

Born in Jewett City, CT, she was the daughter of Solomon and Evelyn (Bradford) Paquette. She graduated from the former Commerce High and Ollis Hairdressing Academy in

Worcester. She was a business woman, owner/operator of Virginia's Beauty Shoppe in Auburn, MA for more than 50 years. She and John introduced their family to Stiles Lake in Spencer, MA where good times were had by all and in latter years, Port Charlotte, FL where they were snowbirds. She enjoyed crocheting, dancing and laughter. Above all else she cherished her family and will be most remembered for her kindness, strength and love.

Ginny's family would like to acknowledge the compassionate and loving care provided to her for more than 4 years on the 4th floor of Overlook where staff treated her as family with dignity and respect.

Ginny's funeral was held on Monday, Jan. 13 from the MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main St., Leicester with a Funeral Mass at 11 a.m. in St. Aloysius-St. Jude Church, 489 Pleasant St., Leicester. Burial followed in Notre Dame Cemetery, Worcester. Calling hours were held on Monday from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home prior to the church service. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Overlook Masonic Home Patient Activities Fund, 88 Masonic Home Rd., Charlton, MA 01507 or the charity of your choice.

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Normand C. Vandale, 84



SPENCER / PORT ST. LUCIE, FL.: Normand C. Vandale, 84, of Port St. Lucie, FL. died Sunday, January 12 at his home, surrounded by his family after a long illness.

He leaves his wife of 62 years, Alice L. (Lussier) Vandale, his son Paul N. Vandale and his wife Emily of Spencer and his daughter Therese Y. Vanwert and her husband George of Lutz, FL., his brother Robert Vandale of E. Brookfield, four grandchildren; Leah Vandale of Pittsburg, PA, Breanna Vandale of Ft. Lauderdale, Christopher Vanwert of Tampa, FL., and Jacqueline Vanwert of Lutz, FL., many nieces and nephews.

Born in Spencer, he was the son of Ernest and Yvonne (Brunelle) Vandale and lived most of his life in Spencer before moving to Florida in 2005.

Norm was a longtime supervisor at Norton Co. in Worcester, retiring in 1997. He graduated from David

Prouty High School in Spencer and later served his country with the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was a member of Mary, Queen of the Rosary Parish before moving to FL.

He was a member of many Savannah Club activities in Florida, including the Men's Club, Fishing Club, and Card Clubs as well as a member of Holy Family Church in Port St. Lucie.

Norm's funeral will be held on Saturday, Jan. 18 from the J.HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer with a Funeral Mass at 11 a.m. in Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 7 Church St., Spencer. A calling hour will precede the service on Saturday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Mary, Queen of the Rosary Parish, 60 Maple St., Spencer, MA. 01562.

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Mary E. (Snow) Ingalls, 94



WEST BROOKFIELD - Mary E. (Snow) Ingalls, 94, formerly of Spencer, passed away Friday, January 10, 2020 at Quaboag Rehabilitation & Skilled Care Center, West Brookfield. Wife

of the late Elwin L. Ingalls who died in 1989, she leaves three sons, David L. Ingalls of Charlton, James W. Ingalls and his wife Deborah of Fiskdale, and Robert D. Ingalls and his wife Donna of Colfax, WA. Her youngest son Peter J. Ingalls passed away in 2015. Mary also leaves behind eight grandchildren, several great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Born in 1925 in East Longmeadow, she was one of nine children of Darrell E. Snow and Lilian G. (Russell) Snow.

Mary worked for the First

Congregational Church in Spencer for over 50 years, the majority of which she managed and worked daily at the economy shop until she was 92. She belonged to many groups and organizations throughout the years including Rebecca's Club, Fort Nightly, Spencer Garden Club, Women's Fellowship, Monday Club and Whist Party. She taught Sunday School, was a Cub Scout Den Mother, catered events through the church, led the Pilgrim Fellowship and was the supper advisor at church functions.

A service will be held at the First Congregational Church at a later date. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. Arrangements are in the care of Rice Funeral Home, 300 Park Ave, Worcester.

In memory of Mary, contributions can be made to the charity of your choice.

Robert F. Harris, 71

LEICESTER- Robert F. Harris, 71, of Woodland Road in the Cherry Valley section of Leicester died Friday, January 10 in St. Vincent Hospital after an illness.

