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Local group brightens the season for area seniors



Kevin Flanders Photos

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – Several local groups donate gifts for kids during the holiday season, but one organization focuses on an often overlooked demographic each year.
For the fourth straight year, members of Santa’s Senior Surprise helped brighten holiday spirits for seniors in area nursing homes. Partnering with the Wire Village School’s Before and After School Program, the organization collected and distributed over 200 gifts this year.
“It’s amazing to see what the community

can do when everyone comes together,” said organization founder and president Caitlyn Waddell, a nursing major at Becker College.
This year, gifts donated by community members were distributed to seniors at Quaboag Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center in West Brookfield, Brook Haven Assisted Care in West Brookfield, and The Meadows in Leicester.
Of course, prior to distribution day, all of the gifts had to be wrapped and readied for

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Spencer FD receives grant for increased safety

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – The fire department was recently awarded state grant funding that will increase safety for responders on the job.
The department received \$2,280 from the Firefighter Turnout Gear Grant provided by the state’s Executive Office of Public Safety and the Department of Fire Services.
The department will use the grant funds to purchase 12 hoods and 12 pairs of gloves for personal protection during firefighting operations. Fire officials are eager to secure the equipment and put it into service.
“This gear will protect our firefighters from the immediate risks associated with fighting fires in dangerous environments, and just as importantly, protect them from the delayed risk of occupational cancers caused by exposure to the toxic chemicals produced during fires,” said SFD Chief Robert Parsons. “Properly equipping our firefighters with the gear they need to be safe allows them to do their jobs as effectively as possible, and is a great benefit to the overall safety of our community.”
Reducing cancer risks for first responders has become a top priority nationwide. With increasingly detailed statistics released each year on the elevated probability of firefighters being diagnosed with cancer, several new procedures and

strategies have been employed to reduce risks.
“We now know that the risk of occupational cancer is among the greatest threats faced by modern firefighters. We are thankful that the Commonwealth has been able to invest in this personal protective equipment to improve the overall health and safety of firefighters,” said State Fire Marshal Peter Ostroskey.
According to statistics from the National Institute for Occupational Health and Safety, firefighters are at a nine percent greater risk for a cancer diagnosis than the general population. In 2017, cancer surpassed heart disease as the leading cause of death among firefighters.
For state and local officials, the best way to protect against immediate and long-term risks is to provide extra layers of equipment.
“Providing firefighters with new hoods and gloves to protect their heads and hands from exposure to the toxic chemicals that cause cancer is one of the most effective steps we can take to prevent future cancer diagnoses,” Fire Marshal Ostroskey added.
Funding for this grant program was made available through the Baker-Polito administration for fire departments across the state.

Former Spencer residents celebrate 50th anniversary

SPENCER — Bob and Chris (Merriam) Dion, formerly residents of Spencer, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Nov. 8.
Chris was born in Spencer and Bob lived there since the age of 11. She graduated from David Prouty in 1967 and continued on to Quinsigamond Community College, where she graduated in 1969. Bob graduated from Worcester Boys Trade School in 1965, and graduated from Northeastern University in Boston and Clark University in Worcester. Bob was elected as Town Treasurer in the late 1970’s. In 1973, they welcomed their daughter, Amy. She is currently married to John Shepherd, and has two children, Emma and Jack (14 and 11 years old). Bob and Chris enjoy being grandparents and spending time with the children. They moved

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The happily married couple today, on a recent trip to Greece.

New Senior Center Director hits the ground running

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

WEST BROOKFIELD – In only a few months, new Senior Center Director Karen Phillips has already seen several programs and traditions that help keep membership numbers strong.
Hired in November, Phillips has spent more than 20 years working with seniors in various capacities. Most recently, she helped local seniors with an array of housing services as a member of RCAP Solutions in Worcester. Prior to that, she was the director of the Sterling Senior Center for ten years.
West Brookfield officials and Senior Center members were thrilled to acquire a director who has significant experience in senior services. Phillips believes that programming should not only engage seniors, but also allow them to utilize their skills and explore their interests. Many seniors develop longtime friendships at the center, while others enjoy exercise, games, and other activities.
“They have so much to offer. I enjoy helping seniors stay active in the community,” Phillips said. “We have some people who come here once a week and others who are here every day. It’s important for them to stay active and connected.”
Phillips has been impressed with what she’s seen so far from the community. Last month, she got her first look at the White Christmas in West Brookfield tradition, which unites residents, municipal employees, businesses, and churches. The Senior Center is always a hub of activity during the White Christmas celebration, and Phillips and her staff were at the center of the activities.
Town officials, seniors, and residents have also been very welcoming to Phillips as she immerses herself in her new role. Staff members and volunteers have helped make the transition much smoother, especially during the busy holiday season.



Kevin Flanders Photo

Karen Phillips is the new director at the West Brookfield Senior Center.

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Berthiaume announces office hours

REGION — State Rep. Donnie Berthiaume's Chief of Staff, Donna, invites constituents and town officials to meet her to express any concerns, ideas, or issues that they may need assistance with. Please feel free to contact Donna if you would like a private meeting. 774-402-4742

Tuesday, Jan. 7 – In the Town of Oakham, at the Senior Center, 9 – 9:45 a.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 7 - In the Town of New Braintree, at the town hall, 10-10:45 a.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 7 – In the town of North Brookfield, at the Senior Center 11 a.m.-noon

Thursday, Jan. 9 in the town of Hubbardston at the Senior Center, 10 – 10:45 a.m.

Thursday, Jan. 9 - In the town of Barre at the Senior Center-11 a.m. – noon

Tuesday, Jan.14 – In the Town of Ware at the Senior Center 10 – 10:45 a.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 14- In the Town of Hardwick at the Town Hall – 11 -11:45 a.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 14 – In the Town of West Brookfield at the Senior Center noon – 12:45 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 16 - In the Town of Brookfield at the Town Hall 10 – 10:45 a.m.

Thursday, Jan. 16- In the Town of East Brookfield- Senior Center – 11-11:45 a.m.

Thursday, Jan. 16 – In the Town of Spencer at Howe Village, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

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LEICESTER TEEN WINS VFW ESSAY CONTEST

Adam LaBombard, a senior at Leicester High School, was this year's winner of the Voice of Democracy Essay Contest sponsored by the Rochedale VFW Post 7556. He was presented a certificate and a check for \$100 at the post meeting on Dec. 11th. Adam recently became an Eagle Scout, and will be attending college in the Fall.

Mass. Pikemen look forward to a new year

EAST BROOKFIELD – At the dawn of a new year and a new decade, members of the Mass. Pikemen are excited for continued momentum.

The tabletop gaming club has seen increased interest and membership over the last year, and it has a busy schedule for 2020. All regular Saturday sessions will continue to be held from 2-7 p.m. at the East Brookfield Senior Center (110 Pleasant St.).

On Jan. 11, club members will enjoy a retro sci-fi skirmish game. The club will also meet on Feb. 8 and March 7, with times to be determined.

April will be an especially busy month for members, who will convene at the HAVOC convention held at the Gendron American Legion Hall in Sutton. The convention is set for April 3-5. Several members will be running events and participating in games.

The club is always seeking new members. If you're interested in joining the action and meeting new friends with a passion for tabletop and historical gaming, send an email to MarkAMorin@aol.com. You can also check out the group's Facebook page.



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SEVENTH GRADE

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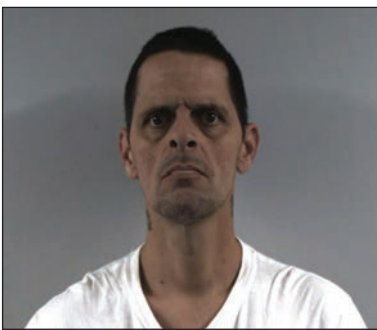
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Sadie Constantine named to Dean's List at Paul Smith's College

PAUL SMITHS, N.Y. — Sadie Constantine of Spencer has been named to the Dean's List at Paul Smith's College for the fall 2019 semester. Constantine, majoring in Natural Resources Conservation and Management, earned a semester average of 3.3 or higher to receive this distinction.
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Search of local man's apartment leads to arrest



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Paul Lirette, of Spencer, was arrested last month on drug charges.

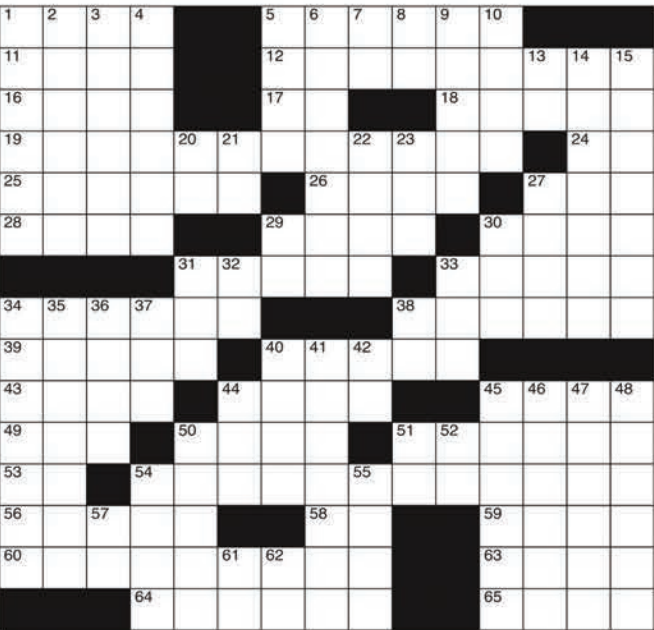
SPENCER – A man was arrested last month after police found drugs and paraphernalia in his apartment.
At about 6 a.m. on Dec. 18, Spencer Police officers executed a search warrant at 26 Main St. (Apartment 2). Officers were joined by members of the Central Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council's special weapons and tactics team.
A search of the apartment revealed a quantity of heroin, cash, syringes, and a scale. Paul Lirette, Jr., 44, was arrested and



Spencer Police officers seized several items during a drug bust last month.

charged with possession of a Class A drug with intent to distribute, along with conspiracy to violate drug laws.
Lirette was arraigned on Dec. 18 at East Brookfield District Court. Police said a summons for the same charges will be sought

for the suspect's girlfriend, who was present during the search. Additionally, the Department of Children and Families was advised by police that Lirette's five-year-old child was also present during the search.



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40. Fit to stand trial
41. Praise excessively
42. Female's title
44. EU predecessor
45. Acutely insightful and wise
46. Disguised
47. Improved the appearance of
48. Generator
50. The real __, the genuine article
51. Male's title
52. Home of the Hawkeyes
54. About aviation
55. At all times
57. Military peace officer
61. College degree
62. Indicates position



ANNIVERSARY

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to Puerto Rico in 1982, where Bob was employed by Wang Laboratories. In the two years they resided there they enjoyed learning about the culture and traveling in the Caribbean. After returning to the US in 1984, they settled in Westford, where they lived until 1993. They currently reside in Nashua, NH. The Dion's operated their building business, Value Homes of New England Corporation for over 30 years before retiring two years ago. Bob and Chris recently enjoyed a trip to the Mediterranean to celebrate their anniversary. They enjoy their home in Florida for the winter months.



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\$100,000, 35 Fiskdale Rd, Hammond, Mark, to Seymour, Herbert F, and Seymour, Kristi L.

EAST BROOKFIELD

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NORTH BROOKFIELD

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Bob and Chris Dion on their wedding day.

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

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PAXTON SENIORS

Area Seniors are Planning Another Wonderful Trip

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Transportation from Paxton to and from Logan is included.

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Cruise from Budapest to Passau, then

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"This is a very active and vibrant small town. The people really care about each other," Phillips told the New Leader. "The staff and volunteers have all been a huge help."

Looking ahead, Phillips hopes to see the Senior Center's volunteer base and program offerings continue to grow. The center currently offers several exercise activities, including yoga classes, fitness

programs, line dancing, and tai chi. Phillips is also hoping to see additional fun programs added as well.

"There's always something going on here," said Phillips, who lives in Rutland. "We get a lot of people through these doors. They really enjoy coming here."

After spending a decade at the helm of the Sterling Senior Center, Phillips's extensive experience aided her transition in West Brookfield. She looks forward to meeting more officials and seniors.

"We want to keep this place vibrant and make people feel welcome when they come here," Phillips said.

The staff is also seeking to expand use of its recent-

ly installed card-based sign-in system. Known as MySeniorCenter, the technology helps staff members track attendance data and other statistics that are vital when applying for grants.

In her spare time, Phillips enjoys spending time with her two children, reading, and taking part in genealogy projects.

The Senior Center is open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information about upcoming programs at the center, call 508-867-1407.



Volunteers are hard at work to brighten the holiday season for local seniors.



Wire Village School students Viola Daigle, seven, left, and Alayna Brien, eight, celebrate the holiday season by giving back.

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their respective destinations. On Dec. 21, volunteers from throughout the community met at Wire Village School for a gift-wrapping party. Volunteers included local families, Wire Village students and their friends, and area scouting groups, among others.

"I love teaching kids at a young age the importance of giving back," said Melissa Pervier, the director of the Wire Village Before and After School Program.

Organizers thank the community for its constant support of the project over the years. Drop-off boxes were set up at the schools and several other locations throughout town. Residents once again showed their support for seniors who otherwise might not have received a gift during the holiday season. For many seniors without family or friends in the area to visit them, the holiday season can be a lonely, despondent time.

"I saw the loneliness and lack of visitors, and I decided I wanted to give back," Waddell said, describing her inspiration for the project while interning at a local nursing home a

few years ago.

The 2019 donation campaign represented the first time the organization has donated gifts to three nursing homes. Seniors are often thrilled by even the smallest gifts, Waddell said, as each gift signifies that the community is thinking of them.

"This grew a lot faster than we thought it would, and people have gotten involved in many ways," Waddell told the New Leader. "Some people help wrap the gifts, and others deliver them. It's great to see people getting involved any way they can."

Project leaders thank the many volunteers who helped wrap and sort gifts for seniors. Each gift was delivered by hand to seniors at the three nursing homes.

"Seeing the smiles on their faces is the most rewarding part,"

Waddell said.

The organization hopes to partner with additional facilities in the coming years to continue spreading holiday joy to seniors.

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Go in the strength you have

To many of us obsess in life believing we aren’t enough, or we don’t have enough. I both see it and hear it all the time.

“I’d love to do _____ but I’m not _____ enough to do it” ... or “I’d love to have _____ but I don’t have enough _____.”

That’s enough material to write a dozen columns, and I will over time, but today let’s focus on the first one.

What is it you’d love to do but don’t?

We all have dreams. As children, we dream of being astronauts or firemen. Soldiers or nurses. Musicians or actors. As we mature, we become more focused and either choose a career in life or settle for one. We either choose for ourselves or allow others or circumstances to choose for us.

Why is it we don’t pursue our dreams? Too often we believe we are not enough. We quickly convince ourselves we aren’t good enough, talented enough or smart enough. We give up on whatever we want and settle on what we believe we can have ... or worse ... what someone else tells us we can have.

POSITIVELY SPEAKING

By GARY W. MOORE

I sat in church Sunday and was reminded of the ancient but applicable scripture

ture contained in the book of Judges. No, I’m not going to preach. And you don’t have to be a believer to benefit from old wisdom passed down through the ages.

