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Local teen leads the charge for improved safety on Route 49



Kevin Flanders Photo

Knox Trail Middle School eighth grader Michael Lavallee is honored by school officials and State Representative Donald Berthiaume.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS

SPENCER - After turning a tragedy into a galvanizing force, a local student was honored last week for leading efforts to increase safety on

Knox Trail Middle School eighth grader Michael Lavallee got a surprise visit from State Rep. Donald Berthiaume and his staff last week. With his classmates and school leaders looking on, Lavallee

received a State House citation for his efforts in promoting safety upgrades on Route 49.

Lavallee's father, Rene, was the victim of a two-vehicle collision on Route 49 in July. The wreck was the latest in a series of fatal collisions on Route 49 in recent years, and Michael "Mikey" Lavallee has stepped up to demand safety improvements. The eighth grader created a petition that, combined with support from residents and legislators, led to transportation officials launching a safety study for Route 49.

"He took it upon himself to do this," Berthiaume said of Lavallee. "It took a lot of courage for him to do this. Because of his work, a study will be done and there will be changes.

Due to its long straightaways, Route 49 is conducive to high speeds and frequent passing. Many

Please Read LAVALLEE, page A2

North Brookfield joins AARP's Age-Friendly Jetwork

BY KEVIN FLANDERS

NORTH BROOKFIELD - Continuing to lead the way in senior services, North Brookfield recently became the first area town to commit to joining the AARP Age-Friendly Network.

As part of its membership application, the town has made a formal commitment to become age-friendly. Senior Center Director Diane Nichols has been working closely with the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC), which is helping the town produce an assessment and action plan for the next few years.

Representatives from the AARP and the CMRPC

Please Read AGE-FRIENDLY, page A17

Leicester residents urged to take precautions against EEE

BY KEVIN FLANDERS STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER – The Board of Health is urging residents to take precautions, as Leicester became the latest town elevated to high risk of EEE.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health informed town officials last week that Leicester's EEE risk level has been lifted to

high. Following the announcement, the Leicester Board of Health recommended that all outdoor activities taking place at municipally owned facilities start after 7 a.m. and end before 6 p.m.

recommendation remains in effect until the first hard frost of the fall. This includes all Leicester Public Schools athletic events, as well

as all youth leagues and organizations within the Town of Leicester.

"Avoid being outdoors during dawn and dusk, when mosquitoes are most active," read a statement released by the Board of Health.

As of press time, 12 people in Massachusetts contracted EEE this year, leading to four deaths. Across the country, EEE has caused nine deaths.

The hours between dusk and dawn are peak biting times for mosquitoes, which has caused many falltime traditions to be altered this year. Friday night football games have been moved to the afternoon or weekend in many communities, and residents can't wait

for the first freeze to put an end to mosquito season.

Meanwhile, local organizations are urged to reschedule outdoor activities that occur during the evening or early morning. If you must be outside during those hours, be

Please Read **EEE**, page **A6**

Spencer officials seek grant funding for town center project

FLANDERS KEVIN STAFF WRITER

SPENCER - Officials are eager for the disbursement of community development grant funding to assist with an upcoming reconstruction project in the town cen-

During the week of Oct. 15, the town plans to submit a request to the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds. The CDBG funding will assist with the improvement and reconstruction project slated for Cherry Street, Wall Street, and Lloyd Dyer Drive.

The project will include a full roadway and sidewalk reconstruction, as well as a new water main installation, Town Administrator Thomas Gregory told the New

Leader. Officials and residents alike are eager to see the comprehensive project get underway with state and federal funding assistance.

"The CDBG allows us to improve lower Cherry, Wall Street, and Lloyd Dyer Drive much more quickly than if we had to wait for town funds to become available," said Selectman Ralph Hicks.

CDBG payments will be made when the construction work begins. The project will go out to bid during the late winter months, Gregory said.

The project will tie in with several other recent reconstruction efforts, including the downtown revitalization project on Route 9. Multiple repaying projects on other roads have increased convenience for motorists and pedestrians alike. These include the

Complete Streets effort and the

Route 31 project.

The goal of all infrastructure projects, officials said, is to make Spencer more friendly for residents, visitors, and business own-

environmental review An record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for the latest project is on file at the Town Administrator's office (Spencer Town Hall, 157 Main St.). The file may be examined or copied on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. with prior arrangement. Please call 508-885-7500 for more information.

Additional information about the project can be accessed on the town Web site, www.spencerma.



June Simakauskas Photo

OVERLOOK RESIDENT **TURNS 105**

Miss Mary Madden, formerly of Spencer, celebrated her 105th birthday on Sept. 18 at The Overlook in Charlton. She is so grateful to have received 211 cards, flowers, and gifts from friends, relatives, former students, and caregivers, and "loved every one." See Mary's Card of Thanks inside.



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Benefit concert to support Pakistani orphans

REGION - Area residents and music lovers are invited to support orphans in need by attending a charitable concert this month.

Supporting Orphans Nationally and Globally (SONG, Inc.) is presenting "Concert for the Orphans of St. Joseph's" this month. Set for Saturday, Oct. 26, the event will take place at historic Mechanics Hall (321 Main St. in Worcester).

A cocktail reception for dinner guests and sponsors will begin at 5 p.m. in Washburn Hall, followed by the concert in the

funds raised at the event will benefit the children at St. Joseph's Orphanage in Faisalabad, Pakistan.

Previously known as Socks for Siberia, Brookfield-based SONG, Inc., is a nonprofit organization that supports orphaned and foster children in the United States internationally. Thanks to the generosity of local residents, the organization is able to help children worldwide who have no one else to

The Oct. 26 fundraising event will not only include music, but also dining and dancing. The program will fea-

Great Hall at 7 p.m. All ture Mitch Chakour; The James Montgomery Band; John Cafferty from the Beaver Brown Band; Shrewsbury singer/songwriter Cara Brindisi; and Springfield resident Peter Newland.

> Residents are already looking forward to seeing longtime musicians like James Montgomery, who formed his band in 1970 while attending Boston University. He has since recorded six albums and toured with Bonnie Raitt, Bruce Springsteen, the Allman Brothers, Steve Miller, and B.B. King, among several others.

John Cafferty is the lead vocalist and guitarist of the Beaver Brown Band, who are best known for their soundtrack album for the movie Eddie and The Cruisers. The movie features the band's hit single, "On the Dark Side," which held the number one hit single spot for five consecutive weeks.

Mitch Chakour is a keyboardist, guitarist, singer, and arranger. He has toured with the J. Geils Band, performed with Aerosmith at Fenway Park, and gigged alongside legends B.B. King, James Brown, and Bonnie Raitt. He will be joined this year by his daughter, Alecia, who is currently touring with the Tedeschi Trucks Band and several others.

Tickets for VIP premium reserved table seating for the dinner and show are \$125 per person. Premium reserved table seating for the concert only are \$50, while general reserved table seating is \$35. Reserved balcony seating is \$20 per person.

Event tickets can be purchased through the Mechanics Hall box office by calling 508-752-0888 or visiting www.mechanicshall.org. Tickets may also be purchased directly from SONG, Inc. (please send an email to info@supportingorphans.org, or call Wally Connor at 413-813-8100).

Local residents and business owners

thanked for their continued support of SONG, an all-volunteer organization that has provided support to thousands of orphaned children. For the past 20 years, your funding has allowed members of the organization to provide proper nutrition, clothing, educational and vocational materials, athletic and recreational equipment, health and transitional seminars, respite care, and therapeutic programs.

To learn more about the organization and how you can give back this holiday season, visit www. SupportingOrphans.org.

Berthiaume announces October office hours

WEST BROOKFIELD — State Rep. Donnie Berthiaume will continued from page 1 hold office hours

at the following locations for October 2019.

Thursday, Oct. 17 – In the Town of West Brookfield at the Senior Center Noon - 12:45 p.m.

Constituents and town officials are invited to meet with him to express any concerns, ideas, or issues that they may need assistance with. Please feel free to contact Donna if you would like a private meeting. 774-402-4742.

Gobi announces October office hours

REGION — Lucas McDiarmid, aide to Senator Anne Gobi (D-Spencer), will be holding office hours throughout the district during the month of October. 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@ 324-3082. idents

Monday, Oct. 28 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Charlton

Wednesday, Oct.

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of the fatal accidents over the last five years have resulted from illegal passing attempts or drivers trying to pass multiple vehicles in succession.

Thanks to Lavallee's determination and demands for change, the MassDOT has taken notice of the dangers on Route 49. Officials will evaluate all passing zones on the road to determine potential changes, and the study is expected to be finished this fall.

Moreover, transportation officials are developing a pavement marking plan to create a painted median in all no-passing zones on Route 49. The painted

median will provide added separation between the northbound and southbound travel lanes, MassDOT officials said.

"The revised plan will also include the installation of a center line rumble strip along Route 49 to provide warning to drivers that inadvertently begin to cross the center line," read a statement released by MassDOT representative Stephanie Boundy.

The new pavement marking plan should be completed by the end of the year, officials said, with implementation scheduled for the 2020 construction season.

Several safety enhancements have been made to Route 49 in recent years, including the addition of turn lanes and larger stop

signs. The road passes through Spencer, East Brookfield, and Sturbridge, and police in all three towns have stepped up patrols.

Meanwhile, the Knox Trail continues community rally around Lavallee and his family. School officials and Representative Berthiaume commended him for his efforts in trying to make Route 49 safer.

"After losing his father to a tragic car accident on Route 49, Mike took the initiative to ensure there was less of a chance that this would happen to anyone else," said Knox Trail Middle School Principal Ralph Borseth.

ATTENTION WEST BROOKFIELD RESIDENTS Hydrant Flushing

The West Brookfield Water Department will be flushing hydrants Oct. 21, 2019 thru Nov. 1, 2019 during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Flushing will cause some disturbance in the water mains. The water may appear cloudy but will eventually dissipate. Please plan water use accordingly.

MASenate.gov or by phone at (413) Town attendance is not restricted to resof those towns.

Senior Center

Noon-1 p.m. -Howe Village

1:30-2:30 p.m. East Brookfield

EEE risk level increased

SPENCER - Officials announced last week that Spencer has been elevated to high risk for EEE.

The announcement came just days after Leicester was designated as high risk. Residents throughout the Route 9 corridor are urged to avoid outdoor activity between dusk and dawn. Even during the daylight hours, residents are asked to wear mosquito repellent and long sleeves when outdoors.

Also, be sure to use mosquito netting on baby carriages and playpens. All standing water on your property should be drained to discourage mosquito breeding.

"Avoid overnight camping, particularly near freshwater swamps where EEE activity is most likely," read a statement issued by the town.

For the latest information on mosquito activity, visit www.MosquitoResults.com. The website provides detailed maps highlighting areas of high and critical risk.

As of press time, several area communities were listed in the state's high risk designation, while portions of Brookfield were elevated to critical risk.

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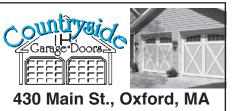


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Town-Wide Yard Sale supports tree lighting



Kevin Flanders Photos

The Jacques family, of Leicester, enjoys a day of shopping.

LEICESTER - Residents recently gave their town an early Christmas gift, as strong participation in the Town-Wide Yard Sale will lead to a brighter tree display in December.

On Sept. 28, area residents and organizations took part in Leicester's second annual Town-Wide Yard Sale. Several vendors got involved in this year's event, and yard sales could be seen scattered across the town. Coupled with



Area residents show off the items they found during the yard sale.

yard sales occurring on the same day in Spencer and other surrounding towns, it was a busy day for shopping.

All proceeds from the event will go toward creating a bigger and brighter program during the town's annual tree lighting ceremony on the Town Common in December.

Even non-residents were able to join

the fun this year and support the cause. Vendors from several area towns set up yard sale displays at St. Joseph's Church, where guests were able to get an early start on their Christmas shopping. The event also featured music and fun activities for kids.

Event organizers thank everyone who got involved and gave back.

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The purpose of the flushing is to remove sediment buildup in the mains. The flushing may result in temporary discoloration of the water, caused by small particles dislodged during the flushing. This discoloration might stain your laundry, especially white materials.

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Kars for Kevin draws a crowd



Maurice Payne, left, and Aime Cournoyer grab a photo in front of Cournoyer's 1971 Mustang.

WEST BROOKFIELD - Residents from throughout the area went cruising for a great cause last month, bringing a collection of classic vehicles to support a local charity.

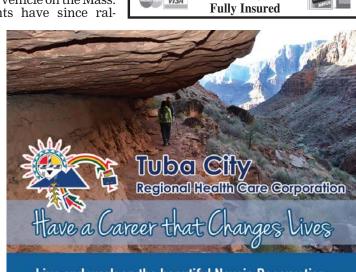
On Sept. 28, the annual Kars for Kevin event brought a large crowd to Callahan-Landers Field. All proceeds raised from the event will benefit the Kevin St. Pierre, Jr., Memorial Scholarship Fund.

St. Pierre, a tow truck driver who lived locally, was killed in 2015 while assisting a disabled vehicle on the Mass. Turnpike. Residents have since ral-

lied in his honor during the Kars

for Kevin shows. At the Sept. 28 event, trophies were presented to the top ten cars, trucks, and motorcycles. The event included music, food, and a raffle. The show not only raises money, but also promotes awareness of using caution around emervehicles gency and obeying the

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Gobi announces rural school aid grant recipients

BOSTON — Sen. Anne Gobi (D-Spencer) was proud to join the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in announcing the grant

recipients for FY20 Rural School Aid. When asked for comment on the grant funding, Sen. Gobi remarked, "I was glad to advocate for this extra assistance during Senate budget deliberations, and I'll continue to work towards including more towns that are facing declines in enrollment

and the financial burdens that it brings.' DESE has notified 34 school districts, located in western and central Massachusetts and on Cape Cod, of their FY20 Rural School Aid award. In total, \$2.5 million in Rural School Aid will be distributed.

The following schools in Sen. Gobi's district will be set to receive aid:

Tantasqua Regional School District in the amount of \$165,736

Brimfield Public Schools in the amount of \$64,864 Wales Public Schools in the amount of \$52,740 Brookfield Public Schools in the amount of \$28,518

Holland Public Schools in the amount of \$15,649 The Rural

School Aid grant program helps school districts with low population densities and lower-than-average incomes address fiscal challenges and take steps to improve efficiency. order to qualify for Rural School Aid, DESE must determine that a school district meets two requirements:

1. The "rural factor" – student density per square mile of a school district; and

Ability to

pay - the average per capita income of a school

More specifically, under the law, eligible school districts must have a student density of "not more than 21 students per square mile and an average annual per capita income of not more than the average annual per capita income for the Commonwealth for the same period, as reported by the United States Census Bureau." Further, rural school districts serving fewer than 11 students per square mile are prioritized to receive funding. Rural School Aid supplements the existing FY20 operating budgets of these school districts and does not affect funds already allocated.

For more information on the program, please contact Senator Gobi's office at (617) 722-1540.

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Thank you to my devoted family

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North Brookfield Savings Bank continues the fight against hunger



North Brookfield Savings Bank employees Supervisor, Jessica Shimansky, Assistant Branch Manager Tammy Gustafson, Assistant Vice President / Marketing Manager Caitlin O'Connor, Assistant Vice President/Regional Branch Manager / Consumer Loan Manager Cindy Fountain, and Senior Vice President / Retail Banking Patricia Ostrout with the food drive col-

NORTH BROOKFIELD — As summer comes to a close and the leaves start to turn, North Brookfield Savings Bank is gearing up for their Annual Fall Food Drive fundraiser, offering the perfect chance to share some kindness, support the community and help those in need during the season of

North Brookfield Savings Bank's Fall Food Drive fund-

raiser, held during the entire month of October, helps provide much needed food items to local neighbors and families in need. The Bank's goal is to collect at least 3,500 items total, but the Bank will be contributing monetarily and is issuing a challenge to the community. For every item collected through the community, North Brookfield Savings Bank will contribute \$1, for a total of up to \$3,000, to help fund the pantries' operations.

Community members are encouraged to drop off non-perishable food items, paper goods and toiletries, or any monetary donations at any of NBSB's convenient branches anytime from Oct. 1 through the 31st with the proceeds going directly to local food pantries.

Drop off locations:

- North Brookfield Branch: 9 Gilbert St.
- East Brookfield: 100 West Main Street, Route 9
- West Brookfield Branch: 128 West Main Street, Route 9 Ware Branch & Business
- Center: 40 Main Street, Route 9 Belchertown Branch: 4 Daniel Shays Highway, Routes 9 & 202
- Palmer Branch: 1051 Thorndike St.
- Three Rivers Branch: 2060 Main St.

Examples of nonperishable and non-food items that pantries can use are: paper towels, toilet paper, tissues, diapers and baby wipes; deodorant, soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste; dry and canned pasta and soups, canned meats, tuna and salmon, peanut butter, jelly, tea bags and ground coffee; canned vegetables and fruits, hot and cold cereals, rice, cake mixes, pancake mix, syrup, powdered milk and granulated sugar; canned juices, baby food, baby formula, granola and cereal

Community members of West Brookfield and surrounding towns were generous with their donations in 2018 to the North Brookfield Savings Bank Food Drive, Shown are West Brookfield Assistant Branch Manager Mary Antinovitch, Assistant Branch Manager Meagan Brousseau and Branch Manager Kim Brown with the abundant food drive collection at the branch.

"The unfortunate reality is that there are people who still struggle with hunger close to home in our local communities. The Food Drive is a great opportunity for local community members and North Brookfield Savings Bank to work together to make a real difference in our communities by helping our neighbors," said North Brookfield Savings Bank President & CEO Donna Boulanger. "It is always heartwarming to see the kindness

and generosity displayed through this drive by our communities and we are so grateful for the contributions they make each year."

To learn more about North Brookfield Savings Bank's community giving efforts and all of the convenient banking products and services offered, visit www. NorthBrookfieldSavingsBank.

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- 20. Evoke 22. Units of metrical time
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- 24. Some say they attract 28. Pitching statistic
- 29. Baseball box score (abbr.)
- 30. Force unit
- 31. Repaired shoe 33. English theologian
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- 3. Completely 4. Steep cliffs along the Hudson River 5. Assist
- 6. Language spoken in Laos 7. Type of screen
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- 66. Cosmic intelligence
- 67. No (Scottish) 68. People who rely on things
- 69. Stairs have them
- 70. Mathematical term (abbr.)

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EBES community hits the links

were also awarded:

EAST BROOKFIELD - Elementary school staff members, parents, and community members hit the links last month in support of the annual sixth grade class trip.

On Sept. 28, the D.C. Drive Golf Tournament was held at Bay Path Golf Course in town. All proceeds from the fundraiser will benefit the East Brookfield Elementary School sixth grade trip to Washington, D.C, in April of 2020.

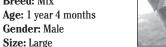
With the help of 44 golfers, 26 hole sponsors, and donations from various businesses, organizations, and residents, the tournament was a huge success. The school always relies on strong support from parents and the community at large.