He leaves two brothers; James F. Harris and his wife Mary of Grafton and Glen D. Harris and his wife Heather-Lyn of Cherry Valley, a niece, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins. He was predeceased by a sister Donna Harris.

Robert was born in Worcester, son of James F. and Helen (Koslowsky) Harris. He graduated from Leicester High School. He worked at Stop N Shop for over 30 years before retiring. He enjoyed fishing and spending time at the Cherry Valley American Legion with his friends. The family would like to thank all the nurses and caregivers at Parson Hill and the Meadows of Leicester for the exceptional care they gave Robert.

At Robert's

request funeral services and burial are private. There are no calling hours. MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main Street, Leicester is directing funeral arrangements.

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program is sponsored by the Spencer, Wachusett, North and East Brookfield Coordinated Family Grant in partnership with the North Brookfield Elementary School. Funded by the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care. For more information, please call CFCE at (508) 885-2934 or e-mail Wachusettcpc@hotmail.com.

SUPPER TIME: A free, community meal is held on the first Tuesday of the month at The Cross Roads Café Coffeehouse, from 4:30-6:30 p.m., at the Emmanuel Church, 25 Winthrop Terrace, Warren. All ages are welcome. There is no cover charge; however, a love offering is accepted as a gift to the band or musician as thanks to God for their sharing of their talent and gift for the glory of God (www.emmanuelortho-dox.org).

STRE-E-E-TCH: Senior Exercises Classes are held every Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Rutland Community Center, Glenwood Road. Enjoy an hour of fun and exercise to music to help stay strong, fit, healthy and independent.

Classes are co-ed and all are welcome. The fee is \$4 per class. For more information, call Joyce Gamache at (508) 754-2821.

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

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

IT'S A LUNCH DATE: The East Brookfield Baptist Church invites all senior citizens to a Community Lunch at 11:30 a.m. every second Thursday of the month in Fellowship Hall. A deli-

cious lunch and great desserts will be served. Followed by a time of fellowship and games concluding with a devotional just before 2 p.m. Reservations are encouraged. Call (508) 867-7725.

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

BINGO at the Knights of Columbus is now at the Spencer Senior Center, 68 Maple St. in Spencer, every Thursday. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. The first game starts at 6:30 p.m. We have 20 regular games; two winners take all games, two 50/50 games and two progressive jackpot games with payouts of \$600 and \$500 respectively. Good food and soft beverages are available. Come and enjoy some good food, good people and hopefully win a little.

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

BEREAVEMENT GROUP IN W. BROOKFIELD: The First

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

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 Jodi F. Lloyd to Central One Federal Credit Union dated January 8, 2010 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 45345, Page 203, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purposes of foreclosing the same, said premises and the buildings thereon, will be sold at Public Auction at 12:00 P.M. on the 29th day of January, 2020 on the mortgaged premises at 15 Ingram Road, Cherry Valley (Leicester), Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

To wit:
“The land with the buildings thereon known and numbered as 15 Ingram Road in Leicester, Worcester County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, being Lot 2A as shown on a Plan entitled “Plan of Land in Leicester, Massachusetts, prepared for James Dawe”, Scale: 1” = 40’, dated December 30, 1992 by George E. Smith, Jr., Surveying and Engineering, 20 Oneida Ave., Worcester, MA 01606, recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 667, Plan 17, said land being more particularly bounded and described as follows:
BEGINNING at the northwest corner of the herein described premises on the northwesterly line of Ingram Road; THENCE North 82° 33’ 57” East along land now or formerly of Thibeault, 297.56 feet to a point at the northeast corner of the herein described premises, which point is the town line between Leicester and Worcester; THENCE South 20° 27’ 30” East along said town line, 50.00 feet to a point at the southeast corner of the herein described premises;
THENCE South 69° 32’ 25” West, 113.82 feet to a point;
THENCE South 27° 54’ 00” East, 11.12 feet to a point;
THENCE South 62° 06’ 00” West along land now or formerly of Taylor, 160.00 feet to a point at the southwest corner of the herein described premises, which point is on the northeasterly line of Ingram Road;
THENCE North 27° 41’ 00” West along said Ingram Road, 150.00 feet to the

