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Trials and triumphs

topic of local filmmaker



Courtesy photo.

An East Brookfield filmmaker helped bring the legacy of a decorated Olympic rower to life with her latest project.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS NEWS STAFF WRITER

BROOKFIELD – After dedicating three years to her latest project, filmmaker Jean Strauss is inspiring viewers with a documentary featuring the

challenges and triumphs of a pioneering athlete.

Titled "Kiss the Joy: The Story of Joan Lind Van Blom", the film premiered late last month in California. But even though west coast viewers got the first look

at Strauss's documentary about a decorated Olympic women's rower, the film was born right here in East Brookfield.

"Kiss the Joy was three years in the making, and I produced, wrote, and edited it here at our home in Podunk," said Strauss, who was raised in San Francisco but moved to central Massachusetts with her husband, Jon. "I love East Brookfield. In many ways, I feel this area is as much my

iome as where I grew up. The documentary introduces viewers to the late Joan Lind Van Blom, a legend in women's rowing whose groundbreaking accomplishments paved the way for others to enter the sport. Van Blom represented the U.S. in the 1976 Summer Olympics held in Montreal, Quebec, becoming the first American ever to medal by earning silver. She brought home a second silver

Please Read FILMMAKER, page A5

Landfill will be home to solar project

BY KEVIN FLANDERS NEWS STAFF WRITER

SPENCER - Town meeting voters gave the green light last week to a solar lease project planned for the capped section of the town landfill.

Solar proposals elsewhere in town have seen opposition this spring, but voters at the May 3 Annual town meeting overwhelmingly supported the landfill project. The vote authorizes selectmen to execute a lease for 19 acres of land on the capped landfill at 17 South Spencer Road. The goal for town officials is to secure a lease with a commercial developer to install

a solar facility at the site.

The lease is eligible to extend to a term of 20 years, if approved by selectmen.

In a related warrant article, voters authorized selectmen to sign the lease and PILOT agreement for the solar project.

"A PILOT agreement is a payment in lieu of taxes. It is the typical method municipalities use to determine taxes on the solar panels, as well as the underlying land," said Town Administrator Thomas Gregory.

Officials expect the landfill

Approval of article impacts revenues as town meeting has little controversy

BY KEVIN FLANDERS

LEICESTER - Recreational marijuana moved one step closer to retailing in Leicester after last week's town meeting approval of a zoning bylaw.

Overwhelmingly approved at the May 1 annual town meeting, the bylaw outlines where recreational pot shops can operate in town. Officials prepared a tentative host community agreement in advance of the meeting, which was contingent on the article's passage in order to

take effect. The host community agreement allocates annual payments between \$75,000 and \$250,000 to municipalities based on sales.

A second revenue source for the town will be provided by a three-percent local sales tax. The Selectboard has discussed using these revenue streams from pot shops to address the longtime shortage of funds for capital items, sports fields and parks, and even new positions in town.

Please Read TOWN MEETING, page A6

WANT TO SEE IT DO ITS STUFF?

Courtesy photo

A member of the newly formed North Brookfield robotics team shows off one of the inspired creations done by her combined middle and high school crew. The rookie group brought home awards in its first year at competition. Story and photos page 6.



Truly a family affair at Royal Crest Farm

BY AMY PAUL STONEBRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

While traveling on scenic Howe Road in Spencer, a right off Route 31 South, you will pass one of Spencer's last working and very productive farms. Royal Crest Farm sits bucolically among rolling fields and forest as their Angus beef cattle graze and laze behind stone wall lined

pasture or within the newly refurbished, pristine barns. It is a sight to see and a scent to smell, this family-owned farm, one that recalls a part of Spencer's past and a hope for Spencer's future.

Purchased in 1982 by Bob and Meg Moschini from Larry Taylor, Royal Crest began as a dairy farm, which lasted until 2004. During this time, the farm was recognized for its delivery of quality milk and other dairy products. However, once the Moschini's son Anthony a 1999 David Prouty graduate and a 2004 graduate of Cornell University's animal science program took over running the farm from his parents

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from L-R: Anthony Moschini, Jennifer Wysocki, Meg and Bob Moschini and their dog, Bella

Fiscal challenges mean loss of two administrators

BY KEVIN FLANDERS NEWS STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER - Facing challenging financial constraints, the school district will not renew contracts for two assistant principals.

After a comprehensive review of all options, school officials decided to slash the assistant principal positions at the Primary School and Memorial School for the upcoming year. Both administrators have been informed they will not be extended after their contracts expire on June

Superintendent Marilyn Tencza and the School Committee were hoping to avoid cutting the positions, but the main priority was balancing the budget without requiring layoffs in teaching positions. Following town meeting approval on May 1, the school budget is balanced

"It was a very difficult decision. Much thought and careful consideration went into

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KICKOFF CRUISE POSTPONED

The Mass Firebirds Spring Kickoff Cruise–In originally scheduled May 6 was postponed due to the weather until Sunday, May 20 at the Crop & Carrot Tack Shop, 133 West Main St., Spencer, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. The good weather is here and the time has come to get together with other Firebird owners and share some good times! Whether you own a Trans Am, Formula or Firebird; no matter what the condition project to show car come join us in Spencer we'd love to see it!! There is no registration fee just show up! Raffles & giveaways from Ames Performance, fbodywarehouse & Rock Auto. There will also be a dj playing all our favorite car tunes. https://www. facebook.com/groups/906060559415396/

ELDER CARE FORUM Worcester County Sheriff Lew Central Evangelidis the and Massachusetts Agency on Aging are pleased to announce ElderCare 2018 -Engage at Every Age to be held on Wednesday, May 16 from 9:30 a.m.-1:30

p.m. at the Leicester Country Club locat-

ed at 1430 Main St. Celebrating its 20th Anniversary, 2018 ElderCare is a free event for seniors and caregivers and will include a panel of distinguished speakers including, Dr. Keith Darrow, Dr. Robert Dwyer, Sheriff Evangelidis and District Attorney Joseph D. Early, Jr. providing information on health & wellness and public safety topics including the current opioid crisis. This year's ElderCare Event, for the first time ever, is sponsored by The Central Massachusetts Agency on Aging along with the Worcester County Sheriff's Office and will offer an exciting new format from previous years.

"We are so pleased to be one of the primary sponsors for this year's 2018 ElderCare Event along with the Worcester County Sheriff's Office. In celebration of the 20th Anniversary, it will be a wonderful day for our seniors and caregivers and we are thrilled to announce we have made it bigger and better than ever." Said Robert P. Dwyer, Ph.D., executive director of Central Massachusetts Agency on Aging.

In addition to educational informa-

tion, the day will also include door prizes, complimentary food and product samples, great giveaways and raffle

"The Worcester County Sheriff's Office is excited to be part of this tremendous educational event for our seniors. In addition to important public safety information, the day promises to be an informative and fun filled day for Worcester County's senior community. We are proud to partner with the Central Massachusetts Agency on Aging for ElderCare 2018, this free event - celebrating its 20th year, will be the best one ever," said Evangelidis.

Contributing sponsors for ElderCare 2018 include, Reliant Medical Group, Vitality Magazine, Hearing and Balance Centers of New England and Bay State Savings Bank.