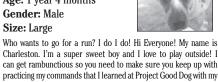
"We cannot express our gratitude enough for all the individuals and community members that helped us kick off our fundraising efforts for the trip," read a statement released by EBES teachers Chrissy Lavin and Vicky Zaring. "A special thank-you goes out to the Sawyer-Mathieu-Kearns American Legion Post 41, the Brookfields' Lions Club, and the Spencer Exchange Club for their consistent support for the sixth grade students' trip."

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From left to right, first-place team members Andy Newton, Lucille Newton, Lisa Kularski, and Jim Kularski.

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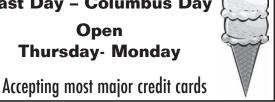
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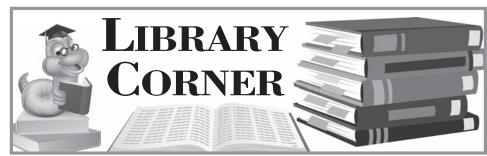
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Tonight - October 10

Spencer Then & Now: School Days. From 6:00 pm -7:30 pm adults and teens (Grades 9+) are invited to join us in a program including stories, photographs and drawings of Spencer's School Days. Sponsor: Spencer Historical Society.

October 14 Library Closed

October 15

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 from 4:00-4:45 for Grades K-5: Is it a liquid? Is it a solid? Is it a pumpkin? It's pumpkin oobleck!

October 16

Pause: Mindfulness Mediation is held on the Library's Main Floor on

Wednesdays from 8:30 am—9:30 am. Drop-in and learn about mindfulness. We will practice mindfulness, and discuss using these tools to enhance our relationship with ourselves and others.

October 17

Community Connections hosts Cozy Corner, a Literacy 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.

Breathing Makes It Better. Book Launch & Celebration with local author Wendy O'Leary. Mindfulness Activities for all ages begins at 6:30 pm! Followed by a book sale & signing. Light Refreshments. Sign up by visiting, or calling the library (508) 885-7513 x1, or online at www.spencerpubliclibrary.org/adult.

Saturday, October 19

Haunted History Walk! Teen Mania will act out a brief history of some of the people who are buried in the Congregational Church Cemetery. The first performance will be at 3:00 and the second will be at 7:00. All ages welcome to attend. Donations accepted but not required.

Mark your calendar and register today!

Weird Stories & Folklore of Spencer Bus Tour is sponsored by the Richard Sugden Library, Spencer, and the American Legion Post 138. All ages are invited! The bus tour will stop at various locations in Spencer. Tour guides, Mary Baker-Wood and Carolyn Bain, will share weird stories and folklore of Spencer on this entertaining bus tour. The TWO bus tours will be held from 4:00 pm-5:00 pm and from 5:00 pm—6:00 pm. Signup for ONE tour, either the 4:00 pm or the 5:00 pm. The bus will leave from the American Legion Post 138 (175 Main St #138, Street, Spencer). Parking is in the rear of the building. Come in to hear the weird stories of the legion and enjoy a snack. The bar will be open. Sign up by visiting, calling the library (508) 885-7513 or online at www.spencerpubliclibrary.org/adults, or at the American Legion.

Big Thanks!

Thank you to the following businesses: Cornerstone Bank, Cormier Jewelers, Mexicali and the Spencer Town Hall for hosting our alien for the Facebook Alien Sighting Challenge this past Summer. Thank you supporting us in making our community an even better place!

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By Jordan Gablaski

Believe it or not, October is upon

us! Surely you've noticed the leaves turning, and seen the Halloween Candy already on shelves at the supermarket. What else happens in October? The East Brookfield Public Library's Annual Book & Bake Sale! On Oct. 19 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., drop by the library to peruse a wide selection of books, DVDs and Audiobooks for all ages. Our collection of books for sale ranges from picture books to juvenile nonfiction, adult fiction to historical nonfiction and even large print. You never know what you might find! While you're here, be sure to take a break from searching to visit the table of delicious fresh baked goods for purchase.

Don't forget to try your luck with our five Fall Themed Raffle Baskets. Tickets are on sale now at the library, 1\$/ticket or 5\$/7 tickets, and will be on sale until the drawing on the day of the Book and Bake Sale! The East Brookfield Public Library Book and Bake sale and the Fall raffles are sponsored by The Friends of the East Brookfield Public Library.

Proceeds from the Book & Bake sale will support the new "Library of Things" Program. Starting Oct. 15, the East Brookfield Public Library will begin loaning out puzzles for all ages. All you need is a valid CWMARS Library Card and you can check out a puzzle just like you would a book or DVD. We have a growing collection of puzzles ranging from small children's puzzles to 300 pieces. And be sure to keep an eye out for a new edition to the "Library of Things" Program, a telescope kit available for loan, coming this November!

So come on by to support your local library on Saturday, Oct. 19 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. We can't wait to see you!

Halloween Barktacular returns to Camp Marshall

EAST BROOKFIELD Second Chance Animal Services is gearing up for the second annual Halloween Barktacular to take place on Oct. 26 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Camp Marshall in Spencer. The event brings together families and pets to celebrate the spirit of Halloween with plenty of fun for all to enjoy.

Indoor and outdoor activiinclude trick-or-treating for children and pets, indoor Kid Zone with carnival games, a bouncy castle by Central Massachusetts Jump, dog massages and agility 'Try Its', Spooky Café, haunted hayrides, pony rides, DJ, food & craft vendors and other Halloween fun for families and pets. Special featured events include Your Dog Can Paint with CC Lowell and a costume contest. There will also be an Author's Corner featuring award-winning photographer Traer Scott, author of "Finding Home and City of Dogs." Toto the Tornado Kitten will make an appearance with writer and owner Jonathan Hall.

Organizers have added a Barktacular King & Queen contest on Facebook to help raise awareness for pets in need right here in Massachusetts. Anyone interested in being this year's king or queen can visit Second Chance's Facebook page for more information. The contest is open to pets and people, and the winners will get a \$100 gift certificate along with the opportunity to judge this year's costumer contest.

Organizers are hoping for a better weather this year. Last year's inaugural Halloween Barktacular took place during the driving rain and wind of an October Nor'easter.

"We had an amazing turnout last year. Hundreds of people and pets turned out in costume and enjoyed a great day inside the Wells Arena and Andrews Hall," said Second Chance Development Director Lindsay Doray.

She encourages everyone to check out the event this year, no matter the weather.

Staff and volunteers have been hard at work since last year's

event, creating new games which include a giant slingshot that launches tennis balls.

The major sponsor for this event is McDonnell Contracting. The admission is free of charge and all families and pets are welcome. All funds raised at the Halloween Barktacular will benefit pets in need at Second Chance.

Fire officials launch Fire Prevention

BOSTON — State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey and Fire Chiefs' Association of Massachusetts President Chief Dennis Condon are launching Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 6-12.

"This year's theme Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape, emphasizes how important it is for every family to make and practice a home escape plan. Even families of one," said State Fire Marshal Ostroskey.

Chief Condon said, "There is nothing firefighters like to see more when they respond to a fire than the whole family standing at their meeting place, safe outside. Working smoke alarms increase your chances of surviving a

"If you have a fire at home you may have less than three minutes after the alarm sounds to get out safely. Knowing what to do can mean the difference between life and death," says State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey.

"Fire Prevention Week is a great time to hold a family fire drill: test the smoke alarms, practice two ways of getting outside and going to the meeting place,

Fire departments across the state will be busy during Fire Prevention Week visiting schools and senior centers,

coupled with a practiced escape plan holding open houses, participating in community days, and sharing information to help everyone in their community learn to prevent fires and survive those that do occur.

> For additional information, visit the Department of Fire Services Fire Prevention Week webpage or visit www.mass.gov/dfs and type in "Fire Prevention Week" in the search

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Ostroskey, Massachusetts Fire Training assures evaluations meet best national practices."

REGION—State Fire Marshal Peter J. Council Chair Paul Medeiros, and Director David Evans announced today that the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications (commonly referred to as The Pro Board) has reaccredited the Massachusetts Fire Training Council. This accreditation will last for four years and covers 19 different levels:

- $\label{eq:firefighter I, II, and I/II;} Fire Instructor I, II, and III;$
- Hazardous Materials Technician;
- Hazardous Materials: Operations Level Responder; Fire Officer I, II, and III; Driver/Operator – Pumper;
- Driver/Operator Aerial; Technical Rescuer: Rope Rescue I/II, Confined Space Rescue I/II, Trench Rescue I/II, Surface Water I/II, and
- Swift Water Rescue I/II; Incident Safety Officer: Fire Suppression; and
- Incident Safety Officer: Hazardous Materials Operations.

State Fire Marshal Ostroskey said, "Certification is provided to stimulate professional development in the Massachusetts fire service, which allows firefighters to demonstrate their ability to meet professional qualification standards through an objective measure of their professional knowledge, skills, and abilities."

Mass. Firefighting Academy Director Evans said, "While certification is an entirely voluntary process, the council participates in this system to validate their programs against international

expectations. This rigorous assessment

Massachusetts Fire Training Council receives reaccreditation

Hyannis Fire Lieutenant Paul Medeiros, Chair of the Massachusetts Fire Training Council (MFTC), said, "It is important for firefighters and fire officers to know their training meets national standards and may demonstrate proficiency through certification exams.'

The Massachusetts Fire Training Council (MFTC) is the sole statutory

authority to certify the Massachusetts fire service. The Governor appointed council meets regularly to discuss and develop policies, which drive the certification system. The Massachusetts Firefighting Academy is the operational arm of the council and develops examinations to various professional qualification standards. It also administers these examinations and documents all activities of certification candidates. Certification is an entirely voluntary process, but some local fire departments may require some levels of certification.

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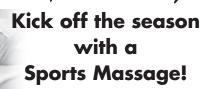
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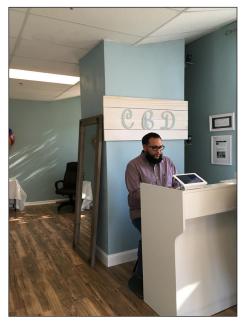
BY JORDAN GABLASKI CORRESPONDENT

WORCESTER — A ribbon cutting ceremony on Sept. 25 marked the grand opening of a Worcester branch of Your CBD Store. The well-attended event was a great success for first time business owner Alex Valle, the proprietor of the store, located at 91 Stafford St.

Standing in the light, airy room filled with chic couches and chairs with instrumental music playing in the background and an array of products on display, Valle describes the store as a "diamond in the rough." The attention invested in the atmosphere is an indication of the quality of care that he provides every customer who walks in the door.

In his interactions with customers, Valle is welcoming, enthusiastic and highly knowledgeable about the products he sells. One of his main goals, he says, is to educate the curious about the benefits of CBD products, and the relief they offer from pain or discomfort.

Valle's store is geared toward a mature audience. He sells to anyone over the age of 18 who is "seeking an



Jordan Gablaski Photo

Owner Alex Valle welcomes the curious about the benefits of CBD to visit his newly opened business, Your CBD Store, in Worcester.

alternative way of finding relief," even carrying CDB products for pets. He admits that he is not a physician, and that the range of products offered at the store, which includes tinctures, edibles and water solubles, are not proven treatments or cures. He does tout them, however, as a viable form of alternative relief.

Valle says his biggest challenge has been the uncertainty surrounding CBD products, and the fact that many consumers are skeptical of their effectiveness in helping those afflicted with arthritis, anxiety, stress, headaches, back aches, and a slew of other ailments. He says, however, that there is no greater satisfaction than hearing from customers who were previously uncertain about whether to turn to CBD, but who were ultimately able to find some relief through the use of one of his products.

"That satisfaction is just priceless,"

Valle also aims to alleviate the doubts that surround CBD products because of their connection to THC and marijuana.

"I want the misconception that it's just marijuana to be thrown out, and

start from scratch," he says emphatically, explaining that CBD (short for cannabidiol) occurs naturally in the human body, in the endocannabinoid system. CBD, he adds, acts as a supplement, or "jump start," to the natural cannabinoids created by the body, promoting homeostasis. CBD, he says, does not contain any THC (the active ingredient in marijuana) or other psychoactives, and will not produce any sort of 'high.'

Valle's Your CBD Store is the only one of its kind in Central Massachusetts, and he emphasizes that "everything in the store is legal in all 50 states," and that SunMed (the manufacturer of the products he sells) offers piece of mind by posting the results of third-party lab testing on its Web site.

For more information on the range of products carried at Valle's store and other Your CBD Store locations, visit the SunMed Web site, https://cdbrx4u. com. Valle encourages anyone who has ever wondered about CBD to visit the store at 91 Stafford St., open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m.-8 p.m., where he says he relishes the opportunity to show what CBD can do for you.

North Brookfield Savings Bank announces TV drawing winner



Drawing winner Matt "Farmer Matt" Koziol shown with his 55" Samsung HD Smart TV alongside North Brookfield Savings Bank employees, from left to right, Supervisor Jessica Shimansky, Supervisor Jamie Hubacz, AVP/ Marketing Manager Caitlin O'Connor, Branch Operations Manager Cheryl Orne, and SVP/Retail Banking Patricia Ostrout.

NORTH BROOKFIELD -With fall bringing cool, crisp weather and the season of the harvest, finding out he was the winner North Brookfield Savings Bank's drawing contest brightened up Matt Koziol's week. As part of a special limited time drawing contest, customers of North Brookfield Savings Bank could enter for their chance to

win a 55-inch Samsung Ultra HD Smart TV.

With an abundance of ticket entries received, Matt Koziol was the lucky winner. The West Brookfield local, lovingly known by many as "Farmer Matt," manages 400 acres of farmland in the Brookfield's and surrounding communities. Much of the

land he farms has been certified organic since 2015 and he sells grass-fed beef as well as certified and conventional hay. Farmer Matt also offers custom haymaking for many of the local farms.

When Farmer Matt was contacted about the exciting news, he was on his tractor and working his farmland. Initially, he couldn't believe what he was hearing. The following Monday, he happily visited North Brookfield Savings Bank to pick up his prize and do his banking.

"I am very happy to be part of the North Brookfield Savings Bank family," said Matt "Farmer Matt" Koziol. "When I visit, everybody knows me, and my dogs, Rolly and Klaus, by our first names. They always treat us very well and provide us with great customer service."

To learn more about Farmer Matt and the great products and services he offers, visit https:// farmermattwb.com/

To learn more about North Brookfield Savings Bank's community outreach and all of the convenient banking products and services offered, visit www. NorthBrookfieldSavingsBank.

sure to wear long-sleeved shirts and pants to help keep mosquitoes away from your skin.

Moreover, always apply insect repellent when you go outdoors, even during the daylight hours. Officials recommend using a repellent with DEET, permethrin, picaridin, or oil of lemon eucalyptus. Be sure to read all instructions on the product label, as usage regulations vary for each product. DEET products should not be used on infants under two months of age and should be used in concentrations of 30 percent or less on older children.

There are plenty of ways to help guard your home against mosquitoes. These include draining sources of standing water, which mosquitoes seek out for breeding. Be sure to empty any unused flowerpots and drain wading pools, wheelbarrows, and buckets. Also, change the water in birdbaths frequently.

"All property should be maintained to prohibit the formation of stagnant pools of water, which may attract and harbor mosquitoes and other insects," the Board of Health statement

Residents are also encouraged to repair window and door screens that may allow mosquitoes to enter. All windows and doors should have tightly fitting screens without holes

The first symptoms of EEE are fever, stiff neck, headache, and lack of energy. These symptoms typically occur three to ten days after a bite from an infected mosquito. Inflammation and swelling of the brain, known as encephalitis, is the most dangerous complication. The disease can worsen quickly, and some patients may go into a coma within a week.

Several towns in the Blackstone Valley also remain at high risk of EEE. Spraying has taken place in multiple communities in recent weeks.

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MassDOT launches new Safe Routes to School Signs and Lines program

BOSTON—The Massachusetts aged to apply and must have a munic-Department of Transportation ipal contact as the primary applicant. (MassDOT) is announcing the launch of the new Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Signs and Lines Program. The program provides design services and funding for low-cost infrastructure projects in areas immediately surrounding public elementary and middle schools across the Commonwealth.

The Signs and Lines Program involves a competitive application process through which five successful projects will be selected to each receive up to \$6,000 in construction funding. Each project is expected to be completed within the 2019-2020 school year.

All SRTS partner schools are encour-

This is a reimbursement-based funding program where municipalities are reimbursed for eligible expenses after the planned work is completed. Eligible costs include improvements such as signage and pavement markings to improve safety and accessibility along key walking and biking routes to a

The application period opens today. Tuesday, October 1, and concludes with applications being due by 5:00 p.m., on Thursday, Oct. 31.

The program was first introduced as a pilot initiative in the City of Lawrence in 2018. As a result of the pilot, eight new crosswalks were painted, new pavement markings were applied, and approximately 50 new roadway signs were installed in the areas immediately surrounding the City's Arlington Community Day School and Arlington Middle School.

The Signs and Lines Program Guidance Document and Application are available on the SRTS website under the Engineering section. The program also provides a walk audit, project recommendations, design sheet, and bid package (if applicable) at no cost.

The Massachusetts Safe Routes to School Program is a federally-funded initiative of MassDOT. The program works to increase safe biking

and walking among elementary and middle school students by fostering partnerships between education leaders, law enforcement, public health departments, and advocacy groups. The program highlights the importance of pedestrian and bicycle safety while also providing information, materials, and resources to support schools and communities with their local SRTS initiatives. The program currently serves more than 900 schools in over 230 communities across the Commonwealth.

Information regarding the new program can be found online at https:// www.mass.gov/info-details/saferoutes-to-school-engineering or by sending an email to SRTS@dot.state.ma.us.

Guertin family joins Walk to End Alzheimer's

WORCESTER — Recently, the Guertin family — Jason, Lindsay and Jason, Jr. of Spencer — participated in the 2019 Walk to End Alzheimer's at Hanover Insurance Office Park in Worcester. Lindsay was the team captain for the team Bay Path PN Students walking in honor of Alzheimer's patients for the Bay Path RVTHS Practical Nursing Academy of Charlton. Eight-year old Jason Junior was the youngest member of the team and energetically completed the walk!

The $\bar{\text{Alz}}$ heimer's Association is a nonprofit organization that strives to:

Help families across the country by continuing to provide and enhance programs focusing on education and sup-

Advance critical research studies into methods of treatment, prevention and ultimately, a cure; and.

Speak up for the needs and rights of those facing Alzheimer's through our public policy initiatives.

The Guertin family was among 1,535 walkers (and 233 teams) who showed up to show their support for the cause by walking a 3.44-mile route around Hanover Insurance Office Park. On Walk day, each registered walker received a Promise Garden flower that best represented their connection to the disease. Blue flowers represent someone with Alzheimer's or dementia. Purple is for someone who has lost a loved one to the disease. Yellow represents someone who is currently supporting or caring for someone with Alzheimer's. Orange is for everyone who supports the cause and vision of a world without Alzheimer's.

