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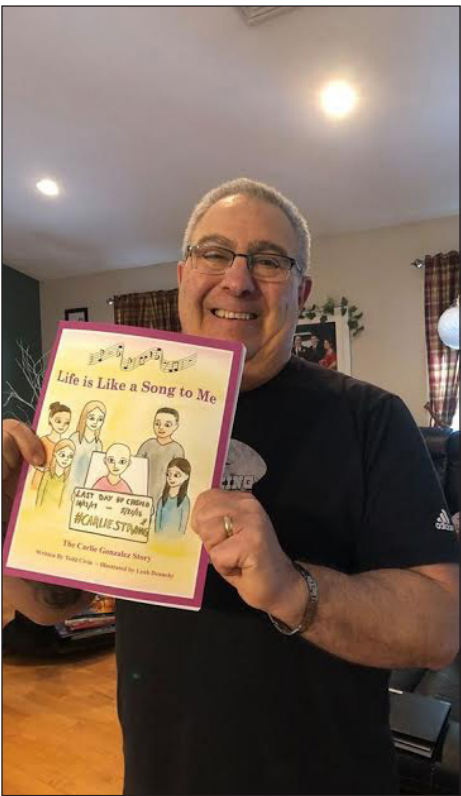


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Friday, March 6, 2020

# Local author celebrates release of 30th book



Courtesy Photo  
Former Spencer resident Todd Civin recently published his 30th book.

**BY KEVIN FLANDERS**  
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – Author Todd Civin continues to inspire his readers and the community with his books, especially his latest release.

Titled “Lundy and Herman – The Differently-Abled Friendship Heard Round the World,” Civin’s 30th book was inspired by true events. It recounts the unlikely friendship that formed between Lundy, a disabled chihuahua who cannot walk, and Herman, a pigeon who is unable to fly. Despite being members of different species and struggling with disabilities, nothing could stop the adorable pair from befriending each other at their rescue foundation in Rochester, New York. They even snuggle up together, which captured the interest of the nation and sparked Civin’s imagination for his next book.

“Each of the 30 books I’ve written are disability related. From my first book with local legends Dick and Rick Hoyt, to my recent release with a paralyzed hockey player from Norwood, Mass. – Matt Brown – sharing the stories of those who may not have a voice to

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# Leicester school officials move forward with building plans

**BY KEVIN FLANDERS**  
STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER – School officials continue to take steps toward making a new building a reality for the district’s youngest students.

The building will serve students in grades pre-K through eighth grade. The project began approximately seven years ago, when statements of interest were submitted for the Primary School, Memorial School, and the Middle School because of the age and condition of each building.

“The Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) identified the Middle School building as eligible for renovation/replacement,” Superintendent Marilyn Tencza wrote in a statement. “After an extensive study, the School Building Committee discussed several options before settling on a new PreK-8 configuration.”

The district’s proposal to replace the existing middle school with a new facility was approved by the MSBA this past August. The rationale for proposing the new grade configuration instead of a conventional 5-8 middle school was to avoid the eventual need to replace the aging Primary School a few years down the line. Rather than fund two new buildings, educational leaders took advantage of the opportunity to combine the students in one school.

“This was seen as a fiscally responsible approach for the town,” Tencza wrote. “At this point in the process, the town has submitted the final schematic design package to the MSBA. The next step is for the MSBA to schedule a project scope and budget meeting and project transition meeting with the town to review the Leicester Middle School project ahead of the April 15, 2020, Board meeting.”

This meeting will offer MSBA leaders, district officials, and consultants an opportunity to review specific aspects of the schematic design submittal. Eligible items for reimbursement within the total project budget will also be discussed.

On April 15, the MSBA will vote to enter into a project scope and budget agreement (PSBA). This will determine the budget for the project.

For school leaders, it’s important to keep parents and residents updated throughout the process. Meetings and deadlines will begin to occur with regularity throughout the spring, and officials want to ensure that residents stay informed leading up to Town Meeting.

“Throughout the late winter and early spring,

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# Selectmen determine funding for Senior Center upgrades

**BY KEVIN FLANDERS**  
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – The Board of Selectmen recently decided how to pay for sprinklers and other safety upgrades needed at the Senior Center.

At their Feb. 24 meeting, Board members voted to fund the imminent construction from two sources: 75 percent from Free Cash and 25 percent from the town’s Stabilization Account. The vote followed a near unanimous decision a

week earlier by Special Town Meeting voters to authorize the design phase of the project.

“The project will be put out to bid in March, with bids to be opened on or before April 20,” said Town Administrator Thomas Gregory.

At the Feb. 13 Special Town Meeting, voters overwhelmingly supported funding the design phase of the project. At minimum, the 68 Maple Street building needs a new

fire detection system and fire suppression system, town officials said. Additional minor code improvements will likely be required for the building, which previously housed Maple Street School and now serves as the Senior Center.

For seniors and town officials alike, it meant a lot to see Special Town Meeting voters show strong support for the center. They are hoping to see the project completed quickly to ensure the building meets all

code requirements.

“I think using funds from Free Cash and the Stabilization Account was the right funding choice for the mandated upgrades to the Senior Center,” said Selectman Ralph Hicks. “This should help to secure the actual appropriation at the Annual Town Meeting in May.”

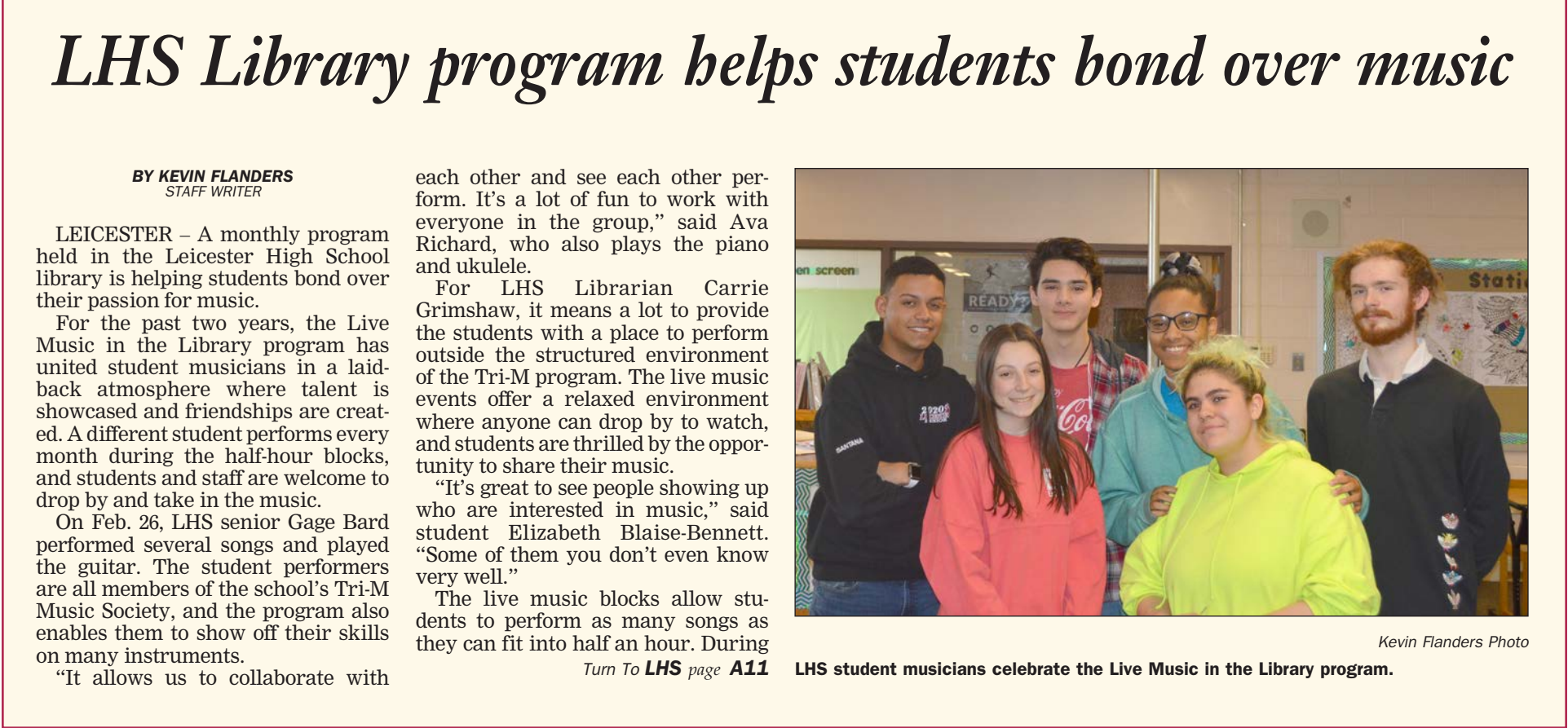
The design fee for the project is \$40,821, which was appropriated by Special Town Meeting

voters on Feb. 13. The construction cost estimate is approximately \$350,000.

“We won’t know the exact number until bids are received on or before April 20,” Gregory added.

Selectmen had considered seeking the funds through a debt exclusion vote, but they decided the public approval

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**LHS Library program helps students bond over music**

**BY KEVIN FLANDERS**  
STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER – A monthly program held in the Leicester High School library is helping students bond over their passion for music.

For the past two years, the Live Music in the Library program has united student musicians in a laid-back atmosphere where talent is showcased and friendships are created. A different student performs every month during the half-hour blocks, and students and staff are welcome to drop by and take in the music.

On Feb. 26, LHS senior Gage Bard performed several songs and played the guitar. The student performers are all members of the school’s Tri-M Music Society, and the program also enables them to show off their skills on many instruments.

“It allows us to collaborate with

each other and see each other perform. It’s a lot of fun to work with everyone in the group,” said Ava Richard, who also plays the piano and ukulele.

For LHS Librarian Carrie Grimshaw, it means a lot to provide the students with a place to perform outside the structured environment of the Tri-M program. The live music events offer a relaxed environment where anyone can drop by to watch, and students are thrilled by the opportunity to share their music.

“It’s great to see people showing up who are interested in music,” said student Elizabeth Blaise-Bennett. “Some of them you don’t even know very well.”

The live music blocks allow students to perform as many songs as they can fit into half an hour. During

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**LHS student musicians celebrate the Live Music in the Library program.**





## Richard Sugden Library

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March 9  
Teen Mania: Artist in you!  
Meets from 3:30 pm- 5:30 pm. This week Food and Photography Art: Let's design and create a work of art using food, then capture our creation in a photograph. Will this photograph be your entry in the spring art show? All students in grades 6-12 welcome.

March 10  
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: Constellation String Art! Come read a book with us, listen to a few jokes and make a constellation-out of this world- work of art! Imagination Station meets on Tuesdays from 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm in the Community Room. Kids in

grades K-5 welcome.

March 12  
Community Connections hosts Read, Build, Play, a STEM program for infants-age 5 from 10:00 am - 11:00 am. These free programs are provided by a grant through the Department of Early Education and Care.

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

Monday, March 30 Sign up today!  
Alzheimer's Disease: Know

the 10 Signs. Early Detection Matters will be held from 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm.

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

Monday, April 13 Sign up today!

Adults are invited to discuss the book: Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI from 10:30 am - 11:30 am. Read the book prior to the dis-

cussion. Books available at Library's Main Desk. At the end of the nineteenth century, the Osage Indians were driven onto a presumed worthless expanse of land in northeastern Oklahoma. Their territory turned out to be on top one of the largest oil deposits in the United States and prospectors were required to pay the tribe for leases and royalties. By the 1920s, the members of Osage Nation had become the wealthiest people per capita in the world. The Osage began to die under mysterious circumstances. As the death toll climbed to more than twenty-four and local law enforcement made little progress, the fledgling Federal Bureau of Investigation was called in. Sign up at [www.spencerpubliclibrary.org](http://www.spencerpubliclibrary.org), or visit the Richard Sugden Library, Spencer, or call 508-885-7513 x1.

## Sen. Anne Gobi announces March office hours

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

Monday March 9  
• 10:30AM-11:30PM Paxton Senior Center  
• 12:00PM-1:00PM Spencer Howe Village  
• 1:30PM-2:30PM East Brookfield Municipal Offices

Tuesday March 10  
• 10:30AM-11:30AM Sturbridge Senior Center  
• 12:00PM-1:00PM Rutland Senior Center  
Wednesday March 11  
• 11:00AM-12:00PM North Brookfield Senior Center  
• 1:00PM-2:00PM Holland Town Hall  
Tuesday March 17  
• 10:00AM-11:00AM Ware Senior Center  
• 11:30AM-12:30PM Hardwick Town Offices  
• 1:00PM-2:00PM Wales Senior Center  
Wednesday March 18  
• 12:00PM-1:00PM Palmer Senior Center  
• 4:00PM-5:00PM Winchendon

Town Hall  
Monday March 23  
• 11:30AM-12:30PM Charlton Senior Center  
• 2:00PM-3:00PM Monson Town Hall  
Tuesday March 24  
• 11:30AM-12:00PM Athol Senior Center  
Wednesday March 25  
• 11:00AM-12:00PM Templeton Town Hall  
• 1:30PM-2:30PM Petersham Town Offices  
• 3:00PM-4:00PM Phillipston Town Hall  
Monday March 30  
• 9:30AM-10:30AM Oakham Senior Center

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\$236,000, 6 Spring St, Porcaro, Richard T, and Porcaro, Patricia C, to Zamarchi, Gail.

\$217,000, 63 E Charlton Rd, Stanikmas Clifford E Est, and Burke, Andrea L, to Moore, Robert S.

\$184,500, 10 Adams St, Grullon, Evelyn, and US Bank NA Tr, to US Bank NA Tr.

\$162,450, 14 Lambs Grv, StMartin, Jacqueline M, to Foley, Kimberly.

\$23,210, 29 Hastings Rd, Desroches, Marilyn L, to Turning Point Investments.

\$359,000, 4 Kingsbury Rd, Goodie, Robert, to Buenacosa, Brian M, and Buenacosa, Elizabeth E.

\$260,000, 11 Lake Whittemore Dr, Sutherland, Edward, and Sutherland, Judith, to Hinman, Robert D, and Hinman, Tracie A.

\$235,000, 16 Wall St, 16 Wall Street RT, and Cook, Justin M, to 2019 LLC.

\$110,000, 41 N Spencer Rd, Evans, James G, and Olson, Donna J, to McGill, Rbert, and Poissant, Michelle M.

### BROOKFIELD

\$140,400, 4 Walnut St, Dutting, Robert E, and Deutsche Bank Natl T Co, to Deutsche Bk Natl T Co Tr.

\$40,000, 116 Lake Rd, Green Betty Est, and Somerville, Kurt F, to Chaffee, Richard.

\$182,000, 107 Lake Rd, Green Betty J Est, and Somerville, Kurt F, to Predella, Christopher R, and Predella, Christina E.

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\$139,000, 26 Fullam Hill Rd, Citibank NA Tr, to Remington, William A, and Remington, Karina J.

\$90,000, 12 Walnut St, USA HUD, to Mignosa, Paul.

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\$40,500, 35 Chapman Ave #H, FHLM, to Haesity, Stephen J, and Haesity, Susan M.

\$179,000, 15 School St, Miller, Gary E, and Miller, Margaret, to Doldo, Michael, and Walker, Heather.

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\$150,000, 5 Folsom St, Daoust Doris A Est, and Daoust, John A, to Canas, Victor A.

\$128,500, 19 South St, Pennymac Loan Services, to Karam, David.

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BROOKFIELD — As of Feb. 3, Nomination papers for the Brookfield Annual Town Election will be available at the Town Clerk's Office. The following offices and terms are open to candidates:

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- Selectmen-3 Year Term

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- Planning Board 5 Year Term
- Planning Board 4 Year Term
- Elementary School Committee-3 Year Term
- Water Commission-3 Year Term
- Board of Health-3 Year Term
- Trustee For Merrick Public Library- 2 - 3 Year Term
- Trustee For Merrick Public Library-1-2 Year Term
- Cemetery Commissioner-3 Year Term
- Cemetery Commissioner-1 Year Term
- Tax Collector-3 Year Term
- Trustee for Shade Tree Funds-2 Year Term

Last day to obtain and return nomination papers: (49 days before election) Monday, March 16, 2020- 5:00 P.M.

Last day for registrars to certify Nomination Monday March 30, 2020- 5:00 P.M. Papers: (35 Days before election)

Last day for candidates to withdraw: Monday, March 30, 2020–5:00 P.M. (Letter to the Town Clerk)

Last day to register to vote for Tuesday April 14, 2020 Annual Town Election 9:00 A.M. to 8 P.M. (20 days before election)

Please note you can now register to vote online at: <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ovr>.

## Leana Radzik named to Dean's List at Stonehill College

EASTON — Leana Radzik, of Leicester, a member of the Class of 2020, has been named to the Fall 2019 Dean's List at Stonehill College.

To qualify for the Dean's List, students must have a semester grade point average of 3.50 or better and must have completed successfully all courses for which they were registered.

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# Police help seniors protect against scams



Kevin Flanders Photo

Spencer Police Officer Valerie Morin presents at the Senior Center last week.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – Thanks to a partnership between the Senior Center and the police department, seniors recently learned several ways to defend themselves from a range of threats.

On Feb. 24, Spencer Police Officer Valerie Morin visited the center to discuss how seniors can keep themselves safe in all situations. Always eager to work with local seniors, Officer Morin

has already run similar programs at Howe Village and Senior Living at Prouty. She will continue to hold programs over the next few months.

“There is a great group of seniors in Spencer. Seniors make up a large population of the town, and it’s important to make yourself available to them,” Morin said.

During her presentation, Morin handed out informational packets and discussed a number of threats to seniors, from thieves to phone scam-

mers. Suspects often attempt to target seniors and take advantage of residents they view as vulnerable, Morin said, and it’s important to always be vigilant in public, over the phone, and online.

The presentation featured several precautionary tips for seniors, such as staying in groups when possible, avoiding poorly lit areas, always possessing a phone in public spaces, and being aware of your surroundings. Even simple practices like making regular eye contact with those around you can discourage a potential thief.

The presentation also focused heavily on other forms of crime against seniors, especially the dreaded phone scam. Because scammers use advanced technologies and are often located out of state or country, they can be difficult for police to track. Officer Morin recommended never providing your personal information or answering questions from a stranger over the phone; if a caller is suspicious, hang up and notify the police.

“Some of these scams are very tricky, and can be easy to fall for,” Morin told guests. “People of all ages fall for them, not just seniors. Sometimes they call and pretend to be the police, and other times they pretend to owe you money. The police department will never call you about a warrant or to ask for your support with a project.”

Morin also advised guests to ignore calls from unknown numbers and regularly monitor their bank accounts for suspicious activities.

Meanwhile, email scams are often even more duplicitous and dangerous



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than their phone counterparts. All it takes is one downloaded file or opened attachment to infect your device and steal personal data. Police have repeatedly warned residents about scams targeting several technologies, including social media and email accounts.

The Feb. 24 program concluded with self-defense strategies that can be used in the instance of a physical attack. Additional information was provided in the packets given to seniors.

For Senior Center Director Pamela Woodbury and her staff, it means a lot to welcome members of the police department into the center for presentations.

“We try to do as much as we can with the police department. It is great for the seniors to get these tips,” Woodbury said.

For more information about upcoming programs at the Senior Center, call 508-885-7546.

# Gobi announces Workforce Skills Capital grant awards

BOSTON — Sen. Anne Gobi (D-Spencer) joined the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development today to announce grants awards for Quabbin Regional High School and Shepherd Hill Regional High School as part of the administration’s Workforce Skills Capital Grant Program.

Sen. Gobi had this to say about the grant awards: “The release of these funds show our commitment towards investing in the economic future of the Commonwealth and the employment prospects of our constituents. By expanding and developing new programs across the state we will be able to increase access and demand for these curriculums, making the students who benefit from them more employable as well.”

The Shepherd Hill School will be receiving \$327,255 towards their early career pathway in manufacturing. The program will be expanded to students in 9th and 10th grades, and the school will strive to support low-income students,

English Language Learners and students with disabilities, or others who might already be exploring post-secondary education options. Students will gain valuable curriculum and hands-on experience that will allow them to gain credentials and MACWIC advanced manufacturing certifications.

Quabbin Regional will be receiving \$225,000 to purchase equipment for its recently designated Innovation Pathway programs in manufacturing and information technology. The high school received designation from the state for its Innovation Pathway program, which is aligned to closing the skills gap for regional employers, specifically its partner businesses, Vibram, L.C. Starrett, Quabbin Cable and Wire, and Saint-Gobain. Later this year, the school plans to offer training and credentials to adult students.

The Skills Capital Grants are awarded by Gov. Baker’s Workforce Skills Cabinet, which was created in 2015 to bring together the Secretariats of

Education, Labor and Workforce Development, and Housing and Economic Development to align education, economic development and workforce policies in order to strategize around how to meet employers’ demand for skilled workers in every region of the Commonwealth.

The competitive grants are awarded to educational institutions that demonstrate partnerships with local businesses, as well as align curriculum and credentials with industry demand to maximize hiring opportunities in each region of the state. The 2018 Economic Development Bill, filed by the Governor and passed by the Legislature, estab-

lished an additional \$75 million in Skills Capital Grant funding.

For more information on the program, please visit <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/massachusetts-skills-capital-grant-program>.