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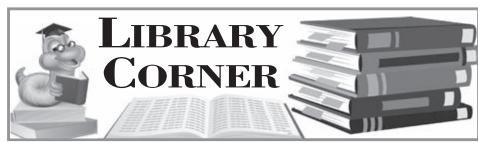
Friends of the East Brookfield Library spring raffle

The annual Spring Raffle is here! The Friends have three wonderful items to raffle: Tickets are on sale at the library. \$1 each or \$5/7 tickets. The winning tickets will be pulled on Monday May 21 at 6 pm.

#1 Spring Breakfast Basket offers a waffle maker, ½ gallon of VT maple syrup, and covered mixing bowl. Donated by the Staff and Trustees. #2 Spring Gardener offers a fun collection of garden goodies and seeds. Donated by the Friends group. #3 Kids Love to Garden offers a fun selection of garden supplies for kids to enjoy. Donated by the Friends group.

All proceeds from this and other fundraisers are used for library programs, program supplies and museum passes.

Did you know that most annual museum passes cost each library between \$200 \$500 annually? The Friends help to defray the cost of these passes, so that local library users can benefit at reduced or no cost to them. Visit our website www. eastbrookfieldlibrary.org to see the list of available museum passes.



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TUESDAY MAY 15

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Attracting Birds, Butterflies, and Other Beneficials from 1:00 pm -2:00 pm. Adults are invited to learn how to welcome songbirds, hummingbirds, butterflies, and other beneficial organisms to your yard and neighborhood. Naturalist, John Root will present the program. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Spencer Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

WEDNESDAY MAY 16

Slice of Art! Have fun with printmaking at 4:00 at the after school program (grades k-5).

THURSDAY MAY 17

Cozy Corner is a story time program for toddlers, preschoolers and their caregivers, sponsored and presented by CFCE. Meets from 11:00-12:00

Spencer Through Time 6-8 pm Presented by author and historian Frank J. Morrill & coauthor and granddaughter Hannah Morrill. Join us as we learn about some of Spencer's incredible history. There will be a slide-show presentation, shar-

ing stories, and pictures relating to the newly published book "Spencer Through Time" and more! The presentation will be followed by a book signing. Books will be available for purchase.

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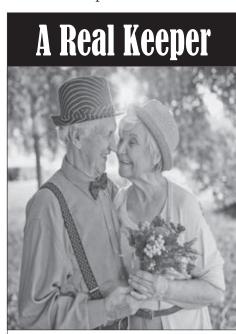


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Collector profile: Bryce Vautour

There are many things I enjoy about being an antique auctioneer. There's the satisfaction that comes when items sell well for a consignor. I like looking through an estate and seeing if there are any great finds.

I also enjoy meeting with collectors and learning more about the things that people collect and why they collect them. It is always nice when I meet younger collectors who are enthused about antiques and collectibles. I recently had the pleasure of meeting a young collector who showed me some of the things he WAYNE TUISKULA

Bryce Vautour is 9 years old and enrolled in the third grade at North Brookfield Elementary School. Besides antiques, he enjoys taking part in Boy Scouts. His parents are Jesse and Angela and he has a younger sister,

Family outings often focus on helping Bryce expand his collection. He gets a \$20 allowance when he goes to yard sales. The family also goes to the Brimfield Antiques Show so Bryce can treasure hunt there, after school of course.

His interest started when his father dug up a labeled car part in the yard. Although he likes it, he told me that he didn't have to pay anything for it so selling it at some point for \$10 would be a nice profit for him.

Bryce has an interest in cars and his grandfather gave him a car emblem. He has some oil cans from his excursions to Brimfield. He estimates that he has

license plates from around 20 states and at least one foreign country. He also enjoys learning about the automotive industry and has recently been reading about Henry

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He has some other things that he is proud of in his collection. His father bought Bryce some currency on Craigslist that had been taped together by a G.I. A World War II soldier had several foreign and American notes signed by his fellow soldiers. Bryce also has a number of bottles, including a 1968 Coca Cola bottle. He showed me where he had

found a mark on the bottom of the bottle dating it to 1968.

He has a family friend who mentors him and helps him research his finds. He also watches television shows like "American Pickers" where he learns more about antiques.

Some collectors like the pieces they collect to be perfect. Bryce doesn't mind a little wear and usage on his pieces, like he sees on "American Pickers."

He has some tips for other collectors. Be aware of reproductions and negotiate when you can. He thinks that people may be more willing to give him a price break because of his age.

If a nine year old who is interested in antiques comes to your yard sale, consider giving him a discount too. He will only have \$20 in his pocket and he is eager to expand the nice collection he has started.

If you have an interesting collection



that you'd like to share with our readers, please contact me.

Our online only auction of robots and space toys ends on May 16. Preview for the Weymouth, MA online auction takes place on May 19, with bidding ending on May 23rd. Our live antique estates auction takes place on May 31st in Worcester. The Westborough farm estate sale will be held on June 2nd and 3rd. See www.centralmassauctions.com for details on these and other upcoming events.

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the farm's production and sales began to evolve and diversify, while still keeping the business in the family. "It was a real challenge to make money with dairy. For all the work that is the life of a dairy farmer, the income was very little," Moschini states, "That's when I began to add and sell other high-quality products direct from the farm.'

In fact, Royal Crest Farm now boasts five varied means of income, all of them in high demand and of top quality. Their compost, produced at the farm in Spencer, is a mix of goat and cow manure, mixed with sawdust and wood chips; it is free of harmful chemicals and residues and expertly "cooked" in long windrows for three months at a temperature residing between 130-150°. 3,000 yards per year are produced and sold, with the Tower Hill Botanical Society being an important and repeat

'For compost, we've got customers as far away as Boston. Everyone, including Tower Hill, has told us that ours is the best they've ever used." Moschini

Fortunately, Royal Crest also sells from the farm to the public.

Other popular products the farm produces are mulch and hay. Royal Crest's mulch is double ground, making it more uniform in shape, size, and consistency. Offerings are Hemlock Blend, Jet Black, Natural, and Red Cedar, available by the yard or by bag.

As for hay, the Royal Crest crew cuts over 700 acres of hay from fields located in Spencer, Charlton, and East Brookfield, leasing near 520 acres from other landowners. In fact, 500 acres of dry hay get delivered all the way to Foxboro, while the remaining large cut square hay bales from both the first and second cut are sold at the farm.

Recently, within the last five years, the farm has also broadened into Angus beef production and sales. All the cattle reside right at Royal Crest, never leaving the farm until butchering season, and are raised on a quality balanced diet of corn silage, haylage, and grass (14,000 pounds per day!), also grown right at the farm. The USDA certified and twice inspected meat, available in many cuts at their on-site store, is flash-frozen, a process that avoids much air exposure, greatly reducing bacteria while still preserving nutrients. And, best of all, the price for such high-quality, high-nutrient meat is comparable to that of the local grocery store. For example, ground beef is sold at \$6 per pound.

"A lot of people like to know where their beef comes from and where it's been. Here, they can see the cows, see what they eat, see that the animals have a good life and support a local farmer,' Moschini says.

Last but certainly not least the farm offers the only on-site farm store in Spencer where beef produced at the farm is sold, as well as other country and kitchen items from various Northeast vendors.