The Worcester walk raised \$ 425,193 that will help further the care, support and research efforts for Alzheimer's disease. In 2019, Alzheimer's disease will cost the United States \$290 billion. This number is projected to rise to more than \$1.1 trillion in 2050.



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Staying young

Over the past week, the national news stage has been filled with stories and broadcasts regarding the impeachment inquiry into the actions of President Donald Trump. While it is important to stay in touch with what's happening on a larger scale around us, many of us can oftentimes can feel inundated by it. We ourselves perusing news outlets when a sudden urge to return to a time of innocence came upon us with the thought, 'I just want to be young again, and eat chocolate and ride bikes all day with my friends.' The thought then occurred that this was actually still possible. Where there is a will, there is a way, and we can indeed still take a day every now and then to eat chocolate all day and ride our bikes with friends — although perhaps the chocolate should be enjoyed in moderation.

As a result, a discussion in the office began about what we do to stay young, and whether it's actually possible to feel young again. Good news, it is. Below are some of the things we found helpful that are scientifically proven to make you feel young again.

Tip number one is not to cancel on hanging out with friends. As we get older, it becomes pure joy to go home and get cozy for a night in. While this is all good, it's more important to maintain your connections with your people. Having strong friendships has been proven to help you live longer and feel that way as well. People who are more social tend to have lower blood pressure as well as cholesterol.

The next tip is to go hiking or spend some time outdoors. Spending time outdoors can make you feel energized and boost your happy meter ten fold.

Experts say that smiling can make you feel younger. Those who smile more are perceived as younger. An added bonus is that smiling reduces stress and can improve your mood.

We've all heard that exercise is key. One study showed that people who do high levels of exercise have cells that age more slowly than their counter-

Taking classes can make you feel years younger. This doesn't mean go back to school and suffer any more time under those florescent lights. It means, take a spinning class, guitar or pottery class. Learning something new is a brain booster.

Drinking wine will give you a good dose of resveratrol, which has been shown to slow brain aging. Keep this in moderation, as the flip side can actually kill brain cells and lead to other health problems, we are all aware of.

Apparently, people who wear a citrus scent are said to be perceived as younger and feel younger as well.

Water, water, water...'nuff said." as we heard a camp counselor lecture us in the early 1990's. Staying hydrated boosts energy and is just an all around smart thing to keep in mind.

Eating sugar is a big no-no. We're not sure how this will affect the 'eat chocolate, ride bikes all day' plan. Getting rid of sugar can reduce the risk of high blood pressure, diabetes and other diseases that can slow you down.

Weight lifting boosts energy levels and creates muscles which in turn make you stronger and feel more youthful.

Staying optimistic about aging has been proven to make you feel younger and boost cognition. Those with a negative outlook, tend to age faster and we don't want that.

Go on an adventure. Doing something that is new and exciting is an easy way to feel alive and make you feel young again.

Make sure your posture is in good form. It's been proven that standing and sitting up straight can boost confidence and make you feel young.

Listen to music from when you were younger. The tunes will bring you right back to when you were young, and if you liked a song once, chances are you'll like it again. Unless it's anything from the Titanic soundtrack.

There are more tips involving volunteering, stretching, taking a multi-vitamin, eating more fruits and vegetables, going to concerts and so on and so forth. The point is, your well being is in your

In the words of George Bernard Shaw, "We don't stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop play-

Opinion and commentary from Spencer, Leicester and the Brookfields

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Presidential harassment

To the Editor:

There is no president in the history of our country who has been treated as badly as our Dear Leader and duly elected President of the United States of America, Donald Trump. The Democrats are frozen with hatred and fear. They get nothing done. All they do is pursue witch hunts because they can't accept that the people spoke in 2016 and chose Trump! The Dems have been talking about impeaching Trump since before he was inaugurated. The Dems can't stand how great our successes have been with the economy, military, vets, tax cuts, regulation cuts, health care, the border, taking control of the future demographics of America, and more!

The so-called "whistleblower," who would better be described as a subversive traitor, ought to be tried for treason and given a speedy trial and speedy sentence with no appeal. This whistleblower had secondhand information, created fake news, and is trying to perform a procedural coup d'état. The "whistleblower" should be identified at once, and him/herself put on trial. This person is purportedly a CIA official who has committed treason and violated their oath of office affirming lovalty to the President of the United States of America.

Now a second "whistleblower" coming out of the IRS? We are now at two traitors and partisan hacks trying to reverse the 2016 election. President Trump, as a private citizen, has decided to leave his personal tax returns his personal business...Just like you, and me, and every reader here. The President deserves the same privacy as any of us. Now a whistleblower in the IRS is trying to make his tax returns public.

Let's focus on the crux of the current mainstream media circus. What about the Bidens?

The Biden family was paid off, pure and simple! The fake news must stop making excuses for something that is totally inexcusable. Sleepy Joe said he never spoke to the Ukrainian company, and then the picture came out where he was playing golf with the company boss and Hunter and separately got \$1.5B from China despite no experience or apparent reason. There is no way these can be legitimate transactions. The President has an obligation to look into possible or probable corruption!

President Trump is tough on the border. I am glad that we agree that the border financial moves needs a moat stuffed with alligators and snakes with an electrified fence with sharp spikes on top. Shooting migrants in the legs is a humane way of non-lethally stopping them. There is no more sacred obligation of the President than to protect us from an invasion, an infestation of people who don't belong here!

It is totally appropriate to speak with other world leaders about corruption and implore them to look into it. We should not give military or foreign aid to countries who refuse to investigate corruption within their months until 2019 draws to borders, especially when it involves public a close, but it's not too early officials like the Bidens. We should abso to make some end-of-the-year lutely hold foreign aid hostage until our confinancial moves. In fact, it may cerns are looked into. Furthermore, trade be a good idea to take some of negotiations need to include anti-corruption these steps sooner rather than incentives. If China won't investigate the later. Bidens perhaps they can find a new country to sell their plastic junk to! It is so appropriate that it doesn't need to be done in private, it can be announced on television!

er, are guilty of treason. He lied about his the maximum amount to your connection to this person and made up horrible statements.

Wake up people, a coup'd etat is in Ask your employer if you can process before your very eyes. We the increase your 401(k) contribu-People spoke in 2016 and elected Donald tions in 2019, and if you receive Trump. Crooked Hillary with her emails a bonus before the year ends, and corruption left America so vulnerable you may be able to use that that our allies in Moscow needed to step in toward your 401(k), too. to save America from itself. The homosexuals, transgendered agenda, and the browns until April 15, 2020, to contribare coming for our country and our way ute to your IRA for the 2019 tax of life! We have no choice than to call in year, but the more you can put favors from Ukraine and China to preserve in now and over the next few what we all know and love, America. The months, the less you'll have to American people. The American way of come up with in a hurry at the life. The American language. We need to filing deadline. For 2019, you preserve this land for future generations of can put up to \$6,000 in your typical European-American stock.

I am confident that the patriotic older. Republicans in the Senate will stop this in its tracks. If they fold and become RINO's, always a good idea to review then the 2nd amendment represents the your investment portfolio at final check and balance.

God Bless America, and no place else!

for end-of-year

Not too soon



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We've still got a couple of

Here are a few suggestions: Boost your 401(k) contributions. Like many people, you Adam Schiff, along with the whistleblow- might not usually contribute 401(k), which, in 2019 is \$19,000, or \$25,000 if you're 50 or older.

> Add to your IRA. You have IRA, or \$7,000 if you're 50 or

Review your portfolio. It's least once a year, and now is as good a time as any. But don't GEORGE GRAHAM make any judgments based NORTH BROOKFIELD solely on your results over the past 10 months. Instead, look carefully at how your portfolio is constructed. Is it still properly diversified, or has it become overweighted in some areas? Does it still fit your risk tolerance, or do you find yourself worrying excessively about snort-term price swings? These are the types of factors that might lead you to make some changes, possibly with the help of a financial professional.

Don't forget about your RMDs. Once you turn 70 and a half, you generally need to start taking withdrawals - the technical term is "required minimum distributions," or IRA and your 401(k) or similar plan. After the first year in which you take these RMDs, you must take them by the end of each year thereafter. If you don't withdraw at least the minimum amount (calculated based on your age, account balance and other factors) you face you should have taken out – a potential loss of thousands of dollars. So, take your RMDs before Dec. 31. The financial services provider that administers your IRA or 401(k) can help BROOKFIELD you determine the amount you must withdraw.

Think about next year's opportunities. It happens to almost all of us: A year has passed, and we haven't taken the actions we had planned. So, a financial standpoint. Can investments in your retirement plans? If you have children or grandchildren, have type of long-term care, such stay? If these or other items

Time goes quickly – so don't It's looking more and more like we won't get left behind without having taken the steps to keep moving

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To repent is to depart from evil!

To the Editor:

The highway to heaven for us is to avoid evil, sin; we who guard our hearts, our way in this life are also preserving our soul for eternity, heaven. Repentance is to humble our self before God, Jesus. Pride, proud people take little account of their weakness and do not anticipate stumbling and or do not believe in heaven or hell. The proud think they are above the frailties of common people. This state of mind is easily tripped up. Proud people seldom realize that pride is their problem, and everyone around them is well aware of it. The danger of pride is confirmed in Proverb 16:17 and in the teaching of Yeshua, Jesus [Matthew 4:17], repent for the kingdom of God is at hand. What does it mean to repent? The Greek word is "mentanoia," which means to change your mind about sin or to depart from evil.

What is the good news of God? has personally come to earth through the Messiah Jesus, God's Son to break the power of sin, to personally reign on earth. Jesus words were and is the good news because God, Jesus was personally offering freedom, justice and hope to anyone who received, confessed, professed Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

Repentance is a new attitude of mind

and heart and about the way we conduct our life. Perfection is not expected while we are in this mortal [sinful nature] body, "but" a life style of repentance is expected and means that I choose to live my life set apart as on to the Lord God, Jesus in communion with the Holy Spirit who lives in me constantly when we become born again people confessing and repenting, turning away from our sins. Repentance does not mean rehearsing our past guilt's, regrets of our past. True repentance and confession removes those past sins from our conscious RMDs – from your traditional and Jesus declares us, the past our past to be as far as the east is from the west. Our responsibility for us today, the precious present and day by day to repent of any situations that may occur during our day.

God, Jesus, is waiting for me, you to make that confession of faith and repent against the enemy Satan, Satan, sin would like to sidetrack, tempt, distract us with enticely, we can always repent, get back on the ment, but, even if Satan succeeds temporalright road, highway to God, Jesus, heaven, and we know how to do that, confess, repent and remain focus and faithful on Jesus. [Mark 1: 15].

ROLAND BLAIS

Cowards

To the Editor:

The editorial page in the Spencer New Leader is getting thin just as the impeachment inquiry is heating up. President Trump quickly pivots from "fake news" to "indicting himself" on TV as he asks China to torpedo his political adversary and publicly announces the quid pro quo.

The faux five have been reliably liberal, but let's be honest - once you've read a few weeks, you've read them all. In their worldview, Trump is a threat to America and the world, and each week they are outraged by something the president did or said. They, whoever they are, wherever they are, and how many people they actually are, should be ashamed of all the ink and paper they have wasted and its environmental impact. The theme is the same, the readers' minds are already made up one way or the other... so really, what's the point?

What I enjoy reading are the conservative responses. I love reading the proud Trump supporters rebut the mainstream media or rebut faux five's points. I can never predict the angle that'll take. Unfortunately, amid the impeachment inquiry, our local Trump supporters are silent.

I miss the analysis of Dana George Reed, John McRae, George Graham, Roland Blais,

Jennifer Gaucher, Jim Reid, Paul Goebels, Rick Belton, Chris Dubois, and many others. I've been looking forward to their full start thinking now about what throated defense of Trump the last few you want to do in 2020 from weeks and...nothing.

Another group I always hope to hear you afford to ratchet up your from, but of course haven't been, is our local GOP representatives. Donnie Berthiaume, Peter Durant surely must read this publication and surely must have some opinions you started saving for college? and analysis. Given the consternation in Have you considered ways to their districts and the country at large protect your financial indepenyou'd think they'd show some leadership dence if you ever need some and set the record straight.

Even the Democratic State Senators, as an extended nursing home Anne Gobi and Michael O. Moore, surely must have some opinions. They preside are on your financial to-do list, over 2016 Trump towns and owe it to us to start planning now to get them go on record either why they support or done next year. don't support impeachment, and why.

hear from any of those people above, making me wonder why... I think I've figured toward your financial goals. it out:

They're cowards.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We are in no danger of becoming a banana republic

To the Editor:

Mr. Rosenberg, thank you very much for your Letter to the Editor dated Oct. 4. I cut out the letter from the paper and held it up to a mirror. As you well know, in the reflection, everything that is Left becomes Right.

Last week, President Trump called the President of Ukraine. The Democrats are saying it is a violation of his oath of office – an impeachable offense. I can only think that they are unaware of our country's treaty with Ukraine, ratified in 1999, during the Clinton Administration. How can the Democrats describe the facts laid out so erroneously?

I have to say, I'm a little mystified and frightened. The Democrats and their lemmings (both national and local) seem sincere in their beliefs. They believe the memo summarizing the call that our President unclassified and released and the laughable whistleblower complaint to be evidence of wrongdoing. I don't see how they could actually come to that conclusion. Are they lying for political/policy advantage or are they that dumb or brainwashed?

The crucial thing to look at when reading the memo that was stored appropriately on a secure site to avoid leaks is the actual content of the memo. President Trump asked his counterpart for a favor, in the spirit of cooperation, as stated in the treaty, to investigate corruption in his county that included Joe Baden, his son and the energy company that employed his son to the tune of \$50,000 per month. This is a very clear - we have always lived up to our part of the treaty and we hoped they would live up to theirs.

The fact that Ukraine is a poor country that has a white majority is totally irrelevant. They have been a good friend to the USA in a very strategic and highly dangerous part of the world, and they have been rewarded with our aid. President Trump put a hold on the latest aid package prior to the call citing the need for other countries to step up, and then quickly released the funds. If this is a quid pro quo than everything is a quid pro quo.

There are not shades of questions here. It is clear-cut. It puts to rest the lie about the legitimacy of the Congressional investigations. The Trump campaign may or may not be leading in all the polls but they cannot be intimidated by the like of Joe Biden and his buddies. President Trump does not need to get dirt on the one Democrat who in every major poll is beating him – Joe is no more in the

lead then Hillary was. Ukraine sits on Russia's doorstep but Russia has not shown the imperial impulses towards it under President Trump as it did under President Obama. Unlike other Presidents of the United States, Mr. Trump doesn't plea or beg – He acts.

Beyond Hilary's attempts at being the beneficiary of foreign election interference and beyond the Obama Administration knowing about it but doing nothing, President Trump is now soliciting foreign election assistance using the power of the Presidency and executive authority to protect our elections from corruption and ultimately taxpayer funds.

As we think about impeachment it is important to think back during the days of Watergate. There was a sense of gravity, a sense that we needed to step outside our party lines. The American people felt a need to weigh the evidence, that the situation was so serious we couldn't just play normal politics. That's not going to happen this time because unlike Watergate there is no crime and no cover-up. This is starting to feel like hysterics and wishful thinking and that represents a major backslide in America. The idea of stepping outside partisan affiliations for the sake of truth and the sanctity of our form of government seems quaint - as if that is no longer how the game should be played.

The Democrats' strategy seems to be a reverse Watergate: No crime, no cover up, but it's a totally appropriate, perfect, magnificent, and beautiful

Back to reality: The Republicans support Trump because they are loyal to the Constitution and the American people. The Republicans aren't going to break on this. Most Americans are paying attention, they understand the false charges and implications, and they don't support impeachment. The Democrats have painted themselves into a corner where they either have to defend the sanctity of the U.S. form of government from enemies foreign and domestic or continue to seek impeachment to their electoral peril. They need to convince people other than their base that they truly care

I've said it before and I'll say it again — any Trump supporter should be very proud. It is time to go beyond just shame investigations. Continuing to support the whistleblower traitor is an affront to the United States Constitutional order. But don't worry, we are not now, and will never be, a banana republic.

> JIM REID SPENCER

History will be the judge

To the Editor:

While I normally make comparisons between Trump, his supporters, and the rise of Fascism in Europe, this week calls for a different tone. Perhaps it is about time to start drawing comparisons to Richard Nixon, the immortalized "bad" president for all subsequent presidents to be compared

As I write this, it's hard... Trump publicly suggested soldiers shoot migrants if they throw rocks but backed off when it was explained that was illegal. Reports came out that Trump suggested that soldiers shoot migrants in the legs (non-lethal force) to slow them down. He apparently often talked about fortifying the border with a water-filled trench, stocked with snakes or alligators. Trump asked for an electrified fence with spikes on top that could pierce human

The moat was no joke. Trump asked aids to seek a cost estimate. I do have to hand it to Trump for consistency. His wall is a 4th century solution to a 21st century solution and in consistency of 4th century solutions he suggested a bleepin' moat with alligators and snakes. Will official border crossings have draw-bridges so trucks filled with Ivanka's fashion line shoes can get through?

The scapegoating of an "other" group and rejection of rational thought combined with complete and total lack of compassion for these 'other' humans to include a horrible and violent death is very Hitler-esque and Nazi...But back to Nixon...

Let's say we had a Republican president who redistributed wealth by taxing the rich and giving to the ppor, boosted entitlements, strengthened workplace safety, cleaned up the environment, and boosted National Public Radio... We did, and his name was Richard Nixon. Historians rank Nixon near the middle of the pack for "best presidents." We tend to forget all the good though in light of Watergate.

Nixon started the EPA. Trump gutted it and brags about it to the wild applause of his base. Air pollution, water pollution, toxic waste, and on and on.

How will historians rank President Trump? He is certainly worse than Nixon without even getting to the scandals. Trump has been far more damaging to the country. When Russian dignitaries visited the White House in 2017 he revealed highly classified information to them about our intelligence sources in the Middle East and told his Kremlin guests that he didn't care that the Russians had interfered in our 2016 election.

An enemy attacks us and our commander in chief doesn't care? There is a word for that: Treason. Article 3, Section 3 of our beloved Constitution says: "Treason against the United States shall consist only in levying war against them, or in adhering to their enemies, giving aid and comfort." The Russians attacked us. If the commander in chief who swore to defend us said it didn't bother him, that is "giving aid and comfort." The Russians are surely gearing up for more mayhem in 2020, and what does Trump care? Treason.

Now we've learned that Trump has leaned on foreign governments such as Ukraine, Australia, and China to dig up dirt that would help him politically. For all of tricky Dick's dirty tricks, Nixon would never have dreamed of doing that. Nixon may have been a crook, but he was our crook, an American crook. Nixon understood his role as the leader of the American people to protect us from hostile enemies abroad.

The salient difference between the Trump and Nixon scandals is that in the latter, Republicans were willing to call on the president to leave office, and willing to vote on articles of impeachment. Republicans at all levels knew that the president served America and not the other way around. Republicans knew that America was more important than Republican hegemony or dictatorship.