“The LORD turned to him and said, “Go in the strength you have and deliver Israel from the hand of Midian. Am I not sending you?” Judges 6:14

I find great encouragement in these words. I use them in my life as “Go in the strength I have and pursue my dreams.”

I’ve mentioned in this column several times that I was blessed to be raised in a positive home with parents that encouraged me and a father who convinced me I could do and become anything I wanted

to be. I realize how fortunate I am and understand that for most others in life, their circumstances were different. I say “were” different and not “are” different. How we were raised certainly impacts our lives, but we cannot allow it to rule our lives.

As a former teacher and CEO, I’ve listened to too many people blame their parents and upbringing for their bad circumstances or negative results in life. I always listened patiently, then responded with, “Okay, that was then. What will you do now?”

So, life’s been unfair? Join the club. You were dealt a bad hand? Get in line. Insecurity has you paralyzed with doubt? What makes you think you are alone?

The world is crowded with people less fortunate than you who have succeeded and are living their dreams. You don’t have to search long or look far to find a person who has overcome devastating odds to share a miraculous story of great achievement. The Internet now makes it easy to find these stories of great inspiration.

So now I have three very simple questions for you.

Why not you?

Why not here?

Why not now?

A thousand sound reasons why these questions are unfair and unreasonable are flooding your brain right now masquerading as legitimate justifications for why you cannot step out in faith and pursue your dreams. You aren’t equipped enough, educated enough or talented enough. Or worse, my circumstances won’t allow it or it’s all my parents fault.

Pull yourself out of your self-doubt and say, “I can.” Muster the courage to say, “I will.” Take a deep breath and begin right now. And please, do not say, “it’s too late!” I became a CEO at 29 years old and published my first book at age 52. I wrote my first column at age 61. Why not you?

You say it’s too hard? Of course it is! It’s supposed to be! Great achievement comes at a great price. Price rarely refers to money but almost always to time, effort and sacrifice.

Life’s too short to settle at any age. Achievement begins

with the desire to achieve and the question, “why not me?”

What am I trying to accomplish with this column? I want you to understand that you have the power to determine your destiny at any age. You are probably asking, “What happens if you fail?” The answer is “So what? Try again!”

Take a lesson from Rocky Balboa. In the first movie, Rocky’s great achievement wasn’t that he defeated the World Champion. He lost the bout. He did however decide to get into the ring. Face overwhelming odds and went the distance.

Why not you?

Why not here?

Why not now?

Go in the strength you have.

You are enough.

Gary W. Moore is a freelance columnist, speaker and author of three books including the award-winning, critically acclaimed, “Playing with the Enemy.” Follow Gary on Twitter @GaryW Moore721 and at www.garywmoore.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Democracy and the golden rule

To the Editor:

I would like to respond to a couple letters, one addressed to me concerning my “discontent with Republicans and President Trump.” In his response to my letter of Dec. 6, Mr. Blais quotes Scripture and claims that the golden rule is actually a blessing for the poor, the hungry. He is confusing the beatitudes with the golden rule. But in the beatitudes, Christ clearly shows that he cares about the plight of the poor, and values people regardless of their economic status. The golden rule (Matthew 7:12), however, deals with how we treat people, a clear message to consider how we ourselves would like to be treated in our interactions with others. There were no amendments to that rule. For example, it did not state that the rule did not apply to the children of illegal immigrants. Our current border situation is a result of critical policy reversals implemented by Trump that have adversely impacted the lives of many in Central America. Consequently, the thousands of children who have been torn from their families are refugees seeking asylum (which is still legal in our country). The golden rule is not unique to Christianity. It is a universal value embraced by other religions and cultures, and appreciated by people of conscience regardless of their theological beliefs or disbeliefs. Attempts to legally justify the cruel treatment of those seeking our help will never make it morally justified.

Mr. Blais also claimed that our country was not established as a democracy, but as a republic in which a privileged minority had the right to vote. I will not dispute that. Women were not allowed to vote. Blacks were not allowed to vote. Native Americans and people who could not afford the poll tax were also excluded from the electoral process. But our society and government have evolved toward a

true democracy. People can now vote regardless of their gender, the color of their skin, or the size of their bank accounts. But there are those who would like to turn back the clock, making it increasingly difficult for poor minorities to exercise their right to vote or minimizing the impact of their vote through a gerrymandering process.

Many of the early immigrants to this land were escaping religious persecution. In part because of this history, freedom of religion is now considered a valued and protected right. That right is an individual’s right to follow their own beliefs, but should not be used to force such beliefs upon others. There are some who would like to use the Bible as the model for our justice system and push us toward a theocracy instead of a democracy. Just a few examples of “Biblical justice.” In Numbers 31, Moses ordered his soldiers to kill every man, woman, and child in the land of Midian. His soldiers killed all the men, but spared the women and children. As a compromise, Moses then allowed the soldiers to spare the virgin girls, but made his soldiers kill all the boys and women who “had known a man.” Some of the virgin girls were “given to God” along with a portion of the livestock booty. Others could be wives of the men who had just killed their parents and brothers. Some may say that I am taking this story out of context. But in what context are such actions morally justified? In Exodus 21:20-21, a law governing the treatment of slaves states that if a master beats his slave, and the slave dies that same day, the master must pay a penalty. But if the slave survives one or two days, he does not have to pay a penalty because the slave is his by right of purchase. In Numbers 15:32-36, a man is brought before Moses because he was observed collecting wood for his family

on the Sabbath. This broke one of the commandments delivered by Moses. What punishment did Moses demand? Every man, woman, and child of the community had to participate in stoning that man to death. I think I prefer our justice system, as flawed as it may be.

Freedom from religious persecution is not just about being allowed to follow your own religious beliefs. It also means that you will not be forced to abide by religious doctrines imposed by others. In her letter to the editor, Christine St. Peter describes abortion as morally wrong, regardless of whether or not it is illegal. Her argument is that life is a continuum (which it clearly is) and that there is no answer for the moment when a fertilized egg is considered a human being (which I believe is also true). But then she says “with the advent of the morning after pill, there should be no reason for an unplanned pregnancy to happen.” The “morning after pill” and some other forms of birth control are considered immoral by some. Should such “immorality” be prevented through legislation? Clearly, the elimination of access to the “morning after pill” and various means of contraception would result in greater numbers of unplanned pregnancies. Legislation that limits access to women’s reproductive health services in poor communities will not only increase the number of unwanted pregnancies, but increase the number of abortions (legal or not). As the fetus develops, a pregnant woman can be faced with some very difficult decisions. For example, the child could be afflicted with a severe genetic abnormality or become infected with a virus causing great harm. Should a mother be forced to carry such a child to term only to see the child suffer miserably until its death. Should a victim of rape be forced to bear the child of the rapist? These difficult decisions should not be

in the hands of ignorant politicians who know nothing of the anguish of a woman facing such difficult situations.

I hear a lot of talk about freedom. For some right wing extremists, that cherished freedom is the right to own weaponry far beyond the imagination of our founding fathers (regardless of the increased threat of mass shootings). For others, it is the right to choose the father of their child (in cases of rape) or the spouse to share their life experience (in regards to gay rights). Religious freedom is important, but it should not infringe on other important rights, and it should not be used as a political tool to promote a self-serving agenda (such as tax breaks for the extremely wealthy leaving huge debts to our children). Native Americans have lands that they consider sacred. But the Trump administration quite eagerly ignored their religious traditions by giving permission for an oil pipeline to violate their lands against their wishes. Apparently, religious freedom is not so highly valued if it is not in regards to the Christian religion.

We are more than a republic.

We are a democracy that has helped other nations pursue their dreams of democracy. Our history has had its darker hours, and the shameful acts of this administration have lowered our esteem in the eyes of the world. Good people can do some terrible things if consumed by an overzealous mind. Our democracy will fail and become a lawless society if we no longer abide by the rule of law, and if we no longer cherish the most important rule, the golden rule.

David W. Brown
North Brookfield

Thank you for supporting Senior Living at Prouty

To the Editor:

Senior Living at Prouty is approaching our 10th year in Spencer of supportive housing to low-income individuals. Each year, we hold an annual holiday celebration with a dinner cooked by staff, entertainment, and many wonderful door prizes. The gift certificates and product donations thanks to the continued generosity of our local busi-

ness friends from Spencer, Leicester, Sturbridge and the Brookfield’s are a special highlight of the event.

On behalf of all who attended this 2019 event, we extend our sincere thanks, and wish you wellness and prosperity in this New Year!

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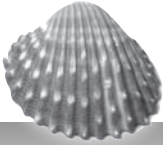
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Christmas in North Brookfield

Kevin Flanders Photos

NORTH BROOKFIELD – Local families enjoyed a fun start to their extended holiday vacation last week, as dozens of guests attended Christmas in North Brookfield. Held at the elementary school, the Dec. 21 event featured free food, a scavenger hunt, holiday-themed activities, and photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Even though it was the shortest day of the year in terms of sunlight, there was no shortage of bright spirits at NBES. The program was co-hosted by the North Brookfield High School Student Council and the North Brookfield Sports Booster Club. Several student volunteers from the high school took time to help out.



Nicole Damon, of North Brookfield, spends the day with one-year-old Clayton Damon and 6-year-old Declan Dean.



Santa and Mrs. Claus made the long journey to North Brookfield.



Emily DaSilva, six, of North Brookfield, shows off her holiday spirit.



Hailey Stoll, nine, of North Brookfield, gets ready to take part in arts and crafts activities.



Mitchell Renaud, seven, of North Brookfield, with Jude Phillips (left) and Emmett Phillips.



North Brookfield High School volunteers show their creativity.



Olivia Gaingrande, left, and Molly Procopio volunteer at the event.



Volunteers Mikayla Bokis and Ethan Hart help make the event fun for youngsters.




Merissa Gera, of North Brookfield, with two-year-old Jaxon.



The Hebert family, of Charlton, is eager to join the festivities.

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EDITORIAL

Make those resolutions stick

Christmas has come and gone. Wrapping paper now fills waste baskets everywhere, and leftovers are still piled high in the refrigerator. There are gifts to be returned (or perhaps re-gifted; don't worry, we won't tell). Thank you cards are being sent out by the dozens and our hearts our full with another year of Christmas memories. New Year's Day is here, and resolutions are a fun way to celebrate the year to come. What will 2020 bring for you, and how will you make it your best year yet? The idea is to make a plan and stick to it.

In the United States, only a mere 8 percent of people are successful in keeping their New Year's resolutions. If you want to keep yours, we've provided a few tips.

Identify why you want to make the resolutions you do. Our level of motivation determines whether or not we fail or succeed at any given goal. Those who change their ways because they think they should tend to fail. Their counterparts who find success do so because they truly want to make changes.

If you have too many resolutions, you could bombard yourself into not attaining any of your goals. The idea is to start small. If you want to become a runner, yet have never run before, going out for an hour long run every day won't last long. Start with running or exercising two or three days a week at 30 minutes a pop. Easing into any change is the best avenue, because it allows you to slowly build your new habit. If you want to change your diet, you'll need to change how you shop and how you cook.

If you put your money on the line, you could become more successful than you think. Studies show that individuals who have a financial incentive lost 14 more pounds than those who don't.

Invite family and friends in on your resolutions. We all know the famous phrase "strength in numbers," and the support of those around us has hefty benefits. If you have someone to work out with likely their motivation can pass over to you and vice versa.

Oftentimes, when a person fails or experiences setbacks, they give up on their goals altogether. If you view your goal as an adventurous journey and realize that persistence is a choice, you will be more likely to succeed.

There are two types of goals, prevention and promotion. Promotional goals are hopes, or things we'd like to achieve. Prevention goals are things we believe we are responsible for doing. So your goal goes from "I'd like to lose weight so I can fit into my clothes better" to "I'd like to lose ten pounds because it is my duty to my family to stay healthy." Prevention goals tend to stick. When someone experiences a set back while trying to achieve a prevention goal they are more likely to get back on the wagon again.

Writing things down is another great way to make a goal easier to attain. To look at your progress can be a chief motivator.

In the words of Simon Newcomb, "As years passed away I have formed the habit of looking back upon that former self as upon another person, the remembrance of whose emotions has been a solace in adversity and added zest to the enjoyment of prosperity."

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OPINION AND COMMENTARY FROM SPENCER, LEICESTER AND THE BROOKFIELDS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The importance of telling the truth!

To the Editor:
Truth, oats, vows and integrity is very important to God; that is why Jesus is teaching us in Matthew 5: 33-37, emphasizing the importance of telling, talking the truth. The importance of not breaking a promise, a promise should not be given if there is any chance you will not keep it.

The best way to maintain a healthy relationship with anyone is to keep a commitment, trust. The Bible is very clear and explicit making vows or taking an oath casually or even worse, swearing falsely in God's name and not keeping it. [Numbers 30: 1-2]

In the new covenant, Jesus is teaching us through James that our word alone should be enough [James 5: 12] we need to ask our self is our word good! Are you known as a person of your word, a person of integrity?

James is emphasizing in James 5:12 that a person, especially a Christians should and must be honest, we must let our yes be yes and our no, no.

When I was growing from child to adolescent, my father used to tell and teach me that a no is as good as a yes. He also used to tell me we must

avoid lying at all cost, and I have learned through the years that a half truth, omissions, is not acceptable, it is deceptive, deceptions can be a lie.

We need to daily practice being a trustworthy person. We must stand before people as we would stand before God, Jesus with complete, wholesome, unbroken, unimpaired in mind and heart, soundness, sound moral principles, upright, honest, sincerity of heart.

Let's be honest with ourselves; apart from God, Jesus, we cannot be that person of truth, honesty, vows, oats and integrity. To be that person we need to invite, team up with God, Jesus, ask Jesus to come into your heart and start a whole new life for yourself, family, friends and whoever else you may be involved with.

This can be the beginning of a new day, new life, new year for you! Wishing you and your family a bless Christmas season and a healthy New Year.

ROLAND BLAIS
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Thankful for a caring community

To the Editor:

We have wrapped up the 2019 season and want to thank everyone for their generous contributions so we could fulfill the wishes of 173 needy Spencer children. Additional shout outs go to:

Spencer Exchange Club for the largest donation to this cause along with securing a 501(c)3 number which saves us hundreds of dollars in taxes each year. The Leveillee Family who also made a large donation in memory of their wonderful parents, Dick & Joanne who were wonderful members of our community. Rich brought us to tears with their donation coming up two days before our distribution and saving the day...AA Transportation and their annual "stuff a bus"(we received a lot of great toys), Motorsports International and their Photos with Santa(they adopt 10 kids with the proceeds every year), Kaye Spence for organizing the collection of toys at Wire Village School(lot's of great toys), employees of Cornerstone Bank who adopt many families every year. Thanks to Julie & Busy Bee preschool who collected sponsors bags after hours and allowed us to use her space on distribution day, Spencer fire department, Spencer post office & Cornerstone bank who allowed us to use their places to collect toys throughout the season. Thank you to the New Leader for publishing our

weekly update.

This was a rough year for us, both financially & emotionally. We were one week short because of the late Thanksgiving holiday & without our right and left hand this year. Katie Harris picked up the additional slack (there was a lot of it) with a back injury, yet she kept on going...Katie does some pretty awesome work. Thanks to Kayleen Sauvageau and Katie who did all of the shopping for the kids that were not sponsored.

The owners of ERA Key Realty allow us to use their building and resources this time of year and it makes our life so much easier.