Besides individual or special cuts of meat by special order, chic farmhouse décor and unique hand-made gifts adorn shelves and tables in the quaint lower level of the main building. Items from Brookfield Candles, Scaryman's BBQ and Hot Sauce of Spencer, Alicia's Homemade rubs, dips, and sauces, Li'l Bit Farm Honey, Organnie's Natural/ Organic products for the body, and Spencer Abbey jellies and jams among many others are available for purchase during store hours: Friday 9:00am-5:00 pm, Saturday 9:00 am-3:00pm, and Sunday 9:00am-12:00 pm. Jennifer Wysocki, Moschini's girlfriend, has been the driving force behind organizing and marketing the store and its

"We've changed the look of the store



sign on the barn

and have received many compliments. It is now very inviting and welcoming. We really strive to support local producers and artisans, giving both them and us a way to market and sell our products directly from farm to customer, Wysocki adds.

Finally, Royal Crest Farm always offers, including specials for upcoming holidays, "Beef Bundles." These consist of various cuts of beef and come in a range of pounds, cuts, and prices, Look for their Memorial Day, Father's Day, and Fourth of July Bundles to purchase a unique, high-quality gift for the barbe-

Moschini closes with. "This is the only industry where you pay retail and sell wholesale. Though it can be a very tough industry, it is also one I love. It takes passion to keep going. Farming is not just a job, it's a lifestyle. I love it: the animals, being outside, and being my own boss. I also appreciate the freedom and being able to help others through what I produce."

Spencer is lucky to have such a farm and passionate farmers still willing to work and produce from its land.

more information, Royal Crest's website at www. RoyalCrestFarm.com, Facebook page, or better yet, stop by in person.



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Frank Sinatra Tribute - Thursday May 17 at 6:30 p.m. Enjoy "Old Blue Eyes" favorites performed by the "Cabaret Consortium". Please register.

Friends of the Library meeting Tuesday, May 22 at 6:00 p.m. New members are always welcome.

"World War Women: The Unsung Heroines of WWII" Thursday, May 24 at 3:00 p.m. presented by Judith Kalaora of History at Play. Judith entertains, informs & inspires in a beautiful tribute to the women who quietly made fascinating history. Generously co-sponsored by the West Brookfield Historical Commission & the Quaboag Historical Society. Please register.

Thursday, May 24, 6:00-7:00 p.m.: The Friends of the Library proudly welcomes the WBES Kindergarten & 2nd Grade classes to an opening night celebrating their Alphabet Art based on the children's favorite "Chicka Chicka Boom Boom". Giveaways, refreshments & more!

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Should an agent give back some commission to the buyer of the home?

I have been asked several times in the past to give back a portion of my commission to a buyer. There is nothing wrong with the buyer asking or an agent necessarily reducing their commission and having the buyer get a credit at closing. This is just not something I have done. This makes me think of the times I have hired someone for a much lower rate to paint a room and it looked like a 4-year painted it or hiring a landscaper that took my deposit and never came back or the general contractor who didn't have the funds to finish a job because they underbid it. I think you get

what you pay for with a real estate agent as well. If the agents value proposition is giving you money back then I would suggest getting a license yourself and then you can keep the whole commission rather than just a portion.

The reason you hire a Real Estate agent on the buying side of a home is to help you find a home but more importantly to negotiate the best deal for you. How do you think that agent will handle



REALTOR'S REPORT

> **JAMES** BLACK

your money if they give away their own money that easily? Corporations spend tons of money every year hiring top negotiators and you should treat your home purchase that same way and hire an agent who

has a good reputation in your area and is highly trained in negotiations to make sure that you are the one who gets the home but also the best deal.

I believe if you are hiring a true pro-

fessional in the Real Estate industry then they should be worth more than you pay them or you are hiring the wrong person. If you do not think the agent earns their fee then you may not have the right agent. This is why you want to interview agents and ask the list of questions I have suggested in the past to ensure that you have hired the best agent in your local area to make the process painless and get you the

Fighting to never say no to a Second Chance

EAST BROOKFIELD — Second Chance Animal Services is no stranger to adversity. The nonprofit that grew from a small shelter to a pioneering pet services organization now encompassing three full service veterinary hospitals, two mobile adoption and veterinary units working in the community, a transport facility for pets arriving from out of state and satellite adoption facilities, has faced more than a few bumps in the road. 2018 has already presented many bumps, including numerous rescues arriving with great medical needs,

water damage during renovations at the new Community Veterinary Hospital in Springfield scheduled to open later this month, record-breaking attendance at area vaccine clinics and a drop in dona-

CEO Sherul Blancato is proud of the work the organization does to help over 34,000 pets a vear, but often loses sleep trying to figure out how to take care of all the pets in need that come to Second Chance.

Blancato noted "in 2018 we are seeing an unprecedented number of rescued pets in need of great medical care like Cheeto, the orphaned Bengal kitten born at Second Chance after his mother was abandoned in distress during labor and Lelia, a gentle dog who arrived from Puerto Rico on a recent transport in dire need of eye surgery. Our caring and talented staff were able to save the kitten, though the mother's health was too far gone and sadly could not be saved, and Lelia came through surgery well and will be going to stay with a foster to continue her recoverv. These are just a couple examples of the rescues we help each day. We are the advocates for pets in need and we never want to say no to a 'Second

Chance'." "Second chances are not limited to rescues," added Blancato. "Every day, there clients coming through the doors of our hospitals with pets that have extraordinary medical needs. We work hard to keep our prices affordable and to continue to offer subsidized pricing SO that pet owners have options. Without the support of our generous donors, none of what we do would be possible.

Second Chance has never wavered in its mission to help pets in need. The Community Veterinary Hospitals in North Brookfield, Springfield and Worcester were created to provide affordable veterinary care for everyone, so that all pets have access to healthcare to enhance their lives and pets facing medical need can stay in the best place for them - with their loving owners. Second Chance hospitals are the only hospitals operated by an animal welfare organization in Massachusetts offering subsidized pricing for qualified individuals. The new, and much larger, Springfield location will enable the organization to meet the growing need in the area. Water damage from heavy rains in January set back the project slightly but a May 23 grand opening is planned with an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. and ribbon cutting at 3:30 p.m.

Every spring, Second Chance goes out into the community to provide life-saving vaccines at local vaccine and microchip clinics. In 2018, the organization has seen a tremendous response to the clinics. At a recent clinic in Fitchburg, the line streamed down the street. The staff stayed well past the scheduled hours, vaccinating hundreds of pets.

The organization has seen a decline in the number of donations in 2018. It's too early to know whether this is a temporary trend, but concern is mounting. Second Chance relies solely on donations and grants to operate. In 2017 they responded to the back to back hurricanes, sharing supplies with shelters in the hard-hit areas and rescuing 120 pets from Florida and Puerto Rico. Many of those pets arrived with serious medical conditions that needed to be addressed before they could find new homes, placing a strain on the nonprofit's budget.

The need is great right now and Second Chance needs to be sure they are ready for anything that might come through the door. Anyone interested in supporting Second Chance can send donations to 111 Young Road, East Brookfield, MA 01515 or visit www. secondchanceanimals.org to make an online donation.

Second Chance is a nonprofit 501c3 tax exempt organization that began in 1999 in East Brookfield and relies solely on donations and grants to operate. The organization operates an Adoption Center in East Brookfield, and three full-service Community Veterinary Hospitals North Brookfield, Springfield and Worcester. Second Chance helps over 34,000 pets a year through adoption, spay/neuter, veterinary care, community outreach, educational outreach programs, training, and a pet food pantry. For more information, visit Second Chance's website at www.secondchanceanimals.org. Follow Second Chance on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/secondchanceanimals.