Trump is a man with no ethical compass or shred of decency. Worse than Nixon? Absolutely. In every way. And worse than all the rest. History will be the judge, and I am confident in how history will judge Trump (unless of course there re-education camps or

> OMAR HAR-YAROK EAST BROOKFIELD

Public solicitation

To the Editor:

On Friday, Oct. 4, the House of Representatives formally notified the White House that it is issuing a subpoena for documents related to the impeachment investigation. Time will tell whether the White House will comply with this subpoena or if we are headed to an even more dysfunctional state of constitutional crisis. Do the local Trump supporters feel it is within "executive privilege" to stonewall an impeachment investigation, arguably the final "check and balance?

This has been a week of cascading information about what the president said in a phone call. The President himself reinforced his critics by announcing to the world on television that he's urging China to look into the

This is more than smoke, this is fire. Our country is built on a house of cards collectively known as the Constitution, and while we blew on it and leaned on it, we had a gentleman's agreement not to kick it or burn it down. Trump, and by extension his deplorable supporters, have lit it on

It is accepted fact on all sides that the Russian state, and Vladimir Putin himself, conducted a misinformation campaign to tip the 2016 election to Trump. The question for us was whether Trump colluded with Russia or was an unwitting beneficiary. After two years of crying "no collusion" during the Mueller investigation, Trump is upping the ante. Beyond collusion Trump is actively soliciting Ukraine and China's involvement on behalf of his own 2020 candidacy. Beyond active solicitation, Trump is resorting to extorting the assistance of foreign governments with taxpayer funds to target a political adversary personally.

I don't even know what to make of him openly and publicly soliciting a foreign government to attack the United States' election system. These

are the antics of an extreme narcissist, "You don't like it? I'll do it again but even more brazen." This is an unstable man who regardless of policy goals should be nowhere near power.

Usually in scandals the basis of the big argument is over the facts. Sometimes the dispute is about the law. There's no real argument of the facts here. There's no real argument about the law. It's all out in the open. The real argument is whether the GOP Senators will fulfill their oath of office or circle the wagons around

We have this tendency to see scandals in terms of hidden events that we have uncovered. We can't always process when the president says something in public, the way he did with respect to China, when he openly, publicly, and with the world watching said that he wanted China to investigate his political opponents and that his treatment of China in trade negotiations would depend on

All of Trump's deplorables (defenders) have been saying, "no quid pro quo." We saw quid pro quo on national TV.

There is no White House strategy, it's pretty obvious. In 1998, Bill Clinton compartmentalized Monicagate (how quaint in comparison), and went about his business. Trump is totally obsessed with his looming impeachment.

In one sense, I feel bad for Trump's defenders and allies - he is such a fast moving target, he undermines his own talking points almost immediately. A lot of Republicans have been heading for the tall grass because they don't want to defend the administration with a line of thought that the administration itself might soon abandon. Perhaps this is why the Trumpers of Spencer and the Brookfields have been uncharacteristically silent...

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- 2. Write a scary fictional short story or true story about your best Halloween.
- 3. What can be done to stop the vaping epidemic?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Saving our kids from the worst of the climate crisis

To the Editor:

In the early 1950's my father and I would drive over to Wilson's farm to buy blocks ice so for our "ice box " or non-electricity refrigerator. During the winters, Mr. Wilson would carve the blocks out of frozen Stiles Lake. Likewise until recently, at our "camp" above the lake we would daily enjoy the sight and sounds of numerous birds and butterflies.

Such events stimulate wonderful memories. However the reason for writing about them now belongs to the future, not the past. Scientists indicate that Stiles now having similar deep freezes will likely not happen. Other scientists ay say our bird population has dropped by 3 billion. Certainly now the sight or sound of robins, blue jays or even crows becomes less

Such observable examples and fact based evidence says the earth warms at faster and faster rates. Likewise, the environment becomes more damaged. Overwhelming evidence exists that this situation harms both our health and well being.

Worst of all, for all of our kids and grandkids nothing we do now will stop it our climate from getting worse This will happen because activities that created climate change and damage to the environment has already taken place. Their results will continue to pile up no matter what we do.

Worse yet, if we and industry do not now change, by 2040 or 2050, we likely will reach a "tipping" point. This will result our kids and grand kids having to live a far more difficult and dangerous lives.

Scientists also say we parents and grandparents can at least reduce some of the climate change and environmental damage our kids will have to live

For example, NASA, our government agency and others say we can;

"Mitigate" or reduce the amount climate and environment harm by using; - energy more efficiently,

more renewable energy such as solar and wind, and

- electricity for industry and other

They also say we can "Adapt" or change according how our kids and grandkids will have to live as the climate and environment gets worse by; -improving buildings and infrastructure.

 restoring natural landscapes and forests,

- practicing flexible and diverse agriculture,

- better preparing for more and stronger storms, forest fires and similar catastrophes,
- researching and making further preparations higher temperatures, damaged environments, and
- developing preventive and precautionary measure for all the above.

This indicates that much can be done to improve our kids chances for better lives

However, President Trump and his administration's policies and practices make the present and future climate and environment far worse.

Trump's damage include;

Trying to weaken fuel economy standards, causing more dangerous "greenhouse" gasses,

Replacing the Clean Power Plan which also results in increased bad

Opening public lands and offshore waters to oil and gas drilling fur-

ther damaging the environment and increasing the use of "fossil" fuels and their emissions

Shrinking public lands to allow more mining, and removing parts the Endangered Species Act; causing vulnerable plants and animals to become more endangered,

Allowing more methane emissions, Delaying ratification of a treaty on hvdrofluorocarbons - high emissions chemicals in refrigerators and air con-

ditioners -Cutting clean water protections causing which will increase pollution and harm the environment and wild-

Pulling out of the Paris Climate Agreement, making it easier for global polluters, including those here and in China and India.

If Trump is re-elected in 2020, these extremely bad policies and actions for both the climate and environment will not only continue, but multiply. They could have deadly consequences for our kids and their future environment. Like Trump or otherwise, we should, in a legally democratic way, make this is his one and only term.

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Wheeler goes off in second half to boost Cougars by David Prouty

BY KEN POWERS SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

SPENCER — Callahan "Cal" Wheeler scored two goals and set up another to help lead the Quaboag Regional boys' varsity soccer team to its first victory in four years over David Prouty Regional, beating the Panthers, 3-0, on Monday, Oct. 7 at the Eugene R. Hurley Athletic

With the win the Cougars improved to 5-4-2 overall and 2-4-2 in Southern Worcester County League games. David Prouty slipped to 5-5-2 overall and 3-3-2 in league play with the loss.

After a scoreless first half, Wheeler put the Cougars ahead, 1-0, scoring in the 16th minute off an assist from junior Chris Laprade. Four minutes later the senior made it 2-0, thanks to a set up by junior Evan Allen.

"Cal is one of our senior strikers; he's been doing a great job for us this year, first-year head coach Scott Foley said. "He creates a lot of chances for us and it was good to see him finally finish some today."

Wheeler used his speed to create quality scoring chances on both of his goals but, because he never stopped attacking the net, he was also in the right place at the right time on both of his scores.

'[Chris Laprade] put the ball over the top and I took a good touch to finish it," Wheeler said about his first goal. "I tried going bottom right, but luckily I got bottom left. Their keeper [Dan Blazejewski] went off his feet and I was lucky to get it in. The ball went off his fingers and into the goal.



Jeff Skov of David Prouty plants his left foot before launching a kick with his right.



Quaboag's Chris Laprade sprints down the field with possession of the ball in tow.

"On the second goal the ball came in over the top [from Allen] to Cabot [Lacey], the right winger," Wheeler continued. "The ball bounced over him and I just came in from the side and hit it first time top left. [Blazejewski] wasn't ready because he thought Cabot was getting it, but I came in from the side."

With nine minutes remaining Quaboag increased its lead to 3-0, Tyler Boyd scoring off an assist from Wheeler.

"The ball bounced over the defender and I ran for it and saw that the left side was open for a shot so I took it, but I missed a little bit and Tyler was there to finish it off," Wheeler said about Boyd's goal, which appeared to hit the post before bounding into the net. "The ball didn't hit the post; it hit Tyler and

Foley said the Cougars seemed OK being tied, 0-0, at halftime with the Panthers.

"We knew we were in it, that we had to just keep plugging away," Foley said. "We knew we could finish, it was more about our touches and our possession and keeping calm and keeping our heads on point.

Wheeler said he and his teammates, even though the game was even at the break, were not a happy bunch during intermission.

'We were frustrated at halftime, but we've been frustrated a lot by this team



because we never beat them before and we've tied them three years straight,"

because this was my first win against this team.'

Wheeler said. "Winning felt pretty good

Freshman Gabe Paquette made nine saves to post the shutout in net — his third of the season — for the Cougars.

David Prouty head coach Jed Prouty, whose team carried the play in the first half, was at a loss to explain what happened to his team in the second half.

"Something happened at halftime and I'm not really sure what," Prouty said. "It was almost like the team shut down. They came out in the second half and they looked like a completely different team. I'm not really sure why.

"It's unbelievably frustrating from a coaching standpoint because there is only so much I can do," said Prouty, now in his fourth year as head coach of the Panthers. "If they don't have the passion, if they don't want it, I can't really fix that. I can give them a pep talk at halftime but if they don't respond, there's not much I can do."



David Prouty's Evan Fournier tries to break free from a lunging Quaboag defender.

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Dominic Huard of Quaboag leaps in the air toward the ball to try and head it down the field.



Quaboag's Justin Howard, sandwiched in between David Prouty defenders Brennan Ogert and Kaden Wells, boots the ball away.



Nick Soter of David Prouty watches as he sends the ball on its way.



The Quaboag Regional senior scored twice and added an assist in the Cougars' 3-0 victory over the David Prouty Regional boys' varsity soccer team on Monday, Oct. 7. The win boosted Quaboag to 5-4-2 and was their first over the Panthers in Wheeler's four years with the team.

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Selective offense results in scoreless tie for Tantasqua, Leicester



Nick Ethier photos

From left, Leicester's Grace Guinee and Tantasqua's Kate Jones collide while going for the ball.



Leicester's Nida Orloff cuts inside in an attempt to dribble past Tantasqua's Madi Varney.

BY NICK ETHIER

STURBRIDGE — Although both said that they will take the point that comes from

tying without any disappointment, the head coaches for the Tantasqua Regional and Leicester High girls' varsity soccer teams admitted that



Leicester's Aaliyah Hernandez boots a corner kick into the Tantasqua

taking more chances — AKA attempting more shots on net was needed to win following a 0-0 deadlock on Wednesday, Oct. 2 at the Cage.

"It's a quality tie. We didn't lose for a reason," said Matthew Rickson, head coach of the Warriors, while acknowledging that his team's offense needed to be more aggressive. "We're just not pulling the trigger, it's a confidence thing. We did have some shots today, though, but there needs to be more."

Rickson surmised that a goal gets scored once every 10 decent shots, and Tantasqua finished with seven on frame, which were saved by the Wolverines' Alexa Dufries.

Leicester first-year head coach Autumn Connor had similar things to say about her team as Rickson did with his.

"I'm pleased with the result," she noted. "I think our girls played well. We won the majority of the 50/50 balls."

But, much like the Warriors, the Wolverines needed to attempt more shots.

"We have talented girls that have deep shots and deep kicks, so we need to keep continuing to take the shots," said Connor. "Sometimes we try to pass it too much."

Tantasqua keeper Ainsley Way stopped all 13 of Leicester's shots that were on target.

There were a handful of decent scoring opportunities for both sides, which included:

Tantasqua's Madi Varney lasering a shot just over the crossbar in the 25th minute.

Leicester's Hernandez shooting the ball at Way, which almost escaped her grasp in the 27th minute.

Hernandez servicing a corner kick to the head of Maddie Hippert, which was saved in the 36th minute.

Leicester's Nida Orloff lofting high shots that were barely reached by Way in the 62nd and 65th minutes, respectively.

Tantasqua's Lexie Buzzell beating a defender but not before shooting a left-footed kick in the 66th minute.

Leicester's Grace Guinee taking a 25-yard free kick that Way saved and then dropped, but no one could find the loose ball before it was kicked away in the final minute.

Both coaches praised their team's defense for helping contribute to the scoreless battle.

Rickson mentioned the play of Lydia Boland, Hailey Magierowski, Sophia Viapiano and Emma Winkler, who cleared numerous chances before they could get to Way. And Rickson is pleased with the progression of Way, a firstvear keeper.

"She's not so timid and she's listening. She's very athletic and very coachable," Rickson said of Way, a star basketball player in the winter.

Connor noted that sweeper Zoe Rice — "always our backbone" — and stopper Rian Fadden — "helps get that ball out and knows how to cover for our sweeper" — were



Lily Peterson of Leicester lifts her right leg in order to settle the incoming



Maddie Hippert of Leicester leaps in order to get her head on the ball.

there to help Dufries, who also can get it done on her own as evidenced by her two for two result in stopping penalty kicks this season.

The Warriors are now 5-4-2 after the tie with Leicester.

"It keeps us over .500. A point's a point," Rickson said of staying above level and potentially qualifying for the Central Mass. Division 1 Tournament.

The Wolverines, meanwhile,

are 5-2-2 at the midpoint of their season as they are six points away from inclusion in the Central Mass. Division 3 Tournament.

"I'm happy with where we are. I wish we could get those two L's back [against Millbury High and Auburn High] and we're using that [motivation] going forward," said Connor.



Emma Winkler of Tantasqua sends a corner kick toward Leicester's net.

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Minutemen inch closer to District berth with win over Worcester Tech/North



Bay Path keeper Lauryn Dawson runs up to the ball to make the save ahead of a Worcester Tech attacker.

BY KEN POWERS SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON — Hailey Cournoyer scored a pair of goals in a three-minute span late in the first half to help lead the Bay Path Regional girls' varsity soccer team to a 4-2 win over a visiting co-op team comprised of Worcester Tech and North High students.

With the Thursday, Oct. 3 victory, the Minutemen improved to 8-3. The Eagles dropped to 3-5 with the loss. Bay Path is now one win away from qualifying for the District Tournament.

With her team ahead 1-0, thanks to a goal in the 11th minute by teammate Kyleigh Sutherland, Cournoyer increased the lead to 3-0 in what seemed like the blink of an eye, scoring in the 32nd minute of the first half and then again three minutes later, on a pair of breakaway goals.

"Hailey's quick, she gets to the goal fast and she knows how to finish; we call her speedy," longtime Bay Path head coach Tammy Legere said about her sophomore striker. "Hailey's got that final touch. She knows how to put goals away.

Cournoyer's offensive exploits allowed the Minutemen to go into halftime with a 3-0 lead, despite what could be best described as a methodical start to the game.

"We usually don't usually start playing until the second half. We start slow and then we pick it up," Legere said. "We can't do that the rest of the season, though, because if we do that we're going to have a tough time."

Bay Path's remaining schedule includes Parker Charter, which it lost to, 2-1, on the road on Sept. 11, Blackstone Valley Tech, which it lost to, 7-3, on Sept. 9, and Assabet Valley, which it lost to, 7-1, on Sept. 25. The rest of the Minutemen's schedule includes two games with Tri-County Regional as well as single games against the Advanced Math and Science Academy, Monty Tech and Southbridge High.

Worcester Tech/North cut the Bay Path lead down to 3-1 seven minutes into the second half, Ana Giraldo scoring on a right-to-left shot that somehow got past Minutemen goalie Lauryn

Bay Path, however, got the goal back two minutes later; Abigail Graham scoring on a right-to-left shot that pushed the Minutemen lead bac three goals, 4-1.

Worcester Tech/North closed out the scoring with 13:55 left in the game,



Bay Path's Kyleigh Sutherland quickly approaches Worcester Tech's Mariana Vega.

Genevieve Rivers scoring on a penalty kick to account for the 4-2 final.

Dawson, a senior, finished with seven saves, five coming in the second half.

"Lauryn's a senior, she's played for me for four years," Legere said. "She made some big stops in the second half when it was 4-2 and they were desperately trying to make it a one-goal game. This was a big game for her because she had just returned from an injury."

Legere feels optimistic about the potential this team has this year.

"If we put it all together we're a very good team and we should be good,' Legere said. "We have a lot of injuries right now, especially on defense. If we can get those girls healthy for the rest of the season, we should be OK. We have good team speed and lots of young talent.'

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Bay Path's Isabella Gonyey races up to the ball ahead of Worcester Tech's Mariana Vega.



Amarii Colon of Bay Path kicks the ball around her Worcester Tech opponent.



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Brown's big day belps Warriors blank Auburn



Nick Ethier photos

Tantasqua's Dominic Brown comes up with his first of two interceptions versus Auburn.

BY NICK ETHIER SPORTS STAFF WRITER

AUBURN — Tantasqua Regional senior Dominic Brown had a game to remember at Memorial Field as his Warriors' varsity football team took on Auburn High.

Brown scored two touchdowns — one receiving, one rushing — and picked off two Rockets' passes, as Tantasqua posted a shutout against Auburn, 20-0.

'Never in my life have I had a game like this," said Brown. "It feels really great to win and be with my teammates.

Brown got his magical day started early versus the Rockets, breaking off a 66-yard touchdown on the game's third offensive snap. Facing a thirdand-7, Warriors' quarterback Dante Reno dumped off a short pass to Brown, who slipped past Auburn defenders and ran down the left sideline for the

After Jarod Spratt's extra point, Tantasqua held a 7-0 lead less than two minutes into the

Then, on the Rockets' third offensive play, quarterback Griffin Handfield was picked off by Brown.

"I was reading the closest guy to me and I noticed that he went inside. I stayed right under it and tried my best to take it away," Brown said of his first and, ultimately, second INT.

Auburn did hang tough, though, as they recovered a Warriors' fumble on the next possession. The halftime score remained 7-0 as it was still anvone's game.

'Auburn was doing some things that gave us fits in the first half, so you have to give them credit," said Tantasqua head coach Jon Hargis

But the Warriors put it away with two more touchdowns in the third quarter. It started with Brown grabbing his second interception of the game. Then, with 2:09 remaining in the frame, Brown busted off an 18-yard rushing score on a sweep to the right where he employed a spin move at the 5-yard line to elude a pair of Rockets' defenders.

"Dom's been a solid player for us the last four weeks. He gets better each week," said Hargis.

"I really give it to my teammates because they push me every day. I try my best to make



Dominic Brown of Tantasqua (4 carries, 49 yards, TD) grabs possession of the football and carries it down the



Tantasqua's Liam Gore (11 carries, 54 yards) gains extra yardage while chugging ahead with the ball firmly in his grasp.

plays for them and they do the

same thing," added Brown. And Brown helped make a play on Tantasqua's third and final touchdown, which came with 45 seconds to go in the third quarter. There, Reno (4 for 10, 153 yards) dumped another short pass off, this one to Liam Gore Gore then received a tremendous lead block from Brown and he was off to the races, sprinting 76 yards down the right sideline for the TD. Spratt's extra point

made it 20-0. "I realized that there was a guy coming right toward [Gore] and I knew my one job always is to block," said Brown. "I did my best to shove him to the side and watch him score."