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# Rescue calls prompt warnings to stay off thinning ice



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Responders from Spencer and North Brookfield recently assisted victims who fell through thin ice on Brooks Pond.

REGION – There isn’t much ice remaining on local lakes and ponds, but area police and fire departments are warning residents to keep off the ice following an incident in Spencer.

On Feb. 23, officers, firefighters, and paramedics from Spencer and North Brookfield responded to reports of two fishermen falling through the ice at Brooks Pond. By the time responders arrived, one of the fishermen had freed himself from the ice and made it back to shore. The second man was able to pull himself out of the water and waited on the ice for rescuers to reach him with specialized equipment.

Spencer and North Brookfield firefighters ventured onto the ice to perform the rescue.

Both victims refused medical treatment.



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# North Brookfield Savings Bank to host home buyers’ event at Oakholm Brewing Company

NORTH BROOKFIELD — On Thursday, April 30, from 6 – 8 p.m., North Brookfield Savings Bank’s Mortgage Center Team will host a free Buyers & Brews Home Buyers Night at Oakholm Brewing Company, a new homegrown brewery that is opening to the public in the near future and sits upon the 116-acre farm and oak filled forest located at 80 Lake Road in Brookfield.

Anyone considering buying or refinancing a home are invited to pre-register for this evening event which will offer attendees the opportunity to learn about the home buying process, start to finish, from mortgage, real estate and legal professionals all while enjoying the atmosphere of Oakholm Brewing Company. Registered guests can try Oakholm’s craft beer and will be served a delicious dinner courtesy of North Brookfield Savings Bank. They will also take home a \$250 off closing costs coupon and each have a chance to win a \$200 Lowe’s® gift card.

required and can be submitted at NorthBrookfieldSavingsBank.com/HomeBuyersNight, by calling 508-867-1302 or by visiting any branch location.

“North Brookfield Savings Bank is happy to welcome interested buyers and refinancers to join us at Oakholm Brewing Company for our Buyers and Brews Home Buyers Night. We look forward to providing those who attend with all the essential home buying information, while they enjoy a relaxing evening, in a great place, and connect with knowledgeable local experts,” said North Brookfield Savings Director of Mortgage Lending and Business Development Frank Amato. “We intentionally craft this to be a stress-free event, in a fun and informative environment, so attendees can begin or continue their home owning experience positively.”

Frank Amato, one of the North Brookfield Savings Bank’s mortgage experts, and Director of Mortgage Lending and Business Development, will begin the event by sharing his

lending expertise, helpful tips and advice, and answer any questions from the guests. Following, additional guest speakers and experts in their fields, Michelle Terry of EXIT Realty, with offices located in Brookfield, Spencer and Belchertown, Joel Cranston of the Law Offices of Cranston & Cranston, P.C., out of Barre, and Sheila Orsi, Kitchen and Bath Designer of Howe Lumber located in East Brookfield will share their knowledge and give a full view of the home owning, designing and buying process.

Schedule of events:  
6 p.m. - Registration and Dinner  
6:30 p.m. - Presentation  
7:15 p.m. - Questions and Answers  
7:45 p.m. - Gift Giveaway

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Oakholm Farm, which was purchased by the Predellas in 2017, has

already made itself known as a breathtaking and sought-after wedding venue. It is also now a place for families and friends to gather, enjoy time picking their own blueberries and raspberries, in addition to picking out their holiday tree during the Christmas season.

The farm is taking on a new adventure and is close to opening its doors to the public for their Oakholm Brewing Company project. The new taproom, where the North Brookfield Savings Bank Buyers & Brews Home Buyers Night will take place, will have room which can hold a large crowd and will offers pours, cans and growler fills. Stairs will lead to a loft area featuring a stage for live music and large glass windows will overlook the 10-barrel brew house.

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# Hannaford Helps campaign generates 7,600 pounds for Worcester County Food Bank

WORCESTER — Hannaford Supermarkets and its customers donated 7,620 pounds of food valued at \$12,345 to the Worcester County Food Bank

as part of a hunger relief campaign that produced \$1.4 million dollars in nutritious food and cash to food banks and pantries throughout the

Northeast.

Hannaford Helps Fight Hunger took place during the 2019 holiday season and included a you-buy-one, we-give-one component, whereby Hannaford pledged to donate identical products when customers purchased specific shelf-stable items, including applesauce, spaghetti, oats, green beans, and corn.

“Each year, we see the abundant generosity and caring of our customers through the Hannaford Helps Fight Hunger program,” said Ericka Dodge, Hannaford spokesperson. “Donations that help families and children who might not otherwise have enough nutritious food is a true demonstration of the impact we can all have in people’s lives. We are grateful for the partnership and commitment of our customers in helping to make our communities a stronger place.”

The annual campaign builds off the work that local Hannaford stores and distribution centers participate in daily. Hannaford donated nearly 25 million pounds of rescued food to Northeast hunger relief in 2019.

The Hannaford Helps Fight Hunger Campaign had three parts:

- Hannaford Helps Fight Hunger Boxes: Customers purchased boxes of food staples for \$10. The boxes are then donated to a pantry local to the store where it was purchased; or the customer has the option to keep the box and donate directly to another organization. Valued at \$930,000, a total of 93,000 Fight Hunger boxes were donated to hunger relief agencies throughout Hannaford’s five state presence, including 6,600 boxes or the equivalent of 52,800 meals in Massachusetts.

- Register Donation: Customers donated money to a local food pantry, right at the register. The register donations totaled \$251,978, including \$21,740 in Massachusetts.

- Buy One, Give One: Hannaford donated specific products identical to those items purchased by customers during a four-week period. Through the Buy One, Give One program, Hannaford donated 383 cases of nutritious food, equating to 7,620 pounds valued at more than \$12,000, to the Worcester County Food Bank. The Buy One, Give One donations across the Northeast totaled 8,663 cases of food – or 175,000 pounds valued at \$238,520.

Hannaford Helps Fight Hunger has generated funds and products valued at \$11.5 million since the program began in 2008.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Yields Manila hemp

6. A type of gin

10. Japanese ankle sock

14. Swiss city

15. Applied to

17. Achievements

19. Japanese title

20. Possesses

21. Belgian city

22. Child

23. Great delight

24. Petty quarrel

26. Gathered

29. Zoroastrian concept of holy fire

31. Path

32. Legendary hoops coach Riley

34. A citizen of Denmark

35. Flat

37. Upper-class young women

38. Payment (abbr.)

39. Distort

40. Affirmative! (slang)

41. One who has a child

43. Without

45. Workplace safety agency

46. Political action committee

47. Period of plant and animal life

49. Swiss river

50. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)

53. State of being kept secret

57. Hobbies

58. One-time Korean ruler

59. Sudden attack

60. Born of

61. Assists

CLUES DOWN

1. Ancient Greek sophist

2. Famed composer

3. Spore-bearing fungi cells

4. Chief executive officer

5. Defunct Syrian political party

6. Thin wood

7. Polynesian garlands

8. Fluid replacement (abbr.)

9. Flammable hydrocarbon gas

10. Multi-leveled

11. Influential diarist

12. Gambles

13. Many subconsciousnesses

16. Current unit

18. Illumination unit

22. Tantalum

23. Steps leading down to a river

24. Kids love him

25. Before

27. Fencing swords

28. Mountain range in China

29. Payroll company

30. A way to pack together

31. Business designation

33. Thyroid-stimulating hormone (abbr.)

35. Forage fish

36. Greek temple pillars

37. Internet mgmt. company

39. Rouse oneself

42. In a way, covered

43. Elaborate silk garment

44. Cooling unit

46. Riley and O’Brien are two

47. \_\_\_ fide: genuine

48. Ancient Incan sun god

49. Poker stake

50. Trigonometric function

51. Interesting tidbit

52. Adieus

53. U.S. Treasury position

54. Midway between east and southeast

55. Doctors’ group

56. Women’s \_\_\_ movement

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# Cornerstone Bank makes donation to StandUp For Kids Worcester

WORCESTER — Cornerstone Bank recently made a \$1,000 donation to the Worcester chapter of StandUp for Kids, an organization whose mission is to end youth homelessness.

The Bank’s donation will be used for youth services provided by the organization. These services include things such as bus passes, meals, hygiene items, ID fees, testing and training fees,

clothing for interviews, pantry items, etc.

StandUp for Kids is a national non-profit organization that strives to provide life-saving and outreach services to homeless and at-risk youth. They support and guide them by providing counseling, mentoring, and life-skills training. The organization, run almost entirely by volunteers, has local programs in many states across the country.

“StandUp for Kids has always played an important role in our community,” said Cornerstone Bank President & Treasurer and Chairman of the Bank’s Charitable Donations Committee Todd M. Tallman. “We are pleased to support this organization and their mission to end youth homelessness and improve the lives of children.”

To learn more about the Worcester chapter of StandUp for Kids or to become a volunteer, please visit them online at [www.standupforkids.org/worcester](http://www.standupforkids.org/worcester) or by calling 508-963-5576.

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Pictured, L to R: Worcester Chapter of StandUp for Kids Co-Executive Director Donna Katsoudas and Cornerstone Bank President & Treasurer and Chairman of the Bank’s Charitable Donations Committee (CDC) Todd M. Tallman.



# CLASSROOM CORNER

## North Brookfield’s Christy Dever graduates from Florida State

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Christy Dever graduated a semester early December 14, 2019, with honors, from Florida State University with a major in Exercise Physiology and minors in both mathematics and chemistry. She achieved President’s list attaining a perfect 4.0 for her Fall term.

Dever was the valedictorian of North Brookfield Jr./Sr. High School and chose to attend a large university for her undergraduate degree. Christy was inducted into the Garnet and Gold Society which recognizes well rounded students who excel within and beyond the classroom in 3 out of 5 engagement areas including; International, Internship, Leadership, Research, and Service. She chose to focus on Service, Internship, and

Research and reflected on each of these experiences while showing growth, professionalism, critical thinking, and collaborative and communicative relationships within all areas. Her service included hundreds of hours volunteering at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital, her research was showcased at the Undergraduate Research Symposium and her leadership included being selected as a director for NOLEtrition, and Director for the Mentor program of Alpha Epsilon Delta (National Health Professional Honor Society). She was also inducted into the Hortense Glenn Society which recognizes students who have exhibited outstanding leadership and service while maintaining a high level of academic achievement. No more than 1 percent

of the student population in the college is inducted each year. In high school, she was a three-sport athlete and remained active in college participating on the club water polo team each of her three years, as well as several intramural teams. She is currently working as an EMT and is working at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center gaining more experience with patients in the intensive care unit. She then plans to apply to Physician assistant programs for her graduate degree work. Florida State University soared eight spots to No. 18 among national public universities in the latest U.S. News & World Report rankings and its four-year graduation rate is No. 1 in the state of Florida and among the nation’s Top 10.

## Leicester student recognized for community service



Kevin Flanders Photo

Leicester High School senior Adam LaBombard was recently honored with a prestigious award. Here, he shows off his Eagle Scout project.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER – Leicester High School senior Adam LaBombard was recently recognized for his exemplary community service efforts with a President’s Volunteer Service Award. The award, which recognizes Americans of all ages who contribute significant time to serve their communities, is granted by The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program. LHS Principal Tracey Kenny nominated LaBombard for national honors this past fall in recognition of his volunteer service and his work mapping and renovating the LHS cross country course. The project took place as part of his Boy Scouts of America Eagle Scout project. “We are very proud of Adam and all the contributions he has made to the Leicester community,” Kenny said. “He is an outstanding student and is an exemplar for volunteerism

and service. He inspires others in our school community to carry out similar acts of kindness.” Now in its 25th year, The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program recognizes middle level and high school students throughout the country for outstanding volunteer service. “Across the United States, young volunteers are doing remarkable things to contribute to the well-being of the people and communities around them,” said Prudential Chairman and CEO Charles Lowrey. “Prudential is honored to celebrate the contributions of these students, and we hope their stories inspire others to volunteer, too.” “Demonstrating civic responsibility through volunteerism is an important part of life,” said NASSP Executive Director JoAnn Bartoletti. “These honorees practice a lesson we hope all young people, as well as adults, will emulate.”

## KNOX TRAIL MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

SPENCER — Knox Trail Middle School has released its honor roll for the second quarter of the 2019-2020 school year.

### FIFTH GRADE

High Honors: Caleb Dallaire, Morgan Pelchat, Elena Powell  
Honors: Jayce Acevedo, Payton Bellerose, Olivia Burgos, Dominic Carofaniello, Cameron Consiglio, Jackson Edwards, Michael Fitzpatrick, Micah Garipey, Aliyah Gauvin, Jadyn Goodwin, Patrick Hart, Alexis Huard, Christopher Martin, Joshua McLaughlin, Dylan Monette, Anastasia Nieuwenhoff, Lily Page, Nicholas Paquette, Riley Pelletier, Sophia Ramirez-Murphy, Travis Tong, Isabella Vangel

### SIXTH GRADE

High Honors: Elijah Barnett, Vincent Bedard, James Hanlan, Jorelys Ignacio, Alyssa Kuszpa, Matthew McNicol, Mariana Munzert, Michael Naji, Shilah Nokeo, Julian Orvieto-Fasoli, Brenna Stanley, Lauren Tutlis, Ava Wall, Victoria Zheng  
Honors: Violet Aucella, Heather Bartolomei, Kaden Blaszyk, Jaidyn Clar, Aiden Coleman, Gianna Davin, Genevieve Dupont, Jordan Ferreira, Gavin Forget, Paige Fritze, Owen Granger, Clarence Hitchner, Amara Johnson, Caitlin Kennen, Joel Landor, Ambrielle Larson, Madison Leighton, Sampson Mahan, Alexis Moody, Carlene Paul, Christopher Pinkowski, Saydee Roberts, Emma Snyder, Nicoals Sweet, Trevor Truax, Zackary Wadden, Zachary Whigham

### SEVENTH GRADE

High Honors: Allison DeCelle, Grace Kates, Morgan Kates, Emilee Larson, Cerina Leinonen, Logan Letourneau, John Rutter, Alivia Sauvageau, Ava Sobosik  
Honors: Minos Anifantis, Amberlyn Brindle, Adison Daoust, John Donovan, Grace Gende, Choe Giroux, Edelynn Grateraux, Alexia Gustafson, Colleen Hart, Emma Iannucci, Mya Mullins, Vince Randall-Ortiz, Angelina Rivera, Nicholas Russo, Madison Stewart, Leah Tompkins, Brooke Turner, Vincent Van Dam, Adrian Vitkos, Sage Watson, Amelia Whitney, Benjamin Wytas

### EIGHTH GRADE

High Honors: Eliana Barnett, Madison Barnett, Ava Bergeron, Isabella Costello, Wyatt Daoust, Tyler Downes, Madison Ethier, James Ferreira, Brandon Grenier, David Holup, Logan Josti, Eva LaPorte, James McNicol, Ayla Messier, Adrianna Navarro, Stephanie Njenga, Layne Perchak, Alexander Pinkowski, Jett Reilly, Julianna Rondeau, Sydney Seymour, Kaelyn Wall  
Honors: Joseph Budney, Timothy Charette, Ayden Consiglio, Peter Courville, Rachel Dorsey, Alec Fournier, Joseph Fritze, Calvin Gomes, Lucas Hafner, Joseph Hebert, Isabelle Herholz, Matthew Kaferlein, Benjamin LaTour, Hannah Luuko, Sarah Martin, Jaydon McCormack, Shaun McLaughlin, Liyah Nguyen, Valentina Rivera, Lillian Roberts, Russell Warfield, Greenly Waugh, Sarah Young

## University of Maine announces fall 2019 Dean’s List

ORONO, Maine — The University of Maine recognized 2,572 students for achieving Dean’s List honors in the fall 2019 semester. Of the students who made the Dean’s List, 1,754 are from Maine, 743 are from 30 other states and 75 are from 31 countries other than the U.S.

Listed below are students who received Dean’s List honors for fall 2019, completing 12 or more credit hours in the semester and earning a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

Please note that some students have requested that their information not be released; therefore, their names are not included.

Charlton: Grace MacGrath  
Charlton City: Isabelle Boria  
Northbridge: Ciara Larence  
Sutton: Anthony Sullivan, Rose Thayer  
Upton: Kyle Bernero  
Uxbridge: Dylan King

Whitinsville: Mina Helinski  
About the University of Maine  
The University of Maine, founded in Orono in 1865, is the state’s land grant, sea grant and space grant university. As Maine’s flagship public university, UMaine has a statewide mission of teaching, research and econom-

ic development, and community service. UMaine is the state’s only public research university and among the most comprehensive higher education institutions in the Northeast. It attracts students from all 50 states and more than 70 countries. UMaine currently enrolls 11,561 undergraduate and graduate students who have opportunities to participate in groundbreaking research with world-class scholars. UMaine offers more than 100 degree programs through which students can earn master’s, doctoral or professional science master’s degrees, as well as graduate certificates. The university promotes environmental stewardship, with substantial efforts campuswide to conserve energy, recycle and adhere to green building standards in new construction. For more information about UMaine, visit umaine.edu.

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# Friday’s Child

**Janely**  
Age 12

**Hi! My name is Janely and I like to draw!**

Janely is a sweet and social young woman of Hispanic descent who loves drawing and making adults laugh. At times she can be quite silly! Janely also enjoys playing with baby dolls and Barbies, playing board games, and watching cartoons. Janely’s social worker describes her as a talented artist with a “lovely” and “beautiful” personality.

At school, Janely is described as a kind and quiet student who is attentive and hard-working. She has been diagnosed with Epilepsy,

which at times can make it difficult for her to comprehend her school work. Janely is in a mainstream classroom and receives extra academic supports in the areas of math and communication skills. Not yet legally freed for adoption, Janely will bring joy and laughter to a family of any constellation, with or without other children in the home. An ideal family for Janely will have some experience caring for children with medical needs and will be able to bring her to multiple neurology appointments. A family must be open to helping her maintain relationships with her biological family, including her brother.

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# Warren receives grant for Lucy Stone Park improvements



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From left, State Representative Todd Smola, Senator Anne Gobi, Tim O'Brien (Project Manager), and Joyce Eichacker (Warren Conservation Commission Chair).

WARREN—On Feb. 18, Warren's Conservation Commission received a \$5,000 grant secured by Sen. Anne Gobi (D-Spencer) and State Representative Todd Smola (R-Warren).

The funding was secured as part of Gobi's initiative of financial support for local community projects throughout the area. The funds will allow for additional improvements at Lucy Stone Park, where work has been ongoing for six years on a purely volunteer-based community project.

"The grant will greatly assist final improvements at the park with addition of native shrubs and trees, additional riverside benches, picnic tables, and tools for our many volunteers," project leaders wrote.

## Kaitlin E. Prescott named to Husson University's Dean's List

BANGOR, Maine — Spencer resident, Kaitlin E. Prescott, has been named to Husson University's Dean's List for the Fall 2019 semester.

Prescott is a sophomore who is currently enrolled in Husson's Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice with a concentration in National/Corporate Security program.

Students who make the Dean's List must carry at least 12 graded credit hours during the semester and earn a grade point average of 3.60 to 3.79 during the period.

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### CIVIN

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share their message is extremely important to me," Civin told the New Leader. "When the story of Lundy and Herman went viral, a friend tagged me on Facebook, knowing that this is my sweet spot. That always makes me feel warm inside knowing that friends recognize me as the author for the disabled — be it human beings or animals."

For Civin, who grew up in Spencer, it is always a thrill to share his stories with supporters back home. Readers know that each time they purchase his latest book, they are also supporting pets in need through the Mia Foundation, where Lundy and Herman formed their fascinating friendship.

"It is especially important to me when a large percentage of the profits go back to the organization," said Civin, a proud alumnus of David Prouty High School. "The Mia Foundation has the altruistic mission of helping animals with birth defects. Their efforts are the difference between nature's creatures being euthanized and surviving. There is no more beautiful mission than that."

Though writers often struggle to put together books over many

months — and even years — Civin prepared his latest title in an impressively short time.

"I'm pretty proficient, and rhyming comes quite easy to me. After reaching out to the owner of the Mia Foundation and sharing the idea for the project with her, it honestly took me less than two hours to write the 26 stanzas that make up the story," Civin recalled.

From there, Civin relied on the speed of technology to power through the remaining challenges. Using a print-on-demand service, he was able to immediately design and market books that would have taken months to create in the past.

"I love the speed with which we were able to put the project together," Civin said. "Because of the print-on-demand method of publishing, we will be shipping books in two weeks. Up until the past few years, none of this would have been possible."

Pre-sales soared for the book, as the story of Lundy and Herman continues to captivate the nation. Though one never would have imagined that a dog and pigeon could be close friends, the dynamic duo has inspired people of all ages.

"The message is pretty powerful if you allow yourself to open your mind and think," Civin said. "We can learn some valuable lessons from two of God's creatures. Don't judge a person by what they look like on the outside, but instead the feeling of warmth they can provide you with on the inside."

After publishing 30 books, Civin has taken some time recently to reflect on where it all began. He traces his passion for writing and storytelling back to Spencer, specifically David Prouty High School, where he graduated in 1979. As a freshman, he wrote a sports column for the New Leader and continued to advance his skills throughout high school.

Civin was also inspired by his father, Marty, who wrote two books about the history of Spencer and shared his memories on a Spencer Cable Access TV show.

"My family remained a part of Spencer until the past few years, and my heart will always be in Spencer," Civin said.