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- 1. As fast as can be done
- 9. Religious retreat
- 11. Warfare
- 13. One you wouldn't expect Disease-causing microorganisms 16. For each
- 17. Grammatical term 19. One point east of southeast
- 21. _ Dern, actress
- 22. Popular HBO drama (abbr.)
- 23. Shampoo 25. Scale drawing of a structure
- An enclosure for confining
- livestock 27. Goat-like mammal
- Cigar
- Appear
- 36. The highest adult male singing voice

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34. Leaked through

- 38. Musical group __ Soundsystem
- 39. Aurochs
- 41. Crazy (Spanish)
- 43 Swiss river
- 46. Frock
- 48. Found in most body tissues
- 53. Reasons behind
- 54. Christian recluse
- Removes
- 57. Repents
- 58. Energy 59. Tailless amphibian

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Not awake
- 2. Type of dessert 3. They
- 4. Retired Coast Guard admiral Gene positions
- Exclude 7. One who is bound
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- 9. Small vipers 10. Blackbird
- 11. Adventurer 12. Shade
- 14. A way to gain
- 15. A salt or ester of boric acid
- 18. Monetary units 20. Removed
- 24. "My country, tis of __" 26. Horses
- 28. Drives back by force
- 30. Bold, impudent behavior
- 34. Types of nerves in males 35. A ridge of sand created by the wind
- 37. Wind instrument 38. Pakistani city
- 40. Dry or withered
- 42. Delivered a speech
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- Small waterbird
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CLASSROOM CORNER

Taking pride in the place is new tradition



Kevin Flanders photos

Members of Girl Scout Troop 64529, based in Spencer, get ready to clean up their town on Spencer Pride Day.

SPENCER - In a longtime tradition led by First Congregational Church of Spencer each spring, volunteers once again showed the importance of taking pride in keeping the environment clean.

Roughly a week after Earth Day, the April 28 event saw church members and residents come together to clean up town roads, parks, and lawns. After meeting at the church, volunteers fanned out across town to perform an array of chores, including raking leaves and removing roadside trash.

Volunteers received plenty of support from local youngsters eager to lend a hand, including members of Girl Scout Troop 64529, based in Spencer.

"It's great to see everyone working together to keep the town looking good," said Pat Stark, a member of the church committee that has been organizing the cleanup day in town for over 20 years.

Several cleanup projects took place at local parks, including Howe Park, while others focused on removing piles of trash from the sides of Route 9. Though it can be difficult to make time for service projects, volunteers emphasized the importance of getting involved. Town officials have invested significant funding into improving the downtown image, and volunteers want to dedicate their time to extending those efforts throughout

"We have a lot of fun – it's a great day," said church member and resident Derek Ingalls, who volunteered along with his daughter.



Derek Ingalls, of Spencer, is hard at work on Spencer Pride Day.

FILMMAKER

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medal in the 1984 Olympics held in Los Angeles, then received a Congressional Gold medal many years later for her outstanding efforts.

Van Blom died of brain cancer in 2015 at the age of 62, and it means a lot for Strauss to keep her legacy alive through the film. Non-theatrical screenings of the documentary will be held in New England this summer.

The most rewarding part is being patient enough to get it right and knowing, at the end, that I've fulfilled a promise to someone I deeply respected and admired. The film makes Joan alive again," said Strauss, who gifted the film to the National Rowing Foundation.

"This is my third feature film, and each one has taken much longer than I expected. But it's that long process that pulls you toward the heart of a story."

Strauss's husband served as the president of WPI from 1985-94, and her kids were born right here in East Brookfield. When her youngest child eventually became a filmmaker, Strauss decided to give it a try as well. Despite her late entry into the field at age 50, she has discovered her passion and in the process conveyed several inspirational stories.

When her latest project took a tragic turn with the loss of Van Blom in the middle of the documentary's creation, Strauss knew she had to push through the adversity and ensure that the story was told. It wasn't easy, though, especially since the first part of the documentary had been told through the words of the repeat national rowing champion herself.

"I'd never had the major subject of a story die before. At first, I wasn't sure how to finish it," Strauss told the New Leader. "We weren't done; there was more that I knew she needed to say. I didn't want to narrate the film - it was Joan's story to tell – so I floundered for a bit, not sure how to make the pieces that I shot work. My husband, Jon, was the one who said, 'you have to help her tell the rest of the story.' His advice helped. In essence, it gave me permission to move forward. But still, it was two years before I felt I'd gotten it right.'

Strauss has several films she is hoping to create in future years. She has been filming one of them, based in New Jersey, for over 12 years. She also wrote a few books about "The Sound of Music" and its co-star, Charmian Carr.

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project to be a beneficial source of revenue. Town meeting voters were pleased that the project encompasses land that has already been capped in the landfill and does not involve the clearing of trees or open space.

All other items on the 33-article town meeting warrant were approved by wide margins. These include an appropriation of \$58,056 to the Water Capital Efficiency Plan Program Account for various projects. Voters also approved \$2.3 million for the construction and maintenance of water mains and other infrastructure.

The operating budget of the general

government for Fiscal Year 2019 was approved at \$9.2 million. The town's total FY19 operating budget is \$20.6 mil-

Article 24 authorized \$100,000 for Sewer Department capital improvements, as approved by the Capital Improvements Planning Committee. Article 25 approved \$60,736 for several projects, including a furnace replacement and solar land consultant ser-

Voters also approved \$371,726 to fund a police cruiser replacement, a library HVAC system replacement, fire department upgrades, highway department upgrades, and improvements at three town parks, among other items.

To review the town meeting warrant and the election ballot, visit www.spencerma.gov.

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Eli, Eliza, and Emerald are a sweet and bonded sibling group of three or Caucasian descent. Eli, is an active child who loves to run and play. He is thriving in school and is well liked by his peers and teachers. Eli does best with structure and consistency. He likes to try new activities, watch movies, and play video games! He is protective of his younger sisters and enjoys living with them in the same foster home.

Eliza, is a sweet and inquisitive girl who likes to ask "why". Eliza likes to work towards earning a reward and is proud of herself when she achieves it. Eliza enjoys singing, dancing, swimming, watching TV and arts and crafts. Eliza is said to love attending school! Emmy, loves to play with dolls and color. She has some visual impairments that will likely require follow up surgery and she currently wears glasses. Emmy is described as very loving and she especially loves living with her siblings whom she adores!

Legally freed for adoption, these siblings will need a two parent family who is able to provide them with support, structure and individualized attention. If there are other children in the home it would be best that they are older. Their social worker is seeking an active family as the children have a lot of energy.

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CLASSROOM CORNER

Fledgling robotics team makes good showing





BY KEVIN FLANDERS

NORTH BROOKFIELD -It was only the first year of operation for North Brookfield Junior-Senior High School's

robotics team, but the group functioned with the cohesion of a longtime program. The students even brought home some hardware in their rookie season.

A \$6,000 NASA grant helped get the program off the ground, but it never would have been possible without strong volunteer support. Two years ago, NBJSHS parent and local busi-

ness owner Scott Norrie expressed interest helping launch robotics team



launched a successful new program this year.

Members of the North Brookfield Junior-Senior High School robotics team

at the school. With his leadership and the grant funding, the foundation was in place to get the team started. All it took from there was a group of creative students eager to work hard and take on a new challenge.