Without the help of so many generous people in this community, we could never do this. All of the toy donations, monetary donations, sponsors of families, hand made mittens & hats were appreciated more than you will ever know by all of us and these families. We had more thank you notes this year from families than ever before.

We are thankful to live in a community that cares! Thank you all! Happy New Year!

DONNA MORIN FLANNERY
SPENCER TOYS FOR KIDS

The testimony of traitors

To the Editor:

I believe that President Trump will be impeached by the House (although I hold out hope) and acquitted by the Senate. I watched all the hearing, and one thing was crystal clear – the Dems worship their "witnesses" – not for what they say, but the departments that they work for: the State Department, the NSA, the FBI and the Intelligence Community and the US Military.

Does anyone know the following people: Candace Claiborne, Nghia Pho, Harold Thomas Martin, Reality Winner or John Connolly? Let me give you some information.

Candace Claiborne, a State Department employee who held a top secret security clearance, was sentenced to 40 months in prison for concealing her interaction with two Chinese intelligence agents, along with the cash and extravagant gifts they gave her in exchange for government information.

Nghia Pho was an NSA employee, and Harold Martin and Reality Winner were NSA contractors. Pho was sentenced to five years and six months in prison for keeping top secret material at his home. Martin was sentenced to nine years in prison for stealing top secret, highly classified information over a period of 20 years. Winner was sentenced to over five years in prison for copying a classified US report and mailing it to a news organization. She did this after Donald Trump won the election – she called him an orange fascist, but under our new thinking, I'm sure she showed no political bias.

John Connolly, an FBI Special Agent, was sentenced to 10 years in federal prison and 40 years in state (Florida) prison on racketeering, obstruction of justice and murder charges stemming from his relationship with James "Whitey" Bulger and the Winter Hill gang. He is eligible for parole in 2039 – he will be 98 years old.

When they rave about our Intelligence Communities, I believe it's the same groups that sold W. on the existence of Weapons of Mass Destruction in Iraq. It seems that sometimes it's better for a President not to listen to them.

I, like most Americans, love our military, especially when they wear their full dress uniforms. We all want and need to believe them. There was one Major General everyone knows, young and old. There is a monument that pays tribute to him – in memory of the most brilliant soldier desperately wounded in battle which gained him his rank. He has a plaque on the grounds at West Point and five other markers on or near battle grounds in his name. This brilliant Army General was Benedict Arnold, whose name is synonymous with treason. Treason like giving a whistleblower classified information in order to discredit and possibly remove the Commander in Chief.

Failure to respond or silence is not surrender, but rather disgust or repulsion.

JIM REID
SPENCER

Year-end – time for some New Year's financial resolutions



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Have you thought about your New Year's resolutions for 2020? When many of us make these promises, we focus on ways we can improve some form of our health. We vow to get more physically healthy by going to the gym, or we promise to improve our mental health by learning a new language or instrument. But it's also important to think about our financial health – so it's a good idea to develop some appropriate resolutions for this area, too.

What kinds of financial resolutions might you make? Here are a few suggestions:

Increase your retirement plan contributions. One of the best financial moves you can make is to take full advantage of your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. If you contribute pre-tax dollars to your plan, the more you put in, the lower your taxable income will be for the year, and your earnings can grow on a tax-deferred basis. So, if your salary goes up in 2020, increase the amount you put into to your plan. Most people don't come close to reaching the annual contribution limit, which, in 2019, was \$19,000, or \$25,000 for those 50 or older. You might not reach these levels, either, but it's certainly worthwhile to invest as much as you can possibly afford.

Use "found" money wisely. During the course of the next year, you may well receive some money outside your normal paychecks, such as a bonus or a tax refund. It can be tempting to spend this money, but you may help yourself in the long run by investing it. You could use it to help fund your IRA for the year or to fill a gap in another investment account.

Don't overreact to market downturns. You've probably heard stories about people who lamented not getting in "on the ground floor" of what is now a mega-company. But a far more common investment mistake is overreacting to temporary market downturns by selling investments at the wrong time (when their prices are down) and staying out of the market until things calm down (and possibly missing the next rally). The financial markets always fluctuate, but if you can resolve to stay invested and follow a consistent, long-term strategy, you can avoid making some costly errors.

Be financially prepared for the unexpected. Even if you're diligent about saving and investing for your long-term goals, you can encounter obstacles along the way. And one of these roadblocks could come in the form of large, unexpected expenses, such as the sudden need for a new car or some costly medical bills. If you aren't prepared for these costs, you might have to dip in to your long-term investments to pay for them. To prevent this from happening, you may want to keep sufficient cash, or cash equivalents, in your investment accounts. Or you might want to maintain a completely separate account as an emergency fund, with the money kept in low-risk, liquid vehicles. If possible, try to maintain at least six months' worth of living expenses in this account.

It will take some effort but following these resolutions could help you move closer to your financial goals in 2020 – and beyond.

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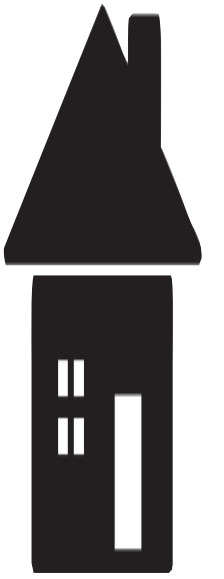
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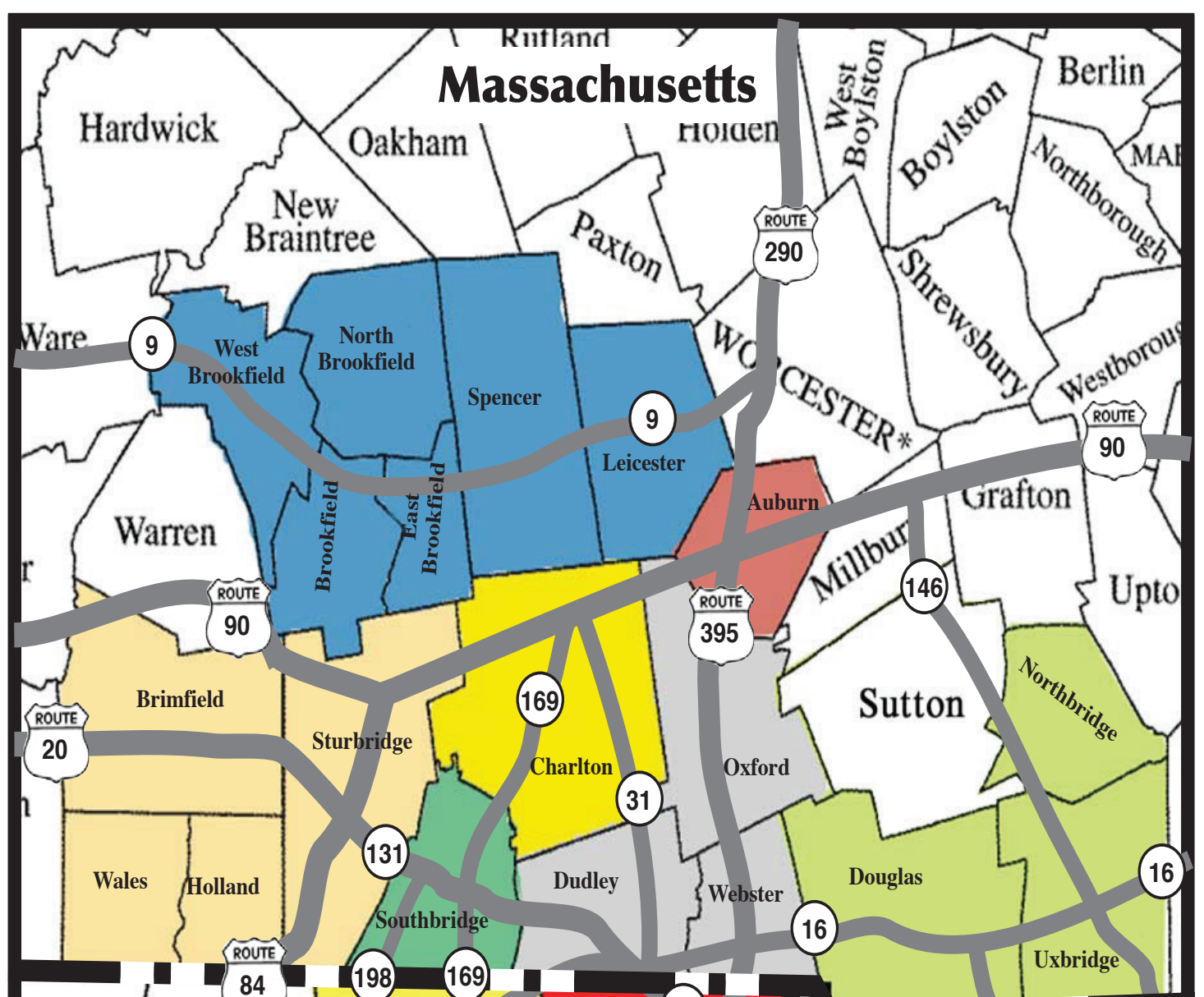
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many anglers Christmas week, but extreme caution needed to be practiced, as most ice thickness ranged between three and four inches, on most ponds. A good cold blast of two or three days is needed to insure safe ice on most lakes and ponds. The rain that was predicted for this past weekend, could stop all ice fishing in the valley. Numerous Rod

& Gun clubs are planning ice fishing derbies as soon as the ice is four inches or better. This week's picture shows a huge Northern pike caught a few years ago by an angler that was ice fishing. Numerous anglers that enjoy fishing for Northern Pike are constantly asking Mass. Fish & Wildlife to include a few local ponds in the valley to be included in the pike stocking program. Manchaug Pond did very well with pike stockings in the past, but MF&W still ignores the request of local anglers to stock pike in it. The state often trades trout for pike from states that have an abundance of them. Many pike were stocked in the Western & Northern part of the state, but it is a long drive for some of the older residents

and some handicapped fishermen of the valley. Neighboring states like Rhode island and Connecticut have numerous bodies of water that sustain Northern pike and are fished by many local anglers annually. Fishing licenses in both states are reasonable for out of state anglers to purchase. This writer is completely satisfied with my jig fishing in local ponds for yellow perch, bass, & pickerel. The excitement of catching a dozen yellow perch from just one hole, and an occasional bass or pickerel provides all of the fishing pleasure I can handle in one day. The great eating of the yellow perch can provide a good meal when pan fried, & served with a good order of shrimp fried rice and a couple of egg



rolls from my favorite Chinese Restaurant, the Food Works in North Uxbridge. Local deer hunters did very well during the two weeks of black powder season in Massachusetts! The season closed this past Tuesday, Dec. 31, but not before Phil Harper of Uxbridge harvested a huge eight-point buck in the Uxbridge area with his bow. The buck weighed in at 246 pounds live weight and sported a huge set of antlers, as shown in this week's second photo. Local residents are still having problems with deer eating there expensive ornamental bushes, but they will need to wait until next year for any relief by sportsmen. Coyote season in Massachusetts remains open until March 7, 2020 for sportsmen that enjoy hunting them. There is no shortage of these animals, which have become overpopulated in many areas of the state. Groups of hunters were holding coyote

hunting contests, but were stopped by anti hunting protesters. These killing machines are responsible for killing numerous deer and wild turkeys throughout Massachusetts, as well as killing residents pets annually. The situation is only going to get worse as the coyote packs increase annually. With the possibility of a substantial increase on most all fishing and hunting licenses in Massachusetts in 2021, many sportsmen feel that some type of permit fee for residents and non residents that use Fish & wildlife property for walking, bird watching, hiking, etc. should be required to pay an annual fee also. It would sure help MF&W with their annual budget, and could alleviate the pending licenses increases for the sportsmen, that have paid millions of dollars over the years to purchase open land throughout the state. *Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!*

Create a festive centerpiece from your indoor and outdoor garden



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Take a break from the holiday rush for a bit of gardening relief. Grab a pruner and basket then wander through your landscape gathering a few evergreen branches, berry-laden stems and cones to create a holiday centerpiece. Most gardeners are used to walking into their summer garden collecting blossoms to create a bouquet or arrangement for their summer parties. Winter should be no exception. Start by gathering some greens. The fan-like sprays of arborvitae, blue-green sprigs of juniper and stems of other evergreens like yews, boxwood, pines, and spruces provide all the greenery you'll need. Now look for items with interesting color or shapes. Red and yellow twig dogwoods, curly willow, contorted filbert and fantail willow provide interesting color and form. Next, gather cones, berries and fruits such as rose hips, the blue berry-like cones of junipers, sweet gum seed-pods, alder's cone-like fruit, and of course evergreen cones as substitutes for summer



Festive homemade centerpieces add a personal touch to holiday gatherings.

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blooms. Don't overlook purple cone-flower, black berry lily, penstemon and other seed heads and pods. Fluffy seed heads of ornamental and native grasses make nice fillers. All these make beautiful additions to any arrangement and can be painted or glittered for some added glitz. And don't be afraid to add a few shiny ornaments for a bit of holiday flare.

Look for decorating possibilities that your indoor garden can provide. Dress up small plants to create a centerpiece and larger plants to provide a bit of seasonal color and decor. Stop by your favorite florist or garden center and purchase a few water picks and cut flowers. Place the cut flowers in the picks and sink them into the pots of your favorite houseplants. This adds some color

and seasonal interest to any green plant. Consider creating a changeable houseplant container. Plant several compatible indoor plants in a large container. Sink a small empty pot in the space where you want to create a focal point. Set a small potted flowering plant inside this empty one. Replace the flowering plant occasionally to freshen up the container gar-

den or create a seasonal display. Miniature poinsettias, azaleas, African violets and cyclamen allow you to change out the display throughout the year and for any special occasion. Make it even easier to change the display by filling a large basket with a collection of potted houseplants and flowering plants. Switch out the flowers as they fade and foliage plants as the holidays, your mood or the décor changes. Use silk flowers, glittery spikes and decorative ornaments to add a splash of color and sparkle to your indoor garden as needed. Exchange these for red, pink and white hearts on Valentine's Day, colorful Easter eggs, or faux fall leaves as the seasons change. Once you've created your first arrangement, you'll be looking for additional opportunities to create more. And as you plan this year's garden, consider growing more plants that can be used to dress up your dinner table and other rooms in your home. *Melinda Myers has written numerous books, including Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series and the nationally-syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and her web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.*

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A Round of Tips and Tricks from Readers

With the hustle and bustle of the holidays behind us, for many, thoughts turn to vows for the new year. From planet-friendly recycling and re-purposing ideas to being mindful and thrifty in our everyday lives, the following strategies, employed by readers, offer some simple inspiration for the coming year!

Bread bags are necessary packaging that can easily be recycled back into use. And as this reader attests, their sturdiness can accommodate even heavy loads:

Commercial bread bags are fantastic to reuse as trash bags for your car as well as durable enough to hold gathered collections of seashells or rocks.

Annie Wuelfing
East Brookfield MA

Is a lack of tension causing tension? If so, get a grip with this quick and easy fix that saves a replacement cost!

I have a hint for your paper which I recently used.... Our bathroom shower curtain tension rod was starting to slip/fall from the wall and it was becoming annoying.

So we took a small portion of the shelf liner paper (that has a type of rubber grip to it) and put a piece on the ends of the tension pole (easy to glue on). And it held itself to the wall and no more of the rod falling or slipping down. It's a

very easy and inexpensive solution to a common problem.