Auburn then had its most productive drive in the game's

final sequence, which ate up the final four-plus minutes. Handfield completed 6 of 10 passes in the drive for 67 yards. He took the Rockets from their own 20-yard line to inside Tantasqua's 20. But, on the final play, Nathan Winco picked off Handfield's pass in the end zone to preserve the shutout.

It was Winco's third takeaway of the game to go along with Brown's two. Casey Robidoux also had an interception for the Warriors.

"We kind of challenged our secondary this week to make sure they're in the right spots and when the ball's in the air to make the play," said Hargis.

Tantasqua is now 3-1, while Auburn slipped to 1-3.



Troy Lee of Tantasqua leaps as high as he can, but is unable to haul in this pass.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Monday, Sept. 30

Quaboag 204, David Prouty 211 — The Panthers' golf team lost a close matchup with the Cougars, with Gavin Haynes (46) shooting the low score for Prouty. Others scoring for the Panthers were Ashton Valley, Jared Holmes and Dan Bowen.

Tuesday, Oct. 1

Bartlett 178, David Prouty 210 Gavin Haynes was the low scorer for the Panthers' golf team with a 44, while Dan Bowen, Ashton Valley and Jared Holmes also scored for Prouty.

Wednesday, Oct. 2

Leicester 19, Quaboag 42 — Racing on Quaboag's three-mile course, Jason Fournier — just a seventh grader won his third straight meet for the Wolverines, as the boys' cross-country team dispatched the Cougars to improve to 4-3. Other top five runners for in the race for Leicester were Owen Collette, Ryan Butler and Seamus O'Connor.

Quaboag 29, Leicester 37 — Despite losing to the Cougars on their home three-mile course, the Wolverines' girls' cross-country team still had a solid showing. Abby Bernabei was third overall, and Leicester's top five also included Molly Ledbetter, Marissa Gabhardt, Katheryn Stapel and Bella Ortiz.

Tantasqua 7, Leicester 0 — Jack Leland (two), Jace Phillips (two), Ben Ames (two) and Ryan Lemieux all scored goals for the victorious Warriors' JV boys' soccer team. Nate Blaine, Aubyn Phillips, Jace Phillips, Ames and Gavin Lataille provided assists. Matt Schirm



Courtesy photo

The Leicester boys' cross-country program — varsity, junior varsity and middle school — took part in the Wachusett Invitational on Saturday, Oct. 5.

and Blaine shared goaltending duties and played tremendously in recording the split shutout. Tantasqua is now 7-1

Thursday, Oct. 3

on the season.

Nipmuc 9, David Prouty 0 — In a losing effort to the Warriors, Adam Gibson paced the Panthers' golf team by producing the lowest score. Dan Bowen, Gavin Haynes, Tyler Johnson, Jared Holmes and Korey Egan also competed for Prouty.

Agawam 159, Tantasqua 170 — Will Pieczynski carded a 4-over par 40 for the Warriors' golf team, who came up short versus the Brownies at Oak Ridge Country Club. Tantasqua is now 7-6.

Friday, Oct. 4

St. John's 155, Tantasqua 166 — Hosting the Pioneers' golf team at Hemlock Ridge, the Warriors fell 11 strokes short of victory to drop to an

even 7-7. Tantasqua's Will Pieczynski and Jake Belanger both shot matching 3-over par 39's.

Quaboag 1, Oxford 0 — Kiarra Dorman scored on a free kick midway through the first half for the game's lone goal, as the Cougars defeated the Pirates in a girls' varsity soccer matchup. Quaboag's Victoria Morgan made nine saves to preserve the shutout.

Saturday, Oct. 5

Leicester boys' cross-country teams enjoy Wachusett Invitational — The Wolverines competed in the invitational as part of varsity, junior varsity and middle school programs.

On the varsity side, seventh grader Jason Fournier led the charge with a 17th place overall finish. Junior Ryan Butler and eighth grader Owen Collette were next, finishing at 19:43 and 19:51, respectively. In the JV race, Cole Parke (best race of season) and Tim St. John (out sick for three weeks and made his return) were shining stars.

Leicester Middle School's grade configuration shift from 6-8 to 5-8 created the opportunity for a new middle school running club in 2019. The middle school club team had its first opportunity to run, as fifth graders Justin Cserny and Matthew Robbins led the team with times of 12:03 and 13:02 over the 1.7-mile course. Sixth grader Ben Rivera finished off Leicester's top three runners with a time of 13:18. Also running their first ever invitational meet were Tyler Williams, Josh McCormick, Christopher Moffat, Tyler Stone and Landon Beveridge.



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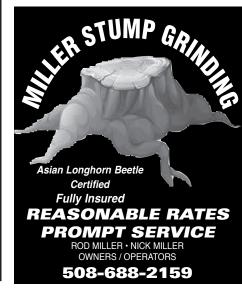


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Country music is the soundtrack of my life

mom made the best biscuits and gravy in America. You may be rolling your eyes but it's not just a bold statement from a proud son, so stay with me...

POSITIVELY SPEAKING By Gary W.

I have been captivated by the new Ken Burns documentary on Country Music. My dad and mom were dedicated fans. Mom grew up in Sapulpa, Okla., what was then a tiny town next to the growing city of Tulsa. She loved Bob Wills and often heard him perform live. I remember as a small child, sitting on my mom's lap, laughing as she would sing a rousing version of the Wills hit, "Take

Me Back to Tulsa." She called herself an Okie and wore the moniker proudly. My dad was from Sesser, Illinois, a small coal-mining town in the deep southern part of the state they call, "Little Egypt." My dad always thought of himself as a "Hillbilly," and I guess he was. I grew up in my younger years eating more rabbit and squirrel than beef and pork. I became quite skilled at chewing and spitting out the buckshot without damaging my teeth.

One of my father's closest friends as a child was Billy Grammer. Billy had a big

North American hit in 1958 titled, "Gotta Travel On." It was top 5 in both the Country and Pop charts, and was equally as popu-MOORE lar in Australia.

Many of the old timers will remember that song and probably not know the name of the artist that made it famous. Gotta Travel On was a medley of his only hit but Billy is legendary in Nashville as a studio guitarist and regular on the Grand Ole Opry.

Mom and Dad met in a country and western bar in smalltown Salem, Ill. They married in 1953 and moved north to the Chicago area to find employment. The Chicago area was being flooded after the war with people from Southern Illinois, Kentucky and Tennessee, seeking employment, and they brought Country music with them.

earliest childhood memories were of Saturday nights, sitting with my family and many neighbors at our old Grundig Radio, turned to WSM in Nashville, Tenn., listening to Billy Grammer and the other stars of the Grand Ole Opry.

As Billy Grammer would

tour with various Country artists and would find themselves in or around the Chicago area, my mom would always invite Billy and any of the traveling performers to our home for biscuits and gravy ... and they came. George Morgan, Grandpa Jones, Minnie Pearl, Roy Acuff, Merle Kilgore and many others all found their way to our home, often arriving after midnight in taxi cabs and leaving around sunrise.

I watch this excellently produced documentary and feel like I am seeing old friends. I remember meeting Loretta Lynn for the first of several times, very early in her career and backstage at the Hammond, Indiana Civic Center. Billy introduced us to her and said she was new but would soon be the new "First Lady of Country Music." She grabbed my shoulders, looked at me and proclaimed that I was the "prettiest little boy she'd ever met." She pulled my head to her chest and hugged me. When she went on stage she said, "There is the most beautiful little boy backstage and I sure wish I had his eyelashes."

I met her again several times over the next few years and she always gave me a hug. She may have been the kindest and sweetest person I ever met. I later told my teacher I met The First Lady and she asked, "Lady Bird Johnson? And I responded, "No, Loretta

When I was 19, I auditioned and played drums for one night with Ray Price. Ray asked me if I'd like to play a few additional nights and I enjoyed the privilege and opportunity to travel a short time with one of the greatest country stars of the 1960's and '70's. This is around the time where "western" was dropped and the music emerged as simply "Country." At the time Barbara Mandrell and her family were traveling as the warm-up act for Price and she and her family, like Ray Price and Loretta Lynn, are truly among the finest people I have ever met.

There are no absolutes, but the openness, kindness and lack of "star-ego" is what I think of as I think back to meeting these performers. They were wildly popular and known all over North America and beyond but there were no false pretenses or air of entitlement. They felt as though they were as lucky to meet their fans as the fans were to meet them.

I was a young witness to these performers and the making of the history of country & western music thanks to my dad's love of the music and his childhood friend Billy Grammer. Billy took us backstage in almost all of the Chicago area venues and introduced us to the biggest stars of the day, then brought them to our home in Hillcrest subdivision in Kankakee, Illinois to relax and eat what George Morgan proclaimed to be "the best biscuits and gravy in America!"

As I get older, I find that I become more emotional. I sit on my couch watching the Burns documentary and am surprised at the moments I break into tears at the site of, what feels like, old friends.

Thank you, Ken Burns, for capturing, organizing and sharing this important history of the times and music. I am grateful and I know I am not alone.

These are memories I will cherish the rest of my life.

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Abraham Lincoln Civil War era presentation sword



ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES & ESTATES

the most expensive and deadliest conflict ever fought on American soil. The History Channel's website reports that it resulted in "620,000 of 2.4 million soldiers killed, millions more injured and much of the South left in ruin." Many scholars, history buffs, and collectors remain fascinated with the Civil War and how it WAYNE TUISKULA impacted the country.

The Civil War was

The first shots of the Civil War were fired at Fort Sumter, South Carolina in April 12, 1861. After being bombarded by Confederate artillery, Major Robert Anderson surrendered the fort within two days to the Confederate forces under Pierre G.T. Beauregard. There were many bloody battles throughout 1862 and 1863. In 1864, "Sherman's March to the Sea" helped bring an end to the conflict. According to the History Channel, 'From November 15 until December 1864, Union General William Sherman led some 60,000 soldiers on a 285-mile march from Atlanta to Savannah, Georgia." The troops stole



food and burned houses and barns of those who fought them along their route. Sherman wanted to "make old and young, rich and poor, feel the hard hand of war." In the spring of 1865, General Meade and General Grant pursued the Confederates along the Appomattox River. The Southern troops were low on supplies and outnumbered. General Lee finally decided that he must surrender and is quoted as writing "there is nothing left for me to do but to go and see Gen. Grant, and I would rather die a thousand deaths. æe surrendered to Grant on April 9. There is far too much history to cover the entire Civil War in this column. There is also a large amount of memorabilia. I plan to discuss Civil War memorabilia further in a future column. We will be auctioning an important piece of Civil War era memorabilia that warrants a column of

The Civil War era presentation sword we will be offering has a brass plate engraved "Presented by Abraham Lincoln to First Lieutenant John W. Jones commanding the Guard in the White House April 19 – May 1, 1862. A family written biography of Jones lists some of the highlights of his life. He was born in Philadelphia on May 3, 1826. He attended McKendree College in Illinois. He witnessed anti-abolitionist riots while in college. He became involved in the anti-slavery movement and was mobbed twice while giving speeches opposing slavery. During the Gold Rush in 1849, he was commissioned by Colonel Sumner as a Captain in the Cavalry. He was responsible for protecting miners in "Indian Territory" between Fort Laramie and California. Later while fighting in wars with the Indians he was said to have received no fewer than six arrow wounds. At the outbreak of the Civil War, he became Provost Marshall for the city of Washington, D.C. where he guarded the White House and won the personal thanks of Abraham Lincoln. Lincoln asked him to organize nine regiments from New Hampshire and

Vermont during the war. He was severely wounded during battle and lay in bed several months recovering. He later moved to Brooklyn, N.Y. and went on to work for the United States customs service. Jones also founded the "Northwestern Female College" in Evanston, IL and helped form the "United States Volunteer Lifesaving

What will the sword sell for? We estimate \$5,000 to \$15,000 at our next live auction. We have sold many pieces of Civil War memorabilia, but the sword is a cut above the rest.

We will be running an estate sale on Oct. 12 and 13 in Westborough. The preview for our Woodstock, Conn. online auction will also be on Oct. 12 and 13. Bidding ends on Oct. 16. I'll also be lecturing on antiques at the Worcester Senior Center on Oct. 16 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. I'll be appraising items at the Shrewsbury Historical Society on Oct. 23. 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.

Protect your winter landscape from hungry wildlife



GARDEN MOMENTS MELINDA **MYERS**

There's no doubt that managing critters in the landscape can be a challenge especially as food supplies start to dwindle. If you are battling with rabbits, deer, groundhogs or other wildlife, don't let down your guard as the growing season begins to wind down.

Be proactive. Start before they get into the habit of dining on your landscape. It is easier to keep them away than break the dining habit.

Fence them out. Fencing is the best defense against most wildlife. A four feet tall fence around a small garden will keep out rabbits. Secure the bottom tight to the ground or bury it several inches to prevent rabbits and voles from crawling underneath. Or fold the bottom of the fence outward, making sure it's tight to the ground. Animals tend not to crawl under when the bottom skirt faces away from the

Go deeper, at least 12 to 18 inches, if you are trying to discourage woodchucks. And make sure the gate is secure. Many hungry animals have found their way into the garden through openings around and under the gate.

A five-foot fence around small garden areas can help safeguard your plantings against hungry deer. Some gardeners report success surrounding their garden with fishing line mounted on posts at one- and three-foot



Melinda Myers Photo

Fencing, when installed properly, can be an effective tool in protecting gardens against animal damage.

Break the out repellents. Homemade and commercial repellents can be used. Apply before the animals start feeding and reapply as directed. Consider using a natural repellent that's safe for people and wildlife.

Scare 'em away. Blow up owls, clanging pans, rubber snakes, slivers of deodorant soap, handfuls of human hair and noise makers are scare tactics that have been used by gardeners for years. Consider your environment when selecting a tactic. Urban animals are used to the sound and smell of people. Alternate scare tactics for more effective control. The animals won't be afraid of a snake that hasn't moved in weeks.

Combine tactics. Use a mix of fencing, scare tactics and repellents. Keep monitoring for damage. If there are enough animals and they are hungry, they will eat just about anything.

Don't forget about nature. Welcome hawks and fox into your landscape. Using less pesticides and tolerating some critters, their food source, will encourage them to visit your yard. These natural pest controllers help keep the garden-munching critters under control.

And most importantly, don't give up. A bit of persistence, variety and adaptability is the key to success. Investing some time now will not only deter existing critters from dining in your landscape but will also reduce the risk of animals moving in next season.

Gardening expert, TV/ radio host, author & columnist Melinda Myers has more than 30 years of horticulture experience and has written more than 20 gardening books, including Can't Miss Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment segments. Myers is also a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine. Myers' Web site, www.melindamyers.com, offers gardening videos, podcasts, and garden tips.

AGE-FRIENDLY

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planned to join Senior Center officials this month to officially announce the membership application approval. The town has also received a letter and certificate acknowledging its accomplishment.

'North Brookfield has made a commitment to growing in an age-friendly way, and creating social and physical environments that support residents of all ages and abilities," said Hoamy Tran, an associate planner with the

CMRPC. With the senior population expected to significantly increase as baby boomers reach retirement, towns throughout the state are determined to work with the AARP to become more age-friendly. The AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities is the national affiliate of the World Health Organization's program, which helps communities prepare for an aging population.

By 2030, approximately one of every five people in the U.S. will be age 65 or older. By 2035, the number of seniors over 65 will exceed the num-

ber of children under 18. "People of all ages benefit from the adoption of policies and programs that make neighborhoods walkable, feature transportation options, and support housing that's affordable and adaptable," read a statement from the AARP. "Well-designed age-friendly communities foster economic growth and make for happier, healthier

residents of all ages.' **AARP** Joining the Network requires communities to commit to a process

that involves surveying and assessment, action planning, and implementation. North Brookfield and CMRPC officials are looking forward to continuing the process.

"Now that North Brookfield is part of the AARP Network, it has up to two years to complete an action plan," Tran added. "Our next steps will be to engage with older adults and other community stakeholders to form an action team that will lead the assessment effort."

CMRPC officials will work with town leaders and residents to examine the environmental, economic, and social factors that influence the health and wellbeing of older adults in town. The findings of the assessment will be used to create an action plan.

The Massachusetts Healthy Aging Collaborative has tracked a growing number of age-friendly communities across the state. North Brookfield officials are thrilled that their town is joining the list.

Looking ahead, several resources will be made available to all age-friendly communities in the state, as well as those striving to earn the designation.

"For 2020, we are planning to organize quarterly conference calls and regional meetings for all the Massachusetts age-friendly communities, providing an opportunity to share best practices and help further everyone's progress across the Commonwealth," said Antron Watson, a regional director with AARP Massachusetts.

To find about more about the program, visit www. aarp.org.