For more information about the book, visit [www.CivinMediaRelations.com](http://www.CivinMediaRelations.com).

### BUILDING PLANS

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we will continue to inform the Leicester community about the new school and what it will encompass, the grounds and the site work that will be done to make the project acceptable to neighbors, as well as the athletic fields that are so important to the students and the residents of Leicester," Tencza added. "We will also inform the community about the cost of the building project."

To assist with informational efforts, the School Building Committee, architects, the owner's project manager, students, and administrators will produce an array of videos for the public to view. Each video presentation will focus on a different aspect of the project while addressing questions residents may have.

The first video will be released this month, officials said.

The project will be voted on during the Special Town Meeting slated for

Saturday, May 9, at 10 a.m. at Leicester High School. A month later, on June 9, there will be a question on the election ballot for residents to vote on the new school building.

At the May 9 Special Town Meeting, a two thirds majority vote is needed to pass the article. At the election, meanwhile, a simple majority is required. Both votes must be positive for the project to move forward.

"This is an excellent opportunity to give the children in Leicester the school building that will allow them to work collaboratively with others," Tencza added. "They will have maker spaces, flexible learning spaces, STEM classrooms, technology in every classroom, and a safe environment for learning. We need to be able to educate students who can compete with students across the state. Our children deserve the opportunity to learn in a state-of-the-art facility."

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### A “whit nationalist” responds

To the Editor:

There must be something extra lately in that peyote my buddy in Nogales sends me up every month or so. My recent trips—in my tipi out in the back field—have been extraordinary. Last week, I conveyed to the readers the hallucinatory vision I had of Trump doing the impossible—equal to the parting of the Red Sea—by cleaning up, once and for all, the ever-burgeoning and horrific blight of the inner portions of virtually all formerly-great American cities destroyed by the disastrous “progressive”, welfare-state policies implemented by the Democrat Party.

I knew in advance the reaction would be: “You’re dreaming, old man.” Well, as Robert F. Kennedy famously said, “Some men see things as they are and ask why, I dream things that never were and ask, why not?” That’s me: one never knows what can happen in any situation if the will to make a determined effort does not exist.

This week’s journey to the mind-altered state found me in court answering to charges brought against your humble servant by the “Surreptitious Six” (or, Yarok, Rosenberg, Cohen, Miller, Bagg, and Washington) that I am, to wit, a white nationalist(!) and should be drummed out of polite society as a consequence. I will describe my out-of-body experience as close to my ability to recall it as possible.

But, first, and as an aside, it absolutely kills me to have to even mention their bogus names as it only helps perpetuate their fraud. It needs to be mentioned here that the newspaper has in its possession official copies of emails from the town clerks of the four towns in the area where these fake names claim to live, and in the cases of all six of them, not one — let me repeat, not one — is now or has ever been a registered voter. It apparently doesn’t matter that these “individuals”, consumed as they are with politics, can’t even be bothered to vote, or that not one of them can offer a shred of evidence of their actual existence — they continue to monopolize the opinion pages of the newspaper and, in the process, revel in levying derogatory and libelous accusations against letter writers whose identity is in no way questionable. If you, gentle reader, continue to believe there is such a person as Har Yarok, or the saintly Esther Cohen, the Ruth Bader Ginsburg of West Brookfield, then it is you who needs help with your visions, not me with mine.

The scene opens: “Old man, you are charged with being a white nationalist by the complainants, the Surreptitious Six. How do you plead?”

“Your honor, as to charge the first, I must perforce plead guilty as I am, indeed, a man of the Caucasian race, through no fault of my own. So I was born, so I will die. And my pro-life parents had no say in the matter either.”

“As to charge the second: Yes, it is true, I am a ‘nationalist’ if by that term it is meant despite all my country’s shortcomings and failures over the past 244 years, I nonetheless view it as the best “nation” in the history of the world and the one which has done the most to elevate the conditions of life for the greatest number of people—of any place, ever. So, yes, your honor, I’m guilty on both counts, and throw myself on the mercy of the court knowing full well it’s probably a futile request these days as all that is needed to ruin a man’s life is to simply make the charge: racist, bigot, nativist, sexist, homophobe, etc., and, as in the case

instant, white nationalist. As the “Only Law West of the Pecos,” Judge Roy Bean was fond of saying, “First we give him his fair trial, then we’ll hang him.”

The judge responds, “O.K., he’s guilty, life in prison, take him away.” But then the State Prosecutor interrupts, “Your honor, what about his head?”

“Oh, right, I forgot. Off with his head! Get in touch with Rashid the Razor, he’ll know what to do.”

At that point, throwing all caution to the winds, I speak up: “If it please the court, may I make a closing statement?”

He growls, “You’ve got two minutes. Hurry up, lunch has arrived in my office.”

Me, the condemned: “In mid-twentieth century, I was raised in Brockton, Massachusetts, the most authentic example of ‘melting pot’ America possible, if any such a place ever existed. In our fair city, there were sizable enclaves of ethnic groups including Polish, Greeks, Swedes, Irish, Italians, Yankees, French, Lithuanians, Jews, and Black Americans. In the neighborhoods, there was ubiquitous evidence of the culture of the various, proud groups: churches, restaurants, markets, clubs, language, memorials, and so on. The thing I most remember was that, in school, at least, and for all of our cultural and religious differences, we got along just fine. We loved and were proud of our school, our teams, and our city.

And that included the relatively small number of Black students who were as much a part of the fabric of the school as was anyone. The ones I can still vividly remember from high school were the boys who played sports, as that activity was my main interest in life at the time. Sixty years later, I still remember their names: Marrow, Bernard, Walker, Brockington, Williams, Shanks, Magee, and others. They were excellent athletes, and competitive in the classroom taking the harder, college-prep courses. They were friendly, laughed easily, respectful towards the teachers and coaches, and, like the rest of us, dressed nicely with the mandatory shirt and tie, shoes—no sneakers—and chinos or slacks, but no blue jeans. They were great guys, and appeared to be pleased with life as they found it.

I also recall they were all involved in either of the two Black churches, the Lincoln Congregational or the Messiah Baptist, and played on their very successful Church League basketball teams. And, yes, as far as I know, they all came from two-parent families with fathers who worked hard to provide them with a home, guidance, and the necessities of life in working-class Brockton. They all either went on to college or to work as police officers, firemen or in businesses around the area. An inclusion success story if there ever was one.

The whole issue of race was never much on my mind during those years, but I do remember being proud—as were my pals—of Ike when he sent the 101st Airborne to Little Rock, Arkansas, in 1957, to help enforce the desegregation of Little Rock Central High School. I do remember, also, as a seventeen-year-old, sending a letter of support to a black girl in Richmond, Virginia whose picture I had seen in the newspaper of her being harassed as she, too, integrated the high school in her city.

We were all of us—black and white, old and young—proud of the accomplishments of black Americans in sports and entertainment as the color line was being broken, even in places controlled by Democrats.

My first dawning awareness that all was not as idyllic as I had previously thought pertaining to race relations came when I found myself in the military.

In California, 1965, we had finished twelve weeks of—for me, at least—very difficult boot camp as well as four weeks of infantry training in the bone-dry hills of Camp Pendleton, when they put us on a ship to go out to learn how to disembark from the ship into landing craft and to practice beach landings.

Once we had stowed our gear and found our bunks (or berths?) below decks, we were called to the mess hall for dinner, or some meal. When I emerged from the scullery line with my tray, I looked for a place to sit and eat. What I saw is as vivid in my mind today as if it happened just yesterday. Most of the seats at long tables were taken by sailors and Marines eating and socializing. Just one thing: the whites were at a couple of tables, the blacks at some others, and the Hispanics at their own. I ended up breaking bread with Murphy, Olsen, Davoli, and the rest of the honkies even though I might’ve preferred to be with Watson from Chicago who was funny and told great stories. So, in one fell swoop, all those boot camp lectures about “There’s no color here except green: no white, no black, no brown!” went right out the window, I mean, the portal. This was, remember, Southern California, not South Carolina!

I see the same separatist mentality at work today, a half century later: the voluntary re-segregation of the culture, led by militants of various groups: blacks, Hispanics, gays, and Muslims all demanding separate dorms and dining halls, their own professors, curriculum, grading procedures, their own graduation exercises, etc. Separation seems to be the order of the day, and it all comes from the left... all of it. As we have been told, “Those who refuse to learn from history are doomed to repeat it.” Mississippi is making a comeback, and the response is: let’s all blame the white man for everybody’s problems.

But, you can count me out, even as I acknowledge that some of the worst specimens of humanity in history have been white males. But, no more so than any other race at various times. Should I apologize for the hundreds of thousands of white males who lost their lives trying to end slavery from 1861 to 1865? The only time in all of human history, that I know of, when men of one race and culture have gone off in huge numbers to suffer and die for those of an alien race.

Is there some shame the millions of white males who fought against the different versions of totalitarianism in the twentieth century should feel?

In my own family, does the service of my uncles in WWII (a Purple Heart at Anzio for one, surviving three torpedoed merchant marine vessels in the North Atlantic for another—among others) not allow me to be proud of their service despite their now-discredited race and sex? Should I disavow all the countless ways men who at one time looked like me improved the lives of everyone around the world as a result of their inventions, research, creativity, skills, and competencies? Sorry, can’t do it. No supremacist here, just a realist.

So, there you have it, judgie. I go to my fate beaten, bloodied, but unbowed. By my speaking truth to your power, I echo Sydney Carton in Dickens’ “Tale of Two Cities,” “Tis a far, far, better thing I do, than I have ever done before!”

“One blindfold and a cigarette coming up!”

JOHN McRAE  
EAST BROOKFIELD

*Editor’s note: As we have noted before in response to Mr. McRae and other readers’ accusations that the so-called “Surreptitious Six” do not exist, the New Leader maintains that it has been shown no credible evidence to support that claim, and has no intention of censoring or refusing to publish their contributions to this newspaper. We encourage Mr. McRae, and anyone else who disagrees with the opinions they express, to put pen to paper and engage with them, not demand that they be silenced.*

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EDITORIAL

Taking the Leap

This past weekend, we experienced a phenomenon that comes along once every four years — a Leap Day. This tradition of adding an extra day to the month of February has a more complex history than you might at first expect.

According to the Gregorian calendar, the calculation of a solar year comes down to 365.2425 days. Since the additional time must be accounted for even though Western culture has chosen to round a year's time off as 365 days, an extra day must be worked into the calendar every four years. The notion of an additional day originally came from Julius Caesar; however, it was Pope Gregory XIII who standardized the practice.

As with all traditions, Leap Year has generated its share of lore over the centuries. In fifth century Ireland, it was only during a Leap Year that a woman could propose marriage to a man. St. Patrick, legend says, was the one who made such a designation, resulting in Leap Day being nicknamed Bachelor's Day. If a man refused a woman's proposal, he was required by tradition to provide her with a pair of gloves to hide the fact that she bore no engagement ring.

In Greece, getting married on a Leap Day is considered bad luck.

A 'Leapling' is a person born on Feb. 29, and who can therefore only celebrate their birthday once every four years. The chance of a person being born on a Leap Day is one in 1,461. Those born on this day are invited to join The Honor Society of Leap Year Day Babies. There are also Guinness Book of World Records Leap Day record holders, the most famous among them a family which saw three consecutive generations born on Feb. 29. Tradition says that in Scotland, it is considered to be bad luck if a person is born on a Leap Day, or if a couple chooses to tie the knot on a Leap Day.

The last major change to the Gregorian calendar embraced by Western culture occurred during the 16th century, when academics discovered that the timing was still off. Caesar's calculation that a year lasted 365.25 days was close, but still overestimated the solar year by 11 minutes. This caused the date on which Easter was observed to shift ten days further from its original position, the first Sunday after the first full moon.

It is our hope that all of you out there made this Leap Day one to remember...it truly is an event years in the making!



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A thinking man's guide to abortion

To the Editor:  
The case for abortion.  
I read Paul Lacaire's Letter to the Editor with great interest this week. It is the usual attempt to prove a point by episodic coincidence. He attempts to prove a general position by imposing his preconceived notions upon the argument. He starts well but is unable to sustain an epistemologically consistent flow of logic.

The question is, indeed, what is it, or more to the point, what are you? From a metaphysical perspective, there are two predetermined premises that one may take when attempting to answer this question. The first, and Mr. Lacaire's position if I am to understand it correctly, is that you are a body in possession of a soul. The second, my and most of the religious thought and texts of the ages, is that you are a soul in possession of a body.

You may suggest that the two positions provide a common result so that they must be undifferentiated. However, you would be wrong. Mr. Lacaire's assertion, ipso facto, requires that the body and soul either arise together or the body precedes the soul into existence. Mr. Lacaire's position requires that creation be an ongoing process which occurs at some time during conception and birth. The opposing point of view is that the soul, and all souls, were created during the first day of creation and have existed since that time. I and most of the words religious scripture including the Bible state that creation was one time event, terminating on the end of the Sixth Day. We have

been resting on the seventh day for a very long time in remembrance of the end of the creation process.

If the Bible is to be believed, then axiomatically, the soul pre-exists the body. In point of fact, souls have existed since the time of creation, and will continue to exist until the end of time. Now I could go on ad nauseam over the subtleties of the creation process as recorded in the Bible, but that would beg the issue. It is sufficient to say that we are not a body but a soul experiencing in a body. Consider it, if you will, a biological machine functioning much the same as an automobile. In order for it to function you must feed it gasoline, air and vital energy (in this case electricity). You must maintain it and repair it when it breaks down. The body is a wondrous machine, but just like a car has a driver to give it purpose, the body must have a soul.

When the body fails or ceases to function, the soul exits it for existence in other realms of existence until it feels ready to experience in physical again. And so, the process is repeated as the soul uses experience to gain wisdom, ultimately becoming compatible with the Creator and not needing a physical body again. The body can cease to function from a myriad of causes, the most common being old age, disease and violence. Yet the soul prevails.

Having circled the barn many times over, I will tell you why, Mr. Lacaire, the termination of a pregnancy is not murder. During the gestation period, the

soul does not occupy the body it intends to use. This may be amended to state that while the fetus is solely possessed by the woman. She is growing the fetus with herself. That fetus is utterly dependent upon the woman for its survival. Quite bluntly, the fetus belongs to the woman as at this point it is merely an extension of her own body. Once the point of viability has been reached, then the soul may enter the fetus for, let's say, a test drive. But the soul cannot take complete possession of the body until birth when the body is viable outside the woman. This is generally agreed upon to be at the "first breathe."

So, all the sophisticated arguments offered by Mr. Lacaire are based upon an epistemological first step. Unfortunately, his premise is flawed. Worse than that, none of the Biblical or religious scriptures support that misstep. Once out on an unsupported limb, he must resort to arguing by emotion and cherry picked examples which appear to support that false step.

I do not think that early termination of a pregnancy is necessarily a good thing, but I also don't believe that it is immoral or should be illegal. All have sinned, all have fallen short of the glory of God. But in this case a woman as an absolute right to do as she pleases with her own body free from officious dogmatic religious intrusions or governmental interference.

ROBERT EMERSON  
SPENCER

Automated traffic enforcement

To the Editor:  
I continue to be pleasantly surprised by the variety of opinions, even those outside of the mainstream, that can be found in the New Leader. Kudos to the editors, who have not bowed to the pressure of some to silence others.

I recently became aware of S.2553 – An Act Relative to Automated Enforcement. The bill was to put cameras at intersections with traffic lights to take photographs of those who run the light and generate a "parking ticket" of sorts. It would generate a small fine but come with no insurance or license ramifications, similar to tolls and parking tickets. Apparently it wasn't put to a vote but set aside to discuss at a later date.

This is a very important issue to me, near and dear to my heart. Contrary to what most people think, we need automated traffic enforcement to protect our civil liberties.

Civil liberties as it pertains to traffic enforcement are a major problem in our society and they affect minorities far more than white people. The problem is not cameras; the problem is that we don't have enough cameras. The problem is people. Cops.

Depending on fallible people to enforce our laws and use their judgement disproportionately affects communities of color. Machines don't look at race, but a Trump voter

wearing a blue uniform sure sees the race, age, and the condition of the vehicle before deciding to pull it over or not, before deciding whether to search it or not, before deciding whether to run all occupants through the computer for warrants, or not. Then they record these 'interactions' even if nothing is found and use this information 'against' these people as part of probable cause. So even if the gestapo asks for their papers and the papers check out, the fact they were even asked is used as evidence to take things further next time.

When white people decry automated enforcement, red light cameras, speed cameras, etc., it is because they know it will be effective, they will get tickets, and in essence, they will lose their white privilege that they currently enjoy. When white people claim they want cops instead of cameras, it is because deep down, they know that is the way to make sure "problem people" are dealt with and "decent people" will be left alone. They know human judgement is the only way to achieve their goal.

Some opponents to automated traffic enforcement have said that cameras could be placed disproportionately in minority neighborhoods, and for that reason they can't support it. This is an absurd line of reasoning because the locations of all camer-

as will be known and open to debate. Furthermore, I hold the view that every cruiser replaced with a machine is a win so these communities would see a disproportionate improvement.

Some like to reject incremental improvement for "not going far enough." This too is ridiculous. Obstructing incremental improvement because of insufficient purity is a smarmy attempt at preserving the status quo without going on record as such.

White privilege is here and it's real. White people get treated differently than minorities by people who don't know them. Judgement is used, and we often don't understand our own biases. Judgement is also the source and fuel of white privilege. Machines don't see race, ethnicity, personal vendettas, etc. Automating routine checks of ordinary people with machines is the only way to finally live up to our ideals: equal protection under the law.

I call on our elected officials to either support automated traffic enforcement, or explain why they don't. Understand that any smarmy attempts at avoiding the question will be called out. Understand that your duplicity will be called out.

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Women may need extra steps to reach financial security

International Women's Day 2020 is observed on March 8. This special day celebrates the social, economic, cultural



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and political achievements of women. Yet, women still face gender barriers as they seek to achieve their financial goals. How can you address these challenges?

To begin with, you need to be aware of what you're up against. The wage gap between men and women has closed somewhat, but it hasn't disappeared. Full-time female employees earn about 82 percent of what men earn, according to the Census Bureau. Over a 40-year career, a woman who worked full time would lose, on average, more than \$400,000 because of this wage gap, according to the National Women's Law Center.

Furthermore, a woman turning age 65 today can expect to live, on average, until age 86.5; for a 65-year-old man, the comparable figure is 84. Those two and a half years can amount to a lot more living expenses.

Plus, by taking time off from the workplace to raise children and care for elderly family members, women often end up with lower balances in their 401(k)s and IRAs than men.

So, what can you do to help even the playing field, in terms of building adequate resources for retirement? Here are a few suggestions:

- Contribute as much as possible to your retirement plans. During your working years, put in as much as you can afford to your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. Most people don't come anywhere near the 401(k) contribution limit (which, in 2020, is \$19,500, or \$26,000 if you're 50 or older), and you might not be able to reach it, either, but strive to do the best you can. And every time your salary increases, bump up your annual contribution. If you are able to "max out" on your 401(k), you may still be able to contribute to an IRA. If your income exceeds certain limits, you can't contribute to a Roth IRA, which offers tax-free withdrawals of earnings if you meet certain conditions, but you may still be able to fund a traditional IRA, although the tax deductibility may be reduced or eliminated.

- Use Social Security wisely. You can start taking Social Security as early as 62, but your checks can be larger if you wait until your full retirement age, which will likely be between 66 and 67. And if you're married, you may be able to choose between claiming your own benefits or receiving 50 percent of your spouse's benefits, which could help you if your spouse has considerably higher earnings. (Your spouse does not lose any benefits if you choose this route.)

- Look for every opportunity to save and invest. As mentioned above, women often lose out on some retirement savings when they take time away from the workforce to raise families and eventually become caregivers for elderly parents. But even if you aren't working full time, it doesn't mean you have no chance to boost your retirement savings. If you can do any paid work, whether it's part time or as a consultant, you can contribute to an IRA – and you should.

It's not easy to overcome the structural disadvantages women face when seeking to reach financial security. Taking advantage of the savings and investment possibilities available can help you make progress toward your goals.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Adding some color and context

To the Editor:

While there is much to comment on with the “Trump’s Legacy” letter, I will ignore most of it because any reader should be able to see it for what it is. Mt. Rushmore isn’t good enough to immortalize Trump, this Trump groupie wants a giant gold plated statue overlooking New York City.

For those waiting for a “Marshall Plan” to revitalize our inner cities and rural poor – America is moving in the opposite direction, defunding any program that could possibly help these communities while directing more funding into military programs such as aircraft carriers and fighter jets. It should be noted that the same author calling for a Marshall Plan to put billions into America’s poor just a few months ago was decrying all the money ‘wasted’ on trying to help them. This author, and anybody who agrees with him even a smidgen is being intellectually dishonest, intentionally obtuse, or just stupid. You can’t fix stupid so I try to focus on what is fixable.

One topic I would like to briefly hit on is the Panama Canal. While it is impressive beyond words that we were able to build it, let’s not forget why and how the “Panama Canal Zone” became U.S. Territory. It was sovereign Columbian territory the U.S. failed to obtain permission from Columbia to construct a canal. We then sent warships to the area to support Panamanian independence (from Columbia) and then an independent Panama ceded a 10 mile wide strip of land to the U.S. as thanks and for us to construct a canal. The Panama Canal

Zone was U.S. territory with its own courts, police, and civil government.