MC
Sturbridge MA

This thoughtful reader makes life easier (and safer) for those around her. Check out her two very different strategies to prevent injuries and viruses:

I have been doing this so long I don't think about it, but with the crew at the office from an adult training center (disability) I am always protecting them. The empty our kitchen co-mingled bins, where we often have soup cans and other canned goods that were consumed for lunches. I have employees only use the can-opener around the top, leaving about a half inch of lid connected to the can (don't cut off the whole top), then after rinsing they can tuck the sharp edged portion inside the can and smash the top together, protecting fingers from cuts.

Cans with pull-tops, we drop the whole lid inside the can and press the sides together at the top, keeping all sharp edges away from the cleaning crew.

Both of these practices also makes it much safer for employees at the



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KAREN
TRAINOR

Attending conferences, and sitting in auditoriums etc. this week, with the sounds of coughs, sneezes and so much more, I joked we could film a TV ad for Flu Shots! However, I keep a hair scrungie (pony tail holder) on my wrist which works great to hold or open door handles (auditorium, class room, restroom), etc. I also took a Zip-lock bag, placed a wet one (wipe) inside and added a little extra hand sanitizer. I had a moist towel to clean my hands every time a pen, clipboard etc. was shared.

Finally a nurse told me to help when the flu hits hard, they put a drop of hand sanitizer beneath each of their nostrils and invite patients to do the same, it seems to help as sneezes (droplets) can travel 14 plus feet.

Viola Bramel
Northbridge, MA

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



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SPORTS

Plenty of 3-pointers pace Auburn's offense in win over Panthers



Evan Fournier of David Prouty passes the ball into teammate Braeden White.



David Prouty's Braeden White slices through two Auburn defenders before putting up a shot.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

AUBURN — Auburn High seniors Justin Skaparas, Cam Bolduc and Coleman Picard combined to score 52 points and hit seven 3-pointers against David Prouty Regional on Friday, Dec. 20 at Pappas Gymnasium to lead the Rockets' varsity team past the Panthers, 79-57.

Skaparas scored 17 points, 15 of which came from beyond the 3-point arc on five triples. Three of the co-captain's treys came in Auburn's 30-point fourth quarter. Picard poured in a team-high 18 points and drained a pair of 3s while Bolduc, also a co-captain, added 17 points.

Auburn (1-2), which trailed 34-32 at the end of the first half, ratcheted

up its defensive intensity in the second half, coming up with five steals in the final 16 minutes.

"I think our defense was the problem in the first half. We really started to play harder on defense in the second half, after we made some adjustments. Getting stops on defense is what we need to focus on the most; it's who we are," Skaparas said. "The offense was there; we're a very good offensive team when we play together and move the ball, which we did tonight. But that offense comes as a result of our defense."

Auburn head coach Dan Koen confirmed the focus of the Rockets' half-time huddle was their defense, or lack thereof, in the first half.

"We hadn't played a team like David Prouty

— they were really running and they like to chuck 3s — until tonight and their transition game gave us a lot of trouble in the first half," Koen said. "At halftime we stressed defense, especially the need to sprint back to the 3-point line to stop their shooters."

"I told the team at half-time that our defense will lead to our offense," Koen continued. "In the first half we were just trying to run and gun and match David Prouty point for point. In the second half we were able to get stops, which led us to our transition game, and we were able to get some easier baskets. That's how we want to play it, that our defense leads to our offense. I've been stressing that from Day 1. That's something

we should be able to hang our hats on."

The Rockets scored the first five points of the second half, four by Picard and one from Bolduc, to lead 37-34 with 5:38 left in the third quarter. David Prouty freshman Braeden White — who scored a game-high 19 points — tied the game at 37-37 on one of his three 3-pointers with 5:21 remaining in the third period.

Auburn scored the final six points — all on fast-break layups — of the third quarter to take a 49-44 lead into the final period of play. The Rockets opened the fourth quarter with nine straight points — on three 3-pointers — on their first four possessions to extend their lead to 58-44 with 6:27 remain-

ing.

Senior Mike Breen (9 points) opened the fourth period with a left-side 3 just 12 seconds in, Picard followed with a right-side trey 24 seconds later and junior Ethan Madison-Hella (5 points) closed out the 3-point barrage 1:19 after it started with a left-side triple.

Sophomore J.B. Whittemore added 7 points (one 3-pointer) to the winning effort, while senior Nathan Judice chipped in with 6 points.

"We have the ability to shoot, but the first two games were tough for us because when our shots weren't falling our defensive intensity wavered a little" Koen explained. "Tonight, in the second half, our defensive intensity led to better execution on offense."

For David Prouty (1-1) sophomore Evan Fournier scored 13 points and senior Derek Houston added 10.

"Tonight they made shots in the second half and we didn't," Panthers' head coach Pat O'Connor said. "We're small; we struggled on the boards. It happens, we're doing the best to improve on that, but there are times where we struggle with our rebounding. We were missing two players tonight and because we like to play super fast, we weren't able to give our starters some of the breaks they normally get. Because of that I think we simply ran out of gas tonight."



Derek Houston of David Prouty dribbles the ball while searching for an open teammate.



David Prouty's Yaniel Chamorro creates contact with an Auburn defender and then hoists up a shot.



Dominic Sicard of David Prouty lets loose a deep jump shot ahead of Auburn defender J.B. Whittemore.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Dec. 18

Leominster 94, Tantasqua 89 — In a very tight matchup, the Warriors' girls' swim team came up just short. Kira Dambly, Zoey Zhu and Emily Owens, all freshmen, swept the 500 Free, but it wasn't enough. Sarah Kersting-Mumm won the 200 Free, Zhu also won the 100 Butterfly, and the 200 Free relay team of Kersting-Mumm, Erika Madden, Kami Davis and Katie Wade also won for Tantasqua (0-2).

Leominster 11, Tantasqua 61 — Jonah Green won the Diving, Andrew Wade won the 100 Butterfly and Eben Mazeika (freshman) won the 500 Free, but the boys (0-2) lost to the Blue Devils' swim team.

Bartlett 62, Tantasqua 28 — Owen O'Brien's 6 points led the Warriors, but their freshman boys' basketball team lost to the Indians.

SPORTS

Height advantage helps Minutemen muscle past Southbridge



Bay Path's Jackie Ross catches an inbounds pass and goes up for a made basket.



Nick Ethier photos

Bethany Lasell of Bay Path shields the ball away from Southbridge defender Tamia Sanders.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

SOUTHBIDGE — In the grand scheme of things, Bay Path Regional very well could be an average sized girls' varsity basketball team, but the Minutemen took advantage of their extreme height advantage when taking on Southbridge High on Wednesday, Dec. 18.

"We had a height advantage across the board," said Bay Path head coach John Selen.

And the Minutemen worked the ball down low as much as possible, finishing with 28 two-point baskets — plus two 3-pointers — in a 62-32 victory versus the Pioneers.

"That was the game plan, pump it inside and try to get it to our bigs inside," said Selen. "We are a pretty good rebounding team and have a couple kids with a nice touch around the basket."

Two interior players, Christin Pink and Terry Simon, finished with double-doubles. Pink had game-high totals of 14 points and 18 rebounds, while Simon, a freshman, registered 10 points and pulled down 10 boards.

"She had the kind of game we need her to have every game," Selen said of Pink's play in order for the Minutemen to be successful. "She's a rebounding machine. She has perhaps the best jumping ability."

Pink, one of only three Bay Path players with any returning varsity experience, got going right away. She finished the first quarter with 6 points and 7 rebounds and was just a rebound away from a double-double at the half, which the Minutemen led 37-19.

With Pink and Simon having such strong games inside the paint, that could be the offensive direction Bay Path goes in as the calendar shifts to 2020.

"We're still trying to figure out who we are," explained Selen, who lost the majority of last year's 16-4 3-point shooting team to graduation. "Maybe we're an inside team this year. We'll take what we get and we'll build upon it."

Bethany Lasell was another offensive

contributor for the Minutemen — who improved to 1-1 in the young season — as she scored 8 points. In all, 11 Bay Path players made at least one basket.

For Southbridge, which got out-rebounded by a 52-37 total, the height differential will be a common trend this season.

"There's a chance that we're the smallest team throughout the whole state, but the girls don't give up," said head coach Elvin Rodriguez. "They keep fighting, and that's what I love about these girls."

"No seniors, that's two years in a row with no seniors, so we're a work in progress," added Rodriguez. "We had a few flashes of the offense working. I have no post presence, so it's basically going to be pass and cut."

What the Pioneers lack in height they make up for in heart. Eight players made at least a basket, with Haily Coburn's 7 points being a team-high total. Melanie Figueroa pulled down a team-best 13 rebounds.

Rodriguez is confident that Southbridge will remain positive and continue to show fight against the taller competition.

"It definitely is frustrating when we can't get a round, but at the end of the day you see what we have — my starting lineup averages 5-foot-2, if that — and it's tough. I just tell the girls to box out and we're going to get the over-the-back calls. They [the referees] will call it," said Rodriguez, whose team slipped to 0-3.



ATHLETE *of the* WEEK

Christin Pink

The Bay Path Regional varsity basketball player netted 14 points and pulled down 18 rebounds (both game-high totals) for an impressive double-double in the Minutemen's 62-32 victory versus Southbridge High back on Dec. 18.

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Bay Path's Ally Cruz searches for an open teammate to pass the ball to.

A unique twist to the game saw at least four Southbridge residents playing for Bay Path. That makes for a nice, yet competitive rivalry among the two teams.


"It's nice to play Southbridge because there's a lot of connection between the two schools. It's nice because there's

some camaraderie — they compete on the court but afterward there's smiles," said Selen.

The rematch at Bay Path is scheduled for Jan. 8.

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Those who are close to McKenzie would add she is hard working, caring, and a good role model to others. She is very resilient and does not give up easily! Her teachers report she does well in school and works at grade level. Her favorite subjects are art and math. McKenzie likes going to school because she enjoys learning and getting to socialize with her friends. When she grows up, McKenzie's dream is to become a professional chef. She also hopes to be a homeowner, have a successful career, and start a family of her own.


Legally free for adoption, McKenzie's ideal family would consist of one or two moms, with no other children in the home. Because McKenzie's social worker believes she could thrive in any type of family, she will consider all families who express interest. McKenzie's one wish is that her future family be caring and understanding. They should also be willing to abide by the Open Adoption Agreement with her birth parents, and also maintain contact with her siblings who are placed separately.

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SPORTS

‘Multi-dimensional’ Warriors too much for Shepherd Hill to handle



Tantasqua's Sophie Law wins the game-opening jump ball tip.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

STURBRIDGE — Double trouble. Times two.

That was the theme that played out in the Tantasqua Regional girls' varsity basketball team's 58-42 victory over Shepherd Hill Regional on Monday, Dec. 23.

The Warriors, who improved to 2-1 with the victory, were led offensively by the 1-2 punch of senior Lydia Boland and sophomore Sophie Law, who tied for team-high scoring honors with 14 points each. In addition, eight of the 12 Warriors who got into the game scored.

"That's one of our strengths," Tantasqua head coach Tom Goyette said. "I think we've got a lot of weapons out there; you can't just focus on one of us."

Making matters worse defensively for the 0-3 Rams was where the Warriors' points came from. Of Tantasqua's 24 field goals, 17 were scored inside and accounted for 34 of its points while seven field goals were scored from the perimeter, including five 3-pointers.

The Warriors' outside shooting produced 19 points.

"The kids have multi-dimensional offensive skills. They can all play inside and outside," Goyette said. "Each kid can shoot the 3 and take it to the basket and post up. I think we're tough to defend because we're strong in all those areas. I think we showed that [today]."

After Shepherd Hill jumped out to a quick 3-0 lead, thanks to a left-side 3-pointer by senior Paula Barbale (5 points), four different Tantasqua players combined to stake the Warriors to an 8-3 lead. The Rams cut the lead to 8-7 on baskets by freshman Emery Mullen and junior Megan Burdett, but Tantasqua scored the final five points of the period and led after one, 13-7.

The Warriors' pressing defense — which helped to force Shepherd Hill into 19 turnovers in the game — paid dividends in the second quarter, limiting the Rams to just six points in the period, after which Tantasqua was in control of the game. The Warriors

led by 15, 28-13, at halftime

"I thought we were really strong defensively," Goyette said. "We played great man defense and we limited their scoring opportunities, especially in the first half. I thought we really shut them down."

Making it into the scoring column for Tantasqua, in addition to Boland and Law, were junior Emerson Cherry (8 points), freshman Haley Courtney (7), junior Ainsley Way (5), senior Kylee Fortuna (4), and junior Madison Varney and sophomore Shea Coleman (3 each).

"I thought it was just an overall good team effort out there. They worked well as a unit. We had a lot of good passing, we ran the floor well, we broke their press and we were able to score off breaking the press, too," Goyette said. "They're a Division 1, Mid-Wach A team, so this is a huge, huge win for us."

Mullen led Shepherd Hill in scoring, pouring in a game-high 16 points. Her seven baskets included a pair of 3-pointers, four drives to the basket and an in-lane jumper.

"Emery has a natural basketball ability," said Shepherd Hill head coach Maura Hackenson, who has replaced longtime coach Jim Hackenson on the bench for the Rams due to Jim Hackenson retiring last summer. "Emery works hard. We're very excited to have her."

Burdett also scored in double figures for Shepherd Hill, tossing in 10 points. Junior Emma Lanpher scored 4 points, classmate Flora Marderosian added 3, and senior Kerry Greenough and junior Trinita Sughrue added 2 points each.

Hackenson seemed most please by the Rams' defensive effort, which resulted in 20 Tantasqua turnovers.

"We're a defensive team, for sure. They really work hard on defense; that's all I care about right now," Hackenson said. "Our offense will come. We're working on taking baby steps, but it will come. We're a young, inexperienced team but I've got great kids who work hard and they're going to make it happen."



Emerson Cherry of Tantasqua sets herself and shoots a midrange jumper.



Tantasqua's Lydia Boland gets fouled on her way to attempting a layup.

Total team effort helps Tantasqua get past Rams



Mike Lucas of Tantasqua eyes the basket before letting a 3-point attempt fly.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

DUDLEY — Way back on Dec. 12, teams were allowed to open up their high school varsity basketball seasons. For Tantasqua Regional, its season-opener was set for five days later, but a snow day halted the game with Bartlett High. The Warriors were then

set to play at Millbury High on Dec. 20, but a water pipe had burst, so that game was called off.

Finally, on Monday, Dec. 23, Tantasqua was ready to play at Shepherd Hill Regional, a team that has already been able to play three games.

"We've had more practices than most college teams in the preseason,"

said Tantasqua head coach Scott Dion. "We've tried to do some different things in practice to make it not monotonous for the boys because they were starting to get sick of listening to me. Certain practices I let these guys [assistant coaches Nate Orzech and Dan Lavin] run it and I just officiated and we let them hear a different voice. Some of our alumni came in and scrimmaged us."

Dion wondered how his team would come out in this first contest of the 2019-2020 season.

"You always worry about your conditioning, you worry certainly about your execution...and I think our guys responded pretty well," he said.

The Warriors led at all the stops — 16-15 after a quarter, 34-25 at the half and 49-32 through three quarters — before pulling away and winning by 21 points, 58-37.