point of beginning.
CONTAINING 26,796 square feet of land according to said plan.
BEING the same premises conveyed to the Mortgagor by Deed recorded with the Worcester South District Registry of Deeds in Book 36666, Page 28.”
TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable 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 the Law Office of Joseph R. Jenkins, 116 Flanders Road, Suite 1100, Westborough, Massachusetts 01581 within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. All bidders must exhibit said required deposit to the auctioneer immediately prior to the auction sale in order to qualify as a bidder.
Said premises will also be sold subject to and/or with the benefit of any and all rights of way, easements, restrictions, covenants, conditions, reservations and agreements of record, to the extent that the same are in force and applicable, outstanding taxes, tax titles, municipal or other public liens or assessments, water bills, sewer bills, liens or claims in the nature of liens, all existing encumbrances of record created prior to this mortgage, and the right of redemption of the United States of America, if any. It shall be the bidders’ sole responsibility to ascertain all items described in this paragraph and no representations are made concerning the compliance with applicable zoning regulations. The mortgaged premises, if occupied, shall be conveyed subject to existing occupancies and/or tenancies. In the event of an error in this publication, the description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control.
This sale may be postponed or adjourned from time to time, if necessary, by the Attorney for the mortgagee at the scheduled time and place of sale.
Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale. The successful bidder shall be required to sign a Memorandum of Terms and Conditions containing the above terms at the sale.
If the highest bidder fails to complete the purchase of the premises on the terms provided in this notice and in the Memorandum of Terms and Conditions signed following the

sale, the Mortgagee reserves the right to sell the premises to the second highest bidder (or each subsequent highest bidder thereafter) who will then have five (5) business days to deliver the deposit specified above to the Mortgagee’s attorney as herein indicated, and to agree to a closing date for payment of the remaining balance of such subsequent highest bid and transfer of the deed that is within thirty (30) days thereafter.

Central One Federal Credit Union
Present holder of said mortgage
By its attorney
Joseph R. Jenkins
Law Offices of Joseph R. Jenkins
116 Flanders Road, Suite 1100
Westborough, MA 01581
The Zekos Group
Auctioneer: (508)842-9000
January 3, 2020
January 10, 2020
January 17, 2020

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO19P2637EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
William R Falkowski
Date of Death: 03/06/2019**
To all interested persons:
A Petition for **S/A - Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **William E Falkowski of Framingham MA and Carol A Falkowski of Worcester MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: **William E Falkowski of Framingham MA and Carol A Falkowski of Worcester MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **an unsupervised** administration.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and

objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 02/04/2020**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: January 10, 2020
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
January 17, 2020

**TOWN OF SPENCER
Public Hearing
Monday, January 27, 2020
6:00 PM Town Hall
157 Main Street, Spencer
FY 2020 Spencer CDBG Application**
The Spencer Board of Selectmen will conduct a Public Hearing on January 27, 2020 at 6:00 PM at Spencer Town Hall, 157 Main Street, regarding its proposed FY 2020 application to the Massachusetts DHCD for up to \$550,000. Proposed projects include a design build project on Mill Street. The Pioneer Valley Planning Commission will be assisting the town with the administration of the program. The public hearing will offer Spencer residents an opportunity to comment on proposed projects which were identified as priorities in the town’s Community Development Strategy. All persons with questions or comments regarding the grant application will have an opportunity to be heard. Those unable to attend can send written comments to the Spencer Board of Selectmen, 157 Main Street, Spencer, MA 01562, Attn: Thomas Gregory. The Spencer Town Hall is handicapped accessible. Persons who require special accommodations for either public meeting should contact the town at least one week prior to the hearing date at 508-885-7500. For further information contact Ted Harvey at PVPC at (413) 781-6045 or tharvey@pvpc.org.
January 17, 2020

Public Hearing
The West Brookfield Water Department, is having a public hearing on February 6 @ 10:00 a.m. on the discussion of Rate Increase. Proposed updates will take effect immediately. West Brookfield Water Department hearing is in the Town Hall, 2 East Main Street, Lower Level 1, West Brookfield Massachusetts 01585 on February 6, 2020. Any person to be heard and have discussion on the proposed updates should appear at the time and place designated.
Respectfully Submitted
The West Brookfield Water Department Board of Water Commissioners
Robert E. Benson – Chairman
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January 17, 2020
January 24, 2020
January 31, 2020