Members of the inaugural NBJSHS robotics team include: Eighth graders Alexia Hubacz, Jack Renaud, Olivia and Armstrong, McGinty

Sophomores Alec Norrie and Gabrielle Cournoyer Junior Nate Gershman

Senior Emma Tonks

School leaders were thrilled to see participation on the team from all age groups within the school, enabling the younger members to learn from upperclassmen. Even more impressive was how quickly the team gelled, taking part in two competitions and earning awards at both events.

"I was very impressed with the work our robotics team did in their first year," said NBJSHS Principal William Evans. "They went in with absolutely no experience and competed at a high level, bringing home awards at both of their competitions. They are a great group of kids."

For Scott Norrie, there was no better time than now to get involved as a volunteer and mentor for the team. His son, Alec, has been interested in coding and robotics for several years, and he wanted to help create a foundation for a robotics team.

"I was convinced that establishing a team at NBHS would be a great idea and also a great resource for the school." Norrie told the New Leader. "I

was also invited a year or so ago by Bill Evans to join the engineering committee at the school, which at the time was working on establishing an engineering program. The timing all seemed to work out, and the team has received tremendous support from Mr. Evans."

At the team's first event, Evans was in the pit area with the team to help with an array of tasks, and he got to see the students' skills in action. Among many accomplishments, the team reversed the drive coding of a robot to enable the rear of the device to become the front. The teamwork and quick thinking on display impressed event and school leaders alike.

"It means a lot to me to be involved in this team as a mentor," Norrie added. "My goal as a non-technical mentor is to facilitate the relationship between the school and the community, with a focus on fundraising and marketing.

Norrie's business, Howe Lumber in East Brookfield, also provided corporate sponsorship and donated materials to assist the team. Anderson Windows also sponsored the

School officials thank all volunteers, sponsors and parents who helped the team get off the ground. Evans also wished to thank NBJSHS custodian George Nolette, who served as the team's coach.

"George combined jack-ofall-trades know-how with a natural and easy way with kids," Evans said. "His enthusiasm for the project was the driving force that kept it going through the winter."

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TOWN MEETING

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Officials feel the zoning bylaw establishes clear regulations and a solid framework for where retail shops can operate in town. This includes language that prevents operation in residential and school zones, as well as other sectors of town. Selectmen wanted to make sure there was no ambiguity in the regulations, which also cover businesses that aim to cultivate marijuana in town but will not sell any products directly to consumers.

"There are many protections and restrictions in place that address a lot of the concerns we heard from residents," said departing Selectman Doug Belanger, who attended his final town meeting after over 30 years in town government.

Town Administrator David Genereux recommended earlier this spring that the host community agreement monies be used to fund town operations, with the sales tax allocated toward capital projects. Last month, a community outreach meeting was held at town hall to address the potential for marijuana dispensaries to come to town. Officials wanted to give residents plenty of time to be informed ahead of town meeting, though there were still several questions about the bylaw.

Looking ahead, selectmen said the revenue streams from retail marijuana could

also be used to fund an economic development specialist position in town.

"This person would help develop and promote businesses in the community. We are always looking for ways to assist our businessadded Belanger, who received a surprise ceremony at town meeting from officials and residents thanking him for his extensive service.

Town meeting voters also approved a \$28.1 million operating budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Moreover, voters authorized funding for the improvements of town parks, many of which have fallen into disrepair. The funds will be used to restore lighting, revitalize fields, and replace equipment, among other items.

With the passage of Article 15, voters authorized transferring \$18,000 from Free Cash to fund groundwater and related studies at the former landfill site. Article 17, meanwhile, approved the transfer of \$82,588 to purchase and equip two police vehicles. The police department utilizes a fleet of ten vehicles, and the funding was requested to replace the oldest two marked cruisers, both of which have logged over 100,000 miles.

Article 22 enabled selectmen to move forward with plans to sell the former fire station headquarters, located at 15 Water Street. The building has been declared as surplus by selectmen now that the new fire station is in operation.

CLASSROOM CORNER

NHS inducts new members









Courtesy photos

David Prouty High School inducted its newest National Honor Society members during an April 25 ceremony.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS

SPENCER - At the National Honor Society induction ceremony, 15 David Prouty High School juniors joined the ranks of the school's academic leaders.

It's a challenge to maintain a strong academic record in high school, but it's even more difficult to earn entry to NHS. Students must maintain an average of 88 or higher, in addition to posting a strong resume of participation in extracurricular activities and community service.

This year's inductees have demonstrated a commitment to excellence in all aspects of their careers: Abbey

Cashman, Megan Cyr, Cameron Dubey, Lily Fahey, Owen Fahey, Zara Fulcher, Fiona Halloran, Faye Kuszewski, Kailyn McCue, Colin Nosek, Brooke Pepin, Alexander Skov, Kylie Soter, Jason Van Dyke, and Ariadna Velez-Sanchez.

"The students who qualify for the National Honor Society have not only worked hard at their studies, but also at their athletics and their activities," said DPHS Principal Elizabeth York. "They are students who invest their time and effort into making our school excellent in every aspect. All of our faculty and staff endorse this year's inducted students. We couldn't be prouder.'

Prouty's four senior NHS officers:

President Isaiah Perez, Vice President Magdalen Paul, Secretary Michaela Duquette, and Treasurer Kaylee Gallagher, were all in attendance at the April 25 ceremony to congratulate the inductees. Moreover, four seniors provided speeches on the NHS cornerstone values. Christopher Gleason spoke about scholarship, while Evans Soter discussed leadership. Kaylee Gallagher and Jayme Dowd spoke about character and service, respectively, and the event also featured the NHS tradition of lighting candles to represent student achievement.

The event's keynote speaker was Christopher Wallace, who graduated from DPHS in 2013. He went on to study at Olin College, receiving a degree in electrical and computer engineering. Now a Google employee in San Francisco, Wallace encouraged Prouty students to be resilient and always pursue new interests.

The DPHS band played a few selections during the event, and there was a reception for inductees and their families after the program in the cafeteria.

Established in 1921 in Pittsburgh, PA, NHS is a nationwide organization that has thousands of chapters in high schools across the country. Prouty officials congratulate all inductees on their achievements.

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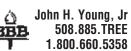
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EDITORIAL

Learning the ropes

When we see someone being trained at the cash register, or a new teller at the bank, we often scurry to another queue because we know this is going to take a while.

There's a bit of exasperation in the air around the person, even if the one doing the training is being uber-patient, is doing all the right methods for show, tell then do...we just know if we get in that line and get to that place, the newbie is going to go to pieces on us.

We have a hard time, most of us, remembering when we were ever in that position ourselves. Not knowing if we were doing the right steps, if we had missed something important, if we were going to blow up something if we hit the wrong keys...

Especially since often the trainee is usually young. Just learning. First job...maybe second.

Were we EVER that young? We just need to remember one basic

No one is born knowing everything...

how to do everything...how to be an expert on every topic.

Everyone is a beginner at something at some point.

So we've ALL been there. All of us.

We think of this as we are trying to train new people ourselves. Some are better than others. Some have a lot to learn but are eager and willing. Some think the job is a challenge. Some think it is just a way to make a bit of extra money and they can do it so why not.

But other than that "eager and willing" bit right there? None of it is going to get our newspaper where it needs to

Every town deserves a good source of local news, that's the motto, that's the goal. And we are super fortunate to have some really, really, really good people on the job in several cases But we too have beginners.