Until 1945, the Panama Canal Zone operated under a Jim Crow system where white Americans were “gold” and all others (Panamanian included) were dirt. Non-white workers were banned from unionizing by U.S. officials. White workers were paid in U.S. dollars, whereas non-white were paid in Columbian Pesos. The segregation extended into schools and housing. This situation caused a conflict between Panama and the U.S. with major clashes and riots. The U.S. eventually allowed Panamanian flags to be flown alongside U.S. flags and in 1979, the U.S. gave the land back to Panama.

The Panama Canal was an engineering marvel and a national embarrassment all at the same time.

Regarding the “gas lines,” I know it is tempting to blame a Democrat, but the Arab oil embargo started from the 1973 oil crisis, which was in retaliation to the countries perceived as helping Israel in the 1973 Yom Kippur War. I know you want to blame Jimmy Carter for that one, but Nixon was president, and it was due to our reliance on foreign fossil fuels and our much cherished alliance with Israel. The second oil crisis, in 1979, was a result of the Iranian Revolution and the decreased oil output. We must not forget – the U.S. overthrew a democratically elected government in Iran in the 1950’s because they were too socialistic for our tastes, and installed an autocrat. Then, of course, in 1979 the Iranians revolted overthrowing the Shah, one of our more thuggish allies. The U.S.

then embargoed Iran (conservatives/Republicans love embargoing them in 2020) and that caused the 1979 oil crisis.

Regarding the high inflation of the 1970’s – Jimmy Carter sacrificed his presidency and reelection chances to fix the nation’s biggest economic problem. Carter deserves our thanks, not our scorn. Carter had lower average unemployment than Reagan. He took the first steps at deregulating trucking, airlines, and even banking industries. He was the first to suggest that part of U.S. energy policy should include conservation and renewable energy (gasp!).

Carter’s presidency was the only one in the 20th century who never deployed combat troops overseas. He negotiated the Camp David accord which ended hostilities between Egypt and Israel. He signed nuclear arms controls with the Soviets and returned the Panama Canal to Panama...

Inflation was out of control during the Carter years. Unlike other presidents, he didn’t kick it down the road. He did something about it. He appointed Paul Volcker to Chair the Federal Reserve with the explicit mandate of whipping inflation. Inflation had been plaguing the U.S. Economy for the entirety of the 1970’s – seven years of which we had Republican presidents (Nixon, Ford). Volker raised interest rates to destroy both inflation and inflationary expectations. It worked, but at the expense of a recession. Harsh medicine to solve a vexing problem (inflation).

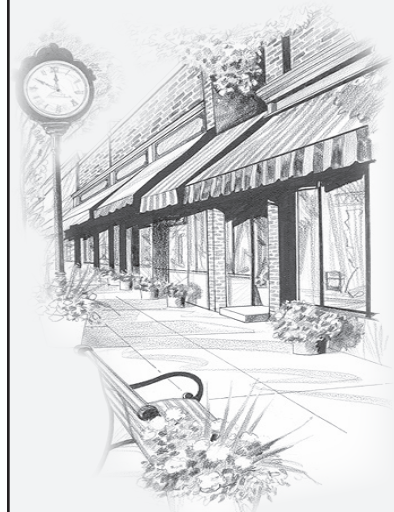
Regarding the news of the day, COVID-19, known as Coronavirus

rages on. For years now, those of us who were paying attention had said, “At least we haven’t had a real crisis”. Now there is a global pandemic that has shut China down for a month, disrupting supply chains worldwide and pummeling financial markets worldwide because our economies are inextricably linked. The stock market Trump took credit for rising declined 11 percent in a week with daily routes unseen since the 2007-2009 financial crisis. COVID-19 is two times as transmittable as the flu and nearly 20 times as fatal. It looks like the crisis at least we didn’t have is here. The first death in the U.S. just occurred in Washington.

One would hope the President would look to how the Obama administration helped contain Ebola in 2014, how the Obama administration handled the H1N1 Swine flu in 2009, or even our past responses to SARS. We were sorely mistaken. First Trump ignored the problem, then he called it a Democratic hoax intended to hurt him (via the stock market), he suggested closing the Mexican border in response to COVID-19 (what!?), then he appointed Vice President Pence to coordinate efforts saying that Mike “had a certain talent for this.”

I swear, appointing Pence is trolling the American public - he has an abysmal record on public health. Pence doesn’t seem to believe in science on a variety of topics. In 2000 Pence wrote that smoking doesn’t kill while at least acknowledging that it isn’t good for you. A full one third of smokers die

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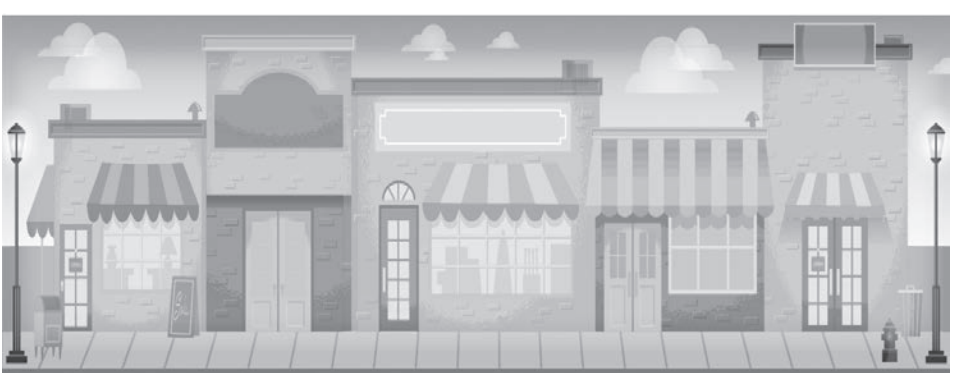
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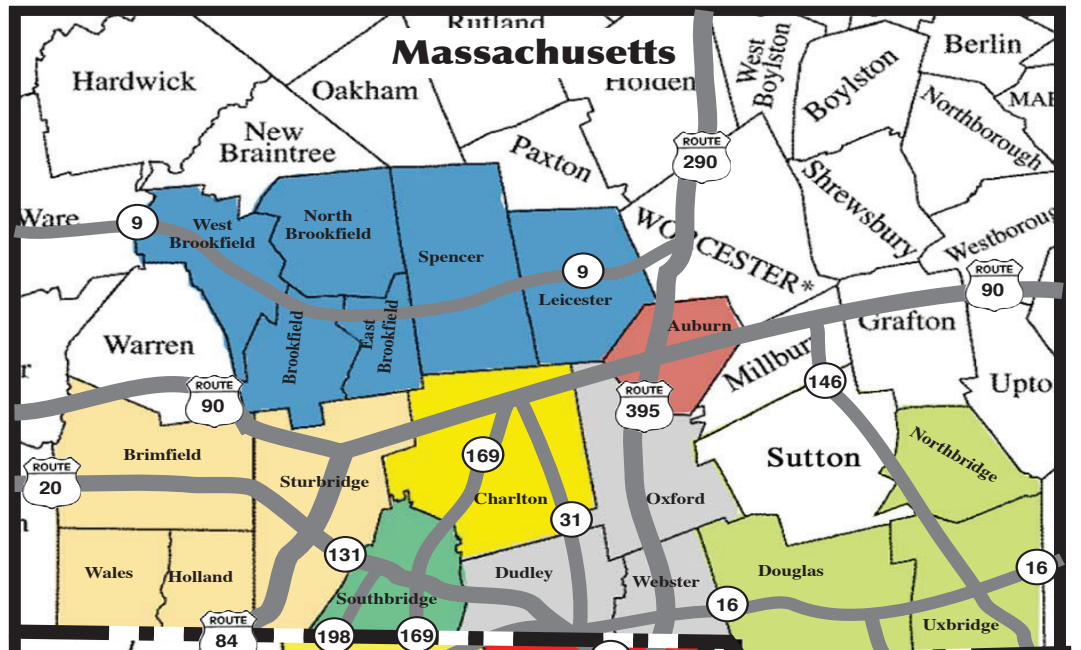
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The true purpose of marriage — the two shall become one!

To the Editor:

The marriage union starts in Genesis 1: 27-28 God made both the man and the woman in His [God's] image. Neither the man nor woman is made more in the image of God than the other. From the beginning the Bible places both the man and the woman at the pinnacle [equal] in Gods creations. Neither sex is exalted, and neither is depreciated.

God is the complete authority, control over all His creation. God has absolute and ultimate rule over the universe, planets, earth. God is the creator and authority over all His creations with loving care.

When God delegated His authority to Adam and Eve, the human race us today God gave us the responsibility to maintain, manage our environment and all the creatures that share our planet earth.

It is our responsibility not to be careless in caring for this earth, world we live in and for each other.

God's creative work was not complete until God created the woman. God could have created the woman from the dust of the ground as He created Adam. God chose to create the woman from the man Adam's flesh and bone, why? By doing so God illustrat-

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Bard's Feb. 26 performance, several students and staff members visited the library to watch – including Principal Tracey Kenny.

"We wanted to do this as a way to increase the sense of community. This is a very intimate setting," Grimshaw told the New Leader.

Students also enjoy discussing all things music before and after the performances. They also chat about the various instruments they play and upcoming projects.

"We talk a lot about everything we've learned," said Aaron O'Brien.

The students are no strangers to performances at their school and beyond, taking part in several concerts each year. They even perform as part of the district's annual Evening with the Arts program held in the spring, which draws thousands of guests.

But it's equally fun for the students to showcase their skills before a small group of peers and teachers. Staff members thank all students who continue to drop by and show their support for the musicians.

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process would have taken too long and delayed construction.

"We need to make sure the building is fully compliant. We don't want this to be delayed," said Selectman Warren Monette.

The other code improvements, which will likely be minor repairs, will be determined by the architect the town hires. Meanwhile, all Senior Center activities are still allowed to take place in the building as the design study gets underway.

The second floor of the Senior Center features a yoga room, library, meeting room, and a handful of other rooms where seniors enjoy various activities. The code improvements will ensure that seniors continue to have access to all sections of the building.

Senior Center leaders and town officials thank seniors for their involvement throughout each stage of the process. Since autumn, seniors have repeatedly attended Town Meetings and Select Board meetings to demonstrate their urgency on the matter.

"I want to thank all of the seniors who showed up at the Town Meeting. I was very impressed by the number of people there," Senior Center Director Pamela Woodbury told guests during a Feb. 14 event.

Many seniors have fond memories of the building that came well before its time as the Senior Center. Several guests recall attending the building when it was a school, and they are thrilled with its new purpose.

"This building holds so many memories for our seniors. The location is perfect, and they feel right at home when they're here," said Christine Mancini, the Chairperson of the Council on Aging, in a previous interview.



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ed for us that in marriage the man and woman symbolically became one flesh. This becomes a mystical [spiritually significant, symbolic] union of the couples, the man and the woman's hearts and lives. Throughout the Bible, God treats this special union, partnership seriously.

If you are married or you are planning to be married do some soul searching and ask yourself this question, "are you willing to keep the commitment that makes the two of you, the man and the woman to be "one?" God's purpose and goal in marriage is for us to be more than a friendship between us; we become one.

God gave marriage as a gift to Adam and Eve. They were created in God's image, perfect for each other. Marriage was not just a convenience, nor was it brought about by any culture. Marriage was instituted by God and has three basic aspects. The first: the man leaves his parents, and, in the presence of the minister and guests, he promises himself to the woman who is going to be his wife united in marriage. The second: the woman makes the same vows, and they are joined together by taking responsibility for each others needs and by loving each other above all others. The third: the two become one flesh in the intimacy and commitment of sexual union that is reserved in marriage between a man and woman. A strong marriage includes and involves the presence of God, Jesus in their lives at all time.

Unfortunately, paradise was not to last... "The fall of mankind" started with Adam and Eve and was extended to us today. We have inherited the sin, sinful nature of Adam and Eve. New law different life style [Genesis 2: 18-25]

Disobedience to God has consequences. Adam and Eve disobeyed God, sinned; consequence for sin, punishment, and mankind today is going to witness and experience the consequences of the sinful fall of Adam and Eve. Sin affects all of nature. We today cannot be liberated, independent from God, Jesus and survive, because God, Jesus is the only source of our survival because God is the creator. Apart from God all of nature will experience physical hardship, struggle and eventually death from Satan who is the provoker, responsible for the sin of Adam and Eve, the sinful nature, and mankind today has inherited that nature. [Genesis 3: 16-19]

However, good news, God has ordained redemption for "us" mankind through the new covenant in Jesus Christ, Jesus is the new arrival from God, Jesus is the bridegroom and all of us who confess Jesus are His brides, His disciples, and Jesus is teaching us a new different way to live as husbands and wives to each other, the brides of Jesus. [Matthew 9: 15]

Jesus instructs and questions us, haven't you [us] heard, read, that at the beginning the creator [God] made them male and female and for this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife [woman] and the two will become one flesh, they are no longer two, but one.

Jesus is also emphasizing what God has joined together "let no man, no one separate them."

God hates divorce. [Malachi 2: 16] God's plan and standard for marriage is one man and one woman joined together for life and dissolved only by death with one exception, marital unfaithful, adultery or any kind of sexual immorality and that is the only exception and only at the last result. God's desire and prefers the couple would be able to work it out, forgive and reconcile.

Marriage is precious and sacred to God, Jesus. The man and the woman should consider marriage seriously and seriously decide against divorce before the process starts, and agree to build their marriage on mutual commitment.

A good reason not to marry is to remain single and to be able to use your freedom to serve God. Paul elaborates on this in [Corinthians 7] because when you are married most of your energy needs to be focus on each other. [Matthew 19: 4 – 6, 10-12]

This is a parable about preparing for a wedding day, feast and banquet. We must be prepared at all time during our marriage when Jesus returns to take us His people unexpected [rapture] to heaven to escape the tribulation [John 14: 1-3] [1 Thessalonians 4: 16-17] spiritual preparation cannot be bought or borrowed at the last minute. Our relationship with each other and with God, Jesus must be ready now. [Matthew 25: 1-13]

Jesus promises to be with us always through His Holy Spirit [Acts 1: 4-5] God, Jesus is the creator and King of this world and of this universe, God, Jesus is the spiritual King who can overcome all evil and rule in the heart of all people, everyone if we let Him.

If we refuse to accept Jesus and serve God, Jesus faithfully in this life, and we can because God has given us the gift of free will, choices, we will experience the consequences of disobedience. It is our choice and responsibility if we want to make Jesus our Lord, the Lord of this life and life to come, now, whether we are single or married. [Matthew 28: 20]

God allowed divorce as a concession to the peoples sinfulness [sinful nature] it was not God's perfect will. Divorce was instituted to protect the injured person in a bad immoral and physical abuse situation. Unfortunately, many have taken advantage and have tried to take advantage of the guidelines. What Jesus is teaching through Mark was not God's intent, God is allowing divorce, it is not God's perfect will for marriage, God's perfect will is for us to accept marriage permanently, whatever the circumstances. God does not want us to enter marriage with the option of getting out, marriage is a contract with each other and a covenant with God for life till death do us part. When we enter a marriage with this positive attitude, it is most likely to be happy or happier when we are committed from our heart from day one with each other and God, Jesus.

We are also encouraged through

Jesus not to be hard hearted, hard headed with each other. We need to be determined in God, Jesus to be committed to your marriage covenant with God's help to stay together till death parts you. [Mark 10: 8-9]

In marriage, the bride [woman] belongs to the bridegroom [man], the bridegroom belongs to the bride, and both belong to Jesus, the brides of Jesus and we are to be willing to decrease in each others wants, achievements and have a desire to please each other according to God's will and remain faithful to each other and increasing in God, Jesus will for us and God's kingdom. [John 3: 29]

From the beginning of creation, God's perfect will was for the man and woman to remain virgins until marriage. Unfortunately, that is not so for many, maybe most. However, in spite of what appears to be our societies immoral choice, we as we enter the vow, covenant of marriage need to set an example and accept the responsibility to seriously desire, consider making a moral committed vow, covenant with each other and to God, Jesus to remain a virgin until marriage and faithful to each other in marriage and to Jesus until death. [2 Corinthians 11: 2]

The union of the husband [man] and wife [woman] in marriage merge two persons in such a way that little can affect one without also affecting the other. To be one [oneness] in marriage does not mean losing your personal personality. To become one means caring for your spouse as you care for yourself. It means caring and learning to anticipate each others needs, not wants, helping the other to become all he or she can be in Christ Jesus. Genesis 2: 24 and Matthew 19: 4-6 is very clear, explicit. The man, husband and the woman wife have become one in marriage. They have merged in oneness in Jesus. [Ephesians 5: 31-32]

Marriage must and should be honored. God, Jesus has high standards for His people in marriage and as singles. Jesus is warning us through Paul we need to be satisfied with God's provision and we must not get involve with the love of money. Money is essential and it can lead to evil, greed, and immorality. Too often, the love of money, abundance, luxury, wealth often leads to sin. [1 Timothy 6: 6-10] It is our responsibility in life and in marriage to be careful, not to let money become a priority, don't allow yourself to be deceived, fooled, believing this is not going to happen to me, us, Satan is very cunning, he is a master at deception and apart from God, Jesus we are completely vulnerable. We must stay focus on Jesus. God, Jesus will bless you and your spouse, your marriage, your endeavors in life as long as you remain faithfully obedient, focus on God, Jesus. Amen!

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Leicester's Alexa Dufries wrestles for the ball against two Bromfield defenders.

**BY DEAN P. ST. LAURENT**  
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

LEICESTER — Well rested after earning a first-round bye, the Leicester High girls' varsity basketball team came out energized in a Central Mass. Division 3 Tournament quarterfinal and executed their game plan right from the start on Thursday night, Feb. 27, in front of a packed home crowd.

"Absolutely, we had to start quick; we had to set the tempo," expressed Leicester head coach Dave Padavano. "We had to let them know that we came to play, too."

The third ranked Wolverines took control early and never looked back. They led from start to finish and fended off a hungry Bromfield School team, seeded 11th, who had defeated No. 6 Ayer-Shirley Regional in the first round of districts three days prior, 61-46.

Leicester advanced to the tournament semifinals with a 55-23 victory on the shoulders of junior Alexa Dufries and a smothering team defense. The

Wolverines will take on No. 7 Millis High (17-7) on Wednesday, March 4, after press time.

"I couldn't be more proud of my girls, they're going to Clark," explained Padavano of Leicester's next game at Clark University's Kneller Athletic Center. "They earned the semifinals and the bye. Who knows what we will run into there, but we made it and we are going play hard and see where it takes us."

It started quickly for the Wolverines. A little over a minute into the game, Leicester freshman Ayva Connor drove to the hoop and got a smooth left-handed layup to go. This started a 9-0 run over the next three minutes of the first quarter. A 3-pointer from Dufries with 4:08 left in the first forced a Bromfield timeout.

Leicester continued to find a groove and played smothering defense, forcing deflections and turnovers to take a commanding 14-2 lead to close out the first quarter.

### POSTSEASON SCOREBOARD

Monday, Feb. 24  
Central Mass. Division 3 Girls' Basketball First Round  
(7) Millis 65, (10) David Prouty 27 — For the second straight year, the Panthers were able to reach the postseason after nearly two decades away from it. And also for the second straight year, they ran into the Mohawks. Millis, the defending Central Mass. Division 3 Tournament champion, finished off Prouty as the Panthers finished 12-9, two games better than a season before. The Mohawks then beat No. 2 Tyngsborough High to advance to the semifinal round.

Thursday, Feb. 27  
Western Mass. Division 2 Girls' Basketball Quarterfinal  
(4) East Longmeadow 56, (5) Tantasqua 43 — Despite a lightning-quick start to their season, the Warriors were unable to win a playoff game. Unfortunately, Tantasqua lost its final four games as they finished 15-6.

The Warriors will lose senior Lydia Boland, the all-time girls' basketball scoring leader in school history, to graduation. Boland is the lone 1,000-point scorer at Tantasqua.



Leicester's Jenna Soden drives against a Bromfield defender in the first quarter of the quarterfinal round of the playoffs.

"They all came out and we played great defense, they only had two points at the end of the first quarter and nine at halftime. They couldn't have done more than what I asked for," said Padavano. "I just told them if we play defense everything else will fall into place. Their number one had 31 points against Ayer the other night, I was at the game. I knew who we had to stop, and we came out and did it. That set the tempo and pace."

The Wolverines went into halftime with a 24-9 lead. Bromfield was still in a spot where they could make a comeback, but coming out of the half Leicester's best player took over. Dufries, who had accumulated eight points in the first half, exploded for 20 more in the second half. She outscored the whole Bromfield team 20-14 in the final 16 minutes of regulation.

"Give the ball to your best player and fire it up there and that is what happens," Padavano stated. "That is what we do; I learned that a long time ago from my coach at Worcester Academy, Tom Blackburn. We get it to our best player and she is going to carry us."

Dufries finished with 28 points and put on a show. She converted a couple and-ones for old-fashioned three-point plays to go along with multiple contested jumpers from all over the court. Connor and senior Maddie Hippert also added seven and six points, respectively.



After pulling down a rebound, Leicester's Abigail Johnson looks to make space for a shot under the hoop.



Riley Brunelle of Leicester rises over two defenders to take a short jump shot.



Alexa Dufries of Leicester takes a mid-range jumper over a defender's reach.