POLICE REPORTS

Leicester Logs

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

7:58 a.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), verbal warning; 10:13 a.m.: summons service (River Street), unable to serve; 11:32 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 12:34 p.m.: assist other PD (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 1:06 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), citation issued; 1:45 p.m.: debris in road (Paxton Street), referred; 2:29 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 5:28 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 5:49 p.m.: residential alarm (Pleasant Street), false alarm; 6:08 p.m.: ambulance (Paxton Street), transported; 6:33 p.m.: assist citizen (Main Street); 7:38 p.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street), transported; 8:28 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 10:18 p.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive), Mark Patrick Domenicis, 31 Olean Street, Worcester, shoplifting by asportation, failure to appear upon recognizance, arrest.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

3:17 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 9:21 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 10:12 a.m.: investigation (South Main Street), services rendered; 10:48 a.m.: restraining order service (Pine Street), unable to serve; 11:54 a.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), services rendered: 12:35 p.m.: assist citizen (Pleasant Street), spoken to; 1:11 p.m.: mv stop (Reservoir Street), citation issued; 3:40 p.m.: ambulance (Atwood Road), transported; 4:28 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Main Street), unfounded; 5:19 p.m.: search warrant service (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 6:10 p.m.: mutual aid (Main Street, Worcester), transported to hospital; 6:29 p.m.: suspicious activity (Lakeview Drive), investigated; 9:09 p.m.: investigation (Soojians Drive), services rendered.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

12:10 a.m.: ambulance (Laflash Lane), transported: 1:00 a.m.: my stop (Main Street), mv towed; 2:54 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 4:01 a.m.: accident (Main Street), mv towed; 5:15 a.m.: assist citizen (Main Street), services rendered; 6:06 a.m.: assist other PD (South Main Street), no action required; 8:33 a.m.: suspicious person (Leela Lane), spoken to; 12:33 p.m.: assist other PD (Main Street), services rendered; 12:43 p.m.: assist other PD (South Main Street), services rendered; 1:25 p.m.: assist other PD (South Main Street), services rendered; 1:39 p.m.: assist other PD (South Main Street), services rendered; 1:49 p.m.: vandalism (Soojians Drive), investigated; 1:59 p.m.: parking complaint (Douglas Road), spoken to; 2:32 p.m.: investigation (Soojians Drive), services rendered; 3:01 p.m.: mutual aid (Bixby Road, Spencer), transported to hospital; 3:09 p.m.: suspicious person (Cricklewood Drive), investigated; 3:27 p.m.: accident (Charles Street), services rendered; 4:20 p.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive), name and address redacted from police log, shoplifting by asportation; name and address redacted from police log, shoplifting by asportation, criminal applications issued; 8:32 p.m.: assst other PD (Main Street), no action required.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

3:17 a.m.: ambulance (Brooks Road, Paxton), transported; 8:39 a.m.: mv stop (Auburn Street), verbal warning; 9:12 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), Jose Pena, 34, $10\overline{2}$ South Gate, $\#\frac{1}{2}$, Worcester, op w/suspended license/ subsequent offense, speeding, arrest; 11:40 a.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), citation issued; 11:45 a.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street), transported; 12:06 p.m.: mv stop (Green Street), spoken to; 12:15 p.m.; mv stop (Man Street), verbal warning; 12:40 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), spoken to; 1:06 p.m.: disturbance (Soojians

Drive), spoken to; 1:41 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), verbal warning; 3:12 p.m.: investigation (Soojians Drive), services rendered; 4:11 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 4:17 p.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), services rendered; 4:38 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), written warning; 5:05 p.m.: mv stop (Auburn Street), verbal warning; 5:34 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 6:23 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, op w/suspended license, criminal application issued; 10:45 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), criminal application issued.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

4:57 a.m.: parking complaint (Main Street), mv towed; 7:24 a.m.: suspicious mv (Siaini Road), gone on arrival; 8:04 a.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), verbal warning; 8:17 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 8:33 a.m.: ambulance (Olney Street), transported; 8:59 a.m.: welfare check (Craig Street), gone on arrival; 10:35 a.m.: investigation (out of town, destination not recorded in police log), services rendered; 12:23 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 12:38 p.m.: summons service (River Street), unable to serve: 12:54 p.m.: summons service (Reservoir Street), unable to serve; 1:04 p.m.: summons service (Main Street), served; 1:46 p.m.: investigation (Folsom Street), services rendered; 1:51 p.m.: parking complaint (Washburn Square), citation issued; 4:33 p.m.: mv stop (Main Stret), verbal warning; 5:09 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 5:12 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, unlicensed operation, criminal application issued; 5:13 p.m.: mv fire (Paxton Street), mv towed; 6:57 p.m.: disturbance (Hankey Street), peace restored; 7:07 p.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), unable to locate; 8:45 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 9:48 p.m.: mv stop (Pine Street), mv towed; 10:13 p.m.: fire/unauthorized burn (Lynde Brook Drive), investigated.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

7:44 a.m.: suspicious mv (Virginia Drive), spoken to; 8:01 a.m.: erratic operation (Plesant Street), unfounded: 9:47 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 9:57 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 10:03 a.m.: suspicious activity (Main Street), spoken to; 12:36 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 2:06 p.m.: mv stop (Tobin Road), verbal warning; 3:35 p.m.: erratic operation (Mill Street), investigated; 3:52 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), mv towed; 4:30 p.m.: accident (Main Street), mv towed; 4:45 p.m.: investigation (King Terrace), report taken; 6:22 p.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), name and address redacted from police log, unlicensed operation, criminal application issued.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 7:40 a.m.: ambulance (Winslow Avenue), transported; 9:24 a.m.: mutual aid (Main Street, Spencer), transported to hospital; 10:47 a.m.: mv stop (Rawson Street), no action required; 12:11 p.m.: ambulance (Stafford Street), transported; 12:59 p.m.: mv stop (River Street), citation issued; 2:02 p.m.: school incident (Paxon Street), services rendered; 2:34 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 4:16 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), citation issued; 4:19 p.m.: mv stop (Winslow Avenue), verbal warning; 4:33 p.m.: mv stop (Winslow Avenue), verbal warning; 4:41 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), written warning; 5:21 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), citation issued; 5:43 p.m.: assist other PD (Mill Street), services rendered; 5:56 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 6:27 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 8:13 p.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street), transported; 9:31 p.m.: welfare check (Stafford Street), no action required; 10:36 p.m.: ambulance (Edward Street), transported.

DIY Ideas that Capture Autumn's Brilliance

Few simple pleasures compare to the colorful show of a New England autumn. Why not capture that brilliance with projects that will recall crisp, fall days of yore? Read on for inspiration and instruction to spotlight the blazing color that comes but once a year.

Botanical Prints

Botanical prints are timeless and vintage examples command premium prices. Here in New England, we are surrounded by nature's foliage, which have natural dyes and just happen to make the most appealing botanical wall hangings. Here's how:

Materials: Pliable, colorful autumn leaves, the darker the better; parchment or rag paper (resume paper that is at least 25% rag content also works); absorbent paper towels, flat end ham-

Directions: Clean off any dirt or debris from the leaf. Place one sheet of parchment or rag paper on a flat, clean and sturdy surface such as a workshop table or cutting board. Place leaf flat down on surface. Cover with a few layers of paper towels. Using even force, tap the entire area of the leaf (to gauge the area, outline the leaf with pen on the paper towel to use as a guide). This step helps to anchor the leaf to the paper. To release the leaf's natural dyes, go over the leaf surface again, hammering every inch of the leaf. When done, do the same working in the opposite

direction. Don't be afraid to take a peek every once in a while to check your progress. When done, peel the leaf from the paper to expose the print!

To preserve the color of the print, spray with an acrylic protectant. Mat and frame individual prints, or create a collage

of different leaves and colors!

Note: Brighter colored leaves such as Japanese Maples create the most vivid colors.

Autumn Luminaries

The most colorful and textural fall leaves are literally "in the spotlight" with this homemade luminary project. Use either a real or flameless candle to create a variety of different mood lighting,

Materials: Dried and pressed leaves (drving between weighted newspaper or paper towel pages results in leaves that are dry, yet pliable; Mod Podge (available at craft stores); canning jar.

Note: Lighter leaves allow for more illumination.

Instructions: Using a paintbrush coat the entire outside of the canning jar generously with Mod Podge. Do not coat the bottom of the jar of the rim area. While jar is still wet, place leaves onto the jar and press in place. Brush over the leaves with another coat of Mod

TAKE THE HINT

KAREN TRAINOR

denser jar and dimmer light. leaves Once placed, dab or stipple the Mod Podge in the

shine

Overlapping

Note: Keep in mind

spacing leaves apart

collage style creates a

more

light

are

through.

leaves

clear spaces. This little extra effort will pay off when the light shines through and shows off the texture rather than brush strokes.

allows

Allow to dry overnight, and then apply one last coat of Mod Podge. As a final touch, spray the outside surface of the jar with an acrylic finish. Again, allow to dry completely. To use, place a contained tea light candle or flameless candle inside the jar.

Foliage Garlands

Garlands strung across mantles or doorways are popular autumn décor, but why buy faux foliage when you have the real thing right outside your door?

Note: If you are not using preserved leaves, this garland only gets better with age for as they dry, they curl up and take on a new look!

Materials: Colorful fall leaves (crimson and yellow Maple leaves are best); Mod Podge (available at craft stores); plastic straws; twine; hot glue or tape.

Instructions: Choose flat, clean leaves.

Dry by pressing until all moisture is removed (press between weighted newspaper and paper towels). Carefully brush Mod Podge on each leaf. Note: Do one side at a time and allow to fully dry. Cut straws in half inch length. Attach a straw piece to back of each leaf with hot glue or strong tape. String each leaf on twine and hang!

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick

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 renown 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 email KDRR@aol.com. Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.

OUTDOORS

RALPH **TRUE**

Duck hunting opens Oct. 14 this year, and waterfowl sportsmen are hoping for a good Massachusetts vear. Fish & Wildlife was out tagging ducks in a few local hotspots a month ago, and had good results with the air boat. Wood ducks provide the most action at this time of year, and if you are lucky, you will intercept numerous flights of teal, that provide some fast shooting.

Blacks and Mallards are around during the early season, but mallard duck hunting is best during the second part of the duck hunting season. A number of years ago, this writer and a couple of buddies of mine had a lot of fun shooting some migrating teal in a local marsh. Most were green wing teal. Αt

time, one Massachusetts had a noon time opening for water-

THE GREAT

fowl hunters. It was ridiculous. Sitting in our blind watching ducks and geese fly by required a lot of self control. As noon time approached, we spotted a group of Canada geese heading our way. We looked at our watch and realized we could not shoot for another 10 minutes. As the geese passed directly over our head, I stood up and took aim at the lead bird. It took a lot of self control, but I did not shoot. Suddenly, a voice called out to me about 100 feet from our duck blind. "Good thing you did not shoot, Ralph!"; startled the heck out of me. A canoe came around the grassy marsh, and in it was a federal game warden, and a local Mass. Fish and Wildlife District Manager. I soon realized the state employ-

ings. I started to laugh. "I was hoping you had pulled the trigger,' he stated as he started laughing.

ee was Chris Thurlow,

well known to me from

numerous Worcester

County League meet-

Hopes high for duck season He introduced the federal warden to us, and

they went on their way downriver. It was now legal time to shoot, but the birds had slowed down and we did not get any shooting for a few hours.

Unfortunately, Chris Thurlow passed away a couple of years ago, but I will not forget all of our interactions at the League meetings, and for sure our encounter on Rice City Pond. Chris attended most of the league meetings as we did, but we were not always on the same page when it came to hunting and fishing regulations. We remained good friends through all of our differences, and had many good times at the Worcester County League meetings.

Numerous local sportsmen from the valley started to hunt and fish out of state during the past few weeks. One local sportsmen headed to Maine to hunt Moose with his relative that was lucky enough to win a moose permit. Hunting for a full week had him encounter Black Bear and Cow Moose, but did not see a single bull moose for which they had a permit for. This week's picture shows Jason Dubois with the antlers of his harvested bull moose taken in Alaska a few weeks ago. He and his dad enjoy hunting together, but his dad Bob was not along on this hunt. I hope I get a couple of steaks!

Wallum Lake Webster and Lake stocked with Rainbow trout this past Friday. Numerous other bodies of water were also stocked. For a complete list of stocked trout waters, go to massfishhunt, and click on trout stockings.

The recent Mass. youth deer hunt had another successful young hunter, Thomas Stinchfield from Douglas. Tom sent in a photo of himself with his first deer which he harvested, field dressed, and dragged out of the woods, with a little help from his dad, but it was deemed a bit too grisly for publication. His dad, mom & Uncle have been



hunting for years, and now they have another hunter to bring home some venison. Nice job, young man. Some of the family also belong to the Blackstone Valley Beagle Club.

Mass. archery deer season opened this past Monday in zones 10 -14.

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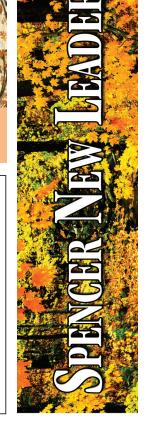
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Starting on Friday, October 11 (Fri 12-6) and

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Madden, a resident of The Overlook in Charlton, who recently celebrated her 105th birthday! She showed me the over 200 cards she received from friends, family, even students, for her birthday, and said that she loved each and every one. Even though her eyesight and hearing are not what they used to be, her mind is sharp, and she seems very content at The Overlook. See her Card of

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Ad Libs by June

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running through Sunday, October 13 (Sat & Sun 10-6) is the EGYPTIAN FESTIVAL at St. Mary & Pope Kyrillos VI Coptic Orthodox Church, 74 Gould Road in Charlton. It will feature Egyptian & Mediterranean Food, Shopping (Bazaar), Egyptian Music, Photos, Face Painting, Church Tour, Children's activities and more! For more info visit their website on the ad this week!

Charlton City!

located at 1103 Main St in Leicester. Check it out!

I stopped by last week to visit Miss Mary Thanks and photo in this week's issue!

AUXILIARY CRAFT FAIR to be held at the American Legion, Gaudette Kirk Post 138, 175 Main Street in Spencer. Crafters will be featuring their handmade wares, with a raffle and bake table, and lunch will be served. I purchased a Patriots doggie jacket here last year! It's a great

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OBITUARIES

Joshua King Van Kleef,32

RUTLAND- Joshua King Van Kleef,32,sadly lost is battle to addiction on September 30,2019.



Joshua was the son of Ted Van Kleef of Brockton, and Donna Maclean and her husband Gerry Maclean of Rutland.

Joshua was a car salesman for most of his career and enjoyed what he did

very much. Joshua enjoyed golfing with friends and his father, along with spending time at his mother's house. He also had a passion for fishing and collecting watches.

Joshua leaves behind his precious son Kaleb Van Kleef, whom he loved dearly, as well as the mother Matti Sjoblom all of North Brookfield. Joshua was always extremely proud when speaking about Kaleb. In addi-

tion to his parents and son, he also leaves behind his siblings Nickolas Van Kleef of Shirley, Brianna Van Kleef of Brockton, Megan Duggan of Kingston and Melissa Maclean of Attleboro; many aunts; uncles; his girlfriend Heather Rindfleisch and her son Jacob. Joshua was predeceased by his brother Michael Duggan of Plymouth, his grandparents Thomas and Wanda Camarota and an uncle Gregory Camarota.

Funeral services will be private in Pillsbury Funeral Home 44 Gilbert St. North Brookfield. In addition to the private service, Kaleb asks everyone to join him and Josh's family for a Celebrations of life, to be scheduled at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the National Institute on Drug Abuse. Condolences may be made to the family by visiting: www. pillsburyfuneralhome.com

Mildred M. Keith, 93

SPENCER - Mildred M. (Johnson) Keith, 93, wife of the late, Roger E. Keith, passed away peacefully on Saturday, September 28, 2019 at Notre Dame du Lac Assisted Living Center in Worcester. Funeral services are private and will be held at the convenience of the family. Please omit flowers. Memorial contributions may be made

in Mildred's name to Attn: Development Office, Notre Dame Health Care Center, 555 Plantation Street, Worcester, MA 01605. Arrangements are under the care of the Miles Funeral Home, 1158 Main Street, Holden. To share a memory or offer an online condolence, please visit www.milesfuneralhome.com

Carol H. Shailer, 77

Brookfield - Carol H. (Howes) Shailer, 77, of Brookfield, died on Saturday, September 28, 2019 at Harrington Memorial Hospital after a brief illness.



She leaves her loving and long-time care giving husband of 56 years, Paul W. Shailer; a son, Stuart P. Shailer of Brookfield; two daughters, Karen E. Jourdenais and her husband Mark of

Southbridge and Valerie L. Bigwood and her husband Everett of Washington State; four grandchildren, Corinne, Benjamin, Hanna, and Carolin and several nieces and nephews. She also leaves her sister, Janice Pratt and her husband Robert of Ware. She was predeceased by her sister, Sharon Penta. She was born in Greenfield, daughter of the late Theodore K. and Evelyn L. (Philbrick) Howes, and grew up on a

farm in the Apple Valley section of Ashfield.

Carol graduated from the former Sanderson Academy in Ashfield, and the Franklin County Hospital School of Nursing in Greenfield. She worked as a Registered Nurse working at Hahnemann Hospital in Worcester and also provided nursing care to patients in their own homes.

Carol was a long-time member of the Brookfield Congregational Church.

A Memorial Service for Carol will be held on October 19, 2019 at 11:00AM in the Brookfield Congregational Church, 8 Central St., Brookfield. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Brookfield Congregational Church Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 457, Brookfield, MA 01506.

Varnum Funeral Home, Inc., 43 East Main St., in West Brookfield is assist-

ing her family with arrangements. An online guest book is available at

varnumfuneralhome.com

Natalie Gagen, 93

LEICESTER- Natalie (Albro) Gagen. Langevin, Irene Mardigan, Evelyn 93, died peacefully, Sunday, Oct. 6th at Life Care Center of Auburn. Her



husband John Gagen, died in 1983. She leaves her son Ray O. Fredette and his wife Nancy of Spencer, daughters; Julia E. Berry of Leicester, with whom she lived and Wendy A. Siwek of Spencer, her grand-

children; Stephanie Plante and her husband Kevin of Rutland, Danielle Joyce and her husband James of East Brookfield, Nichole Marsden and her husband Greg of Spencer. great grandchildren; Sebastian Harding, Natalie and Michael Plante all of Rutland, James, Julia and Aidan Joyce of East Brookfield, Sean and Ryan Marsden of Spencer. Predeceased by her brother; David Albro and 5 sisters; Nellie Hodgerney, Sylvia Lamothe and Barbara Wentworth.

Natalie was an executive secretary at Norton Co. in Worcester for 45 years, retiring in 1985.

Born in Worcester, she was the daughter of Mellen and Elizabeth (Bigwood) Albro. Natalie enjoyed playing bingo throughout New England, spending time with her dogs and most importantly loved being with her family. She was a member of the First Congregational Church of Spencer.

Funeral Services will be private for the family. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Second Chance Animal Services, Inc. P.O. Box 136, East Brookfield, MA 01515. The J. Henri Morin & Son Funeral Home, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer is directing arrangements for the family.

www.morinfuneralhomes.com

Todd M. Lapointe, 34

LEICESTER- Todd M. Lapointe, 34 of Bunker Hill Road died Tuesday, Oct 1 after a struggle with addiction.



He leaves mother Sharon R. (Gagnon) Lapointe, a son Brady P. Lapointe of Halifax, three brothers; Terrance R. Lapointe and his companion Colleen Esmond, of San Francisco, CA, Eric

S. Lapointe and his wife Melissa of Millbury and Andrew J. Lapointe and his wife Jessi-Lee of Leicester, a sister Patrice M. Flury and her husband Paul of Oakham, his fiance Colleen Towey of Worcester and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Todd was born in Worcester, son of the late Gerald R. Lapointe. He worked in the construction field for

several area companies over the years. He was an avid Boston Bruins and New England Patriots fan. He enjoyed going to the gym and power lifting. He loved four wheeling with his brother Andrew. Todd was very charismatic always the center of attention and ready to help anyone in need. He was the most loving and caring person and anyone who knew him especially those in the recovery community absolutely adored him.

A funeral service was held on Sunday, October 6 at 6:00 PM in Morin Funeral Home, 1131 Main Street, Leicester. Burial will be private at the convenience of the family. Calling hours will precede the service from 3:00-6:00 PM. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Salvation Army, 72 Cambridge Street, Worcester, MA 01603.

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Marie R. Parker,86

SPENCER- Marie R. (Ledoux) Parker,86, of Howe Village, died peacefully, Thursday, Oct. 3 in Southbridge Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center.