"Their length and their athleticism posed problems for us," Dion said of the early going. "They played exclusively between a 2-3 zone and a 3-2 zone. We don't do a lot of that ourselves, so we hadn't really practiced against it all that much. We were able to figure out a little bit there, certainly in the second half."

Tantasqua took what Shepherd Hill was giving them, which was the outside shot, and the Warriors made those attempts count. By halftime, Tantasqua had connected on seven shots from 3-point land. They finished with nine 3s as the Warriors then went inside effectively in the second half.

"When you make shots, it certainly helps open everything else up because then they have to extend [defensively], you can get some dribble-drive and it opens up other areas," explained Dion.

Tantasqua saw nine of its players register at least one basket, with Cameron Varney (15 points), Troy Lee (10 points, 7 rebounds), Will Pieczynski (8 points) and Joe Groccia (7 points) leading the



Tantasqua's Troy Lee puts up a shot while drawing a foul.

charge.

"I think you will see with this team that on any night I've got five guys that could go for 15 and I think the other seven or eight guys are going to get their 6 to 9, which can make us dangerous," Dion said of his spread-the-wealth offense. "Who do you match up with?"

Simply put, the Rams could not, as they dropped to 0-4. Leading the charge offensively for Shepherd Hill with double-digit point performances were Brandon De Jesus (11) and Cam Hackett (10).

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12:23-1:59 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:29 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), Jamie Lee Forbes, 28, 2 Mead Street, Worcester, OUI liquor, unlicensed operation, arrest; 6:07 a.m.: lockout (South Spencer Road), assisted; 6:13 a.m.: officer wanted (Chestnut Street), landlord issues; 6:54 a.m. elderly matter (East Avenue), domestic issue; 7:43 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 8:13 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address/2; 9:48 a.m.: officer wanted (Northwest Road), threat; 10:21 a.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 10:33 a.m.: elderly 1:(Howe Village), unwanted phone calls; 10:47 a.m.: mv stop (Northwest Road); 12:35 p.m.: abandoned mv (Main Street), investigated; 12:39 a.m.: fraud (Howe Village), scam call; 1:37 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 2:02 p.m.: commercial alarm (Water Street), services rendered; 2:04 p.m.: medical/general (Street); 2:19 p.m.: officer wanted (Church Street), tenant issue; 2:46 p.m.: mv lockout (West Main Street), assisted; 2:57 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operation; 3:00 p.m.: residential alarm (Lamoureaux Lane), services rendered; 3:51 p.m.: disturbance (Lloyd Dyer Drive), unwanted party; 4:08 p.m.: DPW call (Donnelly Road), dangerous conditions; 5:49 p.m.: parking complaint (Briarcliff Lane), driveway blocked; 6:00 p.m.: disturbance (Maple Street), info taken; 7:18 p.m.: residential fire (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 7:35 p.m.: animal complaint (South Street), missing dog; 8:06 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Lloyd Dyer Drive), misdial; 8:25 p.m.: medical/general (Wilson Street); 8:50 p.m.: commercial alarm (Water Street), services rendered.
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5
12:34-12:52 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:53 a.m.: animal complaint (Wilson Street), barking dog; 1:21-1:23 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:34 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 1:52-2:52 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 3:18 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 5:01 a.m.: mutual aid (Charlton Road), welfare check; 5:47 a.m.: DPW call (Emmett Street), icy conditions; 6:32 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village), lift assist; 6:36 a.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), services rendered; 6:45 a.m.: medical/general (Bixby Road); 7:34 a.m.: parking complaint (Ash Street), info taken; 7:45 a.m.: residential alarm (Borkum Road), services rendered; 8:05 a.m.: DPW call (Thompson Pond Road), wire in road; 8:30 a.m.: larceny (Howe Village), mistaken delivery; 9:41 a.m.: residential alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 9:58 a.m.: accident (West Main Street), hit and run; 11:05 a.m.: fraud (Condon Drive), scam call; 11:42 a.m.: accident (Meadow Road), report taken; 1:24 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; 2:09 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), Warren PD bolo; 2:13 p.m.: mv lockout (West Main Street), assisted; 3:10 p.m.: mv complaint (Charlton Road), speeding; 3:32 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 3:55 p.m.: disabled mv (Mechanic Street), assisted; 5:12 p.m.: 911 call (Greenville Street), accidental; 7:38 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Leicester PD bolo; 7:41 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Tiya M. Cote, 156 Southbridge Road, Dudley, warrant arrest; 7:55 a.m.: accident (Holmes Street), hit and run; 8:20 p.m.: DPW call (Brooks Pond Road), power out; 9:20 p.m.: residential fire (Pearl Street), services rendered; 10:08 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 10:16 a.m.: mv lockout (West Main Street), assisted; 11:52 p.m.: building checked, secure.
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6
12:02 a.m.: building checked, secure; 12:04 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 12:11-12:12 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:32 a.m.: parking violation (Cherry Street), ticket issued; 12:33 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 12:40 a.m.: parking violation (Prospect Street), ticket issued; 12:41 a.m.: building checked, secure; 12:45-12:50 a.m.: parking violations (Wall, Temple streets), tickets issued; 12:51 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:53-1:06 a.m.: parking violations (Elm, School, Grove streets), tickets issued; 1:10 a.m.: mv repossession (Wall Street), services rendered; 1:11 a.m.: building checked, secure; 1:14 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 1:22-2:06 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:31 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 2:42 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 2:44 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 4:14 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 5:14 a.m.: disabled mv (Keith Road), assisted; 6:04 a.m.: mv stop (Maple Street); 7:00 a.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 8:00 a.m.: animal complaint (Chestnut Street), dead cat; 9:09 a.m.: accident (West Main Street), report taken; 10:28 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 10:36 a.m. DPW call (Wilson Avenue), ice conditions; 10:42 a.m.: larceny (Main Street), theft; 12:44 p.m.: residential alarm (Howe Village), services rendered; 1:22 p.m.: disturbance (Wm. Casey Road), tenant issue; 2:17 p.m.: missing per-

son (West Main Street), info taken; 2:39 p.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 2:46 p.m.: animal complaint (West Main Street), dog left in mv; 3:36 p.m.: disabled mv (Northwest Road), assisted; 3:41 p.m.: officer wanted (Pleasant Street), poss. attempted break-in; 3:46 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), info taken; 4:00 p.m.: larceny (West Main Street), gas drive-off; 4:03 p.m.: officer wanted (Grove Street), family issue; 4:27 p.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 4:33 p.m.: medical/general (South Spencer Road); 4:49 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), erratic operation; 5:21 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operation; 6:36 p.m.: disabled mv (Thompson Pond Road), mv off road; 7:56 p.m.: DPW call (Shore Drive), info taken; 8:21 p.m.: residential alarm (Northwest Road), accidental; 8:25 p.m.: medical/general (Condon Drive); 8:25 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 8:29 p.m.: FID card issued (West Main Street), assisted; 10:53 p.m.: building checked, secure.
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7
12:32 a.m.: accident (Chickering Road), report taken; 1:01-3:53 a.m.: parking violations (Church, Prospect, Summit streets, Old Farm Road), tickets issued; 4:05 a.m.: building checked, secure; 5:13 a.m.: medical/general (North Spencer Road); 6:22 a.m.: mv lockout (West Main Street), assisted; 6:33 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 6:34 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), erratic operation; 6:35 a.m.: medical/general (North Brookfield Road); 8:35 a.m.: DPW call (Shore Drive), icy conditions; 10:09 a.m.: officer wanted (Valley Street), spoken to; 10:32 a.m.: medical/general (Ash Street); 10:43 a.m.: parking violation (West Main Street), ticket issued; 10:56 a.m.: medical/general (Paxton Road), lift assist; 11:22 a.m.: officer wanted (Jolicoeur Avenue), power line issue; 11:22 a.m.: mv lockout (South Spencer Road), assisted; 11:26 a.m.: school alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 11:42 a.m.: building checked, secure; 12:20 p.m.: animal complaint (Old Farm Road), info taken; 1:06 p.m.: mv lockout (Church Street), assisted; 1:10 p.m.: medical/general (Bixby Road); 1:37 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 1:59 p.m.: officer wanted (Maple Street), Kyle J. Soboleski, 40, 1 Richland Avenue, Spencer, warrant arrest; 2:17 p.m.: fire alarm (Dustin Street), services rendered; 2:36 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Bacon Hill Road), spoken to; 3:00 p.m.: medical/general (Pleasant Street); 3:12 p.m.: fire alarm (Howe Village), services rendered; 3:12 p.m.: fire alarm (McDonald Street), services rendered; 3:43 p.m.: DPW call (Pine Acres), icy conditions; 3:50 p.m.: officer wanted (Bacon Hill Road), spoken to; 4:20 p.m.: 911 call (Route 49), open line; 4:58 p.m.: officer wanted (Chestnut Street), landlord issue; 5:30 p.m.: medical/general (Bixby Road); 5:35 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), registration/license check; 6:14 p.m.: mv complaint (Paxton Road), erratic operation; 6:42 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 6:43 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operation; 6:46 p.m.: disabled mv (Olde Main Street), assisted; 6:58 p.m.: entire incident redacted from police log; 8:11 p.m.: lost/found (Main Street), wallet found; 8:24 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), info taken; 8:45 a.m.: 911 call (R. Jones Road), no contact; 10:13 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), Andriedy A. Frias Ortiz, 23, 37 Colton Street, Worcester, failure to stop for police, speeding, traffic violation on state hwy, assault w/dangerous weapon; assault & battery w/dangerous weapon, resisting arrest, op w/suspended license, alcohol in possession in mv, assault & battery on police officer, negligent operation, arrest; 10:28 p.m.: officer wanted (Grove Street), tenant issue.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8
12:17 a.m.: accident (North Spencer Road), mv vs deer; 12:57 a.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 2:04-2:10 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:34 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), cash received; 3:02 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 3:14-3:21 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 7:45 a.m.: animal complaint (Paxton Road), loose dog; 9:03 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 10:25 a.m.: larceny (Chestnut Street), shoplifting; 11:33 a.m.: fire alarm (Mechanic Street), services rendered; 12:46 p.m.: medical/general (Grove Street); 3:36 p.m.: lost/found (Borkum Road), mail in road; 4:13 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), services rendered; 4:15 p.m.: lost/found (Jolicoeur Avenue), lost wedding ring; 5:07 p.m.: medical/general (Kingsbury Road); 7:45 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), accidental; 9:34 p.m.: officer wanted (Bixby Road), unwanted party; 10:31 p.m.: disturbance (Chestnut Street), unwanted party; 10:51 p.m.: officer wanted (Pleasant Street), friend dispute.
MONDAY, DECEMBER 9
12:00-12:17 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:28 a.m.: medical/general (Thompson Pond Road); 12:28 a.m.: mv stop (North Spencer Road); 12:29 a.m.: building checked, secure; 1:15 a.m.: mv stop (Northwest Road); 1:23-2:04 a.m.: buildings checked, secure;

2:31 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 5:31 a.m.: DPW call (West Main Street), icy roads; 5:57 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 6:29 a.m.: school alarms (Main Street), services rendered; 7:32 a.m.: parking complaint (Cherry Street), info taken; 9:20 a.m.: disabled mv (South Spencer Road), assisted; 9:59 a.m.: lost/found (Howe Village), wallet found; 10:58 a.m.: citizen complaint (North Spencer Road), cemetery not plowed; 11:59 a.m.: parking complaint (Lake Street), mv blocking road; 1:33 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), Hailey N. Rannikko, 27, 13 Franklin Street, Spencer, op w/suspended license, arrest; 1:51 p.m.: disabled mv (North Spencer Road), assisted; 1:53 p.m.: DPW call (Valley Street), low-hanging wire; 2:23 p.m.: medical/general (Bixby Road); 2:45 p.m.: animal complaint (South Spencer Road), loose dog; 2:47 p.m. abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), accidental; 3:44 p.m.: disturbance (Mechanic Street), domestic dispute; 4:17 p.m.: parking complaint (Chestnut Street), mv in hdcp spot; 4:45 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 5:08 p.m.: fire alarm (Lake Street), services rendered; 5:14 p.m.: officer wanted (Valley Street), property stolen; 6:35 p.m.: suspicious mv (West Main Street), spoken to; 6:41 p.m.: warrant service (West Main Street), Jason M. Jarmulowicz, 40, 40 Brooks Pond Road, Spencer, warrant arrest; 6:46 p.m.: medical/general (Ash Street); 7:02 p.m.: disturbance (Grove Street), landlord issue; 9:22 p.m.: disturbance (Chestnut Street), unruly female; 11:55 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17
12:01-12:42 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:43 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 12:55-2:11 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 4:11 a.m.: medical/general (Cherry Street); 7:29 a.m.: larceny (Jolicoeur Avenue), mv break-in; 7:32 a.m.: suspicious persons (School Street), info taken; 7:35 a.m.: medical/general (Sunset Lane); 8:22 a.m.: mv complaint (G.H. Wilson Road), erratic operation; 9:05 a.m.: fire alarm (Howe Village), services rendered; 9:55 a.m.: suspicious persons (Mechanic Street), info taken; 9:56 a.m.: medical/general (Mechanic Street); 10:00 a.m.: elderly matters (Lincoln Street), welfare check; 10:07 a.m.: animal complaint (Smithville Road), loose cows; 12:00 p.m.: fire alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 12:08 p.m.: 911 call (West Street), Harrington CT down; 12:47 p.m.: fraud (Borkum Road), SS scam call; 1:24 p.m.: accident (Maple Street), mv vs deer; 2:15 p.m.: accident (Woodside Road), info taken; 2:42 p.m.: gas odor (Lincoln Street), services rendered; 3:03 p.m.: animal complaint (Parent Street), dog stuck in fence; 3:08 p.m.: animal complaint (Kingsbury Road), raccoon on porch; 3:36 p.m.: medical/general (Ash Street); 3:58 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), 911 call for help; 4:21 p.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), mv plate found; 5:34 p.m.: fire alarm (Wilson Street), services rendered; 6:28 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), theft reported; 7:58 p.m.: medical/general (North Brookfield Road); 9:58 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 9:59 p.m.: building checked, secure.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5
4:40 a.m.: ambulance (Meadow Lane), transported; 7:35 a.m.: investigation (Willow Hill Road), services rendered; 8:23 a.m.: ambulance (Sargent Street), transported; 8:34 a.m.: investigation (Paxton Street), services rendered; 9:58 a.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 10:47 a.m.: investigation (Soojians Drive), services rendered; 11:43 a.m.: residential alarm (River Street), fales alarm; 4:44 p.m.: restraining order service (South Main Street), served; 4:57 p.m.: investigation (Main Street), services rendered; 5:05 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street, Worcester), transported; 5:42 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 5:46 p.m.: fraud (South Main Street), report taken; 7:26 p.m.: disabled mv (Mannville Street), mv towed; 9:53 p.m.: fraud (Soojians Drive), no action required; 11:20 p.m.: lockout (Waite Street), no action required.
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6
7:41 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), verbal warning; 8:51 a.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), written warning; 10:00 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 10:45 a.m.: mv stop (MainStreet), verbal warning; 1:29 p.m.: hazardous conditions (Main Street), unable to locate; 2:49 p.m.: ambulance (Marshall Street) transported 3:03 p.m.: disabled mv (Marshall Street), assisted; 3:28 p.m.: disabled mv (Mulberry Street), assisted; 3:31 p.m.: investigation (South Main Street), services rendered; 3:44 p.m.: disabled mv (Paxton Street) assisted; 4:03 p.m.: disabled mv (Mannville Street), assisted; 4:06 p.m.: disabled mv (Hemlock Street), gone on arrival; 4:55 p.m.: restraining order service (Tobin Road), served; 4:59 p.m.: erratic operation (Stafford Street), unable to locate; 5:04 p.m.: erratic operation (Soojians Drive), unfounded; 5:16 p.m.: ambulance (Sanfred (Road), transport-