# SPORTS

## Season’s final home game results in Quaboag victory versus Greater Lowell

COUGARS THEN FALL SHORT AGAINST TOP-SEEDED MAYNARD, 65-52



Quaboag’s Hannah Manzano follows through after releasing a shot from downtown.



Jason McKay photos

Quaboag’s Megan Shea is left open in the corner, so she takes a 3-point attempt.

BY KEN POWERS  
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

WARREN — Freshman Hailey Samek scored a game-high 13 points and senior Kiarra Dorman added 8 points, 7 rebounds, 6 steals and 2 blocks to lead the Quaboag Regional girls’ varsity bas-

ketball team to a 44-28 win over Greater Lowell Tech in the first round of the Central Mass. Division 4 Tournament on Wednesday, Feb. 26.  
With the win the eighth-seeded Cougars (13-8) advanced to the quarter-final round of the tournament, where



Quaboag’s Kiara Gauthier catches a pass in transition against Greater Lowell.



Julissa DeLeon of Quaboag goes up for a layup while avoiding a Greater Lowell defender.



Using a screen provided by teammate Addy Ford, Kiarra Dorman of Quaboag drives the ball into the lane.

they played at top-seeded Maynard High (16-4) on Saturday, Feb. 29. This is the third straight year Quaboag has faced the No. 1 seed in the tournament. Last year they lost to top-seeded Monty Tech, 64-59, in Fitchburg. In 2018 the Cougars were defeated by No. 1 Blackstone Valley Tech, 49-19, in Upton.  
“To be the best you have to beat the best,” Cougars’ head coach Bill Beauregard said. “We’re looking forward to the challenge of playing a very good Maynard team.”

Greater Lowell, the No. 9 seed, finished its season 11-9.

While Samek scored nine of her points in the opening quarter, it was Dorman who kick-started the Quaboag offense, draining a pair of 3-pointers — both from behind a double screen in the left corner — in the first 52 seconds of the game to give the Cougars a quick 6-0 lead.

“That’s a go-to play for us in the beginning of the game until the other team catches on,” Dorman said with a smile. “Getting that early lead was huge because we were really nervous and scared in the locker room before the game. We never played this team before so we had no idea what they were all about, we didn’t know what they were going to come out with. So, to pull a lead like that really helped calm us down and get us playing the way we normally play.”

While Beauregard acknowledged that Dorman’s first-minute pair of 3-pointers were a key ingredient in the win, he also talked about the complete game his tri-captain played against the Gryphons.

“Kiarra was awesome; she’s got ice in her veins,” Beauregard said. “To come out and take two 3-pointers right in a row like that, in a big game like this, in a great environment, and make them, well, it just shows she was ready for the moment.”

“Kiarra was absolutely terrific tonight; that’s the way we need her to play,” Beauregard continued. “Her shot wasn’t falling after the first quarter as much as she usually does, especially when she was driving the ball, but she didn’t get frustrated. Instead, she focused on the parts of her game that were working — her defense, her helping out on defense, her rebounding, her passing. She played an all-around great game. Kiarra is the toughest player I’ve ever coached, boy or girl.”

Samek, whose 13 points were not just a game-high but a career-high as well, followed Dorman’s pair of 3-pointers with one of her own, extending the Quaboag lead to 9-2 with 6:53 left in the first quarter. She followed that up with three more baskets — a layup, a put-back and a short jumper — to push the Cougars’ lead to 15-2 with 3:39 left in the period.

“Hailey was terrific tonight. She made her layups, she was good on the glass, she was good defensively. She had a great game,” Beauregard said. “She has the potential to be a very good player for us. She started the season slowly but it’s a new season now and she has picked up her level of play.”

Junior Sydney Corfey (eight points, two 3-pointers) closed out the first quarter scoring with a right side 3-pointer with 2:15 to play, sending Quaboag into the second period with an 18-2 lead.

Once the Cougars led by double figures — 13-2 on Samek’s put-back with 4:34 left in the first period — the lead never again dipped into single digits. Quaboag was ahead 27-10 at halftime and 38-19 after three quarters.

Beauregard said he stressed defense during the practices leading up to Quaboag’s game with the Gryphons.

“That team is very good,” said Beauregard, whose team held Greater Lowell to eight points below what they allowed, as an average, on the season. “We played really good defense tonight from start to finish. We knew we were going to have to play great defense to give ourselves a chance.”

Dorman said coming into the game she talked with Addy Ford, the other senior on the team and her best friend, about how much she wanted to walk off the Quaboag basketball court having won the last time she played there.

“It was definitely emotional,” Dorman said. “In the locker room before the game it kind of hit all of us. For Addy and me it’s the last home game of our careers, for the rest of the team it’s the last home game of the season. I think that realization made all of us push through a little bit harder. Our team is really close; I know they really wanted to win this game for the seniors, for Addy and I.”

Dorman, who was adamant during the soccer season that she was not going to play a sport in college, admitted after the game that she is now considering athletics at Western New England University, and she didn’t rule out playing both soccer and basketball.

“I don’t know what I’m going to do; I still haven’t made a decision,” she said. “I feel like I would be lost without playing a sport, but it’s definitely a big commitment to make. During basketball season I think about playing basketball in college, but I also love playing soccer, so when the fall comes I know I would miss it if I weren’t playing it.”

Update: Despite a strong effort, Quaboag once again fell short against the tournament’s top seed. This time, Maynard dispatched the Cougars 65-52 as they finished the year with a record of 13-9.



# ATHLETE of the WEEK

Alexa Dufries

The Leicester High sharpshooter led the girls’ varsity basketball team to a 55-23 victory versus the Bromfield School in the quarterfinals of the Central Mass. Division 3 Tournament, scoring a game-high 28 points. The Wolverines are now set to take on Millis High in the district semifinals after press time.

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# SPORTS

## Beavers end North Brookfield's season in first round of District play



Nick Ethier photos

North Brookfield's Brianna Quillitczsch hands the ball off to teammate Serenity Ayala.

BY NICK ETHIER  
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

NORTH BROOKFIELD — Putnam Vocational Technical Academy visited North Brookfield High to take on the Lady Indians' varsity

basketball team in a Western Mass. Division 4 First Round Tournament matchup on Monday, Feb. 24, and the local faithful was fired up for it. It was North Brookfield's first time hosting a District game

since 2016, which was also their last District win.

Both the eighth-ranked Indians and ninth-seeded Beavers put together a strong, back-and-forth first quarter, which Putnam was able to pull away from and grab an 18-12 lead by period's end. And that was a sign of things to come for North Brookfield, as the Beavers slowly but surely extended their lead.

The final score read 47-24 in Putnam's favor.

"We came out strong," explained Indians' head coach Lyndsey Bennett. "We had girls that don't usually step up on offense, they came through — my seniors. They were playing with heart."

Lyndsey Schimmelpenninck and Brianna Quillitczsch, North Brookfield's two seniors, combined to score 10 of the team's 12 first quarter points, as Schimmelpenninck had a pair of 3-pointers and 8 total points, and Quillitczsch made a basket. Bennett attributed the strong start to the large and boisterous hometown crowd.

"We never really have crowds like this. The fact that they all came out to support us, we fed off that energy right from the start," she said.

But the Indians went cold after the first quarter, scoring just 12 points the rest of the way. North Brookfield accumulated only three points in the second quarter — all by sophomore Serenity Ayala — as they trailed 27-15 at intermission.

To make matters worse for the Indians, Schimmelpenninck's basket midway through the third quarter was their only offensive production in the frame, as Putnam pulled away even more, 38-17.

"Our offense just never came in that second half. I think we panicked under their pressure," said Bennett. "They had good ball pressure and in our face defense, high-intensity man that we're not really used to."

North Brookfield never saw that type of defense in the Worcester County Athletic Conference (WCAC) and when playing against competition in a strong Southern Worcester County League, with most of those teams employing a zone defense.

The Indians mounted a mini charge to open the fourth quarter, scoring six of the first eight points to close the gap to within 40-23, but the Beavers (who were led by Lauryn Bethea's 14 points and 9 rebounds, and Johany Andrade De Jesus' 12 points) closed the game on a 7-1 run to win by 23.

"I'm still proud. The girls are proud, too, for being league champs," said Bennett, as North Brookfield has now either won or been co-champs of the WCAC for five straight years. "We're still a young team...lots of eighth graders. That chemistry is just going to build from here."



Serenity Ayala of North Brookfield rises up to fire off a jump shot ahead of Putnam defender Naydeliz Ramirez.



North Brookfield's Megan Bokis (20) reaches out to catch a pass from Lyndsey Schimmelpenninck.



Evelyn Doe of North Brookfield looks ahead toward the basket while making a drive versus Putnam.



North Brookfield's Lola Sukharev bounces a pass around Putnam's Johany Andrade De Jesus.



North Brookfield's Kelly Daige goes up and over the reach of Putnam's Avi'niq Harris Dykes to send in a pass.



Lyndsey Schimmelpenninck of North Brookfield looks to drive into the lane on Putnam defender Kalis Malcolm.

Schimmelpenninck closed out her career by leading the Indians in points (13) and rebounds (9), while Quillitczsch had the early basket to go along with 8 rebounds. Ayala contributed 6 points and 7 rebounds.

North Brookfield, who has now reached the District

Tournament for 10 straight seasons, finished 13-8.

Putnam (12-9) then played at top ranked Monson High (18-2) in the quarterfinal round on Friday, Feb. 28. The Beavers' season ended there, as Monson emerged victorious 57-22.



SPORTS

Warriors' cold shooting night leads to season's end in loss to Quabbin



Nick Ethier photos  
Tantasqua's Cam Varney reaches up to catch a pass over the outstretched reach of Quabbin defender Brendan Whitelaw.



Mikey Lucas of Tantasqua looks to drive the ball into the lane on a Quabbin defender.



Ben Doros of Tantasqua flings a pass along the top of the key.



Tantasqua's Hunter Hill stares Quabbin's Shea Skowrya down before making a move on him.



Tantasqua's Tyler Hall finds enough separation from Quabbin's defense to be able to attempt a jump shot from inside the key.

**BY NICK ETHIER**  
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

BARRE — Averaging 54.4 points per game, putting the basketball into the hoop has been Tantasqua Regional's kryptonite during the course of the 2019-2020 season, but the Warriors' boys' varsity team has been able to rely on a stingy defense (44.8 points against per game) to win 13 games and enter the Western Mass. Division 2 Tournament as the No. 5 seed.

There, in the quarterfinals, Tantasqua matched up with No. 4 Quabbin Regional on Friday evening, Feb. 28. The Warriors exhibited strong defense to stay in the game with the Panthers, but again the offense sputtered out.

The end result was a 52-47 loss to Quabbin, ending Tantasqua's season at 13-8. Head coach Scott Dion looked to the start of the third quarter as the pivotal moment in the setback.

"When we scored there was 1:30 or 1:23 left in the third quarter, that's the basketball game. You go six-and-a-half minutes without scoring, you shouldn't win," he explained, as the Warriors trailed by just two points at halftime (29-27) but then found themselves down by 12 (39-27) as the Panthers scored the first 10 points of the frame until Tantasqua's Troy Lee stopped the bleeding with a jump shot.

"We kept playing and we have a great group of kids, we just struggled putting the ball in the basket. All year it has been a problem. And I'm not going to lie, I came into the year thinking I have four or five guys who can really shoot it, so if one guy has an off-night, we're going to find offense somewhere else and it has not panned

out that way," said Dion. "You know what that tells me? The offseason is huge. Guys have got to shoot, and we've got to take game shots. Until we learn to do that, we'll have to continue to keep defending our [butts] off and pray for the best. A high school basketball team should be able to score 50 points."

The Warriors trailed by 10 points (41-31) as play entered the fourth quarter, where they exhibited some lockdown defense to be able to mount a comeback. Tyler Hall opened the frame with a free throw and Joe Groccia added a 3-pointer to cut the deficit to 41-35. A Quabbin basen followed, but Groccia equaled that out with a pair of free throws.

Now trailing 44-37 after another Quabbin foul shot, Tantasqua's Mikey Lucas drained a 3-pointer. But the Panthers' Croix Jenkins followed with a 3 of his own, and teammate Dylan Hoekstra also hit a 3, as they opened up a 50-40 lead.

The Warriors remained resilient, though, and Hall made two free throws, Cam Varney drilled a 3-pointer, and Varney made a layup with 1:30 to go to trim the gap down to 50-47.

After Quabbin's offense was lulled into a 30-second violation by Tantasqua's defense, the Warriors had the ball with 23.4 seconds to go and a chance to tie.

With 10 seconds remaining, Hall let a 3-pointer fly from the left side. The shot nearly went in, but it rimmed out. Griffin Polga grabbed the offensive rebound, but he was unable to make his putback attempt. Hoekstra (10 points) then put the game away for Quabbin with a pair of free throws with 4.3 seconds to go.

Although Dion admitted that Varney (18

points) and Groccia (11 points) were the Nos. 1 and 2 options, Hall's 3 attempt was a "very good look."

"We generated a good shot because kids didn't panic," added Dion. "Hall is a good, capable shooter. He took the right shot — it just didn't go."

That was the case for much of the game, as the Warriors shot just 24.5 percent from the field and 25.8 percent (8 of 31) from 3. Points in the paint were also a problem for Tantasqua, as the Panthers won the battle on the block 18-6. Quabbin's Shea Skowrya (15 points, 12 rebounds) was the main down-low threat, particularly in the first half, where he scored 13 of his points and pulled down six of his boards.

"He was a beast," Dion said of Skowrya. "We just kept trying to get the game going up and down a little bit, which isn't his strength. He's more of a big post guy."

Quabbin's T.J. Chamberlain was also a problem, scoring 17 points for Quabbin, including the first seven points of the third quarter when the Warriors' offense went cold.

One player who had the hot hand for Tantasqua in the early going was Varney. He notched eight points in the first quarter when the Warriors led 10-7 after the initial eight minutes.

"He started to become more aggressive getting to the basket, which then opens up the jump shots," Dion said of Varney's late-season offensive presence. "He's a slasher and an athlete, just a tough overall kid."

Quabbin (16-5) advanced to the tournament semifinals, where they were set to take on top-seeded Chicopee High (16-4) after press time.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Tantasqua swim/dive team has excellent postseason

The postseason boded well for a few members of Tantasqua Regional's swim/dive team, as Jonah Green's diving accolades included a first-place finish at the Midland-Wachusett League Championships, coming in second at Sectionals and fifth at States. Meanwhile, the girls' relay team of Katie Wade, Emily Owens, Zoey Zhu and Sarah Kersting-Mumm broke the school record en route to tying for 14th place at States.

Leicester Men's Basketball League results

Ring Painters win Leicester Men's Basketball League title over Rod & Gun 61-51. They were led by Nick Fontaine's 32 points, Taylor Ring with 12 points and Tyler Pike with 2 points and 15 rebounds.

League director Bob Pingeton would like to thank the players and sponsors for their donations to the Tarentino Memorial Park, which will be dedicated to Ron Tarentino Jr. on Saturday, June 13.



# Mother Nature puts a damper on ice fishing



Ice fishing continues for numerous local anglers that have been traveling north to enjoy a bit of fishing. Unfortunately, this winter provided very little ice fishing locally. The Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club got tired of waiting for Mother Nature to make ice, so the club hired an ice breaker to remove some of the ice from the pond which allowed some limited rod & reel fishing this past Saturday. This week's picture shows Jim Lavallee, Vice President of the club breaking ice with his small pram and electric motor. Sometimes, drastic action needs to be taken when a few anglers want to go fishing. Many nice rainbow trout were caught as the two pictures show. The rain that was predicted for this week was expected to remove the remaining ice from the pond. This is a good time to check out your fishing equipment, fresh & saltwater. The latest

braided lines like Power Pro, last many years and do not need replacing, saving anglers a lot of money. Monofilament lines however do need attention, as they are subject to wear, and need replacing at least every other year. Mono lines often hold memory, and when cast have the line coming off of the spool in loops. Casting lines that have held memory from being unused for often only a few months, can ruin a day of fishing. Braided lines have solved that problem. Almost every rod & reel that I own has braided lines on them. Attaching 20 or 30 feet of mono to the braid works very well as leader material, and makes changing hooks and lures a very simple task. Rod guides need to be checked every year for damage or wear, but the ceramic guides that manufactures use on most rods today have a long life compared to the old guides. A new



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coating of lacquer to the guide winding's will ensure the winding's do not become a problem. Fishing reels today are very reliable and need very little care. Purchasing a new reel for your fishing rod can be very inexpensive if you shop around. You can find a good freshwater reel for less than \$50, but you can also spend a couple of hundred bucks for one. Fishing equipment has come a long way in the last 50 years, and they will last a long time if they are given a little care after each use. It is extremely important to wash them off with some fresh water after each use, especially use in saltwater. New fishing rods can also be purchased for a reasonable price, but can also cost over \$250 or more. If you are planning to purchase any new fishing equipment this year you should attend the Saltwater Fishing Show in Providence, R.I. on March 27-29 at the Convention Center. If you fish fresh or saltwater you need to attend this show! There is an unlimited amount of fishing tackle under one roof, and there are professional anglers that can set you up with the proper fishing tackle to fit you fishing needs. Each year, I find myself purchasing a "New Used" fishing rod or reel at yard sales. Some of them still have the plastic coating on them. I have always said you can never have enough fishing equipment. Last year, I accidentally closed my car door on a fishing rod breaking six inches off of the rod tip. Luckily, I had bought it at a yard sale. It still ticked me off, as it was a favorite rod of mine. Rummaging through a shed in the back yard, I managed to locate another rod



almost similar to the one I broke. It worked just fine. Fishing tackle is another item that I have plenty of. The price of fishing lures and plugs has gone through the roof. \$25 or more for a new saltwater plug is ridiculous. Attending numerous yard sales annually, I find myself finding some of these expensive items for only a buck or two. Some of the old wooden plugs purchased at yard sales are not worth a lot because of their condition, but they can become a valuable bait in my tackle box by adding a couple of new hooks and a fresh coat of paint. Some fish caught this year have broken records as far as size and weights concerned. A monster lake trout weighing in

at a cool 37 pounds was caught in New Hampshire at Diamond Pond this winter. Nice fish. A large striped was also caught through the ice in Connecticut, which is extremely rare. Some stripers do winter over at inlets and warm water discharges. The Providence River is just one of those areas that hold over schoolies all year, and sometimes a large one is caught. The Thames River in Connecticut, but out of state anglers need to purchase a non resident fishing license to fish the brackish water where stripers hang out. I had many good times fishing with the late Bob Tromby on the Thames River. *Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!*

# Nine garden planning tips for the greatest return



Celano is a patio type grape tomato that produces sweet oblong fruit.

Courtesy Photo

We've all done it...gotten overzealous in spring and overplanted or planted the wrong varieties for our tastes and needs. Make this the year you plan your garden for the best return on your investment. First, prepare a list before placing your catalog order or making that first trip to the garden center. Without a bit of preplanning our carts end up filled with more seeds and plants than space available or varieties that are not suited to our growing conditions or our family's taste. Make sure each plant you select provides the greatest return on investment by including winning varieties with a visit to the All-America Selections (AAS) website (all-america-selections.org). This non-profit trialing organization has test sites across the US and Canada that trial and select winning varieties for their taste and garden performance. Review your favorite recipes and consider growing the ingredients you need on a regular basis. Salad lovers may want to plant a container of greens that can be harvested daily. Sandy Lettuce and colorful mild flavored Red Kingdom Mizuna are slow to bolt, extending the harvest into warmer months. Add some super nutritious Prizm kale for your morning smoothies and salads. Prizm's stemless stalks releaf quickly after harvest so you'll have a continuous supply. Fill a corner of the garden or container with a small-fruited tomato or two for salads, snacking and other daily treats. Red Celano grape tomato (a determinate for containers) and the light-yellow sweet Firefly tomato (an indeterminate for vertical or staked gardens) are attractive and very productive, ensuring more than enough for your whole family to enjoy. Add a bit of crunch and color by growing Roxanne radishes. And don't forget the cucumbers. Green Light cucumbers are seedless, sweet and prolific - great for salads or a refreshing summer drink. Keep a constant supply of these ingredients by making small plantings throughout the sea-



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son. Grow several containers of tasty and attractive Delizz strawberries. These ever bearing plants will provide a pretty pot of fresh strawberries throughout the summer for your morning oatmeal or afternoon glass of wine. Plant unusual vegetables you can't purchase at the grocery store. Roulette pepper has the look and citrusy flavor of a habanero without the heat. And you won't find anything like Yellow Apple tomato at the store. It has small unique apple-shaped fruit with a citrusy sweet flavor that's perfect for snacks or stuffing with cheese. Dedicate some space for those vegetables that are more expensive to buy than grow. Green peppers are a bargain in the summer, but the yellow, orange and red ones can cost two to three times more. Reduce the wait time and increase your enjoyment with early maturing colorful peppers like Orange Blaze or the yellow sweet peppers like Cornito Giallo, Escamillo or Just Sweet. If you plan to freeze, dry or can your harvest, make sure to reserve some time during harvest season for picking and preserving. Select disease resistant productive varieties like Early Resilience Roma Tomato so you'll have plenty of produce to preserve. This is your year to produce a garden filled with just enough family favorites and unusual varieties that are less expensive to grow than buy. *Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" gardening DVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio segments. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and was commissioned by AAS for her expertise to write this article. Myers' Web site is www.melindamyers.com.*



# Heads Up on Garden Planning



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Many a dreary winter’s afternoon has been brightened by the thought of the first flowers of spring. From thumbing through floral seed catalogs to forcing indoor blooms, few simple pleasures compare to anticipating the first blossoms of the season. With an eye toward bountiful gardens, this week’s column highlights the “how to” of forcing beautiful blooms from pre season branches.