She leaves her son; Gary Parker and his wife Kathy Tougas Robert of Princeton

Joseph of Warren, 7 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren, many nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her daughter Christine Ann Parker, 3 brothers and 3 sisters.

and her

of Frederick, Md., daughters; Donna husband Randy of Westfield, Deborah Dral and her husband

and Kathy Boucher and her husband

Marie worked at Sprague Electric in Worcester for 15 years, retiring in 1995 at 62 years old. Born in Spencer, she was the

daughter of Aza and Sylvia (Beaudin) Ledoux. She was a member of the First Congregational Church of Spencer and the Lashaway Senior Citizen Club.

Private funeral services will be held at the convenience of the family. J.HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer is directing arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to either Hospice of Western and Central MA,1325 Springfield St Unit 12, Feeding Hills, MA 01030 or Alzheimer's Association of MA, 309 Waverly Oaks Rd, Waltham, MA 02452.

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Margaret Rose (Tierney) Achorn, 59

NORTH BROOKFIELD-Margaret Rose (Tierney) Achorn,59, passed away peacefully on September 26, 2019 at home with her family by her side



Maggie was born on May 13, 1960 to (Harrington) and John Tierney in Springfield, MA and attended schools in Dudley, MA, graduating from Shepherd Hill High School in 1978. She attended

Simmons College and, after raising her children, received her nursing degree from Becker College. She worked in the maternity ward at UMass Memorial Hospital. She was very proud to provide health clinic services in Haiti after their devastating earthquake and continued for several years

Maggierenovated the fifth-generation family farmhouse in North Brookfield where she lived the past 30 years. She taught catechism and led the youth group at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in North Brookfield as well as running

the swim program in town. She was also active in 4-H and loved working at Camp Marshall. She enjoyed traveling, baking, her pets, kayaking and visiting with family and friends. Her sense of humor and thoughtfulness will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Maggie was pre-deceased by her parents and stepfather Chester Kulisa. She is survived by her children Amy, Matt & his wife Kazumi and Jon & his fiancé Katy; her siblings Lynn, John (Guylaine), Joseph (Ruth), Timothy (Shellie) & Martha Tierney, and her fiancé Greg Faugno. She was the proud grandmother of Marcus. Aunt Maggie will be very missed by her nephews Rob, Scott & David McCabe, Scott Ford and her nieces Emily Caldwell and Ellen, Mairen, & Rose Tierney.

Funeral services will be private for the family. Pillsbury Funeral Home 44 Gilbert St. North Brookfield is directing arrangements. lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Partners in Development, the organization that Maggie worked with in Haiti: https:// www.pidonline.org/donate.

Florence B. Lovejoy, 98

EAST BROOKFIELD- Florence B. (Mason) Lovejoy, 98, formerly of Harrington St., died peacefully, Monday, Sept. 30th. in The Meadows of Leicester.

Her husband of 73 years, Harold L. Lovejoy, Jr. died in 2015. She leaves her daughters Judith A. Gagnon and her husband Ronald of E.Brookfield, and Kathy Socia and husband Michael of Newton, N.J., 4 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren and 5 great great grandchildren. She is predeceased by her sister Ruth Erickson and a nephew Leif Erickson

Florence was a supervisor at Hanover Insurance Co. in Worcester for 15 years, retiring in 1987.

Born in Worcester, she was the daughter of Walter and Sarah (Baillie) Mason and later graduated from David Prouty High School. She was a longtime member of the East Brookfield Baptist Church and the Lashaway Senior Citizens Club.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff of The Meadows, the loving care that they gave her, and so many of the residents that she became close friends with, will be forever in our hearts.

A memorial Service for Florence will be held on Sunday, Oct. 20th. at 2 p.m. in the East Brookfield Baptist Church, 262 Main St., E.Brookfield. Burial in Evergreen Cemetery will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to E, Brookfield Baptist Church, 262 Main St., E.Brookfield, MA 01515.The J. Henri Morin & Son Funeral Home, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer is directing arrangements for the fam-

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Robert "Bob" McPherson

Robert "Bob" McPherson of Spencer died at home on October 7th. He leaves his wife Carol of 59 years, his daughter Beth McPherson, his son Bruce McPherson and his wife Roberta. his brothers William and Donald McPherson and his sister-in-law Mary Ann Smith. He was predeceased by his sister Jean Lunt and brother-in-law Donald Smith.

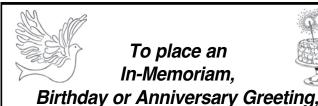
Bob loved the Town of Spencer and he received the Meritorious Public Service Award and his picture was placed in Leadership Hall of the

Spencer Town Hall in appreciation for his volunteer work in the Town of Spencer. This included 28 years as Spencer Town Moderator, 12 years with Spencer Cable Access and served on many other boards and committees. He produced the stage "Feelin' show Good About Spencer" which raised funds for Vietnam the Memorial and hosted and produced over 50 episodes of Feelin'

Good About Spencer" for Spencer Cable Access.

You are invited to an Open House on October 12th at the Spencer Town Hall, "Bob's home away from home for many years". Please feel free to stop in any time from 2 to 4 pm to visit with Bob's family and enjoy some light refreshments.

The family appreciates the care that was provided by Overlook Hospice. Donations may be made to Spencer Food Pantry, 60 Maple St, Spencer MA



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Personal checks, Visa, Master Card, Discover and AMEX are accepted.

For more information, please call June at 508-909-4062 or email jsima@stonebridgepress.news and she'll be happy to help!





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CALENDAR

Tuesday, October 15

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: 5:45 p.m., West Brookfield Library. New members always welcome.

SARAH MCQUAID IN CONCERT: 6:30 p.m., West Brookfield Library. Sarah McQuaid, internationally acclaimed folk music artist returns. Sarah has received a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Ards International Guitar Festival in Northern Ireland and was nominated for Folk Album of the Year 2018. Please stop by or call the Library to register for this special performance.

Saturday, October 19

ANNUAL BOOK AND BAKE SALE: The Friends of the East Brookfield Public Library will be holding their Annual Book and Bake Sale today from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. There will be a variety of books, DVDs and audio books for all family members. We will also be offering fresh baked goodies for sale as well raffle tickets for a "Fall Gift Basket." Stop in and browse and stock up from a great selection of material for your winter reading. We'll be set up in the lobby of the Municipal Town Complex at 122 Connie Mack Dr. at the library entrance. All proceeds go directly to the library for programming and supplies.

LAKE WICKABOAG BOAT CLUB: The Lake Wickaboag Boat Club is hosting a Coast Guard certified boating safety course from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (with a break for lunch) at High view Campground, 58 Gilbert Rd., West Brookfield. This course is open to the public and classes are for adults and youth,12 years of age or older. Family participation is encouraged and has proven to be very rewarding. Mr. Dave Raphael is an instructor with Boat Massachusetts and will be teaching this necessary course. Boat Massachusetts is a recognized safety course that meets the national boating education standards and is approved by the national association of state boating law administrators. All classes are free of charge. Registration is required. Walk ins are welcome on the day of the course. Please be there by 7:30 a.m. to fill out registration form. All graduates will receive a safety certificate. Graduates in the 12 -15 youth range group will be issued a certificate allowing them to operate a motorboat without adult supervision, as required by state law. The same is true for 16 & 17 year old youth who wish to operate a personal watercraft (jet skis, Sea Doos). For information on registration please call Mark O'Donnell at (508) 867-2776 or Jennifer Vasil (508) 867-2261.

HARVEST FAIR: 9 a.m.-2 p.m., First Congregational Church, 207 Main St., Spencer. Plants, jewelry, gift baskets, baked goods, holiday and gift items, children's toys, antiques and collectibles. "Coffee And" available; lunch served from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Free admission. Public invited.

FALL FAIR: 9 a.m.-2 p.m., First Congregational Church, North Brookfield. The Fair will feature plants, jewelry, baked goods, homemade items, attic treasures, and a drawing. Lunch will be served, and will consist of a number of different soups, assorted sandwiches, and apple crisp with ice cream. The public is invited.

Tuesday, October 22

HOSPICE VOLUNTEER TRAINING: If you have the time and heart to share, you could become a valuable part of the Overlook Hospice Team. Hospice Volunteers provide companionship and support to hospice patients and their families...reading to patients, watching movies, playing cards, walking dogs, fixing a meal, gardening, supporting family members, sitting with patients who are actively dying and making bereavement calls. We are also seeking volunteers to provide Reiki, pet therapy, and veterans to visit our veteran patients. Our next training begins on Oct. 22 at 6 p.m. To attend or get more information about becoming a Hospice Volunteer, contact Susan Fuller at 508-434-2200.

Thursday, October 24

THIRD ANNUAL PUMPKIN RECIPE CONTEST: 6 p.m., West Brookfield Library. Choose a recipe from a cookbook available @ the Library or one of your own! By special request your favorite fall apple recipes are eligible, too! Stop by or call the Library to sign up & let us know what you will be bringing.

Saturday, October 26

SECOND CHANCE ANIMAL SERVICES HALLOWEEN

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Halloween event
bringing families
and pets together
to benefit Second
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and outdoor event
activities including trick-or-treating for kids and
pets, haunted
hayrides, pony
rides, indoor Kid
Zone with carni-

val games, bouncy castle by Central MA Jump, dog massages and agility 'Try Its,' music, food & craft vendors and other Halloween fun for families and pets. Special featured events include a Costume Contest judged by the Barktacular King & Queen, Your Dog Can Paint with CC Lowell and an indoor RC racetrack sponsored by Turn4 HobbyTown. Free admission! Families and pets are welcome!

Tuesday, October 29

"GHOSTS & LEGENDS" WITH JEFF BELANGER: 6:30 p.m., West Brookfield Library. Jeff Belanger is back with all new stories. This multi-media adventure will take you on a journey through your backyard, and around the world. Join one of New England's premiere storytellers for a trip through the unusual and the unexplained. Be sure to stop by or call the Library to reserve your seat!

Saturday, November 2

11THANNUALWESTBROOKFIELD ELEMENTARY VENDOR AND CRAFT FAIR: The West Brookfield Elementary Parent Teacher Group will be holding their 11th Annual Vendor and Craft Fair from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 2 at West Brookfield Elementary School, 89 North Main Street. There will be crafters, vendors, raffles, and more. Food will be available for purchase. Admission is free, all are welcome to attend.

Saturday, November 23

ANNUAL MEAT RAFFLE: 6 p.m. (doors open at 5 p.m.), Spencer Country Inn, 500 Main St. Cash only. Open to the public. Bring your friends! Early bird tickets available. Bring an unwrapped, brand new toy to be donated to the Toys for Tots program and receive free tickets good for any table! Grand prize raffle for a Green Mountain portable grill/smoker with cover, utensils, and a \$50 gift card to Ed Stearns in Charlton!

ONGOING EVENTS

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

DEJA NEW: Art, Antiques & Collectibles Marketplace which is open in the St. Joseph's Rectory building at 759 Main Street Leicester. Hours are Tuesday 5-7 p.m., Wednesday 9 a.m.-noon, Thursday 3-6 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.-noon, all proceeds going back into the town's Food Pantries, Hearts for Heat and programs for the needy.

We are non-profit and run on volunteers. We are open May into December.

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

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

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

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

THRIFTY: St. Joseph-St. Pius X Parish, 759 Main St., Leicester, 508-859-8083.New 2 You Thrift Shop. Hours: Tuesday 5 to 7 p.m., Wednesday 9 a.m. to noon., Thursday 3 to 6 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to noon. We have added Thursday hours.

FREE FOR MOM & KIDS: There will be free weekly parent/child programs from 9 to 11 a.m. Fridays and Wednesdays at the North Brookfield Elementary School, New School Road, North. The program runs on school calendar and closes for vacation and inclement weather according to North Brookfield School calendar. This free program is sponsored by the Spencer, Wachusett, North and East Brookfield Coordinated Family Grant in partnership with the North Brookfield Elementary School. Funded by the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care. For more information, please call CFCE at (508) 885-2934 or e-mail Wachusettcpc@hotmail

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, Winthrop Terrace, Warren. All ages welcome. are There is no cover charge; however, a love offering is accepted as a gift to the band or musician as thanks to God for their sharing of their talent and gift for the glory of God (www.emmanuelorthodox.org).

STRE-E-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 sewing, vour embroidery, knitting or crochet and enjoy some socializing while you work on your project.



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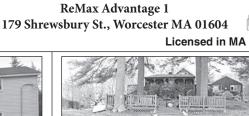
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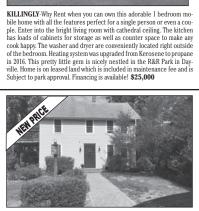
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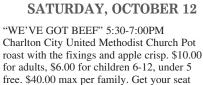
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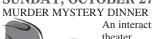
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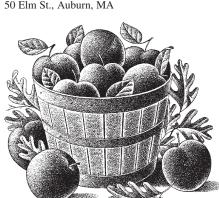
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LEGALS

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

116 Northwest Road, Spencer, Massachusetts

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Anne R. Osterhoudt and Thomas R. Osterhoudt to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Full Spectrum Lending, Inc., said mortgage dated February 19, 2004, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 32879 at Page 60 and now held by Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as Trustee for Carlsbad Funding Mortgage Trust by virtue of an assignment from Federal National Mortgage Association to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as Trustee for Carlsbad Funding Mortgage Trust dated January 24, 2017 and recorded February 15, 2017 in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 56744, Page 213, previously assigned by Bank of America, N.A., successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP to Federal National Mortgage Association by virtue of an assignment dated April 14, 2015 and recorded April 27, 2015 in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 53639, Page 225, previously assigned by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. to BAC Home Loans Servicing, L.P. by virtue of an assignment dated April 18, 2011 and recorded September 23, 2011 in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 47861, Page 383 for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at Public Auction on October 21, 2019 at 11:00 AM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

LOT 1: The land in Spencer, Worcester County, Massachusetts, being bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at the most southerly corner of the parcel herein described and on the easterly side of Northwest Road; THENCE N. 20° 20' W. Four hundred eighty-five and 41/100 (485.41) feet to a point; THENCE N. 4° 47' E. Two hundred sixty-two and 15/100 (262.15) feet to a point; THENCE S. 83° 11' E. Two hundred twenty-nine and 42/100 (229.42) feet to a point; THENCE S. 12° 28' W. Six hundred ninety-seven and 13/100 (697.13) feet to the point of the beginning. Said parcel containing by approximation 2.93 acres more or less as shown on plan entitled "Plan of Land in Spencer, Mass. Owned by Wallace E. Kittredge" dated August 10, 1965 and recorded in Plan Book 376, Plan 116.

2: The land in Spencer, Massachusetts on the easterly side of the east side of Northwest Road being lot "Outlot B" as shown on a plan of land entitled "Plan of Lots in Spencer Prepared for Jennifer A. Colella dated October 10, 1994 Berry Engineering Incorporated RLS and recorded in the Worcester Registry of Deeds Plan Book 688, Plan 112, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at the Southwest corner of the lot herein conveyed at Lot "Outlot C"; THENCE N. 07° 59' 04" E. 143.86 feet and N. 09° 25' 31" E. 299.89 feet along other land of Thomas Osterhoudt and Anne R. Osterhoudt to a point at Lot 2; THENCE S. 87° 29' 50" E. 438.16 feet to a point; THENCE S. 08° 27' 37" W. 467.07 feet along land of the Cistercian Abbey to a point at Lot "Outlot C"; THENCE N. 84° 25' 02" W. 440.21 feet along Lot "Outlot C" to the point of beginning. Containing 4.587 acres and being a portion of the premises as described in a deed to Charles L. Eddy et ux dated January 8,

The description of the property that appears in the Judgment and Order recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 49129, Page 161, amending the mortgage to be foreclosed, shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagors' Title see deed dated June 1, 1988, and recorded in Book 11362 at Page 100 with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds.

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within sixty (60) days after the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the

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Funding Mortgage Trust Present Holder of the Mortgage (860) 677-2868 September 27, 2019 October 4, 2019 October 11, 2019

THE TOWN OF EAST BROOKFIELD **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING A public hearing will be held in the Memorial Town Complex, 122 Connie Mack Drive, East Brookfield on Monday, October 21, 2019 at 7:15 p.m. on the application made by Timber Yard Brewing Company, Inc. 555 East Main Street for an alteration to their Farmer Series Pouring License

All interested parties are invited to at-

Shaun Richard, Chairman Theodore Boulay, Clerk Kitty Gliniecki, Member October 4, 2019 October 11, 2019

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 Maureen R. Ravenelle, Rene G. Ravenelle to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Sherwood Mortgage Group, Inc., dated July 27, 2005 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 36958, Page 305, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from:

Electronic Registration Mortgage Systems Inc., as nominee for Sherwood Mortgage Group, Inc. to Green Tree Servicing, LLC, recorded on March 20, 2014, in Book No. 52136, at Page 102 Ditech Financial, LLC, successor by merger to Green Tree Servicing, LLC to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as Trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust, recorded on August 9, 2016, in Book No. 55771, at Page 76 for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 12:00 PM on November 6, 2019, on the mortgaged premises located at 100 Oakwood Drive, East Brookfield, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, TO WIT:

The land in East Brookfield, Worcester County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron pipe on the westerly side of Rice Road at the southeast corner of tract herein described, and the northeast corner of Lot No. 15, now or formerly of Escape Estates, Incorporated;

THENCE North 57 degrees 53' 22" West along said Lot No. 15, a distance of two hundred ten and seventy-five hundredths (210.75) feet to a point;

THENCE North 48 degrees 52' East along land now or formerly of Escape Estates, Incorporated, a distance of one hundred eighty-five (185) feet to a point on the southerly side of Oakwood Drive; THENCE South 51 degrees 57' 14" East along the southerly side of Oakwood Drive, a distance of one hundred forty and sixty-five hundredths (140.65) feet to a point:

THENCE running easterly and southerly along the westerly side of Rice Road, on a curve to the right, having a radius of 38.11 feet and length of sixty-one and eight hundredths (61.08) feet to a point; THENCE South 39 degrees 52' 27' West along the westerly side of Rice Road, a distance of one hundred twenty and sixty-five hundredths (120.65) feet to the point of beginning.

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The mortgagor(s) expressly reserve(s) my/our rights of Homestead, if any, and do not wish to teiminate my/our rights of homestead by granting the within mortgage, provided, however, that mortgagor(s) expressly waive(s) my/ our rights of homestead with respect to this mortgage, pursuant to Paragraph 24 of this mortgage. Being the same premises conveyed to the herein named mortgagor (s) by deed recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Bool 16090, Page 107.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 16090, Page 107.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and

are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:

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

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

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Present holder of said mortgage By its Attorneys, HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.