We have had some who couldn't do it; some who just didn't ever find the right niche. We can sympathize but we can't take the time while our people who depend on the newspaper wait for gears to mesh.

They need us now. The news is happening now.

So with all that said, we are going to ask for a boon. If it is a new person, say hi, answer any questions they ask, and understand there is a learning curve. We do understand, we are as eager as everyone else to have the best possible version of ourselves out there, accurate. interesting, up to date, with information you can use.

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Trump supporter or otherwise, listen to Uncle Siegfried

YOUR

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Early in November 2016, Tablet writer Liel Leibovitz felt compelled to pass on advice given by his uncle, Siegfried. His uncle had left Austria in the 1930s as the Nazis began as they rose to power.

Uncle Siegfried had three pieces of advice which

are paraphrased here. All may have important meaning in present day America.

First, he advised, treat threats from a national leader or his close followers as promises in the making. Team Trump has and continues to mock or threaten many; Muslims, immigrants and minorities of many kinds, various women from Stormy Hilary Clinton to Stormy Daniels, young and old protesters, environmentalists, residents of cities, many of his current and former appointees, and members of the military past and present, and their parents and wives.

Bad enough that Team Trump threatens all these people. However it doesn't stop there. On a regular basis, they threaten not only friendly neighboring countries, but also many of our most loyal, important and democratic allies, in Europe, Asia and the Pacific Rim. They also manage to insult the whole of the Africa and large parts of Central America and the Caribbean. At the same time Trump praises dictatorships of countries such as Russia which intends to and does our country harm.

Not only that but Team Trump, in crisis mode, ever more threatens the Constitution, institutions and norms on which our near 250 year old astoundingly successful democracy exists. This includes truth, tolerance, the rule of law, agencies of justice, the free press, the separation of powers, Congress and its (by the people) elected members, the voting process, and our fiscal health.

Second, Siegfried advised, treat people as adults. Here he meant that they

should be respected enough to demand that they take responsibility for their actions. For example, the Democratic members who eased the nomination of Hilary Clinton nominee and Jill Stein supporters for voting for a candidate with no chance to win. In a similar way, Trump voters need to take responsi-

bility for Trump and his team, its actions and the hostile atmosphere it has created.

Leibowitz then moves to Seigfreid's third principle "Refuse to accept what is going on as the new normal." Leibowitz, - taking on this principle says that when a very inexperienced, (amoral), and thin skinned leader rides into office explaining away immensely complex problems while arguing that our national glory demands we strip millions of their dignity or their rights, not to mention moving away from our long standing allies, the situation is not normal.

Rather the situation puts our country at peril, as did a similar situation in Europe 80 years ago.

Does Leibowitz overreact? Perhaps, but much evidence indicates otherwise. Consider that provided by two of President Trump's lawyers.

First Jay Sekolow, following discussions with Special Counsel Robert Muellar, prepared and leaked a list of 48 questions Muellar knows enough about, if the opportunity existed, would ask the President in the interrelated areas of;

Obstruction of Justice,

Collusion with Russia, Illegal business and financial prac-

Questionable campaign contributions, payments and practices.

Second, Rudolph Guiliani indicated that if questioned on one or more of these areas, Trump would likely take the Fifth Amendment, That is, he might refuse to answer on the grounds that he might incriminate himself.

Mother's Day: financial gift for your adult children

Mother's Day is almost here. If you're a mother with grown children, you might receive flowers, candy, dinner invitations or some other type of pleasant recognition. However, you might find that you can get more enjoyment from



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the holiday by giving, rather ing. The longest-last-

ing gifts may be financial ones – so here are a few moves to consider:

Contribute to your child's IRA. If your children have earned income, they are eligible to contribute to an IRA, which offers tax benefits and an almost unlimited array of investment options. You can't contribute directly to another person's IRA, but you can write your child a check for that purpose. This could be a valuable gift, as many people can't afford to contribute the maximum yearly amount, which, in 2018, is \$5,500, or \$6,500 for those 50 or older.

Give gifts of stock. You know your children pretty well, so you should be familiar with the products they buy. Why not give them some shares of stock in the companies that make these products? Your children will probably enjoy being "owners" of these companies, and if they weren't that familiar with how the financial markets work, having these shares in their possession may greatly expand their knowledge and lead to an even greater interest in investing.

Donate to a charity in your child's name. You might want to donate to a charitable organization that your child supports. In years past, such a donation might have earned you a tax deduction, but the new tax laws, which include a much higher standard deduction, may keep many people from itemizing. Still, it's possible for a charitable gift to provide you with a tax benefit, depending on your age. If you're 70 1/2 or older, you must start taking withdrawals from your traditional IRA and your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored plan, but by moving the withdrawal directly to a qualified charitable group, the money won't count as part of your adjusted gross income, so, in effect, you can get a tax break from your generosity.

Review your estate strategy. Like virtually all parents, you'd probably like to be able to leave some type of legacy to your children, and possibly your grandchildren, too. So, if you haven't already started working on your estate strategy, consider using Mother's Day as a launching point. At the very least, you'll want to write your will, but you may need much more than that, such as a living trust, a durable power of attorney and other documents. And don't forget to change the beneficiary designations on your life insurance and retirement accounts if you've experienced a major life change, such as divorce or remarriage. These designations are powerful and can even supersede whatever instructions you might have left in your will. As you can guess, estate planning can be complex, so you almost certainly will want to work with a legal professional to get your arrangements in order.

Mother's Day is a good opportunity for your children to show their love for you, and you can do the same for them by helping bolster their long-term security through financial gifts and legacy planning.

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Readers reveal their best hints and tips

Spring has finally sprung and there's no better time to utilize helpful hints and effective strategies that free up time and money. Read on for

the latest collection of ideas submitted by readers. And remember, send in

your favorite tip and you could win a three course dinner for two at the Publick

House! A winner is drawn each month. Good luck!

You'll be "floored" by this reader's creative use of tiles:

More uses for Peel and Stick vinyl floor tiles: If you have some leftover Peel and Stick floor tiles from a home improvement project they can also come in handy to cover a damaged wood surface. For example, the bottom of a sink cabinet can sometimes become water-stained and ugly due to pipe leaks or condensation. Not only will the floor tiles cover-up stains but can also protect the area from further water damage. If your kitchen cabinets have seen better days you can also line the bottoms with the tiles instead of shelf paper to create a durable and easy to clean surface.

I recently used some of these self-adhesive tiles to restore the surface of my kitchen island when the finish on the veneer top started showing signs of wear. It was cheap, quick and easy and the only tools required are a utility knife and a square edge or steel ruler. They can also be removed with a heat gun if necessary just in case there any screw-ups.

Use a good quality tile like Armstrong or Trafficmaster available at Lowe's or Home Depot. Most are priced around \$1 a square foot and are quite attractive with stone, geometric or marble designs.

Cathy Buonomo Fiskdale

This tip is for the birds! Feathering the nest with household waste takes repurposing to a new level.



TAKE THE HINT **KAREN**

TRAINOR

Spring is soon approaching and I have a hint for all bird (and dog) lovers:

When grooming my shedding dog, I save the hair and put it in a suet feeder. When I hang it outside, the birds

come and take the hair to line their nests for the cold weather and to incorporate into new nests for the upcoming spring. This can also be done with scrap yarn from a knitting or crocheting project. Nests will be quite colorful! Hope some people can use this hint.

Doris Kennedy Brooklyn, CT

This reader's tip promotes the old adage "better safe than sorry."