And for those planning to cultivate a vegetable garden or fruit trees, a listing of the “cream of the crop” of seed catalogs follows below. So, curl up with a hot drink, grab a pen and paper to take notes, and prepare for some horticultural inspiration!

From Buds to Blooms: Bringing budding branches indoors and forcing them to bloom is a sure-fire way to infuse a bit of spring into your winter-weary space. Nearly any shrub that blossoms in the spring is suitable for forced blooming. Here in New England, a perennial favorite is the historical Forsythia. The hardy, bright yellow flowers and long, woody branches make for an

impressive live winter centerpiece. Other popular candidates include Pussywillow, Flowering Dogwood, as well as peach and apple trees.

To do: Prune branches that are beginning to bud from healthy, mature shrubs. Cut at an angle below a node, snipping evenly around the plant until you have several suitable branches. (As a bonus, the pruning will promote more blooms in the spring). Once inside, submerge the branch under water and make a fresh, angled cut on the bottom; if you split or smash the cut, the branch will take in more water. Immediately after cutting, place in a clean vase with room temperature water. If your house is dry, you might want to increase the humidity by loosely wrapping the branches in plastic wrap for at least the first few days or until buds begin to respond. Keep branches in a cool area, changing water every few days. Before long, the buds should open and you’ll be treated to the fragrance and color of springtime for several weeks.

Note: Expect Pussywillow to bloom in about two weeks; Forsythia, two to three weeks; Apple, three weeks; Flowering Dogwood, three weeks.

Seed Catalogs: A garden can enhance an outdoor living space like nothing else, and planning a garden is almost as enjoyable as reaping its many benefits. While online seed catalogs are readily available, few simple pleasures compare to

cozying up on a chilly winter’s day with colorful catalogs and dreams of a budding spring garden. Thankfully, many seed companies still offer old fashioned catalogs to thumb through and curl up with! With a flurry of catalog offerings on the market, choosing those that suit your needs can be a pleasant challenge. The following catalog company offerings are free, and allow for perfect perusing, planning and planting - of a spectacular spring garden!

\*Annie’s Annuals & Perennials, LLC: (888)266-4370; anniesannuals.com (Click Order Free 2020 Catalog).

Specializing in rare and unusual annual and perennial plants.

\*W. Atlee Burpee & Co. 800-888-1447; burpee.com (Click on Request a Catalog at bottom of page).

Good general catalog; one of the best known US seed companies. Sign up for 2020 catalog and receive \$10 off your purchase. Plus coupon for 25% off early plants.

\*Baker Creek Heirloom Seed Co.: (417) 924-8917; rareseeds.com (Click on Request Catalog at left of home page).

Their 2020 Whole Seed Catalog contains a whopping 452 pages! The company offers open-pollinated seeds: pure, natural and non-GMO heirloom seeds from 70 countries, including many they collected themselves.

\*Gurney Seed & Nursery Co: (513) 354-1492; Gurneys.com (Click on Catalog Request on home page).

Free seed and plant catalog from an American tradition since 1820. Complete seed and nursery company for all your vegetable and flower needs.

\*Park Seed: 800-213-0076; parkseed.com (Click on Free Catalog request at bottom of page).

Park offers a wide variety of flowers and vegetables in a large catalog. It has a very useful index providing germination and culture data in the back of the catalog. Seed packets carry adequate detail on culture.

\*Stokes Seed Co.: 800-396-9238; stokesseeds.com. (Click on Order Free Catalog at top of page).

Since 1881 Stokes has been offering new and exciting vegetables and outstanding flowers. Free catalog, very informative, oriented to the professional grower with acres to plant.

Moneysaving Crops: With produce prices escalating, a backyard garden offers a thrifty way to enjoy fresh vegetables throughout the growing season and beyond. But what crops offer the most “bang” for your gardening buck? According to self sufficient living website Country Survival the following list represents the best return on your gardening investment, based on economic value of pounds produced per square foot, retail value per pound

at harvest time, and length of time in the garden

1. Tomatoes;
2. Peppers;
3. Cucumbers;
4. Beets;
5. Green bunching onions;
6. Carrots;
7. Lettuce;
8. Summer Squash;
9. Broccoli;
10. Peas;
11. Swiss Chard;
12. Beans (pole or bush).

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Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

Your tips can win you a great dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random drawing. One winner per month will win a fabulous three course dinner for two at the 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 E-mail. Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.*

## Finding the beauty in others

I love people. It is so rare for me to meet someone and feel that I didn’t like them. I think what we look for in life and in others, we usually find. If we have a general mistrust of others, we’ll find others untrustworthy. If we believe everyone is out to get us, we’ll subconsciously work to make it true. Our mind works overtime to make our belief system accurate, even if it’s not. If you are suspicious of everyone, you will find bits and pieces of unconnected information and assemble them into a tale that conforms to your belief.

I’ve always loved and trusted people. And yes, I have been deceived, hurt and disappointed a few times but overall, when I expect the best intentions from others, I usually get it. I believe when people realize you expect the best from them, they don’t want to disappoint.

I’ve only known two people in my entire life that I felt were dishonest to the point of almost being evil. One male and one female. One systematically tried to destroy an entire business organization because he felt slighted. He didn’t care how many families were hurt or jobs destroyed. The other lied and deceived me in ways

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that I still find mind-boggling and did so purposefully and without regret. So yes, there are bad people in the world. However, the vast majority would never allow themselves to treat others as these two did. If I were to base my

beliefs in human nature on the actions of these two, I’d live a miserable life, always on guard and suspicious of others. I choose to recognize that of the thousands I have met, those two were an anomaly. The overwhelming vast majority of people are good natured and kind.

Rather than focusing on a couple of bad actors, I choose to believe and expect the best of others. I like and trust everyone I meet unless they give me a reason to feel otherwise. And even if for some reason I meet someone who does, I certainly don’t wish them any harm. You may not be a friend but that does not mean you should be my enemy. Why should it have to be an either/or proposition? As my mother use to say, live and let live. I don’t need nor want enemies in my life and I think most people with enemies helped create them.

Rather than making enemies, let’s make a positive impact on others,

friends or not. Make a lasting impression on others by being helpful and caring. Everyone you meet is going through something. Your kindness may lighten their load. Scripture (Philippians 2:4) teaches us that we should not only look out for our own interests but also take an interest in others. There is the old saying that says “No one cares how much you know, until they know how much you care.”

Being kind to others is easy. It takes no special talents or gifts. To make a difference in the lives of others, you don’t have to be beautiful or handsome. You didn’t have to attend an Ivy League University or graduate from high school. You don’t need talent or any special ability at all. To make a difference, all you must do is care.

There comes a time in everyone’s life when kindness is needed. I’ve met people who say that they don’t need friends or the help of others. I always shake my head, realizing the fallacy of that belief. There comes a time when we all need someone and if we have never cared about others, how can you expect others to care about you?

To expect honesty from others, be honest. To make friends be a friend. To expect kindness, give kindness in advance. Creating lasting relation-

ships is about investing your time and attention to create them.

As I’ve mentioned, I am currently fighting a health issue. I’m optimistic of my outcome, but I have been touched in ways that I never expected by the kindness of others. New friends, and old friends alike, have expressed their concern and offered encouragement. Friends have brought meals to our home, offered rides to distant hospitals and pledged their support in any way needed. Readers of my books and this column have called and written to me saying, “I pray for you daily.” For me, that is better than any prescribed medicine or treatment.

I’m hopeful I will not need help, but I know it’s there if required. I feel blessed. You can feel those same blessings when you reach out and become a blessing to others.

Who can you bless today with an act of friendship and kindness?

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## POLICE REPORTS

### Spencer Logs

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19  
12:08-2:06 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 5:28 a.m.: DPW call (North Spencer Road), icy conditions; 6:30 a.m.: mv stop (Meadow Road); 6:55 a.m.: officer wanted (Cherry Road), spoken to; 7:09 a.m.: DPW call (North Brookfield Road), icy conditions; 8:13 a.m.: residential fire (Holmes Street), services rendered; 9:50 a.m.: animal complaint (Main Avenue), injured coyote in yard; 10:23 a.m.: juvenile matter (West Main Street), info given; 10:25 a.m.: suspicious persons (Main Street), customer issue; 11:07 a.m.: officer wanted (Roberta Bay), re: package delivery; 11:40 a.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 1:17 p.m.: elderly matter (West Main Street), spoken to; 1:37 p.m.: mv complaint (Charlton Road), info taken; 1:50 p.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 1:54 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Charlton PD bolo; 2:06 p.m.: medical/general (Lakeview Drive); 2:16 p.m.: larceny from mv (Main Street), purse stolen; 2:48 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), tenant issue; 3:05 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 3:56 p.m.: mv stop (Charlton Road); 6:49 p.m.: suspicious persons (Northwest Road), investigated; 9:19 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:20 p.m.: medical/overdose (Condon Drive); 9:51-11:55 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

12:00-12:11 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:13 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 12:25-2:18 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 4:02 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 6:24 a.m.: building checked, secure; 6:38 a.m.: mv stop (Charlton Road); 6:53 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address/2; 7:42 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 8:01 a.m.: officer wanted (Fourth Avenue), escort request; 8:06 a.m.: disabled mv (Holmes Street), assisted; 8:11 a.m.: officer wanted (Pleasant Street), tenant dispute; 9:00 a.m.: medical/general (Smithville Road), lift assist; 9:24 a.m.: medical/general (Northwest Road); 10:36 a.m.: residential fire (Greenville Street), services rendered; 11:00 a.m.: 209A service (West Main Street); 11:51 a.m.: school alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 12:51 p.m.: officer wanted (Smithville Road), info taken; 1:26 p.m.: mv stop (Chestnut Street); 2:13 p.m.: animal complaint (North Spencer Road), bear in area; 3:08 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Rutland PD bolo; 3:38 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 4:28 p.m.: harassment prevention order service (Grove Street); 4:47 p.m.: mutual aid (Bacon Hill Road), welfare check; 5:03 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 5:40 p.m.: disturbance (Kingsbury Road), gunshots heard; 6:35 p.m.: medical/general (Salem Street); 6:57 p.m.: commercial alarm (Meadow Road), services rendered; 7:08 p.m.: mv complaint (Charlton Road), erratic oper-

ation; 10:02 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21  
12:01-12:32 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:37 a.m.: mv stop (Crestview Drive); 12:47-12:49 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:54 a.m.: mv stop (May Street); 12:57 a.m.: parking violation (Bixby Road), ticket issued; 1:00 a.m.: medical/general (Vista Lane); 1:38-3:11 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 3:12-3:15 a.m.: parking violations (Mechanic, Elm streets), tickets issued; 6:48 a.m.: warrant service (Firsts Street), Stacy M. Janke, 48, 7 First Street, Spencer, warrant, arrest; sometime between 9:38-10:30 a.m.: entire incident, including time, redacted from police log; 10:48 a.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 11:04 a.m.: fraud (Chickering Road), info taken; 11:19 a.m.: animal complaint (Wilson Street), fox in yard; 11:32 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 11:39 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 1:01 p.m.: medical/general (Pearl Street); 1:12 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Hardwick PD bolo; 1:56 p.m.: school alarm (Ash Street), services rendered; 2:33 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 2:35 p.m.: school alarm (Ash Street), services rendered; 3:09 p.m.: medical/general (Cherry Street); 4:21 p.m.: 209A service (Chestnut Street); 4:24 p.m.: animal complaint (Chestnut Street), dog left in mv; 4:47 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), speeding; 5:04 p.m.: accident (South Spencer Road), report taken;

6:08 p.m.: mv complaint (Greenville Street), erratic operation; 6:35 p.m.: elderly matter (Lincoln Street), unwanted party; 7:56 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Pauls Drive), open line; 8:31-8:48 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:54 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 9:07 p.m.: disturbance (Pleasant Street), no response; 9:53 p.m.: animal complaint (Mechanic Street), loose dog; 10:03 p.m.: mv complaint (North Spencer Road), erratic operation.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22  
12:17-12:46 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:50 a.m.: parking violation (Mechanic Street), ticket issued; 1:01 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 1:07 a.m.: parking violation (Main Street), ticket issued; 1:12 a.m.: building checked, secure; 1:12 a.m.: parking violation (Main Street), ticket issued; 1:24 a.m.: building checked, secure; 1:26 a.m.: medical/general Main Street; 1:55 a.m.: parking violation (Grove Street), ticket issued; 1:59 a.m.: mv stop (Meadow Road); 2:00 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 2:14 a.m.: building checked, secure; 2:17 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 3:14 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 3:30 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 3:50 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 4:01 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 10:16 a.m.: building checked, secure; 12:35 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 1:05 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 1:29 p.m.: medical/overdose (Bacon Hill Road); sometime between



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1:29-2:14 p.m.: entire incident, including time, redacted from police log; 3:10 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 3:16 p.m.: suspicious persons (Howe Road), investigated; 3:53 p.m.: elderly matter (Lincoln Street), info taken; 4:45 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operation; 5:26 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 5:28 p.m.: mv stop (Mechanic Street); 5:41 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 5:48 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 6:01 p.m.: mv stop (Wets Main Street); 6:08 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 6:13 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 6:18 p.m.: mv complaint (Chestnut Street), blocking intersection; 6:20 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Auburn PD bolo; 6:27 p.m.: buiding checked, secure; 9:01 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 9:34 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 9:42-9:50 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:59 p.m.: suspicious mv (Paxton Road), investigated; 10:01 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 10:04 p.m.: building checked, secure; 10:12 p.m.: mv stop (Wall Street); 10:15 p.m.: building checked, secure; 10:16 p.m.: medical/general (Grove Street); 10:29 p.m.: elderly matter (Lincoln Street), tenant issue; 10:33 p.m.: 911 call (Charlton Road), misdial.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23  
12:11 a.m.: fire alarm (Whittemore Court), services rendered; 12:26-12:59 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:01 a.m.: medical/general (Grove Street); 1:15-1:53 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 7:04 a.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 9:20 a.m.: building checked, secure; 9:48 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 9:51 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 10:11 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 10:21 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 10:37 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), info taken; 11:01 a.m.: mv stop (Paxton Road); 11:28 a.m.: mv complaint (North Spencer Road), erratic operation; 11:37 a.m. mv stop (North Specer Road); 11:55 a.m.: mv stop (Paxton Road); 11:59 a.m.: suspicious mv (North Spencer Road), investigated; 12:21 p.m.: mv stop (Meadow Road); 1:22 p.m.: 911 call (Main Street), accidental; 1:57 p.m.: building checked, secure; 2:45 p.m.: animal complaint (Valley Street), dog bite; 3:17 p.m.: officer wanted (Gold Nugget Road), welfare check; 3:35 p.m.: mv stop (South Spencer Road); 3:39 p.m.: mv stop (West Main Street); 3:46 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 4:09 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 4:25 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 4:26 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street); 4:34 p.m.: mv stop (West Main Street); 4:55 p.m.: fire/rescue (Brooks Pond Road), party through ice; 6:03 p.m.: medical/general (Grove Street); 6:11 p.m.: medical/overdose (Bacon Hill Road); 6:36 p.m.: medical/general (Grant Street); 7:26 p.m.: medical/general (Adams Street); 7:57 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), welfare check; 8:59-9:07 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:46 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 9:59 p.m.: mv stop (West Main Street); 10:11 p.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 10:18 p.m.: suspicious mv (Lincoln Street), investigated.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24  
1:23-2:34 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 5:21 a.m.: commercial alarm (Meadow Road), services rendered; 6:09 a.m.: mutual aid (Main Street), Worcester PD bolo; 7:33 a.m.: medical/general (Paxton Drive); 7:56 a.m.: sex offender registration (West Main Street), assisted; 8:32 a.m.: mv sstop (Main Street); 9:19 a.m.: disturbance (Main Street), disruptive customer; 10:36 a.m.: animal complaint (Paxton Road), loose dog; 10:51 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 10:53 a.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 11:02 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 11:16 a.m.: mv stop (Greenville Street); 11:21 a.m. mv stop (Main Street); 11:45 a.m.: fraud (Delude Avenue), unauthorized use SS number; 11:45 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 11:48 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), Harrington CT down; 12:02 p.m.: mv stop (Church Street); 12:04 p.m.: mv stop (Maple Street); 12:17 p.m.: mv stop (Maple Street); 12:28 p.m.: 209A service (West Main Street); 12:52 p.m.: medical/sudden death (Wall Street), welfare check; 2:49 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Smithville Road), child w/phone; 3:35 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 3:35 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), assisted party; 3:46 p.m.: mv stop (Water Street); 4:12 p.m.: mv stop (West Main Street); 4:18 p.m.: mv complaint (Charlton Road), speeding; 4:21 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 4:36 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 5:22 p.m.: juvenile matter (Adams Street), kids on ice; 5:25 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 5:27 p.m.: FID card issued (West Main Street), assisted; 5:27 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 5:34 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street); 5:39 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 5:51 p.m.: officer wanted (Howe Road), traffic impediment; 6:56 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 7:40 p.m.: officer wanted (Wst Main Street), spoken to; 8:19 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 8:23 p.m.: suspicious mv (Howe Road), investigated; 8:47 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 9:07 p.m.: buildngs checked, secure; 9:07 p.m.: suspicious mv (Smithville Road), info taken; 9:23 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 9:26 p.m.: mv stop (North Spencer Road);

9:41 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 9:52 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 10:09 p.m.: mv stop (Mechanic Street), Robert Dewayne Kyser, Jr., 36, 41 Mechanic Street, Spencer, op w/suspended license, arrest; 11:20 p.m.: mv complaint (West Main Street), erratic operation; 11:56 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street).  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25  
12:02-12:28 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:29 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 12:36-12:38 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:43 a.m.: mv stop (West Main Street); 1:27-1:52 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 5:42 a.m.: mv stop (North Spencer Road); 5:48 a.m.: mv stop (North Spencer Road); 7:00 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), open line; 7:34 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 7:43 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 8:15 a.m.: mv stop (Paxton Road); 9:15 a.m.: residential alarm (G.H. Wilson Road), services rendered; 10:24 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 10:41 a.m.: officer wanted (Gold Nugget Road), guardrail damaged; 11:14 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 11:30 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 11:32 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 11:46 p.m.: mv stop (Maple Street); 11:51 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 11:52 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street); 11:56 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 12:07 p.m.: accident (West Main Street), report taken; 12:37 p.m.: animal complaint (South Spencer Road), info taken; 1:01 p.m.: 911 call (Condon Drive), misdial; 2:38 p.m.: sex offender registration (West Main Street), assisted; 2:48 p.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 3:27 p.m.: mv complaint (Oak Lane), UPS driver damaged lawn; 3:44 p.m.: animal coplaint (Church Street), stray cat; 4:04 p.m.: suspicious persons (Pond Street), investigated; 4:30 p.m.: mv stop (North Brookfield Road); 4:51 p.m.: animal complaint (Cherry Street), stray kitten; 4:51 p.m.: juvenile matter (Charlton Road), assisted; 6:14 p.m.: juvenile matter (Main Street), skateboarders; 7:20 p.m.: disturbance (Mechanic Street), domestic; 7:40 p.m.: officer wanted (Brooks Pond Road), spoken to; 8:39 p.m.: mv lockout (West Main Street), assisted; 10:12 p.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 10:19 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), assisted; 10:39-11:59 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20  
12:23 a.m.: mv stop (Auburn Street), verbal warning; 8:55 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 9:14 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), mv towed; 9:17 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 9:38 a.m.: mv stop (Chapel Street), written warning; 12:13 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), verbal warning; 1:48 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 1:56 p.m.: welfare check (Main Street), assisted; 2:00 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 2:39 p.m.: erratic operation (Huntoon Memorial Highway), message delivered; 3:31 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), verbal warning; 3:40 p.m.: malicious mischief (Main Street), report taken; 5:12 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), verbal warning; 5:25 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), verbal warning; 5:41 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), name and address redacted from police log, negligent operation, marked lanes violation, unsafe operation, citation issued; 5:47 p.m.: assist other PD (Greenville Street), services rendered; 6:14 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Hospital), transported; 8:17 p.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), verbal warning; 9:47 p.m.: welfare check (Huntoon Memorial Highway), gone on arrival; 9:57 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), no action required; 11:11 p.m.: civil dispute (Main Street), unable to locate.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21  
4:55 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 10:33 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 11:09 a.m.: ambulance (South Main Street), transported; 1:32 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 1:36 p.m.: assist other agency (Craig Street), services rendered; 2:53 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), no action required; 4:01 p.m.: welfare check (Burncoat Lane), report taken; 4:14 p.m.: investigation (South Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, uttering a false check, larceny under \$1200, services rendered; 4:31 p.m.: ambulance (Burncoat Lane), transported; 5:26 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 5:35 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 5:59 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 6:08 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 6:10 p.m. civil dispute (Baldwin Street), advised civil action; 6:18 p.m.: ambulance (Lakeview Drive), transported; 6:22 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citaton issued; 6:54 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 7:01 p.m.: neighbor dispute (Main Street), peace restored; 11:57 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22  
12:54 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Sreet), verbal warning; 1:31 a.m.: mv sp (Stafford Street), written warning; 1:43 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 1:56 a.m.: suspicious person (Stafford Street), transported; 2:16 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), Shawn Jeremie Salomon, 30, 109 Endicott