ed; 5:53 p.m.: welfare check (Paxton Street), assisted; 6:17 p.m.: welfare check (Pleasant Street), assisted; 7:10 p.m.: accident (Main Street), Miguel R. Garcia, 44, 37 Church Street, Cherry Valley, negligent operation, OUI liquor, arrest; 9:47 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning.
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7
6:37 a.m.: erratic operation (Main Street), verbal warning; 7:37 a.m.: ambulance (White Birch Street), transported; 9:27 a.m.: parking complaint (Sunset Drive), spoken to; 10:19 a.m.: mv off the road (Main Street), assisted; 11:09 a.m.: ambulance (Parker Street), transported; 1:00 p.m.: ambulance (High Street), services rendered; 1:41 p.m.: mutual aid (Main Street, Spencer), transported to hospital; 1:59 p.m.: welfare check (Soojians Drive), spoken to; 3:40 p.m.: accident (Main Street), mv towed; 5:49 p.m.: erratic operation (Main Street), unable to locate; 8:48 p.m.: ambulance (Watch Street), transported; 10:11 p.m.: structure fire (McCarthy Avenue), services rendered.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8
3:40 a.m.: ambulance (White Birch Street), transported; 4:52 a.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 11:00 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 11:12 a.m.: parking complaint (Soojians Drive), verbal warning; 1:36 p.m.: ambulance (Henshaw Street), transported; 1:46 p.m.: rescue call (Main Street), no action required; 2:09 p.m.: welfare check (Willow Hill Road), no action required; 4:40 p.m. erratic operation (Soojians Drive), no action required; 8:03 p.m.: welfare check (Clark Street), services rendered; 9:56 p.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street), transported.
MONDAY, DECEMBER 9
1:34 a.m.: mv stop (Henshaw Street), verbal warning; 1:58 a.m.: ambulance (Siaini Road), transported; 2:25 a.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Drive), transported; 7:13 a.m.: keep the peace (Stafford Street), assisted; 7:46 a.m.: mutual aid (Main Street, Worcester), no action required; 8:16 a.m.: school incident (Paxton Street), assisted; 9:40 a.m.: harassment (Marlboro Street), report taken; 10:14 a.m.: erratic operation (Paxton Street), unable to locate; 12:50 p.m.: assist citizen (Henshaw Street), report taken; 2:36 p.m.: disabled mv (Marshall Street), services rendered; 3:28 p.m.: mutual aid (Marshall Street, Paxton), transported; 3:40 p.m.: ambulance (Virginia Drive), assisted; 3:45 p.m.: ambulance (Peter Salem Road), transported; 3:58 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 4:06 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), name and address redacted from police log, op w/suspended license, mv towed; 7:42 p.m.: ambulance (Peter Salem Road), transported; 8:18 p.m. welfare check (Main Street), unable to locate; 10:04 p.m.: noise complaint (Pleasant Street), peace restored.
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10
12:12 a.m.: ambulance (Stafford Street), transported; 12:46 a.m.: ambulance (Towtaid Street), transported; 1:47 a.m.: assist citizen (Main Street), spoken to; 6:03 a.m.: arrest warrant service (Pleasant Street), unable to serve; 6:52 a.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 7:54 a.m.: ambulance (White Birch Street), transported; 8:29 a.m.: assist other PD (G.H. Wilson Road, Spencer), services rendered; 9:12 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), name and address redacted from police log, op w/revoked registration, uninsured mv, mv not meeting RMV safety standards, criminal application issued; 11:15 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 12:27 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 1:03 p.m.: accident (South Main Street), report taken; 1:46 p.m.: debris in road (Pleasant Street), referred; 5:14 p.m.: missing person (Warren Street), report taken; 5:16 p.m.: investigation (South Main Street), report taken; 5:56 p.m.: ambulance (Mill Street), transported; 6:43 p.m.: assist citizen (Soojians Drive); 11:40 p.m.: trespassing (South Main Street), spoken to.
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11
1:47 a.m.: trespassing (South Main Street), services rendered; 2:15 a.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 2:54 a.m.: accident (Whittemore Street), mv towed; 4:49 a.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 7:15 a.m.: investigation (Fifth Avenue, Worcester), services rendered; 8:15 a.m.: ambulance (Henshaw Street), transported; 8:53 a.m.: property found (South Main Street), report taken; 11:42 a.m.: ambulance (Whittemore Street), transported; 1:24 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 2:05 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 2:59 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Willow Hill Road), no action required; 3:36 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 4:21 p.m.: ambulance call (Pleasant Street), transported; 5:53 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 6:33 p.m.: fraud (Soojians Drive), investigated; 8:13 p.m.: ambulance (Hemlock Street), transported; 11:08 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Henshaw Street), transported to hospital; 11:42 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Towtaid Street), spoken to.



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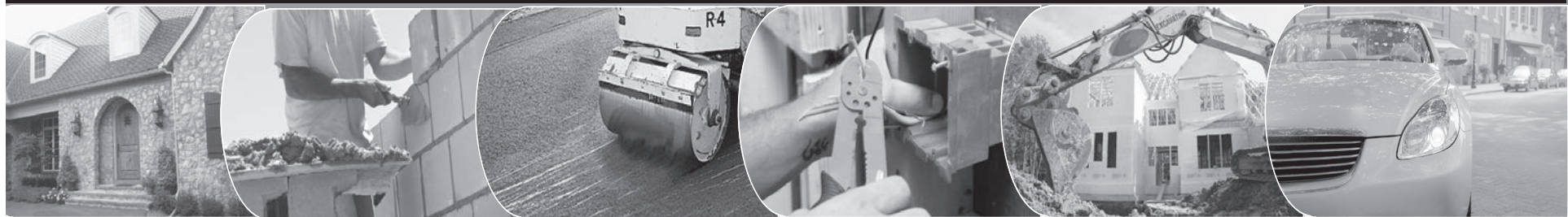
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OBITUARIES

Alice C. Lewis, 81



SPENCER- Alice C. (White) Lewis, 81, of Spencer, died Tuesday, Dec. 24 at Rose Monahan Hospice Home, surrounded by her loving family and close friends.

She leaves her husband of 55 years, Martin P. Lewis, her sons David M. Lewis and Kimberly Roy of Spencer and Mark A. Lewis and his wife Erin of Paxton and their two children Norah & Ethan, her beloved dog “Muffin” who was always at her side.

Born in Worcester, she was the daughter of Raymond W. and Margaret

(Buckely) White.

Alice was a sales clerk at Cumberland Farms Stores, most recently in Spencer and No.Brookfield, retiring in 2000. Along with her husband, they enjoyed travel, trips to the casino and bird watching in her back yard.

At her request, no funeral services are planned. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Second Chance Animal Services. P.O. Box 136, E.Brookfield, MA. 01515.

the J.HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer is directing arrangements for the family.

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Robert E. Briggs Jr.



E A S T B R O O K F I E L D / V E N I C E, F L - Robert E. Briggs Jr. , passed away peacefully on Friday, December 20, after a long illness. He was the son of Robert and Marion (Magnusson) Briggs.

He grew up in Worcester and also lived in East Brookfield and Plymouth, Mass.

He will be sadly missed by his wife Nancy (Cronin) Briggs; daughters Kelley and her husband Geoffrey Blomquist, and Margaret Woodward; sons Timothy Briggs and his partner Jessica Rondon, and Michael Briggs and his wife Rachel (Woods); step-daughters and their spouses Anne and Scott Gordon, and Kate and Greg Buhagiar; nine grandchildren: Emma and Ethan Blomquist; Dylan, Tillie and Sean Woodward; Kaileigh and Kyle Gordon; Leo and Laney Buhagiar. Bob will be missed by his siblings and their spouses Roy and Denise Briggs, Carol and Michael Cohen, David and Colleen Briggs, and Donald and Susan Briggs. Bob made connections wherever he went and leaves behind many loyal friends from wherever he lived, including childhood buddies from the Indian Hill area of Worcester. He also leaves his dear friend and former spouse, Patricia (Murphy) Briggs. Bob was predeceased by a son Patrick Briggs, a brother Warren Briggs, a sister Patricia Brandli and a son-in-law Shane Woodward.

Bob was a proud Navy Veteran serving on the USS Saratoga CV-60. He grad-

uated from Worcester Boys’ Trade High School where he was trained as an electrician, working most of his career for Ostrow Electric. He was a member of the I.B.E.W. Local 96, the VFW and American Legion Post 40, where he served on the color guard. He was active in the East Brookfield community serving as the town’s electrical inspector, a volunteer firefighter and EMT, softball coach and league president, among other activities.

Bob was a fun guy with a zest for life. As the oldest of seven children, he grew up to be confident, cool in a crisis and able to take on any challenge. It always seemed there was nothing that he could not do. He enjoyed spending time with friends and family, traveling, the great outdoors and was an avid fan of New England sports teams, especially the Patriots. Amongst friends, he was always the life of the party. Despite all his accomplishments, his family was his greatest pride and joy.

Friends and family were invited to attend calling hours on Monday, December 30, 2019 from 10:30am-11:30am in Pillsbury Funeral Home 44 Gilbert St. North Brookfield. The funeral followed at 11:30am in the funeral home. Burial with military honors will be held in Evergreen Cemetery, East Brookfield. Donations in Bob’s honor can be made to Veteran’s Inc., 69 Grove Street, Worcester, MA 01605.



Dennis J. “Jack” Moriarty, 94



SPENCER- Dennis J. “Jack” Moriarty, 94, died peacefully Thursday, December 19 in his home. He was the husband of Norma L. (Swenson) Moriarty who passed in 2014. He leaves his daughter, Debra A. Sanderson, and her husband Barry of Spencer; four grandchildren, Rebekah R. Milgate and her husband Brooks of Leicester, Jared B. Sanderson and his wife Sarah of Woodstock, CT, Mary C. Scannell and her husband Steven of Holland, MA, Kenneth J. Sanderson and his wife Alyssa of Eldersburg, MD; five great-grandchildren, Cole and Emmaline Milgate, Noah and Abigail Sanderson and Levi Sanderson. He was pre-deceased by his first wife, Rona L. (Hutchinson) Moriarty and his second wife Anne A. (Alu) Moriarty; his two brothers, Daniel and James Moriarty; his sisters, Catherine Kalinowski, Mary Thibault and Alice Bailey. Born in Worcester, he was the son of Daniel J. & Elizabeth A. (Rice) Moriarty and was previously of Shrewsbury. Mr. Moriarty was a plumber for 21 years working for Tucker & Rice Construction Co. and previously

Russell Harney Co., retiring in 1987. He was a member of the Local 4 Plumber Union in Worcester. He attended Worcester Boys Trade and then served his country during WWII in the Merchant Marines. He was a member of the Frohsinn Club and SAC in Shrewsbury. He enjoyed camping and was a member of the NAFCA. He was a former auxiliary police officer in Boylston. Jack was the ultimate gentleman, incredibly generous, sweet and thoughtful. He had a great sense of humor and loved the Red Sox, cars (especially his Jeep), his grandkids and son-in-law. Most of all, he loved his daughter, his only child and “right-hand man”. To honor Jack’s wishes, funeral services will be private. Burial of ashes will take place in Hillside Cemetery, Auburn, at a later date. Donations may be made in Dennis’ name to the Leicester Church of Christ, P.O. Box 18, Leicester, MA 01524. The J. HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer, are directing arrangements.

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Gordon P. DeWolf, Jr., PhD, 92



W E S T B R O O K F I E L D- Dr. Gordon P. DeWolf, Jr., 92, of West Brookfield died on Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at his home.

He was born in Lowell, son of the late Gordon P. and Charlotte Park. He was married to Ellen Kingsbury for 55 years until her death in 2010.

He leaves his brother, Brenton DeWolf; his daughter, Martha DeWolf; his sons, Rick DeWolf and Nat DeWolf; his daughter-in-law Ann Schmidt; and his grandchildren, Eli and Madeline.

Dr. DeWolf was a botanist. He graduated from Massachusetts Agricultural College (now UMASS), earned a Master’s Degree from Tulane University and was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to the University of Malaya where he earned a second Master’s Degree. While pursuing a Ph.D. at Cornell University he was accepted as a research student at Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge, UK. Dr. DeWolf served as Senior Scientific Officer (Colonial Staff) at Kew, the

Royal Botanical Garden in London (1959-1961). He was Associate Professor of Biology and later Professor of Biology at Georgia Southern College, Statesboro, Georgia (1961-1967). He was Horticultural Taxonomist (1967-1969) and Horticulturist (1970-1974) at the Arnold Arboretum, Harvard University. From 1975 to 1990, he was Coordinator of the Horticulture Program at Massachusetts Bay Community College. He joined the New England Botanical Club in 1949, sat on its Council from 1972 to 1978, and was its President from 1976 to 1978. Dr. DeWolf was made a Fellow of the Linnean Society of London in 1960. While living in Statesboro, at great risk to their own lives and safety, he and Ellen were active in the local Civil Rights organization.

At his request, funeral services will be held privately. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the NAACP or PFLAG.

Varnum Funeral Home, Inc., 43 East Main St., in West Brookfield is assisting his family with arrangements.

An online guest book is available at varnumfuneralhome.com

William F. Floury, 79



WARREN- William F. “Bill” Floury, 79, of Warren, died unexpectedly on Tuesday, December 24, 2019, at Baystate Mary Lane Hospital.

He leaves his son, Brett Floury and his wife Teresa of Hampton, GA; his grandson Carl Floury; three sisters, Barbara Potter, Marilyn Lamb and her husband Roger, Linda Dumas and her husband Richard, and his brother, Richard Floury all of Warren, many nieces and nephews who adored their uncle Bill, as well as his best friend Billy Byrnes of Bondsville. Bill was predeceased by his long-time companion, Ruth Miner, and he will be missed by her family and friends. He was born in Ware,

son of the late Ralph F. and Florence M. (Carbonneau) Floury.

Bill was a kind, fun loving man who was well known for being a bit of a prankster. He enjoyed dining out, especially with family and his friends, his daily coffee at the local package store in town and playing dominoes with his family. Anyone who knew Bill will be saddened by his passing.

Mr. Floury was a United States Navy Veteran of the Vietnam Era.

Services will be held at a later date. Varnum Funeral Home, Inc., 43 East Main St., in West Brookfield is assisting his family with arrangements

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Adelard Demers 79

EAST B R O O K F I E L D- Adelard Demers 79, passed away Thursday December 19, 2019 at home with his wife Pearl (Walcott) Demers at his side following a long battle with COPD.

He was born on May 10, 1940 in Douglas, MA son of the late Francis and Alice (Pouliot) Demers. Adelard was a member of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Union Local 170 as a truck driver for over 40 years. He proudly held the distinction of never having an accident in all the years of his driving, receiving many awards.