Having read about another attempted robbery involving an ATM, I wanted to remind drivers of newer cars that their cars unlock (some doors) when placed in "Park" at the Drive-Up ATM. It takes just a second to lock your doors to stay safer while you use the ATM. As always, we should lock our cars whenever we leave them, too, no matter how brief the reason. I even lock my car while gassing up so I can leave my valuables inside. Stay safe, my friends!

Kathleen McClintock North Brookfield

This unpublished (but timeless) tip was recently found in a desk drawer:

Spray WD40 on a cloth and wipe over leather shoes and boots, then buff with a soft clean cloth to shine and make them waterproof.

Bob Bourdeau

Fiskdale

Ditch the itch with this reader's economical discovery!

I found this to help with poison ivy. I'm 74 years old and I get it every year,

from my childhood to this day. When Turn To TRAINOR page A11



Googans and commercial fishermen: sometimes just move on



THE GREAT **OUTDOORS** RALPH TRUE

Googans." What the word really mean when describing a person that is a recreational fishermen? It is not in the dictionary, but has been heard daily on the Wicked Tuna program aired on the History channel. During the seasonal tuna fishing, conflicts between commercial fishermen and women, and the recreational anglers, Googans, often referred to an inexperienced angler, as a person that has little respect for the commercial anglers and will often follow or encroach on their daily fishing areas that they have been fishing for years. The recreational angler will often shout back to the commercial fishermen the phrase "You do not own the ocean!," which often infuriates the commercial fishermen. Shouting matches between the two continue throughout the day and climaxes when a boat hooks into a large tuna and they become entangled in the recreational anglers' anchor rope. Wicked Tuna is a reality show made for entertainment, but it happens in real life, every day life, fishing.

This is supposed to be fun fishing, but numerous recreational anglers always in some way irritate the commercial boats on a daily basis. That is not to say that some commercial boats are also out of line at times. All other saltwater fishing also has problems with commercial anglers and the recreational fishing public.

I have found fishing for many years on both salt and freshwater, that there is always someone that has an attitude problem, and is just looking to irritate other fishermen. It is best to move away and find another spot to fish. It is a big

One incident that I remember well in my younger years, is a day on the saltwater, fishing with my neighbor Roger Gill. We were anchored up fishing for tautog just outside the Center Wall at Point Judith Rhode Island when we noticed a large dragger heading our way. Roger called my attention to the large vessel that was quickly bearing down on our position. The large vessel slowed to a crawl, and his first mate shouted to us to move out of the way?

"What the heck is his problem?" I shouted back at him to go around as we were anchored up! I guess the mate told his Captain what I had said and he did not like my response.

Suddenly a cloud of smoke poured out of his stack and he was headed at us at full speed.

"Roger, grab the anchor I shouted. I quickly started the motor and hit the throttle. We just got out of the way in time, as the draggers steel cable came within inches of the stern of our boat.

Roger tried to blame me for the close call with the commercial boat, but I told him that large boats do have the right of way in most situations; but this guy just wanted to move us out of the way, as we were in one of his favorite fishing holes. He had plenty of room to go around us on either side. This situation caused me to lose a good fishing buddy, as he never went fishing with me again.

Some commercial anglers think that they do own the ocean, but getting into a confrontation with them is not worth the aggravation. A ruined day of fishing and possibly being hit by one of these vessels could become deadly.

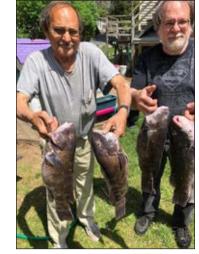
With striper fishing about to

blow wide open, short tempers and confrontations in hot fishing spots are sure to happen. as they do every year. Boat ramps become clogged up and again tempers flare if someone takes too long to launch a boat. A little courtesy goes a long way. Do not put your family at risk of having your day on the water ruined by some inconsiderate whacko! With Memorial Day only a few weeks away thousands of families will be heading out to enjoy a day on the water. Stay safe!

A report from Archie's Bait & Tackle in Rhode Island reported very slow fishing. Reports of some baitfish in the river could not be substantiated, but a lot of small stripers are being caught. A report from Al Conti at Snug Harbor Marina reported slow action with tautog and fluke fishing very slow. Al blamed the cold water for the slow fishing. Another week or two should shift all fishing into high gear.

The Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club will be sponsoring a members' youngster to Massachusetts Junior Summer Camp this year. The camp will be Aug. 7-17. The camp will be open to youngsters ages 13-17. For more information contact the club.

Tautog fishing has busted



Courtesy photo

Tautog caught in the Westport River kick off a great spring sea-

wide open as this week's photo shows. Steve Mercure and his son had a great time catching tautog at the Westport River using green crabs this past weekend. Poaching the fish in a combination of one quart of water and two tablespoons of white vinegar for a couple of minutes provides some of the best eating fish ever. It is called poor man's lobster. Delicious!

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!!

Half-marathon honoring Hoyts planned

BY W. M. PIENTON

The town of Sturbridge is hosting a half-marathon honoring Rick Hoyt. Starting in the Sturbridge Town Common, it is a double loop course. The 13.111 mile race (21.1 km) is being held Sept. 9 at 10:00 a.m.

Born in 1962, Rick is the son of Richard and Judy Hoyt. The doctors diagnosed him as a spastic quadriplegic with cerebral palsy, the result of oxygen deprivation to his brain at the time of birth. Though unable to walk or speak, the couple realized their son's eyes would follow them around the room and that he was rather smart.

"Doctors said to institutionalize him, that he'd be a vegetable for life,' explained Richard. They told the couple that Rick would never have "a normal life." Despite what they said. Richard and Judy took him home and raised him like any other child. The couple taught him the alphabet and basic words, even bringing him sledding and swimming.

After proving Rick was just as smart and able to learn like everyone else,

Richard and Judy needed to find a way for their son to communicate for himself. In 1972, a group of Tufts University engineers made a computer for Rick. To everyone's surprise, his first words with the new machine were, "Go Bruins."

At the age of 13 young Rick was finally admitted to public school. Then, after graduating high school he attended Boston University earning a degree in special education.

The father and son team have been racing since 1977. It started when 15-year-old Rick brought home a flyer from school for a race benefiting a lacrosse player paralyzed in an accident. Not a runner, Richard pushed his son in a wheelchair to a next-to-last

finish line. After the race, Rick told his father "When we're racing, I don't feel disthrough his computer. Discovering how much his son loved it. Richard decided to get in shape. Since then, father and son have participated in over 1,100 races, dubbing themselves Team Hoyt.

Rick and Richard were at the Boston Marathon during the attacks in 2013.

Luckily, they were not near them when the bombs exploded on Boylston Street. Originally intending it to be their last race, they were unable to finish due to the attack, so decided to return again in 2014. Team Hoyt completed the race in honor of the victims.

Along with racing, Rick also writes. One book is "One Letter at a Time." Which was how he dictated it, one letter at a time.

'As amazing as it seems, this is how Rick wrote the entire book," explained co-author Todd M. Civin.

In it, he covers things like his birth and childhood, his racing accomplishments, and his views on life. The hardcover 300 page book also includes photos and stories from the people whose lives he touched.