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

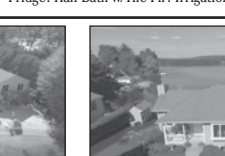
DUDLEY – 7 – 9 West Street! Brick 4 Family plus a 2 Family! Side by Side! All with 5 Rooms and 2 Bedrooms! Gas Heat! All Separate Utilities! 2 Car Detached Garage! The 4 Family with Beautiful Natural Woodwork! All Apartments are Empty and Work is Needed in Several Apartments! Excellent Potential! Will be a Good Investment for the Right One! **\$399,900.00**



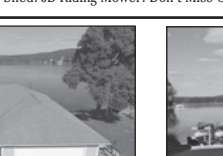
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THOMPSON – 299 Quaddick Rd! Beautiful Custom Cedar Log Home Privately Set on 5.47 Acres! Stone Wall Entry Leads Up the 700+ Driveway! Nestled in the Woods! 6 Rms of Gorgeous Cedar! Applianced Granite Kit w/Soft Close Hickory Cabinets! Ideal Open Flr Plan w/Soaring Beamed Cathedral Ceilings w/Skylights! Gleaming Hrdwds! Liv Rm w/Spectacular Stone Frplc w/ Pellet Insert! 1st Flr Master w/Full Whirlpool Bath & Walk-in Closet! 3 Bdrms & 2.5 Baths Total! 3Z Buderus Oil Heat! 2 Car Garage! **\$399,900.00**



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



WEBSTER LAKE – 250 Killdeer Island Rd! North Pond's Sandy Shore! 9 Rm Ranch in Meticulous Condition! Absolutely Beautiful 100' Waterfront Lot! Stainless Applianced Kitchen w/Cherry Cabinets, Granite Counters, Hrdw Floor & Dining Area w/Slider to Deck! Formal Dining Rm w/Hrdwds! Front to Back Living Rm Overlooking the Lake w/Cathedral Ceiling, Custom Built Cabinets, Gas Frplc & Hrdwds! 1st Flr Lake Facing Master Bdrm w/Slider to the Deck & Access to the Screened Hot Tub, w/Walk-in Closet, Full Bath w/Whirlpool Tub, Separate Shower & Commode Closet! 1/2 Bath & Separate Laundry Rm Nearby! Walk-out Lower Level w/Full Kitchen, 22' Lake Facing Family Rm w/Sliders to the Patio/Lake! 2 Lake Facing Bdrms w/Sliders to the Patio/Lake! Full Bath! Oversized 2 Car Garage! LP Gas Heat/Hydro Air! Generator! Private Boat Ramp! Docks! Don't Delay! **\$910,000.00**



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CHARLTON – GLEN ECHO LAKE! 3 Sunset Dr! Western Exposure = Beautiful Sunsets! Fantastic 105' Waterfront! Ideal 15,941' Gently Sloping Lot! Comfortable 9 Rm Ranch! Stainless Appliance Eat-in Granite Kit! Din Rm w/Hrdw Flr! Lake Facing Liv Rm w/Panoramic Water Views! 4 Bdrms, 3 Lake Facing including the Spacious Master! Full Hall Bath! Enjoy the Sun Rm w/Lake Views! 32' Walk-out Lower Level Frplc Fam Rm w/Wet Bar & Convenient Half Bath! Nicely Landscaped Front & Back! Lake Level Deck, Dock & Rear Shed! Benefitted by Town Sewer! Start Packing! **\$499,900.00**



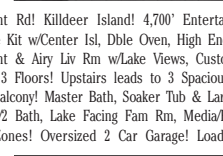
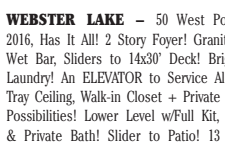
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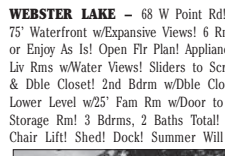
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CHARLTON – 105' WATERFRONT! Baker Pond! 63 Lincoln Pt Rd! East Facing = Fantastic Sunrises! Custom 9 Rm Colonial! Beautiful 1/2 Acre Lot w/Lawn to Water's Edge! 2 Story Foyer! Natural Woodwork! Open Flr Plan! Applianced Granite Kit w/Sl, Recessed Lights, Tile Flr & Water View! Din Area w/Slider to Deck! Sunken Frplc Liv Rm w/Hrdw Flr & Water Views! Din Rm w/Hrdw! 1/2 Bath w/Pedestal Sink! 2nd Flr w/4 Bdrms, 3 w/Water Views! Master w/Cathedrals, French Dr to Balcony, Bath w/Separate Tub/Shower, Walk-in Closet & Laundry! Hall Bath! 3.5 Baths Total! Finished Walk-out Lower Level w/31' Fam Rm! Full Kit! Full Bath & Laundry! Includes **NEW A/C SPLIT SYSTEM!** Enjoy Outside from the Farmer's Porch, Deck, Patio, Screened Porch or Dock! 2 Car Garage! Full Recreational Use! **\$524,900.00**