Street, #3, Worcester, OUI liquor, negligent operation, unlicensed operation, marked lanes violation, mv lights violation, failure to appear upon recognizance, arrest; 8:58 a.m.: fraud (South Main Street), report taken; 10:46 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 11:01 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 11:04 a.m.: investigation (Towtaid Street), services rendered; 11:07 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 11:32 a.m.: summons service (Burncoat Lane), served; 12:46 p.m.: disabled mv (South Main Street), unable to locate; 3:27 p.m.: assist other PD (no location specified), unable to locate; 3:46 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 3:56 p.m.: investigation (Towtaid Street), services rendered; 4:02 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 4:20 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 4:37 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 4:39 p.m.: mv stop (Pine Street), citation issued; 4:48 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 4:57 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 5:34 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 5:52 p.m.: mv stop (River Street), written warning; 6:01 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), verbal warning; 8:00 p.m.: investigation (Towtaid Street), services rendered.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23  
12:37 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 1:13 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 1:54 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), Dwight L. Burrell, 34, 26 Malvern Road, #2, Worcester, op w/license suspended for OUI, refusing to identify self, speeding, failure to appear upon recognizance, arrest; 2:17 a.m.: warrant service (South Main Street), Shaquill Rashard Burrell, 26, 33 Everard Street, #6, Worcester, failure to appear upon recognizance, arrest; 9:21 a.m.: fire/boiler proble (Peter Salem Road), services rendered; 10:25 a.m.: ambulance (Tanglewood Road), transported; 11:23 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 11:34 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 11:44 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), written warning; 11:59 a.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive), name and address redacted from police log, shoplifting by asportation, larceny under \$1200 by false pretense, criminal application issued; 12:46 p.m.: ambulance (Burncoat Lane), transported; 3:36 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 3:54 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 4:06 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 4:08 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 4:30 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), written warning; 4:34 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 4:45 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 5:16 p.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), verbal warning; 5:25 p.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), written warning; 5:56 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 6:10 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 6:32 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), citation issued; 8:09 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), name and address redacted from police log, mv lights violation, unlicensed operation, criminal application issued; 8:20 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 8:41 p.m.: assist other PD (Mayflower Road), message delivered; 8:44 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Henshaw Street), services rendered; 9:24 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), no charges deatailed on police log, criminal application issued.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24  
1:07 a.m.: ambulance (Charlton Street), transported; 2:45 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 7:37 a.m.: investigation (Paxton Street), services rendered; 8:14 a.m.: investigation (Town Beach Road), services rendered; 8:25 a.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 8:49 a.m.: ambulance (Virginia Drive), transported; 9:17 a.m.: assist other agency (Shelter Ridge Road), no action required; 9:31 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), citation issued; 10:12 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 10:16 a.m.: mv stop (Soojians Drive), no action required; 10:19 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), written warning; 10:27 a.m.: assist citizen (Main Street); 10:32 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), written warning; 12:20 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 12:28 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), written warning; 12:36 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 12:59 p.m.: ambulance (Virginia Drive), services rendered; 1:03 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), written warning; 1:51 p.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), verbal warning; 1:54 p.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), message delivered; 3:49 p.m.: mv stop (Flint Way), written warning; 3:51 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 4:00 p.m.: parking complaint (Washburn Square), citation issued; 4:06 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), unable to locate; 4:12 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 4:17 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 4:22 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 4:33 p.m.: mv stop (Henshaw Street), written warning; 4:43 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 4:56 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 5:05 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), mv towed; 5:09 p.m.: mv stop

(Staffod Street), cition issued; 5:21 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 5:27 p.m.: assist other PD (Main Street), services rendered; 5:40 p.m.: structure fire (Glen Ellen Lane), services rendered; 7:02 p.m.: fire/brush/grass (River Street), services rendered; 7:51 p.m.: ambulance (Rawson Street), transported; 8:27 p.m.: suspicious person (Stafford Street), spoken to.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25  
1:17 a.m.: welfare check (Parker Street), transported; 1:34 p.m.: suspicious mv (Whittemore Street), investigated; 7:02 a.m.: ambulance (Carleton Road), transported; 8:32 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), written warning; 8:52 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), written warning; 9:06 a.m.: mv stop (Hankey Street), citation issued; 9:26 a.m. mv stop (Pine Street), written warning; 9:34 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), written warning; 9:40 a.m. mv stop (Pleasant Street), no action required; 9:46 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street) written warning; 10:05 a.m.: mv stop (River Street), no action required 10:09 a.m.: mv stop (River Street), no action required; 10:28 a.m.: mv stop (Mulberry Street), written warning; 10:40 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), written warning; 10:42 a.m.: mv stop (Marshall Street), citation issued; 10:51 a.m.: mv stop (Marshall Street), citation issued; 11:26 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 11:47 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), written warning; 11:49 a.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street), transported; 1:17 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), verbal warning; 1:29 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 1:52 p.m.: mv stop (Hyland Avenue), citation issued; 2:14 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), written warning; 2:14 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), verbal warning; 2:40 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), assistd; 3:37 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 3:54 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), written warning; 4:39 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 4:52 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 5:11 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 5:26 p.m.: suspicious person (Bond Street), Gregory R. Taylor, 44, 6 Farmington Street, Worcester, breaking & entering in the daytime to commit a felony/putting a person in fear; violating abuse prevention order; resisting arrest; possession of burglary tools, arrest; 8:56 p.m.: assist other PD (West Street), services rendered; 8:57 p.m.: investigation (South Main Street), services rendered; 9:52 p.m.: assist other PD (South Main Street), no action required; 11:10 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26  
3:24 a.m.: mutual aid (Wilson Street, Spencer), transported to hospital; 8:40 a.m.: animal complaint (Bond Street), unable to locate; 9:31 a.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), written warning; 10:20 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), citation issued; 10:24 a.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), mv towed; 10:27 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), no action required; 10:32 a.m.: investigation (Main Street), services rendered; 10:37 a.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), citation issued; 11:01 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), no action required; 11:13 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 11:16 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), no action required; 11:24 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), mv towed; 11:25 a.m.: ambulance (Pine Street), transported; 12:37 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 12:55 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), written warning; 1:12 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), citation issued; 1:21 p.m.: property found (Watch Street), report taken; 1:25 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 1:29 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 1:35 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 1:52 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 2:05 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 3:16 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 3:20 p.m.: investigation (Burncoat Lane), services rendered; 3:27 p.m.: assist citizen (Main Street), services rendered; 5:02 p.m.: welfare check (Baldwin Street), investigated; 5:05 p.m.: fire/CO detector (Gleason Way), services rendered; 5:52 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 6:57 p.m.: ambulance (Henshaw Street), transported.

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from smoking related illnesses so I guess since they all don't die of smoking, smoking doesn't kill (some get in car accidents or die of unrelated things sooner). He said that condoms were "very, very poor" at protecting against STD's and adding that "the only truly safe sex is no sex". He denies that climate change is a threat. In 2015, while governor of Indiana, there was an HIV outbreak that according to the New England Journal of Medicine wouldn't have ocured had the state not banned syringe exchanges. Pence initially rejected the pleadings of health officials to allow needle exchanges but "after praying on it" as the crisis' body count piled up allowed them.

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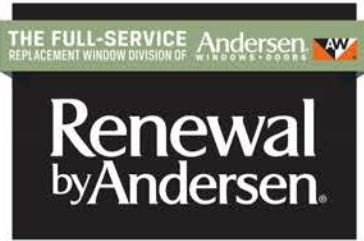
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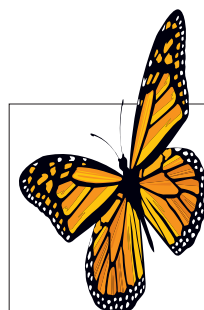
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Welcome March! I feel like it came in like a lion on Sunday as it was sooooo cold and windy!

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Save the date for Saturday March 14 from noon-8 pm for **EB FLATT'S All-U-Can Eat Corned Beef and Cabbage Fest!** Their regular menu will be limited during those hours but who doesn't like CB&C! They are only open Tuesday, March 17 for breakfast, so satisfy your St. Patty's Day appetite early and join them on the 14th!

Then continue the St. Patrick's Day party at **308 LAKESIDE** from March 15-March 17 with Irish Food Specials and Irish Music on the 17th. East Brookfield sure knows how to celebrate this *luck of the Irish day!*

Check out our Home & Auto Directory for spring businesses coming back! Welcome back **GARY'S GUTTERS** in Cherry Valley. He is offering 50% off gutter guards or a free spring cleaning with gutter installation when you mention the ad. They do gutters installation, cleaning, and repairs.

Also welcome back **A. EAGLE GUTTERS**, an A+ BBB accredited business. Visit aeaglegutters.com or find contact info in their ad in the Home & Auto Directory. More spring businesses will be back in upcoming weeks.

Need tree work done? **MCNEELY TREE SERVICE** in our Local Service Providers directory can get the job done! See the ad for all their services and contact info. I've seen the good work that they do. They also sell cordwood...\$180/cord with a 2 cord minimum.

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# OBITUARIES

## Warren A. Wilson Sr., 70



SPENCER – Warren A. Wilson Sr., 70, of Chestnut Street, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester surrounded by his family. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Patricia A. (Wozniak) Wilson of Spencer; two children, Tammy M. Twomey and her

husband Tim of Oxford, and Joseph “Joey” P. Wilson and his wife Janet of Spencer; five grandchildren, Glen, Todd, Nick, Kayla, and Cassie; four great-grandchildren, Elizabeth, Lillian, Damien, and Kaden; and many nephews and nieces. He was predeceased by a son, Warren A. Wilson Jr. who died in 1972; a sister, Barbara A. Delisle who died in 2017; and a brother, Kenneth R. Wilson who died in 2020. He was born in Worcester, son of the late Clifford R. Wilson and Floris M.

(Perron) Gebo, and was a lifelong resident of Spencer. Mr. Wilson was a security guard at Lusignan Security in Worcester for 20 years. In addition, he enjoyed working with his brother at his video stores in Uxbridge and Leicester. He played in the pitch league at the Spencer American Legion, and enjoyed going to Foxwoods, playing Keno, riding motorcycles, and going to car shows. Most of all he enjoyed spending time with his family.

Memorial calling hours were Tuesday, March 3, 2020, from 4-6 p.m. at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. A prayer service was held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday at the conclusion of the calling hours. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701.

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# LEGALS

### Notice of Public Hearing

The North Brookfield Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 7:15PM at the Senior Center, 29 Forest St., North Brookfield, MA. Public opinion will be received regarding amending the Zoning Bylaw. The following changes are proposed: Section IV. Use Regulations: Add Table 2 – Reference Table of Uses by District (two page table, to become pages 18&19), Section IV.E.4.b. Cafes and Restaurants less than 2000SF, Section IV.E.5.d. Restaurants and Cafes greater than 2000SF, Section IV.E.6.a. Retail operations with more than 4,000 SF of gross floor area on any individual floor, Section IV.E.8.c.(2) Off street parking shall be within five hundred (500) feet of the property for which it is being requested. Proposed changes to the Zoning Map are being made for the Industrial District at the junction of Union St./Summer St., change to R-11 and two properties in R66 District located near intersection of East Brookfield Rd. and Slab City Rd., change to new district to be Business General 2(BG2). Any person interested in or wishing to be heard should appear at the above stated time and place. A copy of the proposed bylaw and map amendments is on file in the office of the Town Clerk, 215 North Main St., North Brookfield, MA. William King, Chair February 28, 2020 March 6, 2020

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### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE DEP File No. TBD

The East Brookfield Conservation Commission, in accordance with M.G.L. c. 131, §40, will hold the following Public Hearing related to the proposed work within a wetland, waterbody, or resource area and/or within the 100-foot buffer zone to a wetland, waterbody, or resource area on: **March 17, 2020 at 7:30 PM in the Memorial Town Complex.** This Public Hearing is in regards to the proposed management of aquatic invasive plant species in Lake Lashaway, submitted by ESS Group, Inc. on behalf of the Lake Lashaway Community Association. Any person interested in or wishing to be heard on this request should appear at the time and place designated. Copies of the above noted submittal are available for review at the East Brookfield Town Clerk's Office. Submitted by: EAST BROOKFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION DATE: March 2, 2020 March 6, 2020

### Legal Notice FY2021 SCHOOL BUDGET

Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District FY2021 School Budget. The Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School Committee, in compliance with Massachusetts General Law on the proposed FY2021 School Budget on Tuesday, March 11, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., in the Auditorium at Wire Village School, 60 Paxton Road, Spencer, MA. Immediately following the hearing, there will be an open discussion of the budget. Copies of the budget are available for examination at the Office of the Superintendent, 306 Main Street, Spencer, MA, and on the District's website: [www.sebrsd.org](http://www.sebrsd.org). Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School Committee February 19, 2020 February 28, 2020 March 6, 2020

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### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT 20 SM 000877 DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT ORDER OF NOTICE

TO: **Jason Rubin and Jackie Lee Rubin** and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (*et seq*) PennyMac Loan Services, LLC claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Spencer,

numbered 63 Cherry Street, given by Jason Rubin and Jackie Lee Rubin to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Residential Mortgage Services, Inc., dated August 11, 2017, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 57565, Page 200, and now held by Plaintiff by assignment, have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before April 6, 2020 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act. Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on February 18, 2020 Attest: Deborah J. Patterson Recorder March 6, 2020

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
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Worcester Probate and Family Court  
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Docket No. WO20P0528EA  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR  
FORMAL ADJUDICATION  
Estate of:  
Richard A Standish  
Date of Death: 07/08/2019**

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Sandra L Standish of Spencer MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner Requests that: **Sandra L Standish of Spencer MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 03/17/2020.** This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the

Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court. Date: February 20, 2020

Stephanie K. Fattman,

Register of Probate  
March 6, 2020

### TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Brookfield Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing to consider a petition to locate poles, wires, cables, and fixtures, including the necessary anchors, guys, and other such sustaining and protecting fixtures, brought before it by National Grid Tuesday, March 31, 2020 at 6:30 PM at the Senior Center, 29 Forest Street, North Brookfield, MA 01535. The pole location that will be considered is as follows: Donovan Road – National Grid to install 1 SO Pole on Donovan Road beginning at a point approximately 105' feet east of the centerline of the intersection of Town Farm Road and Donovan Road. National Grid will install new Pole 4-50 on Donovan Road. Said hearing will begin at 6:30 PM and continue until completion, and will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 166. Dale R Kiley, Chairman Jason M Petraitis John H Tripp March 6, 2020 March 13, 2020

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# OBITUARIES

## Robert A. “Smokey” Stoever, Sr., 88



**SOUTHBRIDGE/CHARLTON-** Robert A. “Smokey” Stoever, Sr., 88, a former longtime resident of Southbridge, died Wednesday, February 26, 2020, at The Overlook in Charlton. He leaves his wife of 59 years, Wilma M. (Castleman) Stoever. They were married January 7, 1961. Besides his wife he leaves 8 children. 5 sons: Richard Brian and his wife Dara of Putnam, CT., Robert A. Stoever, Jr. and his wife Susan of Southbridge, John Stoever and his wife Paula of Southbridge, Michael Stoever of Southbridge, Mark Stoever and his wife Darlene of Sterling, and 3 daughters Bonita Stinson and her husband Jeff of Gig Harbor, WA, Terri Gough of Charlton, and MaryAnn Wood of Leicester.

He also leaves 16 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren, a brother Glen Stoever and his wife Susan of Minnesota, and 2 sisters Barbara Williams and her husband Jim of Sioux Falls, SD, and Joanne Johnson and her husband Mel, of Worthington, MN, a sister-in-law Barbara Eigenberg of Worthington, MN, many nieces and nephews.

He was born in Heron Lake, MN, son of the late Albert and Grace (Lamaack) Stoever. He was pre-deceased by his brother Russell Stoever. He spent all his early years farming until being drafted to serve in the Korean War at the age of 17.

He then reenlisted and began a long successful career in the United States Army. A veteran of the Vietnam War, and later as an Officer, Robert served our country for a combined 22 years earning several medals and recogni-

tions for his time working in several capacities, including as a Military Police Officer. His last post was in Military Recruiting which brought he and his family to Southbridge in 1971.

Retiring from the Army in 1972, Robert then began a second 20+ year career as a Campus Police Officer for Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, MA. He enjoyed spending time with his family most but as an outdoorsman, he liked to hunt and fish. After retiring for the second time, he and his wife Wilma moved to Dade City, Florida where he began splitting his fan allegiance between the Boston Red Sox and Tampa Bay Rays. They enjoyed 24 more wonderful years of new and old friendships, before returning home to Massachusetts to be surrounded by their family.

Robert lived his life to the fullest, and was loved by many, a testament to the integrity and passions that guided him.

His values and ideals have left an indelible impression on his family and all those who knew him.

The family would like to thank all the staff at Overlook for their kindness, care and compassion, especially Kelly and the team on the 4th floor.

In lieu of flowers, the family would like memorial donations be made to the Ounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8516 and Alzheimer's Support Network, P.O. Box 839, Southbridge, MA 01550.

Calling hours will be Friday, March 6, 2020, from 5 to 7PM at Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge, MA 01550. Burial will be private. [www.sansoucyfuneral.com](http://www.sansoucyfuneral.com)



## Donald R. Branconnier, 82



**CHARLTON-** Donald R. Branconnier, 82, of 72 Sturbridge Rd., died Wednesday, Feb. 26 in UMASS Memorial Medical Center, Worcester.

He leaves his wife of 61 years, Chizuko (Nishiyama) Branconnier, a son Donald L. Branconnier of Winchendon, a daughter Patricia A. Coran and her husband Neil of Spencer, his sister Janet Sanders of Shrewsbury, three brothers William, Normand and Robert Smith of Worcester, several grand and great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Born in Spencer, he was the son of Edmond and Ida (Dalbec) Branconnier and later graduated from Commerce High in Worcester. He then served his

country with the U.S. Marine Corps and U.S. Army during the Korean War.

Don was a real estate agent for Coldwell Banker in Sturbridge prior to retirement. He also managed several area businesses over the years.

Private graveside services will be held at the convenience of the family in Worcester County Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Veterans, Inc., 69 Grove St., Worcester, Ma. 01605.

**J.HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 MAPLE TERR., SPENCER** is directing arrangements for the family.

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## Dorothy C. Poulin, 83



**AUBURN-** Dorothy C. (Kniskern) Poulin, 83, died peacefully in her home on Saturday, February 29, 2020 after a short illness.

She is survived by her daughter Ann Marie Shea and her husband Joseph of Spencer; a son James and his wife Jacqueline of Auburn; sisters Shirley Rodgers of Shrewsbury and Patricia Martin of Thetford VT and her companion George Roberts of Auburn. She leaves a legacy of 11 grandchildren; 9 great grandchildren; many nieces & nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband Robert G. Poulin, Sr.; a daughter Debra Cogoli; a son Robert

G. Poulin, Jr. and a brother Robert Kniskern of Millbury.

Dorothy was born in Worcester and worked for many years as a Nursing Assistant at the Masonic Nursing Home and other area nursing homes. She was a longtime member of the Chester P. Tuttle American Legion Post 279 in Auburn. In her earlier days she enjoyed square dancing and was a round dance caller. She loved camping, traveling, playing cards, arts and crafts, and collecting various items. She will be greatly missed by everyone.

The funeral for Dorothy was held on Thursday, March 5, 2020 at 11:30am in Pillsbury Funeral Home 44 Gilbert St. North Brookfield. A calling hour was held from 10:30-11:30am prior to the funeral. Burial will follow in Worcester County Memorial Park in Paxton.



**Massachusetts,** Tito Rodriquez and Maritza Santana of Puerto Rico, Luis Santana of New Hampshire, and Guillermo Santana of Puerto Rico. Predeceased by Rachel Pagan, Antonio Flores, Roberto Flores, Carmelo Aponte, and Marilu Santana. Beloved godfather, survived by Christina Ramirez; beloved grandfather, survived by 3 grandchildren; beloved uncle survived by many nieces and nephews.

Private funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street Webster, MA.

A guest book is available at [www.shaw-majercik.com](http://www.shaw-majercik.com) where you may post a message of comfort, share a fond memory or light a candle in remembrance of Rudy.



**AUBURN -** Rudy Santana, age 56, was found deceased in his home on Thursday, February 20, 2020.

Rudy was born in Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico on September 26, 1963. Son of predeceased father, Luis Santana and mother, Ana Luisa Pagan.

He served honorably as a member of the United States Air Force until 1982. After serving, he lived in New York and worked as an IBM Sales Technician. In 1993 Rudy moved to Auburn MA, where he owned and operated PC Solutions for many years.

Rudy had an extensive wine collection, loved watching movies, enjoyed music, and had a great sense of humor.

Beloved father, survived by his two daughters Maria Judith Maury of Leicester, MA and Laura Marie Santana of Philadelphia, PA.