Adelard leaves behind his wife Pearl; three sons Kevin and his wife April of Douglas, MA, Wayne and his wife Sue of Charlton, MA and Jeff and his wife Jann of Dudley, MA; his step-son Bob

Elizabeth “Betty” Jane (Long) Robitaille, 87



W E S T B R O O K F I E L D - Elizabeth “Betty” Jane (Long) Robitaille, 87, of West Brookfield embarked on her final journey, Tuesday, December 17, 2019 with her loving family close by and forever with her.

Her husband Alfred “Fred” Robitaille married 40 years, predeceased her earlier this year in January. Betty leaves 5 heartbroken Crockett children, two boys and three girls, and a predeceased infant son. She also leaves all her children’s life partners, and spouses, whom she adored. Her two stepsons, and their companions in life and predeceased stepdaughter and two stepsons. Gram to 6 grandchildren, 7 step-grandchildren and Great Gram to 4 great-grandchildren, whom she cherished every day of her life, and for eternity. She also leaves her brother, his wife and their family. She was also well-known as the “High Muckymuck”, and just “Ma” to many kids in town, when her children were growing up. Some may still remember the antics of the clubhouse gang.

A proud 1954 graduate of The School of Nursing of The Children’s Hospital in Boston. She had a long 30-year career at Mary Lane Hospital. Her nursing skills were broad as she functioned in all patient care areas throughout her career and retiring from Surgical Services and Post-Anesthesia practices in 1994. Her compassion for patients of all ages, including their families,

Walcott and his wife Terry of Millville, MA; a step-daughter Diane (Walcott) Perkins and her husband Brian; many grand children and great-grandchildren. In retirement he proudly exercised his skills at lawn care, having the greenest lawn in every season. He also enjoyed his John Deere miniatures collection, tinkering with small engine repair as a hobby, his pickup trucks, as well as a good antique search.

The family wishes to express appreciation to Overlook Hospice in Charlton, especially Donna Robert (RN), and all the others who aided in his care.

Following cremation burial will be held at a later date in St.Mary’s Cemetery, Uxbridge,MA. Pillsbury Funeral Home 44 Gilbert St. North Brookfield is directing arrangements.

was a quality for which she was best known. She was well respected by physicians and coworkers and made lifelong friendships whose stories brought laughter and smiles whenever told. However, her children remembered it differently, “nursing with no mercy, put a band-aid on it and get back outside!” as recently recalled by a childhood family friend.

Betty donated a wonderful legacy of many acres to Quaboag Wildlife Management Area on Long Hill Road in West Brookfield, known by the family as ‘The Farm’. This land is considered by Audubon to be a top IBA (Important Bird Area) and contains Worcester County’s most extensive cat-tail marshes.

Betty loved her family and friends, her dog Lily, and enjoyed gardening. An accomplished knitter all her life - making Christmas stockings for family members, and with the Busy Bees, knitting blankets for Camp Putnam, and many other charitable organizations wherever they were needed. In retirement she loved to read on the boat while Fred fished and spent many winters in Florida, during the cold winter months of New England.

Betty’s request was to have a private family service at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Betty’s name may be sent to Overlook Hospice, 88 Masonic Home Road, Charlton MA 01507

Varnum Funeral Home, Inc., 43 East Main St., in West Brookfield is assisting her family with arrangements.

An online guest book is available at varnumfuneralhome.com

Joyce R. Ferland, 78

BROOKFIELD - Joyce R. Ferland, 78, passed away on Friday December 20, 2019 at the Quaboag Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center.

Being predeceased by her husband, the late Larry R. Ferland, Joyce leaves behind two sons: Timothy R. and Robert A. LeBlanc; her daughter Brenda L. Casavant; her sister Jody Higgins; here dear friend Brenda A. Berard.

Joyce was born in Fall River, MA on August 10, 1941, daughter of Franklin G. and Alice A. (Folger) Bigelow; she worked as a CNA at the Hermitage of Worcester for many years.

Private funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48

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OBITUARIES

James J. Krusas



STURBRIDGE—James J. Krusas 77, of Cricket Dr., passed away on Friday, Dec. 20th, in the Quaboag Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center, West Brookfield, after an illness.



He leaves his beloved wife of 55 years, Regina A. (Engvall) Krusas; a son, James M. Krusas and his husband Douglas W. Mose of Chicago, IL; two daughters, Laurie A. Krusas Petersen and her husband H.

William III of Brimfield and Lynne M. Snyder and her husband Jeffrey J. of Brimfield; four grandchildren, Miranda Rose Snyder, Jason Jeffrey Snyder, Ella V. Petersen and JulieAnne “Jules” Petersen.

James was born in Worcester the son of Julian J. and Anna (Lewosz) Krusas. He grew up in Worcester and graduated from Classical High School in Worcester. James went on to obtain his Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute and later his Master's from Clark

University in Worcester.

He worked for the American Optical Company in Southbridge as an Engineer for 32 years.

James was an avid New England sports fan. He enjoyed early morning fishing trips and taking in a game at Holy Cross with his father. He was a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for the Town of Sturbridge. James was an umpire for the girls softball Lassie League. He enjoyed playing cribbage at the Polish Club and playing softball in the Jack Benny men's softball league. James was an active member of St. Anne's church in Sturbridge.

One of the family's many favorite memories was a family cruise to Bermuda, where Jim and Cookie had honeymooned, and then celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary with their children and grandchildren.

A funeral for James was held on Friday, Dec. 27th, from the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge with a Mass at 10:00 am in St. Anne's Church, 16 Church St., Sturbridge. A Calling hour in the funeral home was held on Friday, Dec. 27th, from 8:30 to 9:30 am prior to the Mass. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701.

Roland S. “Pete” Lavallee



SPENCER / STURBRIDGE—Roland S. “Pete” Lavallee, formerly of 93 of 306 Oak Ave., Sturbridge, died Sunday, December 22 at Christopher Heights of Webster.

He leaves his wife of 70 years, Mae E. (Roberts) Lavallee, a son, Richard R. Lavallee and his wife Deb of Spencer, four daughters; Judy A. Lavallee and her long time companion Kathy Diggins of Hull, Gail L. Hasting and her husband David of Spencer, Brenda M. Constantineau and her husband Roland, Jr. of Brookfield, Bonnie M. Stohlberg and her husband John of Thompson, CT, two brothers, Armand Lavallee of Leicester, Robert Lavallee of Spencer, 9 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

He was pre-deceased by two sons,

Peter Lavallee in 1990 and infant son Steven Lavallee.

Born in Winooski, VT., he was the son of Joseph & Esther (Brisson) Lavallee.

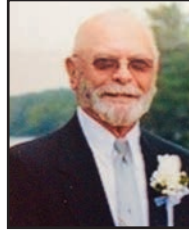
Mr. Lavallee was a hydraulic mechanic at Norton Co. in Worcester for 20 years.

Pete loved fishing, playing the guitar, making toys, playing with his grandchildren and he always loved telling a good joke.

A Funeral Service was held Friday, December 27 at 11 A.M. in the J. HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer. Burial followed in Mary, Queen of the Rosary Cemetery, Spencer. Visitation preceded the Service from 9:30-11 A.M. in the funeral home. Donations may be made to Massachusetts Alzheimer's Disease and Research Center, 114, 16th St. #2011, Charlestown, MA 02129.

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Mathew Leone, 82



Mathew Leone, 82, of Dudley died peacefully Friday, December 20, 2019 at his home in Dudley. Mathew was born in Worcester, MA. He is the son of the late Pasquale and the late Antoinette (Bisceglia)

Leone.

He is survived by his wife of almost 60 years Flora (LeBlanc) Leone, three daughters: Margaret Krawczyk of Webster, son Mathew Leone Jr of Sturbridge, Gina Gendreau and her husband Michael of Southbridge, and Mary Hubert and her husband Robert of Thompson, CT, and Two brothers Frank Leone of Worcester, Angelo Leone of Leicester, Predeceased by a sister Margaret Rose Leone. Also leaves 9 grandchildren Richard Leone, David Krawczyk, Mathew Leone, Ashley Kunkel, Alyssa Ledogar, Nicole Deschamps, Hannah Gendreau, Isabel Gendreau and Joseph Hubert. Five great grandchildren Myla Leone, Otelia Ledogar, Adalaide Ledogar, Oden

Ledoga rand Xander Kunkel. several nieces and nephews

He proudly served in the Marine Corps during the the Vietnam war from 1956 to 1962. He was employed by Commonwealth of Mass as Supervisor for DPW. Taking early retirement to spend time with his family

Mathew was a member of Dudley Hill Golf club and a lover of the game of golf he looked forward to his weekly golf matches .An Avid sports fan ,a member of east side improvement club Dublin Court Club both in Worcester.

The funeral was on 11 AM on Friday, December 27 at Bartel Funeral Home & Chapel, 33 Schofield Ave., Dudley. Webster -Dudley Veteran Council will provide Military Honors . Calling hours were Friday, December 27 from 9 :00AM to 11 :00 AM at the funeral home . In lieu of flowers donations to /www.woundedwarriorproject.org/donate



Pamela Jean Crawford, 59



SPENCER—Pamela Jean Crawford, 59, died suddenly, Monday, Dec. 23rd. in St. Vincent Hospital, Worcester after being stricken ill at home.

She was born on August 7, 1960 to James Herbert Graham and Helena Daniels Graham in Easthampton, MA. She is survived by her husband of 35 years, John H. Crawford, Jr., her children, Jacqueline K. Crawford-Ross and her husband John Thomas Ross, Amy B. Crawford and fiancé Isaac A. Alves, and James Colin Crawford and significant other Jennie L. Votta. Pamela was lucky enough to have met her grandson, Kennedy T. Ross, who lovingly called her “Meme.”

Pamela co-owned a successful real estate brokerage, RE/MAX Professional Associates, with business partner, Lorraine Herbert. They had the wonderful opportunity to lead over 100 agents to become one of the top

producing brokerages in all of New England. In addition to operating 5 top RE/MAX franchises, Pam was a well respected community leader for Worcester County and beyond.

Pam loved life with all her heart. All she wanted to do was be with her family and help families across Massachusetts find a place to call home. She also supported the Second Chance Animal Shelter and had a special affinity for cats and dogs.

Pam's funeral was held on Saturday, Dec. 28 from the J.HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer with a Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. in St. Joseph's Church, 10 H. Putnam Rd, Ext, Charlton. Calling hours were Friday, Dec. 27 from 4 to 7 p.m. in the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family is creating the Pamela Crawford Foundation to support local animal shelters and families in need. Please direct donations to 65 East Charlton Rd. Spencer, MA 01562.

www.morinfuneralhomes.com

HEALTH

Why you might be better off exercising at a gym than at home

Routine exercise benefits minds and bodies in various ways. Studies have shown that physical activity can improve mood and lower people's risk for various diseases, including heart disease and diabetes.

As beneficial as exercise can be, many people simply don't make physical activity part of their regular routines. Recent studies and reports from the United States' National Center for Health Statistics and Statistics Canada, conducted separately from each other, found that roughly 80 percent of adults in both the U.S. and Canada are not meeting the minimum physical activity requirements recommended by their respective governments. While a host of factors can influence a person's decisions on physical activity, where to exercise is one factor that could go a long way toward determining just how much adults exercise.

Basements, attics, spare bedrooms, or two-car garages may seem like the perfect places to create home gyms.



However, the benefits of working out at a gym may outweigh the convenience of working out at home.

- Workout partners and/or other gym members may improve your chances of losing weight. People who exercise at home tend to work out alone. In so doing, they

may be removing a potentially strong motivator that could keep them exercising. A 2016 study published in the research journal Obesity found that increasing contacts and interactions with thinner individuals, and declining contacts and interactions with heavier individuals, were linked

to actual weight loss. In other words, working out with a fit friend or simply interacting with fellow gym members who maintain healthy weights can benefit people who are trying to lose weight through exercise.

- Gym memberships have a way of paying for themselves. The cost of a

gym membership is one factor many people cite as a reason for not exercising more. However, many health insurance plans now offer sweat equity rebates that reward policy holders for working out. Such rebates can greatly reduce the cost of a gym membership, if not remove it entire-

ly. For example, a sweat equity program that offers a \$200 rebate every six months for policy holders who exercise 50 times during that period can make a \$30 monthly gym membership free. In that example, gym members would pay \$180 for six months but get all of that money back if they work out 50 times in a six-month period.

- Gyms can make it easier to diversify your workouts. Exercise boredom is something even the most ardent fitness enthusiast can relate to. Exercise boredom refers to the disinterest that can develop over time as people do the same workouts for weeks, months or years at a time. A home gym may not be spacious enough to include too many machines, whereas gyms typically include enough machines and classes to allow people to diversify their workouts as often as they'd like.

Working out at home may be convenient, but people looking to make exercise part of their daily routines may get better results by exercising at a nearby gym.

CALENDAR

Sunday, January 5

“HEAVEN REJOICES” — A CHRISTMAS CANTATA: The Christian Community Choir will present a Christmas Cantata, “Heaven Rejoices,” a Christmas musical in song and spoken word, today at 2 p.m. at Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church, Blaine Avenue, East Brookfield.

Thursday, January 9

FAMILY DINNER: Leicester Knights of Columbus, Mannville Street, 6 p.m. Menu includes roast pork or fish, salad, rolls, entrée, and dessert. Cost is \$12. Call for reservations by Wednesday, Jan. 8, (508) 892-4528.

Wednesday, January 15

LEICESTER WOMEN’S CLUB: 11:30 a.m., Leicester Country Club. Cost for lunch is \$15. A trip to the Leicester Public Library will follow the luncheon. Please call Maureen at (508) 864-6871 by Friday, Jan. 10 for reservations.

ONGOING EVENTS

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

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

EAST BROOKFIELD LIBRARY PROGRAMS: The East Brookfield Public Library is currently conducting their fall registration for children’s programming. Rhythm and Rhyme is

for toddlers aged 18 mos. to 3 years. This program runs from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. and includes lots of music, finger plays, physical activities and a story with a related craft. Preschool story time is geared for children aged 3 to 5 years old. It runs from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30a.m. Seasonal songs, poems, and gross motor activities are part of this program, as well as a story and craft that encourages fine motor skills. Both programs are held on Thursday mornings. Parents and caretakers are asked to remain with their children. For more information or to register by phone call (508) 867-7928. You can also like us on Facebook and visit our website @ www.eastbrookfieldLibrary.com. We look forward to seeing you!

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

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

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

FREE FOR MOM & KIDS: There will be free weekly parent/child programs from 9 to 11 a.m. Fridays and Wednesdays at the North Brookfield Elementary School, New School Road, North. The program runs on school calendar and closes for vacation and inclement weather according to North Brookfield School calendar. This free program is sponsored by the Spencer, Wachusett, North and East Brookfield Coordinated Family Grant in partnership with the North Brookfield

Elementary School. Funded by the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care. For more information, please call CFCE at (508) 885-2934 or e-mail Wachusettcp@hotmai.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 1stcongo.westbrookfield@gmail.com. There is no charge for this group. This group has recently started and wishes to welcome others in joining them. Sessions will be offered for six weeks with a two-week break between the next. (There is no limit to the number of times any individual can sign up for this program.)