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WEBSTER LAKE – 50 Union Point Rd! Panoramic Views of Middle Pond – South Facing – Tons of Sun! Principal Residence or as a Second Home this 6+ Rm Gambrel Colonial will be Ready for You! You'll Appreciate its Easy Access and Taken Back by the Ever Changing Lake Vistas! Featuring Applianced Kitchen w/Island, Dining Area, Lake Facing Fireplace Living Rm with Custom Cabinetry, All with Hardwood Floors! Ideal Lake Facing 3 Seasons Rm w/Tile Floor & Anderson Sliders All Around! 3 Second Floor Bedrooms! Spacious Lake Facing Master w/Cathedral Ceiling & 2 Sliders to its Private Deck! 2 Full Baths! Central Air! Composite Decks & Flag Stone Patio for Your Enjoyment! 7,405' Lot with 50' on the Water! Sorry, Closing not before 9/10/2019! **\$624,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE – 68 W Point Rd! Western Exposure - Spectacular Sunsets! 75' Waterfront w/Expansive Views! 6 Rm 1 1/2 Rd Ranch! Ideal 2nd Home! Renovate or Enjoy As 1st! Open Flr Plan! Applianced Cabinet Packed Kit! Lake Facing Din & Liv Rms w/Water Views! Sliders to Screen Enclosed Porch! Master w/Ceiling Fan & Dble Closet! 2nd Bdrm w/Dble Closet! Full Bath off Hall! Finished Walk-out Lower Level w/25' Fam Rm w/Door to Lakeside Patio, Bdrm, Full Bath & Utility/Storage Rm! 3 Bdrms, 2 Baths Total! Oil Heat! Covered Entry Ramp & Electric Chair Lift! Shed! Dock! Summer Will Be Back – Don't Delay! **\$499,900.00**



WEBSTER LAKE – 506 Beacon Park! 1,280' Custom WATERFRONT Townhouse, Ideal End Corner Unit w/Panoramic Lake Views! Overlooks Lakeside Pool & Sandy Beach! From the Private Entry this Unit is Like No Other! Being Sold Fully Furnished & Appointed! 1st Flr w/Beautiful Maple Hrdwds! SS Applianced Silstone Kit! Recessed Lighting! 2 Bdrms! Master Bath! 2.5 Tile Baths! Recent A/C & Heat! Garage! **\$369,900.00**



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WEBSTER - 8 MAPLE ST



Updated 2 Family - Vinyl Siding - **1st Floor:** 6 Rooms, 3 bedrooms, 1 Full Bath, open Kitchen. Fully Applianced. Washer & Dryer Included. New Carpeting, Hardwood Floors. **2nd Floor:** Open Kitchen with Gorgeous Kitchen Cabinets - 6 Rooms, 3 Bed, 1 Full Bath Hardwood Floors, New carpeting. Each Apartment has 1,200+ sq ft plus. Oil Heat - 2 New Oil Tanks, Circuit Breakers. Off street parking. Town Water & Sewer, 3rd Story Unfinished. Great Commuter Location. **\$237,500**

WEBSTER - 17 PINWOOD DR



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Location, Location, Location! Close to 1395. Split Entry with 6 rooms, 3 bedrooms & 1-1/2 baths. Many Updates! Fireplace living room. Wood floors! Recent Asphalt Shingled Roof & Solar Panels. assisted sale **\$289,900.**