Beloved brother, survived by Mister Santana of Florida, Maribel Santana and Marisol Zambrano of

## Dawn E. LaPorte, 60

**SPENCER-** Dawn E. (Barre) LaPorte, 60, of 40 Wall Street, died suddenly, Monday, Feb. 24 at her home.

She leaves her daughter Renee L. Miville and her husband Brian of Concord, NH., her sisters Gale M. Leas and her husband Richard of No. Brookfield and Lois E. Leas and her husband Gene of Ware, her brother Harvey W. Barre, Jr. and his longtime partner Vannessa Belisle of W. Brookfield, nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by a sister Lynn F. Barre.

Born in Worcester, she was the

daughter of Harvey W. and Betty M. (Arsenault) Barre.

Graveside services were held on Monday, March 2nd. at 12:30 p.m. in Mary, Queen of the Rosary Cemetery, Spencer. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Second Chance Animal Services, P.O. Box 136, E. Brookfield, MA 01515. **J.HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr.,** Spencer is directing arrangements for the family.

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## Barbara Ann Knight, 52



**Barbara Ann Knight, 52** of Simpsonville, South Carolina, passed away on Tuesday 31, 2020.

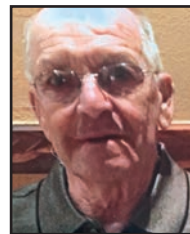
Barbara is survived by her parents, Harold and Josephine Cortis; sister, Suzanne Robinson, nieces, Katelyn Pearson, Kelsey Maddy-Smith, Madison Robinson; nephew, Zachary

Robinson;

And fur babies, Bella and Tortellini. Barabara was preceded in death by her mother Janet Cortis.

Barbara loved going to amusement parks, shopping, home décor, and spending time with her family and pets. She also enjoyed watching the home and garden channel and her love for iced coffee. She will be remembered for her joyous laugh and her love for her family.

## Alvin Leo Paquette, 85



**WEST BROOKFIELD-** Alvin Leo Paquette, 85, passed away on Monday, March 2, 2020 after a brief illness. He was born to the late Andrew and Stella Paquette on

November 1, 1934 in West Brookfield. He was preceded in death by his loving spouse of sixty years, Janice Paquette. He leaves behind three children – son Glenn Paquette and his partner Heather Aitchison of Ware, son Derek Paquette and his wife Kathleen of Madison, Alabama and daughter Denise Paquette-Vlass and her husband Hal of Shrewsbury, along with seven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Alvin attended Warren High School and served in the Army in Germany after World War II. He was self-em-

ployed as a mason for his entire life and loved to build furniture in his spare time. He was a lifelong communicant of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish in West Brookfield and found great joy in his children and many grandchildren and great grandchildren. He also enjoyed camping in Rhode Island and vacationing in Key West, Florida each year and was an avid hunter and turkey shoot enthusiast.

Friends and family were invited to attend calling hours on Thursday, March 5, 2020 from 5-7pm. in Pillsbury Funeral Home 3 West Brookfield Road, Brookfield. The funeral will be held on Friday with a Mass at 11:00AM in the Sacred Heart Church, 22 West Main St. West Brookfield. Burial will be in the parish cemetery. The family is eternally grateful to all who cared for and visited Alvin during his final months and respectfully requests in lieu of flowers please consider a donation to the American Cancer Society.

## Earl Eugene Duncan Sr., 78



**BRIMFIELD-** Earl Eugene Duncan Sr., 78, a long-time resident of Brimfield, passed away on Saturday, February 29, 2020 surrounded by his loving family. He was born in May of 1941, in Eskdale,

West Virginia, the son of William Harold and Maggie Lee (Sutphin) Duncan. He worked as a printer for almost 40 years in the textile industry at Stafford Printers as a Full Fledge Union Printer and Warren Woolen as a Manufacturing Laborer. He went on to retire at the age 58 to spend his remaining years working on small engines, automobiles, his flower garden, feeding the local birds and collecting clocks, most of all he loved spending time with his family. For his 75th birthday, his four children gifted him with a ten-day RV road trip, ending in his home state of West Virginia. One of the most memorable stops along the way was in Memphis to visit Graceland in remembrance of his beloved wife Betty May “Tootsie” (Scott) Duncan, who predeceased him in August 1999. Earl will be deeply missed by his four children; a daughter, Brenda Fillion and her husband Jocelyn of Warren, MA; and three sons, Earl E. Duncan Jr. and

his wife Marguerite of Millbury, MA; William Duncan and his wife Kathleen of Warren, MA; and Scott Duncan Sr. and his wife Denise of Warren, MA. He leaves nine grandchildren of whom he was very proud; Joseph, Ashlee, Earl III, Gianna, Sara, Jessica, Megan, Scott Jr., and Spencer. The youngest of 11 children, he is also survived by his older sister, Mary Louis Smith. Earl was a person whose presence filled up a room even though he was soft spoken. When he listened, it was with purpose, and when he spoke, you hung on to every word he said. He made you feel like the only person in a crowded room to give you kind advice, a helping hand, or to listen to your concerns. His demeanor was one to emulate and one to exemplify. All who met him will truly miss him. A service to remember Earl's life was held on Thursday, March 5th at 10:00 am at Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home, 1475 N. Main St, followed by burial in Brimfield Cemetery. Calling hours were on Wednesday from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. Memorial donations in Earl's memory may be made to either, The Brimfield Fire Dept., 34A Wales Rd., Brimfield, MA 01010 or The Warren Fire Dept., 1012 Main St., Warren, MA 01083. For more information or to sign the online guestbook, please visit [www.beersandstory.com](http://www.beersandstory.com).



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# CALENDAR

## Tuesday, March 10

SPENCER GARDEN CLUB: 1 p.m., East Brookfield Senior Center. Today's program will feature speaker Gail Hansche Goden, a nature photographer who will be giving a presentation about bluebirds. The public is welcome to attend.

## Wednesday, March 11

LEICESTER GARDEN CLUB: The Leicester Garden Club will hold their first meeting for 2020 at the Leicester Senior Center on March 11, at 7 p.m. The talk titled "Tick Talk" will be presented by Mark Blazis. Mark is a scientist, writer, sportsman and naturalist. He writes a column for the Worcester Telegram and Gazette and has a weekly cable television program on Charter Cable Network. You will learn all you need to know about the deer tick, its role in the spread now Lyme disease, and what you can do to prevent an encounter with ticks. With garden time fast approaching, this is a timely subject we all should be interested in. Everyone is invited and refreshments will be served.

## Thursday, March 12

LEICESTER KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FAMILY DINNER: 6 p.m., 91 Manville St., Leicester. Menu includes choice of corned beef or baked fish. Cost is \$12 and includes salad, rolls, entrée, dessert, and coffee or tea. Call for reservations by Wednesday, Marcy 11 at (508) 892-4528.

## Tuesday, March 17

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

## Wednesday, March 18

LEICESTER WOMAN'S CLUB: 11:30 a.m., Leicester Country Club. Program, "Surprising but True," will be presented by Dianne Taraz, singer, songwriter, and storyteller. Cost for

lunch is \$15. Call Maureen at (508) 864-6871 for reservations by Friday, March 13.

## Friday, April 10

12TH ANNUAL GOOD FRIDAY MEDITATION: 9 a.m.-3 p.m., St. John the Baptist Church, 121 Blaine Ave., East Brookfield. About an hour is the average time it takes to participate in this self-guided experience. You will wander at your own pace through a series of activities, reflections and Scripture to prompt an open heart to the living Gospel. Arrive at any time. Please enter from the front door. Otherwise, the handicapped entrance is from the parking lot behind the church. Stations of the Cross will be at St. Joseph's in North Brookfield at 3 p.m. A Good Friday service will be held at St. John the Baptist at 7 p.m. For more information, please contact St. John's at (508) 867-3738.

## ONGOING EVENTS

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

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

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 11:30 a.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.com.

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

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

IT'S A LUNCH DATE: The East Brookfield Baptist Church invites all senior citizens to a Community Lunch at 11:30 a.m. every second Thursday of the month in Fellowship Hall. A delicious lunch and great desserts will be served. Followed by a time of fellowship and games concluding with a devotional just before 2 p.m. Reservations are encouraged. Call (508) 867-7725.

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

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

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

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



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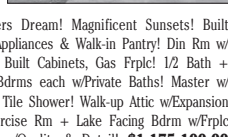
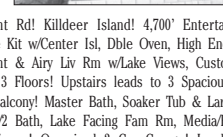
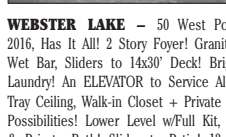
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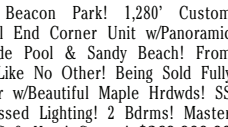
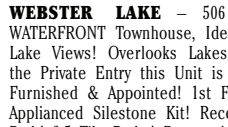
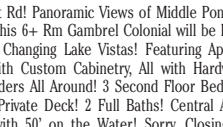
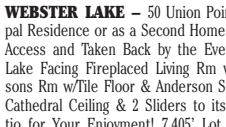
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Motivated Seller! Cape that has been completely re-modelled!, 3 Br, 1 bath, 1.7 acres. New kitchen cabinets w/granite counters and center island. New electrical/plumbing. Large Gambrel Post & Beam. 2 bay garage w/loft. New septic. **\$244,900**

#### WEBSTER - 14 HIGHCREST #4



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

#### CHARLTON - 51 GALE RD



Nice Country cape - with hugh attached 2 car garage! 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 Fireplaces, 3 season sunroom with attached deck Living room w/fireplace! 1st flr omce. Recent water filtration system, furnace, heater, and oil tank. Passed Title V, well okay. assisted sale **\$299,000.**

#### OXFORD - 47 HARWOOD ST



VERY Affordable 3 Bedroom RANCH Located on 8+ Acres Abutting the French River!! Great Spot for the Nature Enthusiast 3 bedroom, 1 bath, Fireplace, **\$209,900.**

#### WOODSTOCK, CT - 64 LYON HILL RD



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

#### WEBSTER/OXFORD/DUDLEY/DOUGLAS



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

#### THOMPSON, CT - 6 LILLIAN AVE, LOT #1



There is No Place Like Home! - beautiful newly constructed home! Split level style home has an attractive modern flared Open floor plan, cathedral ceilings, hardwood floors, tile floored baths, & master full bath w/extra wide shower & walk in closet, plus 2 more spacious BRs & a full hallway bath. 24' lower level family room, half bath w/laundry hookups! Two car garage! Central AC. **\$299,900.**

#### WEBSTER LAND - COOPER RD



Available 10,000+ sq. ft. of Land. Zoned Lake Residential. Potential to divide into 2 Buildable Lots. Town Water & Sewer Available. **\$49,000.**

On the shores of Lake Chargoggagoggmanchauggagoggchaubunagungamaugg



#### WEBSTER LAKE - 118 POINT BREEZE RD

Excellent Opportunity to Finally Own Your Own Webster Lake Waterfront Property! Prime Location, 5,697+- SF Lot, 50' Rd & Water Frontage at a Great Price! Contemporary Ranch offers 996+- SF of living area w/2 BRs & 2 full baths. Plus, convenient, indoor access to Walkout Lower Level w/tremendous potential for additional living area. Main level features Open Floor Plan w/sliders to full front deck! Spectacular Westerly views across Middle Pond! Additional land & shore frontage available. **NEW PRICE \$299,900**



#### WEBSTER LAKE - 32 JACKSON RD

AN INTRIGUING OPPORTUNITY TO OWN AN EXTREMELY UNIQUE 3.32 ACRE WEBSTER LAKE WATERFRONT PROPERTY! Charming, year-round, 2 BR, 2 bath Ranch, located at the Southern most end of Webster Lake's South Pond beyond Cedar Island! Extremely private w/direct Lake access. The home offers a full finished LL w/walkout access, a screened-in 18x20 patio, 18x26 det'd garage & 8x8 storage shed. Park like grounds! **New Price \$375,000**



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**WEBSTER, MA - \$1300/Mo.**  
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brand new appliances incl. W/D

**PENDING**

**New Construction**

**WEBSTER, MA - \$288,900**  
90-A Sutton Rd.  
3 Bedroom,  
Raised Ranch.

**PENDING**

**DUDLEY, MA - \$248,500**  
5 Fairview Ave  
Under Priced, Needs Work

**FEATURE PROPERTIES**

**SOLD!**

**OXFORD, MA - \$234,900**  
44 Depot Road  
3 Bedroom, Ranch. Recently Remodeled

**SOLD!**

**WEBSTER, MA - \$1000/mo**  
56 Chase Ave, Apt #2  
2-Family, Completely Renovated

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SUNDAY  
11-1**

**Dudley:** Neighborhood setting country feeling, 3 bedroom, fireplace, 25x 15 family room, new roof, electric. Hardwood floors throughout. 2-c-garage  
**12 Mill Rd - \$304,900**

**Woodstock, CT:** 21+ acres, cedar log home, 4 bedroom, private setting, surrounded by wildlife  
**480 Rte. 197**

**Paxton:** 3 outbuildings, 7 rooms, 3 bedrooms, 3 car garage, wide pine flooring, 1 acre  
**521 Pleasant St - \$264,900**

**Developers Opportunity for a 55+ Community in Dudley**

**Legacy Landing:** 8.61 acres, potential for 22 units. Town Services - water and sewer. Near golf course, shopping, college, highways.

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**SOUTHBRIDGE:** Royal Barry Wills Cape in exclusive Country Club neighborhood! Elegant 8 room 3 bed 3 1/2 bath home! This home was designed for entertaining! Formal dining room, formal living room with fireplace, open custom kitchen to dining area & wonderful family room with another fireplace! Off family room is oversized deck & enclosed sun filled porch. 1st floor office! Pegged hardwood floors. Upstairs is master bedroom with master bath plus double closets, 2 other spacious bedrooms plus full bath. Fun fun fun in your finished lower level with pool table, plus multiple closets & laundry room with loads of shelving. Level back yard w/gardens. Attached 2 car garage. View of Cohasset Country Club. **\$415,000.**

**BROOKFIELD:** WATERFRONT PRISTINE PROPERTY on Quabog Pond! 5 rooms 2 bedrooms 2 baths! First floor has updated kitchen. Livingroom, bedroom & full bath. Master suite on second floor with wonderful water view! Loaded with windows. Bedroom, full bath, walk in closet plus another room-big enough for family room and office. Full basement. Level lot with plenty of parking, easy access to water. Full recreational lake! **\$329,900.**

**SOUTHBRIDGE:** Great package deal! Three buildings! Well maintained church in pristine condition! Beautiful entry way. Inspiring stain glass windows. Seating for up to 350 people. Balcony seating. Elevator to lower level for a Meeting Hall with kitchen & 2 baths. PLUS Rectory-a stately Brick home which consists of 11 rooms, 6 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths. All rooms are large with high ceilings, many fireplaces, and first floor bedroom with private bath. PLUS large Carriage House converted to garage with workshop & storage. **\$485,000.**

**SOUTHBRIDGE:** Spacious 8 room 4 bedroom 2 bath home for under \$200K! Updated kitchen with stainless steel appliances! Front to back family room with wood stove, bay window & sliders to deck. First floor bedroom and bath. Second floor has two big bedrooms plus sitting area. Replacement windows. New HW. **\$189,900.**

Commercial Rental Spaces available throughout the Town of Southbridge. Rents vary in size and cost. All have great visibility being on Main St or just off. Call for details!

# Open House Directory

(C) Condo	(X) Condo	(M) Multi-Family	(T) Townhouse
(B) Business	(U) Duplex	(S) Single Family	(D) Adult Community
(P) Land	(L) Mobile Home	(A) Apartment	(W) Waterfront

ADDRESS	STYLE	TIME	PRICE	REALTOR/SELLER/PHONE
<b>SUNDAY, MARCH 8</b>				
<b>DUDLEY</b> 12 Hill Rd	S	11-1	\$304,900	ReMax Advantage 1 Joanne Szymczak 774-230-7669

To have your open house listed in this directory.  
Please contact Patricia Owens 508-909-4135





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**Pomfret \$339,000 NEW LISTING**

Beautiful Colonial-style home w/3 BR, 2 full BA on 2 private acres. Enjoy a lg. screened in porch & 2 bay detached barn/garage.  
**Mary Collins**  
860-336-6677

**Pomfret \$349,000 NEW PRICE**

A beautiful Ranch style home w/4 spacious BR & 2 full BA on 2.5 acres. Property boasts a huge 2100 SF heated 6 car garage!  
**Kevin Houghton**  
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**Plainfield \$164,900 NEW PRICE**

1835 Colonial WOW property! 5 BR/1.5 BA, 2 car attached.  
**Catherine Howard**  
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**Woodstock \$735,000**

Exceptional medical office building located in Woodstock. 8,790 SF of space including 5,738 SF of finished space.  
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**Chaplin \$3,000/mo**

Rare opportunity to rent a sm. horse farm! Fully furnished 4 BR house, 4 stall barn w/paddocks & riding ring on 6+ acres! Available July 2020.  
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Pristine, turn-key medical office condo. Part of a 4 unit Hillsdale Professional office complex that takes care of common area maintenance.  
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Sensational home on 20 acres. 5362 SF, 4 BR plus in-law, gourmet kitchen, great room w/stone fireplace, 3 car attached garage.  
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**Putnam, \$319,000**

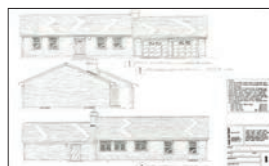
New build with over 2,000 SF including a master suite & versatile floorplan to meet your needs!  
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**Union \$575,000**

Stunning 5,000 SF home with all the bells & whistles on 6.5 acres! A home for a lifetime!  
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**Putnam \$319,000**

Renovated historic home. Prime commercial district. Large parking lot. 1st flr BA incl. handicap. Big yard! Home, business or both!  
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**Putnam, \$319,000**

New build! One floor living at its best! Time to pick the layout and finishes of your dream home!  
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**Thompson \$225,000**

Country Ranch w/finished walk-out lower level. 1 car garage, large deck & patio. 3 BR, 2 BA.  
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**Pomfret \$729,900**

This stunning 5 BR reproduction features authentic historic detailing and custom craftsmanship. Located on 5.52 private acres.  
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**Brooklyn \$499,000**

4 BR, 3.5 BA, 12+ acres. This Colonial has been restored & is move-in ready! Zoned for commercial & residential use! Open a bed & breakfast!  
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**Putnam \$2,200 Commercial Lease**

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**LAND FOR SALE****Hampton \$72,900**

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**Voluntown \$46,900**  
4 acres. Unique and picturesque lot, some wetlands. 357 feet of frontage. Raw land.  
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**Woodstock \$210,000**  
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**Richard Governale** 860-428-7656  
**Voluntown \$46,900**  
8.5 acres with small pond and stream. Natural setting for the nature lover! Raw land no soil testing done.  
**Robert Viani** 860-264-5921

**Plainfield \$36,900**  
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## Open House

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

OPEN HOUSE  
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/RR/Art Guild/ Boy Scouts)  
108 School Street FREE 1:00-3:00

**FRIDAY, MARCH 21**

3RD ANNUAL JOHN PAIRE "BE BETTER" BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT  
Shepherd Hill Regional High School  
64 Dudley-Oxford Rd. Dudley, MA 01571 Registration starts at 8:30am. Games begin at 9am. \$150 per team and \$40 for additional players. For more information contact us at john-paire3on3@gmail.com. Visit our facebook page: Friends of John Paire Student Support Fund. All proceeds benefit the John Paire Student Support Fund  
Register by March 1 Grades 5 to 8 (Co-Ed), High School. Women, Men, Adult Co-Ed. \* This tournament is open to anyone who would like to participate

**TUESDAY, MARCH 24**

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

**SATURDAY, APRIL 4,**

ROARIN' TWENTIES DANCE  
at Sturbridge Host Hotel \$35, 5:00pm  
Tickets @EventBrite.com or at the library

**SATURDAY, APRIL 11,**

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

**SATURDAY, APRIL 18,**

HISTORICAL TALK - Ed Londergan - The First and Second Settlements  
East Brookfield Town Hall 9:30 FREE

**SATURDAY, APRIL 25**

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

**SATURDAY, MAY 2,**

EAST BROOKFIELD NATURE WALKS  
at Pelletier Woods  
Howe Street, East Brookfield 2:00. FREE

**SATURDAY, MAY 9,**

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

**SATURDAY, MAY 16,**

7K RUN AND FUN WALK  
Timberyard Brewery, East Brookfield  
10:0am. \$30.00 adults, \$15.00 kids

**SATURDAY, MAY 30**

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

**SATURDAY, JUNE 6**

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

**FRIDAY, JUNE 12**

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

**SATURDAY, JUNE 13**

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

**SATURDAY, JUNE 20,**

OPEN HOUSE  
at Camp Frank A. Day (archery, boating, basketball, mini golf, lunch) Rain Date: June 21.  
125 South Pond Road, East Brookfield. 11:00-3:00. FREE

**MONDAY, JULY 6**

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

**SATURDAY JULY 25**

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

**SATURDAY, JULY 11**

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION  
Parade & Fireworks  
Connie Mack Field East Brookfield

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 8**

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

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

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

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10**

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

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 3:30**

BUS AND CEMETERY TOUR,  
ending in dinner at Podunk Chapel.  
Meet at East Brookfield Town Hall.  
\$15-\$20.00 pp

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7**

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

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14**

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

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12**

HISTORICAL TALK -  
Ken and Tina Ethier - "Trolley Talk"  
East Brookfield Town Hall, 9:30. FREE

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12**

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

ONGOING

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