HERE & THERE → Local Events, Arts, and Entertainment Listings

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

TEQUILA BONFIRE
from 9-midnight
308 Lakeside
308 East Main Street
East Brookfield, MA 01515
774-449-8333



ONGOING
MARIACHI BAND
First Thursday of the month 5-8 p.m.
MEXICALI MEXICAN GRILL
Webster location
41 Worcester Rd., Webster, MA



508-461-5070
TRIVIA SATURDAY NIGHTS
7:00 p.m. register 7:30 p.m. start up
HILLCREST COUNTRY CLUB
325 Pleasant St., Leicester, MA
508-892-9822



LIVE ENTERTAINMENT FRIDAY NIGHT
HEXMARK TAVERN
AT SALEM CROSS INN
260 West Main St., W. Brookfield, MA 508-867-2345 salemcrossinn.com

THE CENTRAL MA CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED
meets the first Monday of every month from September through May. We discuss a variety of conservation programs to improve the local cold water fisheries, local fishing opportunities. Our annual High School Fly Fishing Championship (open to all MA high school students) And our annual fund raising banquet. Auburn Sportsman’s Club
50 Elm St., Auburn, MA



LEGALS

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Paul B. Harding, Kathleen M. Harding to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Drew Mortgage Associates, Inc., dated July 30, 2007 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 41601, Page 203, as modified by a certain modification agreement dated June 3, 2016, and recorded with said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 55983, Page 235, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from:

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Drew Mortgage Associates, Inc. to Federal National Mortgage Association, recorded on May 1, 2012, in Book No. 48901, at Page 276

Federal National Mortgage Association to Residential Credit Solutions, Inc., recorded on February 27, 2014, in Book No. 52071, at Page 66

Residential Credit Solutions, Inc. to Federal National Mortgage Association, recorded on October 28, 2014, in Book No. 52967, at Page 207

Federal National Mortgage Association to Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper, recorded on May 9, 2019, in Book No. 60382, at Page 304

for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 12:00 PM on January 10, 2020, on the mortgaged premises located at 16 Sunset Lane, Spencer, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:

The land in Spencer, being on the westerly side of Sunset Lane and being shown as Lot 14, on a plan entitled "Property transferred from Mrs. Agnes J. Antell to J.E. Antell & Sons, Inc, Spencer, Mass, April 1956, F.G. Antoll, C.E." said plan recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 214, Plan 89. Being bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at the northeasterly corner thereof on the westerly line of Sunset Lane and the southeasterly corner of Lot #13 as shown on said plan; THENCE S. 1 degrees 16' W. by said Sunset Lane, 105 feet to the northeasterly corner of Lot #16, as shown on said plan; THENCE N. 88 degrees 44' W. by said Lot #16, 99.93 feet to land now or formerly of Robert Antell; THENCE N. 1 degrees 11' E. by said Antell land 105 feet to the southwesterly corner of said Lot #13; THENCE S. 88 degrees 44' E. 100.08 feet by said Lot #13, to the place of BEGINNING. Being all and the same premises conveyed in Book 6241 and Page 11. Subject to any conditions, covenants, easements and restrictions of record insofar as the same are in force and applicable.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 6241, Page 11.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:

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

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

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A MR. COOPER
Present holder of said mortgage
By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.
150 California St.
Newton, MA 02458
(617)558-0500
14429
December 20, 2019
December 27, 2019
January 3, 2020

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS ARCHITECTURAL / DESIGN SERVICES FOR SENIOR CENTER RE-USE OF EXISTING MAPLE STREET SCHOOL 68 MAPLE STREET

The Town of Spencer invites qualified architectural (or architectural / engineering) firms to submit proposals to provide design services for Senior Center re-use of the existing Maple Street school located at 68 Maple Street in Spencer, Massachusetts. All respondents must be able to comply with all the RFQ requirements and follow all instructions in preparing RFQ responses. Failure to respond properly may result in the rejection of the proposal(s).

The RFQ guidelines may be obtained in the following manner: at the Spencer Town Hall, Town Administrator's Office, 157 Main Street, Spencer, MA 01562 during normal business hours starting on Thursday, January 2, 2020, or by e-mail to tgregory@spencerma.gov. All procedures related to this procurement are in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 7C, §§44-57.

Six (6) copies, plus one electronic copy on a USB drive, of the proposal shall be submitted with all information as required on Pages 5 and 6 (Proposal Requirements) and any supplementary materials, if desired.

Proposals shall be submitted in a sealed envelope and shall be labeled on the outside as: "Proposal for Architectural / Design Services – Senior Center Re-Use of Existing Maple Street School", and must be sent or delivered to the address below on or before **January 16, 2020 at 10:00AM:**

Town of Spencer
c/o Thomas Gregory, Town Administrator
157 Main Street
Spencer, MA 01562
Thomas Gregory
Town Administrator
Town of Spencer
January 3, 2020

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

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

To wit:

"The land with the buildings thereon known and numbered as 15 Ingram Road in Leicester, Worcester County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, being Lot 2A as shown on a Plan entitled "Plan of Land in Leicester, Massachusetts, prepared for James Dawe", Scale: 1"=40', dated December 30, 1992 by George E. Smith, Jr., Surveying and Engineering, 20 Oneida Ave., Worcester, MA 01606, recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 667, Plan 17, said land being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at the northwest corner of the herein described premises on the northwesterly line of Ingram Road; THENCE North 82° 33' 57" East along land now or formerly of Thibeault, 297.56 feet to a point at the northeast corner of the herein described premises, which point is the town line between Leicester and Worcester; THENCE South 20° 27' 30" East along said town line, 50.00 feet to a point at the southeast corner of the herein described premises; THENCE South 69° 32' 25" West, 113.82 feet to a point; THENCE South 27° 54' 00" East, 11.12 feet to a point; THENCE South 62° 06' 00" West along land now or formerly of Taylor, 160.00 feet to a point at the southwest corner of the herein described premises, which point is on the northeasterly line of Ingram Road; THENCE North 27° 41' 00" West along said Ingram Road, 150.00 feet to the point of beginning.

CONTAINING 26,796 square feet of land according to said plan. BEING the same premises conveyed to the Mortgagor by Deed recorded with the Worcester South District Registry of Deeds in Book 36666, Page 28."

TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable deposit of five thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at the Law Office of Joseph

R. Jenkins, 116 Flanders Road, Suite 1100, Westborough, Massachusetts 01581 within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. All bidders must exhibit said required deposit to the auctioneer immediately prior to the auction sale in order to qualify as a bidder.

Said premises will also be sold subject to and/or with the benefit of any and all rights of way, easements, restrictions, covenants, conditions, reservations and agreements of record, to the extent that the same are in force and applicable, outstanding taxes, tax titles, municipal or other public liens or assessments, water bills, sewer bills, liens or claims in the nature of liens, all existing encumbrances of record created prior to this mortgage, and the right of redemption of the United States of America, if any. It shall be the bidders' sole responsibility to ascertain all items described in this paragraph and no representations are made concerning the compliance with applicable zoning regulations. The mortgaged premises, if occupied, shall be conveyed subject to existing occupancies and/or tenancies. In the event of an error in this publication, the description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control.

This sale may be postponed or adjourned from time to time, if necessary, by the Attorney for the mortgagee at the scheduled time and place of sale.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale. The successful bidder shall be required to sign a Memorandum of Terms and Conditions containing the above terms at the sale.

If the highest bidder fails to complete the purchase of the premises on the terms provided in this notice and in the Memorandum of Terms and Conditions signed following the sale, the Mortgagee reserves the right to sell the premises to the second highest bidder (or each subsequent highest bidder thereafter) who will then have five (5) business days to deliver the deposit specified above to the Mortgagee's attorney as herein indicated, and to agree to a closing date for payment of the remaining balance of such subsequent highest bid and transfer of the deed that is within thirty (30) days thereafter.

Central One Federal Credit Union
Present holder of said mortgage

By its attorney
Joseph R. Jenkins

Law Offices of Joseph R. Jenkins
116 Flanders Road, Suite 1100
Westborough, MA 01581

The Zekos Group

Auctioneer: (508)842-9000

January 3, 2020

January 10, 2020

January 17, 2020

(SEAL)

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT 19 SM 006015 ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:

Phyllis Schoof

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

MTGLQ Investors, L.P.

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Spencer, numbered 115 Charlton Road, given by **Teresa Johnson and Phyllis Schoof to "MERS", Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., a separate corporation that is acting solely as nominee for GreenPoint Mortgage Funding, Inc., "Lender"; and its successors and assigns**, dated April 24, 2007, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 41306, Page 356, and now held by Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before January 27, 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 December 13, 2019

Attest:

Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder

January 3, 2020

NORTH BROOKFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL COMMITTEE NORTH BROOKFIELD MASSACHUSETTS

Invites sealed, separate bids on furnishing bus transportation for a period beginning July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2023 for the purpose of:

Regular, Special Education, Athletic, and Extra-Curricular Transportation
Bid forms and specifications may be obtained at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools, 10 New School Drive, North Brookfield, MA 01535, as of **Thursday, January 2, 2020, beginning at 12:00 p.m. (noon) local time.**

Sealed bids must be received at the Superintendent's Office no later than **12:00 p.m. (noon) local time, on Monday, February 10, 2020**, and bids will be opened at that time. The clock in the Office of the Superintendent shall be considered official. No late bids shall be accepted. No faxed bids shall be accepted. Bids will be presented to the School Committee at a meeting on or after this date.

Bid envelopes are to be clearly marked **"North Brookfield School Committee Regular, Special Education, Athletic, and Extra-Curricular Transportation"**.

The North Brookfield School Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or parts of bids, and to take any action deemed by them to be in the best interest of the North Brookfield Public Schools. All bids shall comply with the Invitation for Bids issued by the North Brookfield School Committee. Bids submitted will be binding for sixty (60) days subsequent to the time of the bid opening. Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30B, §5. EOE
January 3, 2020
January 10, 2020

Notice of Public Hearing– Zoning Board of Appeals

The Spencer Zoning Board of Appeals will be holding a Public Hearing on Tuesday **January 14, 2020** in McCourt Social Hall of Memorial Town Hall, 157 Main Street, Spencer, MA, on the following item(s) starting at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as can be heard:

Special Permit - Applicant: Daniel Estevez (Families Together, LLC) Owner: Jennifer Fagerquist; Location: 407 East Main Street, Spencer Assessor's Map R35-33. The applicant is requesting a Special Permit under section 7.2 of the Zoning By-law to transfer their current operations of an adult daycare facility to Spencer. The property is located within the Commercial zoning district.

Interested Parties may review these applications at the Office of Development & Inspectional Services in Memorial Town Hall located at 157 Main Street Spencer, MA 01562, during regular business hours from 7:30-4:30 Monday-Wednesday and Thursday 7:30-12:00.

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

December 27, 2019
January 3, 2020



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 WEBSTER 23 Lincoln Street \$225,000.00	 WEBSTER 54 Camille Road \$59,900.00	 DUDLEY 9 Progress Ave \$235,000.00	 WEBSTER 21 Spring Street \$215,900.00	 WEBSTER 20 Hugo Terrace \$269,000.00	 WEBSTER 3 Blueberry Lane \$334,000.00	 DUDLEY 13 Oakwood Ave \$205,000.00	 WEBSTER LAKE 905 Treasure Island Rd \$424,000.00	 WEBSTER LAKE 17 Wakefield Ave \$520,000.00
 PUTNAM 48 Smith Street \$122,000.00	 DUDLEY 73 Tracy Road \$345,000.00	 WEBSTER LAKE 704 Treasure Island \$326,000.00	 DOUGLAS 36 Cedar Street \$570,000.00	 THOMPSON 845 Thompson Road \$240,000.00	 OXFORD 8 Vine Street \$279,900.00	 SUTTON 30 Jones Road \$443,000.00	 OXFORD 28 Brown Road \$315,000.00	 NORTH BROOKFIELD 0 Bigelow Road \$50,000.00
 WEBSTER 7 Hickory Lane \$259,000.00	 WEBSTER 18 McGovern Lane \$280,000.00	 WEBSTER LAKE 39 Bates Point Rd \$735,000.00	 THOMPSON 36 Cedar Road \$310,000.00	 WEBSTER LAKE 206 Treasure Island Rd \$345,000.00	 HOLLAND 5 Deyo Drive \$275,000.00	 DUDLEY 4 Tobin Drive \$465,000.00	 WEBSTER 8 Oakmont Street \$65,000.00	 WEBSTER 28 Colonial Road \$285,000.00
 DUDLEY 24 Hickory Drive \$295,950.00	 DUDLEY 9 Nellies Way \$460,000.00	 DUDLEY 33 Susan Drive \$400,000.00	 WEBSTER LAKE 207 Beacon Park \$248,000.00	 DUDLEY 2 Brandon Road \$229,000.00	 OXFORD 4 Carron Lane \$145,000.00	 WEBSTER 26 Spring Street \$225,000.00	 DUDLEY 4 Brandon Road \$191,500.00	 WEBSTER 12 West Ave Unit D \$170,000.00
 PUTNAM 49 Fox Road \$350,000.00	 WEBSTER LAKE 603 Treasure Island \$355,000.00	 DUDLEY 94 Tracy Road \$332,000.00	 CHARLTON 63 Lincoln Point Rd \$480,000.00	 WORCESTER 215 Mill Street Unit 103 \$149,900.00	 CHARLTON 125 Sunset Drive \$547,500.00	 MILLBURY 51 Davis Road \$957,000.00	 DUDLEY 12 Lakeview Ave \$425,000.00	 WEBSTER LAKE 50 Union Point Road \$608,500.00
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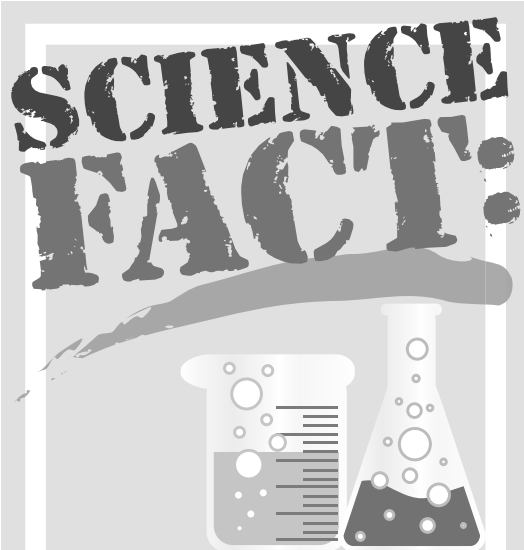
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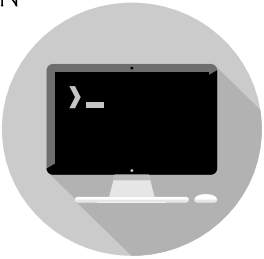
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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

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- A. 6 13 16 9 14**
Clue: Cold covering
- B. 10 23 10 23 26 25 9**
Clue: Cylindrical ice
- C. 9 26 10 23 22**
Clue: Slippery
- D. 7 8 9 14 4**
Clue: Windy

Answers: A. frost B. icicles C. slick D. gusty

SUDOKU

				9			1	
		5						
4		2			5		8	9
	6				2	9	5	
	5			1				
3			4				2	7
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9				2				
8		6			3		7	

Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

5	7	1	3	4	9	6	6	8
3	9	8	1	2	5	7	4	9
4	6	2	6	7	8	1	3	5
7	2	2	9	6	5	4	8	3
8	3	1	7	4	3	8	2	5
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