WEBSTER - 14 HIGHCREST #4



Ready to move in! 2 bedroom 1 1/2 bath condo. Large bedrooms with large full bath master bedroom private access. Skylight Hallway, extra large living area with separate dining! Access to private deck via sliders, fully applianced kitchen, loads of counter space, tons of storage. Full finished basement, brand new heat and a/c system. **\$134,900.**

POMFRET, CT - 280 RIVER RD



Cape gutted to the studs and remodeled, 3 Br, 1 bath, 1.7 acres. New kitchen cabinets w/granite counters and center island. New electrical/plumbing. Large Gambrel Post & Beam. 2 bay garage w/hot. New septic. **NEW PRICE \$249,500**

WEBSTER - 212 SCHOOL ST



SORRY, SOLD!

Large 4 Family! 3 car garage! Off street parking. 2 bedrooms each unit! Walk-up attic with a lot of potential! Solar panels!! Fully Rented. **\$369,900.**

WEBSTER - 3 STEFANIAK AVE.



SORRY, SOLD!

Cute 2 Bedroom Ranch! All hardwood Floors, gas Fireplace living room! 2 baths. Appliances included, 2 zone heat. Large deck! Young asphalt roof. Walk out lower living level. Town Water & Sewer, City Gas **\$219,900.**

WOODSTOCK, CT - 64 LYON HILL RD



SORRY, SOLD!

Estate like long paved driveway! 3158 Sq Ft Colonial! Geothermal built. Open floor plan, ash flooring throughout! Granite and s/s applianced kitchen! Large master bedroom, coffered ceiling, master bath, w/Jetted tub! Walk in closets. Two car garage. Radiused calwalk on upper level! A walk up attic. Walk out lower level! The third garage is accessed from the lower level. Generator hookup. One beautiful property! assisted sale **\$499,900.**

WEBSTER/OXFORD/DUDLEY/DOUGLAS

Dudley - Marshall Terrace 12,000 +/- Sq. Ft. Possible potential for a 2 family to be built! Town Water, Sewer, City Gas! Nice level lot. **\$70,000**
Douglas-Mount Daniels Lot #2-2.5 Acres of flat land that abouts Douglas State Forest **\$132,900**
Webster - 3 Lots Cooper Rd. **Attention Developers!** 3 abutting house lots, potential to divide into 5-6 Buildable lots! water/sewer access **\$129,400**
Webster - 85 Upper Gore! View of the Lake. 1+ acre, artisan well, Septic Design, Etc. **\$130,000.**
Oxford - 4 Leicester St. approx. 8.47 acres! River frontage! Highly possible to be subdivided. **\$99,900**

HOLLAND - 6 MAIDEN LN



SORRY, SOLD!

A nice place to call home! Houses situated perfectly on the lot to promote privacy on this .44 acre Lot! 6 room 2 bedroom 1-1/2 Bath. 2 brick fireplaces! Furnace and roof approximately 6 years old. Plus a guest house! assisted sale **\$229,000.**

WEBSTER LAND - COOPER RD



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WEBSTER LAKE - 118 POINT BREEZE RD

Excellent Opportunity to Finally Own Your Own Webster Lake Waterfront Property! Prime Location, 5.697+/- SF Lot, 50' Rd & Water Frontage at a Great Price! Contemporary Ranch offers 996+/- SF of living area w/2 BRs & 2 full baths. Plus, convenient, indoor access to Walkout Lower Level w/tremendous potential for additional living area. Main level features Open Floor Plan w/sliders to full front deck! Spectacular Westerly views across Middle Pond! Additional land & shore frontage available. **NEW PRICE \$299,900**



SORRY, SOLD!

WEBSTER LAKE – 32 JACKSON RD

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STURBRIDGE: Desirable Double Wide Mobile Home in Sturbridge Retirement Co-op Park! 5 rooms 2 bedrooms 2 baths! EXCELLENT LOCATION being the last home on dead end! Privacy! Large master bedroom with master bath! Vaulted ceilings in living room/dining room combo. Eat in kitchen. Large enclosed porch too! Shed. **\$70,000** plus park share!