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October 18, 2019 October 25, 2019

Burncoat Pond Watershed District A Special Meeting of the Proprietors of the BPWD will be held on: October 22, 2019 @ 7:00PM **Leicester Senior Center** 40 Winslow Ave

The following article requires a vote by the proprietors in order to act there upon: Article 1: To see if the District will vote to transfer a sum of money from taxation, free cash, to adjust the budget for Fiscal Year 2020, or act anything thereon. October 11, 2019

> **Notice of Public Auction** Leicester MA Commonwealth of Massachusetts **Town of Leicester** Office of the Custodian **Tax Possession Auction**

Notice is hereby given that on October 29, 2019 at 10:00AM at the LEICESTER TOWN HALL, Tax Collector Office, Second Level, 3 Washburn Square, Leicester, Massachusetts, in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 60§77B, I SHALL OF-FER FOR SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION, the following parcel of Land acquired by said Town by foreclosure of the tax title thereon:

ABSOLUTE AUCTION \$5,000.00 DEPOSIT **TO REGISTER TO BID**

55 BURNCOAT STREET

Property Address: 55 Burncoat Street Property: Land Containing: 0.689 AC (more or less) Assessors Reference: 26C-A1

Reaistry: Worcester District Registry of Deeds Book 34784 Page 108 For title, the Instrument of Taking is recorded at the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 18076 Page 1. The Judgement in Tax Lien Case No. 129649 recorded in Book 29951 Page 013.

The terms and conditions listed below apply to the sale of the parcel herein advertised:

1. The Town of Leicester, its Custodian, employees, representatives, auctioneer and/or agents make NO REPRESEN-TATIONS AS TO THE INSURABILITY OR MARKETABILITY OF THE TITLE OTHER THAN THE TITLE VESTS IN THE TOWN OF LEICESTER BY LAND COURT DECREE OF FORECLOSURE. 2. This parcel is sold "AS IS". The Town of Leicester, its Custodian, employees, representatives, auctioneer and/ or agents make NO REPRESENTA-TIONS AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THIS PARCE IS SUITABLE FOR YOUR INTENDED USE AND MAKE NO REP-RESENTATIONS AS TO THE CON-DITION AND/OR HABITABILITY OF ANY STRUCTURE AND/OR BUILDING THAT CURRENTLY EXISTS ON THE PREMISES. Prospective purchasers are responsible for investigating the suitability of this parcel for its intended use prior to auction.

3. This parcel is sold subject to any existing environmental or hazardous waste conditions, if any, including but not limited to lead paint, asbestos, underground oil tanks and/or mold, whether in or at the property, which may or may not be in compliance with any applicable laws, policies or regulations.

4. This parcel is sold subject to any applicable septic/disposal system inspection/upgrade requirements as set forth in the Department of Environmental Protection's Title 3 310 CMR, Section 15.301(f).

5. Any error, misstatement or omission in the description of the property will not annul the sale or be grounds for any abatement or compensation.

6. The following person(s) will not qualify to be a successful bidder: (1) the prior owner of the property and/or his or her agent or straw; (2) any person or entity that was party to the foreclosure action of pertaining to the property; and (3) any person currently delinquent in paying his/her own property taxes and/or other taxes or charges owed to the Town of Leicester.

7. The successful buyer will be required to: (1) sign and file a disclosure statement pursuant to M.G.L. c7, §40J giving the names and addresses of all persons who will have a beneficial interest in the property with the Commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance; and (2) sign under the penalties of perjury an affidavit indicating that no one who would gain equity in the property has been convicted of a crime involving the willful and malicious setting of a fire, or of aiding, counseling or procuring the willful and malicious setting of a fire, or of a crime involving the fraudulent filing of a claim for fire insurance. 8. The balance of the contract sales price, pro forma taxes (to be calculated pursuant to M.G.L. c.44 §63A), a processing fee of \$550.00 and the deed recording fee of \$125.00 must be paid by certified funds within thirty (30) days of the auction. Failure to pay the remainder of the balance within thirty (30) days will result in the forfeiture of the deposit to the Town of Leicester and the sale will be made to the second highest bidder. 9. The Custodian reserves the right to reject any bid at the auction or any adjournment thereof which, in his or her opinion, does not approximate the fair market value of the property.

10. A deposit in the amount of \$5,000.00 is required to register to bid at the auction. The successful bidder's deposit will be held by the Town as a non-refundable deposit on the sale which shall be forfeited to the Town as liquidated damages in the event the high bidder fails to comply with the terms and conditions of the sale and/or is in default thereof.

October 11, 2019

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate** and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508) 831-2200 Docket No. WO19C0505CA

CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME In the matter of:

Arwen Marie Bergeron A Petition to Change Name of Minor has been filed by Arwen Marie Bergeron of West Brookfield MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Arwen Marie

Vermouth **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Worcester Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/22/2019. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

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

Date: September 20, 2019

Stephanie K. Fattman Register of Probate

October 11, 2019

Town of Spencer Conservation Commission PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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

Peter Fabrycki has filed an RDA with the Spencer Conservation Commission to plant 8 shrubs and/or highbush blueberries to replace trees located at 39 East Charlton Road, Spencer, MA.

David Schnare has filed an RDA with the Spencer Conservation Commission to plant 4 Oak trees at 68 Browning Pond Road, Spencer, MA

Lee & Jeanette Jarvis have filed an NOI with the Spencer Conservation Commission to reset and repair the retaining wall located at 59 Oakland Drive, Spencer, MA.

Joseph Zalieckas has filed an NOI with the Spencer Conservation Commission to reset and repair the retaining wall located at 57 Oakland Drive, Spencer,

Applications can be reviewed at the Office of Development and Inspectional Services, Town Hall. A public hearing regarding these filings will be held by the Spencer Conservation Commission in McCourt Social Hall at Town Hall, 157 Main Street, on Wednesday, October 23, 2019, at which time all persons having an interest may be present and participate. Conservation Commission meetings open at 7:00 p.m., public hearings begin at 7:15 p.m.

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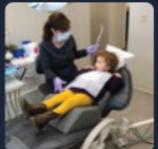
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HALLOWEEN

The most haunted places in North America



Mysteries and the macabre take center stage come Halloween. Many people feel that lingering spirits may cling to hotel rooms, hospitals and old buildings. The following are some sites, courtesy of Conde Nast, Reader's Digest and National Geographic, that may prove pleasing to those who like a taste of the paranormal each

Howard Street Cemetery, Salem, Mass.: The Salem Witch Trials were a shocking part of American history. Many different people were accused of witchcraft and sorcery and executed for their alleged crimes. Howard Street Cemetery, where Giles Corey, a convicted offender is buried, is said to host the paranormal.

Eastern State Penitentiary, Philadelphia, Pa.: This once strict enforcer of solitary confinement

was built in 1829 and housed prisoners until 1970. Peals of disembodied laughter, pacing footsteps and shadowy figures have been reported on the premises.

• Keg Mansion, Toronto, Ontario: The Keg Mansion was once the private residence of industrialist Hart Massey and his family. Legend states that, after the death of Massey's daughter Lillian, her maid was so overcome

with grief that she took her own life. A ghostly image of a maid hanging by her neck has frequently been reported at the property.

 LaLaurie Mansion, New Orleans, La.: Marie Delphine LaLaurie was a Louisiana socialite who threw lavish parties. But she also had a dark and grisly side. When a fire broke out in the residence, police responded and discovered mutilated slaves in the attic.

LaLaurie fled Orleans, but it is believed the phantom screams of her victims can still be heard at night.

 Hotel Monte Vista, Flagstaff, Az.: This hotel is purportedly home to various spectors and paranormal guests. Room 210 was plagued by someone who hung raw meat from the chandelier. An infant's wretching cries have sent people scurrying. And two women who were thrown from the third floor now haunt and try to smother male guests in their sleep.

• Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel, Banff, Alberta: This is the site of a number of terrifying ghost sitings, including an entire murdered family. Many believe a retired head bellman in uniform continues to haunt the

San Fernando Cathedral, San Antonio, Texas: This is the oldest church in Texas and is stunning to behold. But during the nighttime, visitors may feel the hair on their necks stand on end. During renovations, workers unearthed bones, nails and military uniforms. Visitors report orbs and shadowy figures in photographs, as well as figures in hooded clothing.

· RMS Queen Mary, Long Beach, Calif.: This luxury ship carried Hollywood celebrities before being repurposed into a World War II ship that transported troops. Eventually, the ship was permanently docked in California, and is reportedly haunted by those who died aboard, such as a young sailor crushed in the engine room.

Haunted places dot the globe and can make interesting travel locations for those who wish to discover what goes bump in the night. TF18A381

SOCIAL MEDIA TEXT: The following are some sites, courtesy of Conde Nast, Reader's Digest and National Geographic, that may prove pleasing to those who like a taste of the paranormal each October.

The world's most festive Halloween parades



Halloween may be best known for parties, candy and trick-or-treating, but Halloween revelers also know a thing or two about parades. On All Hallow's Eve, the ghoulish, garish and downright frightening take to the streets in towns and cities around the world. Here are some popular spots for ghouls and goblins to catch a peek of the action.

THE VILLAGE, NEW YORK CITY

The Village Halloween Parade is one of the biggest and brightest in the country. Nearly 50,000 participants flock to this area of Manhattan every

year. A unique event, this parade showcases the diversity of the artists and creatives that call the city home. It has become an institution in its own right, with costumed enthusiasts, music, food, and much more.

Little Five Points Halloween Festival and

Parade, Atlanta, GA This Halloween gathering features local artisans, food vendors and food trucks along the route. The fun begins at Austin and Euclid Avenues and ends at Freedom Parkway. More than 35,000 people head to this area in Atlanta for the parade.

CARNIVAL **HALLOWEEN** PARADE, **LONDONDERRY**

A small costume party that started in 1985 expanded into a massive event in this region of Northern Ireland. A circus, music, dancers, dressed-up performers, and others make their way through the streets of the city.

ASBURY PARK ZOMBIE WALK, ASBURY PARK, NJ

Since 2007, zombies take to the streets and celebrate the gore and macabre in this seaside New Jersey town. Participants set a Guinness World Record in 2013 for the most "zombies" gathered in one place with 9,000 undead in attendance.

WEST HOLLYWOOD HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL, HOLLYWOOD, CA

Roughly half a million people gather each year along Santa Monica Boulevard, which is littered with food trucks, live music and even celebrities.

KREWE OF BOO, NEW ORLEANS, LA

Mardi Gras is not the only celebration in the Big Easy. Each October, the Krewe of Boo is the official Halloween Parade of New Orleans. Creative floats and costumes are part of the celebration in the French Quarter.

Tips for safe use of dry ice and fog machines for Halloween fun

Who doesn't want to add a dramatic effect to Halloween hijinks? Haunted displays can be taken up a notch with the use of some scene-setting enhancements, including dry ice and fog machines.

Dry ice and fog machines can help Halloween revelers create a smoky, mysterious feel, but each of these haunting accessories must be used with safety in mind at all times.

Dry ice

Dry ice is the solid form of carbon dioxide. Dry ice is often used for spooky effects because it produces a vapor when it sublimates from its dry form. This occurs after exposure to air and liquid that is warmer than the dry ice.

Because the temperature of dry ice is extremely cold, (-109.3 F or -78.5 C), people can suffer from frostbite if they touch it, warns the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. People who intend to handle dry ice need to use tongs or protective gloves when doing so. Children may not understand the danger of dry ice, so they should never be allowed near it.

Dry ice should be kept in an insulated cooler and stored and used in a well-ventilated area, as the CO gas can sink to low areas and replace oxygenated air. High concentrations of CO gas may be fatal when breathed in.

If dry ice is used in drinks, it is important that no dry ice fragments are ingested, which can cause tissue damage as



well as pressure from the buildup of the release of gas, states the information site ThoughtCo.

Fog machines

Fog machines can produce a scary and realistic Halloween tableau. When using fog machines, it is essential that users confirm which solution is being used to produce the fog. Many utilize a water and glycol solution that has been deemed safe if inhaled. However, some people may find it causes throat irritation. Some products use proprietary formulas, concealing the identity and proportion of ingredients. Users should avoid these products unless they can confirm which chemicals are being used and that those chemicals are safe.

The Ontario Ministry of Labour says that fog/smoke generating machines should be placed in locations where exposure to the concentrated smoke is minimal. The machines also should be used exactly as the manufacturer directs and not altered by using dyes, fragrances and other chemicals.

Fog machines can create many illusions, but they also can impede vision if the fog is too thick. Therefore, caution must be heeded to prevent mobility issues due to the fog. Also, sometimes fog machines can produce a slippery residue, so users should be aware of this and monitor conditions around the

machines. Fog machines and dry ice can add flair to Halloween festivities if they are handled and used correctly.

HALLOWEEN

Halloween fast facts and figures



Halloween is celebrated in various countries. Halloween can trace its origins to Ireland and is based on the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, during which people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off spirits. Halloween has since become a day to play pranks and don costumes while going doorto-door seeking treats from neighbors.

Each year, the National Retail Federation tracks Halloween trends. The figures and statistics shared by the NRF and other organizations paint

a picture of just how popular Halloween can be.

 Consumers will spend an estimated \$9 billion on Halloween. The average, American will spend \$86.79 on the festivities, according to the NRF.

• The U.S. Census Bureau indicates that there are 41.1 million potential trick-or-treaters aged 5 to 14.

• Ninety-five percent of people surveyed by the NRF planned to purchase candy for Halloween. The next most popular purchase is decorations (74 percent).

Forty-five percent

of respondents planned to carve a pumpkin for Halloween, says the NRF.

· In Canada, there are 2,569 farms with pumpkin patches, according to the 2016 Census of Agriculture.

· The top-ranked costumes for children in 2018 were princess and superhero. Adults planning to dress up were more likely to go as a witch or a vam-

• Data from domestic box office earnings of horror movies in 2018 totaled \$752.2 million. This accounts for movie earnings in the United States,

Canada, Puerto Rico, and Guam. "A Quiet Place" and "Halloween" were the top-grossing horror flicks of the year.

The ubiquitous "pumpkin spice" starts to turn up in various products as soon as there are hints of autumn. Nielsen says \$6.9 million was spent on pumpkin spice products in 2018.

 Candy corn is either loved or loathed. According to the National Confectioners Association, 42.7 percent of people who enjoy candy corn say they eat the narrow white part of the candy corn first.

• The NRF states that, when looking for their ideal costumes, 33 percent of consumers will check online first, followed closely by 29 percent in stores.

• Pet costumes remain incredibly popular. Prosper Insights, a marketing and analytics company, states that 31.2 million Americans plan to dress up their pets with millennials being the largest demographic to do so.

 There are potentially 120 million stops for trickor-treaters to visit in the

United States, based on data from the U.S. Census Bureau.

The Manufacturing and Wholesale Trade Division in Canada says that there were 158 businesses engaged in formal wear and costume rentals in Canada in 2017.

Halloween is frighteningly popular, with scores of people taking part in the spending and antics of this entertain-

Improve visibility while trick-or-treating



Thousands of costume-clad children will embark on treat-finding missions in neighborhoods all across the country this Halloween. Everyone wants their Halloween festivities to be fun, but it is important that trick-or-treaters and their

chaperones prioritize safety as well. The child welfare organization Safe Kids says that twice as many child pedestrians are killed while walking on Halloween compared to other days of the year. In addition, the National Safety Council states that darting out or running into the road accounts for about 70 percent of pedestrian deaths or injuries among children between the ages of five and nine and about 47 percent of incidents for kids between the ages of 10 and 14.

Ensuring trick-or-treating youngsters are visible to motorists can make Halloween safer for everyone involved. The American Academy of Pediatrics and other safety groups suggest the following strategies for safe trick-or-treating.

• Supervise the festivities. Adults should chaperone young trick-or-treaters who are unlikely to be focused on safety in the midst of Halloween excitement.

• Use reflective tape or LED lights. Dark costumes coupled with twilight can make it difficult for motorists to see trick-or-treating youngsters. Parents can improve the chances of their kids being seen by motorists by adhering reflective tape onto kids' costumes. Glow sticks and wearable LED lights also can illuminate trick-or-treaters.

 Carry lanterns or flashlights. Children and/or chaperones who carry flashlights and lanterns can improve their own visibility while also making themselves more visible to motorists. Lanterns and flashlights help trick-or-treaters avoid holes, cracked pavement and other obstacles. For those children who want to free up their hands for better treat gathering, lights that strap to the head are an option.

• Keep the lights on. Homeowners can do their part by keeping outdoor flood lights and accent lighting on to make paths safer for youngsters on the prowl for Halloween candy.

· Choose face makeup over masks. Children wearing masks may not spot oncoming cars or other hazards. Face makeup won't affect kids' visibility but will still help them look scary.

With the right combination of caution and fun, Halloween can be an enjoyable time for youngsters and adults.

How to talk to kids about Halloween safety



Come Halloween, youngsters' attentions are understandably focused on costumes and candy. Their parents, however, are likely more concerned with their kids' safety.

Trick-or-treating kids might not pay much mind to safety. As a result, it can be hard for parents to get kids to grasp the importance of being safe on Halloween. The following strategies

might make that task easier. · Discuss costumes well in advance of Halloween. Many kids are so enthusiastic about Halloween that they know which costumes they hope to wear long before October 31. Parents can discuss potential costumes well in advance of Halloween before kids even know what they want to wear. Doing so gives parents a chance to encourage kids to choose bright costumes that will make them more visible to drivers on Halloween night. Waiting to discuss costumes increases the likelihood that kids will already have an outfit in mind, making it harder for parents to convince them to choose something safe.

· Explain that some tailoring might be necessary to make gathering all that candy a lot easier. Superman doesn't trip on his cape in the movies, and youngsters dressed up as the Man of Steel shouldn't trip on their capes, either. When kids pick costumes,

explain to them that you might need to do some tailoring before they go trick-or-treating. Explain to kids that costumes should be trip-proof so they can seamlessly go from house to house

in search of their favorite goodies. Create a bag or bucket design day. Depending on what kids will use to carry the candy they accumulate this Halloween, parents can plan a bag or bucket design day a few days in advance. Kids will enjoy this chance to get in the Halloween spirit, and parents can encourage youngsters to decorate their bags and buckets with reflective tape that will make them more visible

to drivers. • Talk up trick-or-treating with friends. As Halloween approaches, parents can discuss how much fun kids will have going door-to-door with many of their friends. This is a good way to ensure kids trick-or-treat in large groups, making them more visible to drivers. In addition, kids trick-or-treating in large groups might be too busy joking with their friends to notice when one or two parents tag along as chaper-

Parents can discuss Halloween safety with their children in ways that make it fun to be safe while trick-or-treating.









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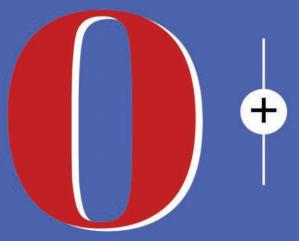
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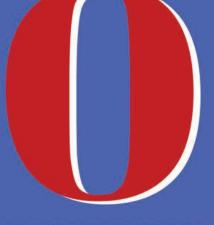
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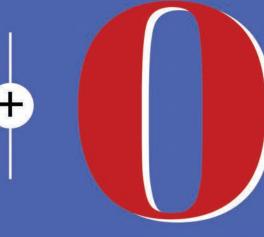




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