SOUTHBRIDGE: Wonderful 2 family on corner Lot with Yard! Many updates were done in 2008 including roof, siding, 2nd egress, electrical, plumbing, plus numerous interior upgrades. Fully rented with good income! **\$179,900.**



SOUTHBRIDGE: STOP RENTING and buy this Inexpensive but move in ready home! 5 room 2 bedroom 1 bath! Open Porch. Vinyl sided. Full basement. No work needed. Off street parking. A little yard. **\$114,900.**



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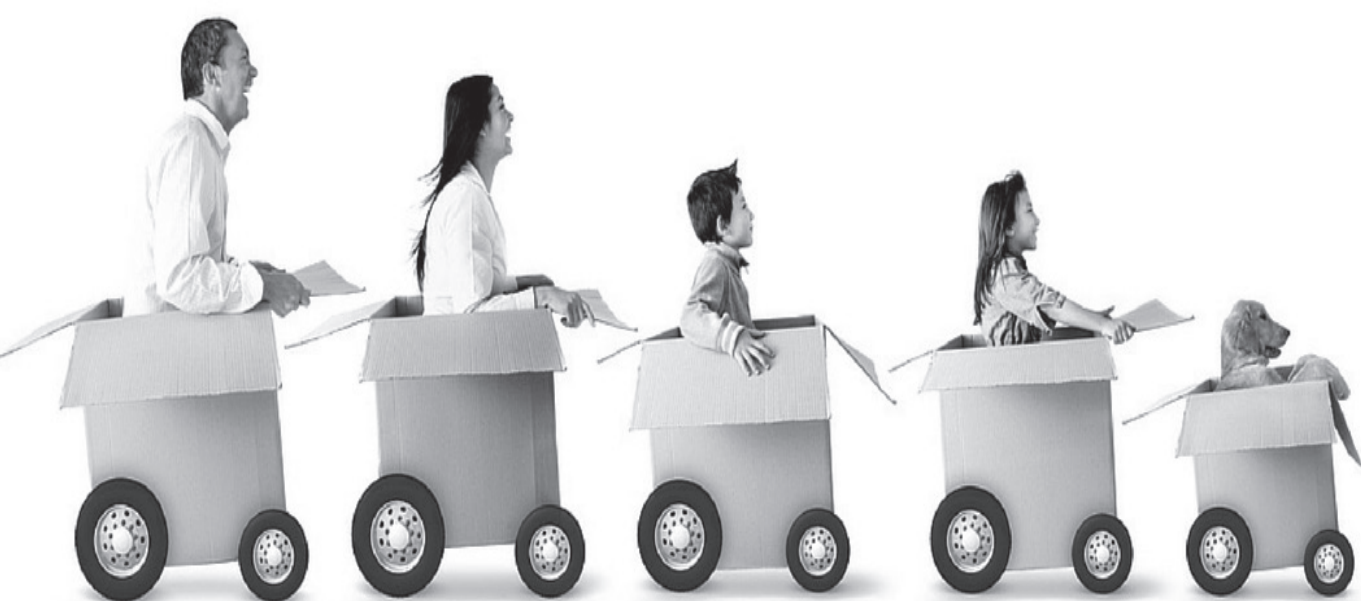
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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

EAST BROOKFIELD'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY
2:30 Presentation 3:30 Skating
"The Lake in Winter" Event. Ken Ethier: Ice harvesting; ice skating; a bonfire with DJ and concessions Town Hall; Lake Lashaway Town Beach FREE -snacks for Sale

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

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

**SATURDAY, MARCH 14:**

OPEN HOUSE at Hodgkins Building
1:00-3:00 (Museum/ RR/Art Guild/ Boy Scouts)
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TUESDAY, MARCH 24

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

ROARIN' TWENTIES DANCE
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SATURDAY, APRIL 11

OPEN HOUSE
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SATURDAY, APRIL 18; 9:30

HISTORICAL TALK - Ed Londergan - The First and Second Settlements at East Brookfield Town Hall. FREE

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

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

SATURDAY, MAY 2

East Brookfield Nature Walks
at Pelletier Woods 2:00. FREE. Howe Street, East Brookfield

SATURDAY, MAY 9

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

SATURDAY, MAY 16

7K RUN AND FUN WALK
Timberyard Brewery, East Brookfield 10:00 \$30.00 adults, \$15.00 kids

SATURDAY, MAY 30

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL
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Rain Date: June 21. 125 South Pond Road, East Brookfield 11:00-3:00. FREE

**MONDAY, JULY 6**

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

SATURDAY JULY 25;

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

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