When he is not racing or writing, Rick works as a self-employed computer consultant. He also does corporate and community presentations, raising disability awareness around the coun-

The Hoyt Foundation, founded in 1989, is dedicated to building individual character, self confidence, and self

esteem of disabled youth. Over the years, the nonprofit organization has made several donations to Venture and Center of Hope. If you would like to make a donation you can find them at: http://www.teamhoyt.com/The-Hoyt-Foundation.html

Team Hoyt of New England was founded in 2013 to provide running wheelchairs to the disabled. They also pair these athlete riders with teammates from across New England. If you would like to donate or would like to be paired with someone the website is: www.hoytrunningchairs.com/

Throughout everything Rick maintains a positive attitude, with such mottoes as "Yes, you can." and "There is no such word as can't.

Register for the Sturbridge half-marathon: https://app.racereach.com/ event/the-rick-hoyt-sturbridge-halfmarathon

For an overview of the route go to: http://www.mapmyrun.com/routes/ view/2007095416

For questions contact Kevin Filchak at: kfilchak@town.sturbridge.ma.us

FISCAL CHALLENGES

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the final decision," Tencza said. "With only a 0.67 percent increase to the school budget, some tough choices had to be

Extensive research over many months impacted the decision, including a review of area school districts and how they are handling budgetary challenges. Knowing that cuts would likely be needed after town meeting, the goal for officials was to create as minimal an impact as possible on the quality of education, officials said.

Superintendent Tencza did a lot of research of districts of similar size, and she found that most of them do not have assistant principals," said School Committee Chairman Scott Francis. "We are committed to not laying off any teachers. Any other positions that may be vacated at the end of this year may go unfilled unless there is a need.'

The district also decided not to fill the curriculum coordinator position this upcoming summer, a role that has been vacant for the entire year. The School Committee plans to revisit the position during Fiscal Year 2019. Moreover, a kindergarten teaching position will be cut based on current enrollment numbers; the position may be restored if enrollment increases in August.

School leaders also voted to extend the district's special education transportation contract with County Cab to five years. The company offered the district a six percent reduction, which will save approximately \$43,000 per year.

Officials also level-funded all expense lines, cut one bus for home-to-school transportation due to low ridership, and did not replace technology devices for staff at all buildings. A new textbook initiative at the high school was also scrapped, which will save \$54,000.

In other town meeting school business, voters approved a transfer of \$38,000 from this year's vocational tuition budget to enable the purchase of Chromebooks for the middle school next year. Voters also authorized a transfer of \$90,000 from the district's expanded learning revolving account for use in the FY19 budget. This is a one-time transfer and will not change the base budget moving forward, officials said.

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Rain couldn't keep'em indoors

SPENCER - Rainy Sunday mornings aren't good for much beyond sleeping, unless of course you're a big fan of fishing.

Anglers of all ages shrugged aside the rain April 29 to take part in the Spencer Fish and Game Club's annual fishing derby. In a two-day weekend tradition that goes back several years, families are always eager to head down to the pond and try their luck. Club members are also excited to see new faces get involved each year, some of them just learning the tricks of the trade.

The event also included many other fun activities for kids.



Kevin Flanders photos.

The Bulak family, of Spencer, is eager to get started.



Russell Lindberg, of Oxford, spends the day with his niece, Spencer's Faith Doucette.



From left, Nada Rondeau, Kendall Griffin, and Julianna Rondeau, all of Spencer, come together for a photo.



From left, Shaelyn Haynes, Tim Best, and Corey Dame wait to see what the pond has to offer.



The Chapman family, of Spencer, arrives for a day of fishing.

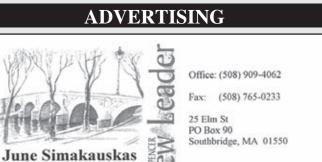


Alex Kittredge, of Spencer, left, hangs out with his cousin, Webster's John King III.



From left, Camron, Natalia, and Rose Lund spend the morning fishing.

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I get it, it lasts at least two weeks, and when I put on calamine lotion, it works just a little.

Well, last year (to make a long story short), I got it again and the only thing available was extra strength gel, it's a muscle rub for arthritis and muscle pain. I put it on my poison ivy and it soothed my poison ivy and I was able to go longer periods of time without re-applying.

I also cut down my time of having it by about three days.

It works so well. And as a matter of fact, I just got over my first encounter with poison ivy for my summer of this year. Also, I bought the muscle rub at the dollar store, and it's a lot cheaper than calamine lotion or anything else on the market!

Dorothy Walsh

Uxbridge

This girl loves hair scrunchies - and shares NEW uses for the versatile hair ties (as well as a few other genius ideas)!:

On my last few flights I kept a hair scrunchie on my wrist, many purposes such as pull my hair back, but the dirtiest place on an airplane is the handle in the restroom so I could use the scrunchie as a barrier. They come in handy for the buttons on water fountains when traveling. Just wash out and dry quickly with soap in the restroom and lasted for the entire trip

On that note, those fundraiser rubber bracelets (for causes) make a great jar opener in a hurry. Place band around jar lid and twist.

At the gym, my earphones no longer tangle, I use a pipe cleaner (soft) and wrap my wires from earbuds into thirds and gently wrap the pipe cleaner the length of the cords (twist gently) and it unfold nicely every time and fits well into my gym bag.

Viola Bramel Northbridge

Reader Question: Please send in your best tips for this

Q: How can I keep ladybugs out of my house?" They seem to be squeezing in around the window frames.

(Editor): A quick scan of the internet suggests sealing up entrances and treating areas of entry (or infestation with ladybug deterrents. Here are few natural ones to try:

Mix camphor and menthol oils in a spray bottle, add water and spray where ladybugs congregate. Or try placing net bags filled with dried cloves in such areas. Lastly, spray citrus oils (mixed with water) to spaces where they enter.

Any more ideas readers?

Prize Winner

Congratulations to Viola Bramel of Northbridge. Her name was drawn for a three course Dinner for Two at the Publick House Inn in Sturbridge, She submitted the scrunchies tip above.

Win Dinner for Two

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

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

Spencer plans collection day for electronics

On Saturday, May 19 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., the town of Spencer's Office of Utilities & Facilities will host a computer component, television, microwave, printer, copier, and any other electronic components collection day at the Spencer Highway Garage, 7 Meadow Road.

These items are banned from the normal waste stream and with only two days a year to dispose of these items Spencer residents should avail themselves of this opportunity. All surrounding communities are welcome to attend this collection day sponsored by the Office of Utilities & Facilities.

Electronic Recyclers of Holliston will be the vendor collecting all the items. A small fee per item will be charged. Example pricing is \$5 for a CPU, keyboard and mouse, \$10 for a television or monitor under 19", and \$25 for TVs up to 27 inches. Most prices are posted and any item not listed will be priced on site.

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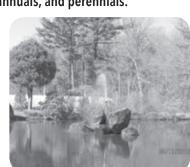
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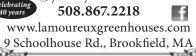
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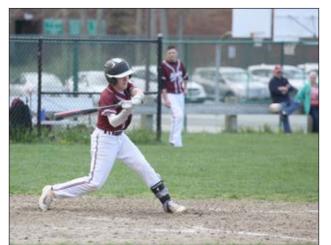
Winning streak hits four as Wolverines rally past Bartlett

BY NICK ETHIER SPORTS STAFF WRITER

WEBSTER — Having won all three of its games last week — two in comeback fashion — the Leicester High varsity baseball team once again rallied when facing Bartlett High on Monday, May 7, to take a 5-4 decision

"You play off of two things: inspiration or desperation. We needed a little bit of help, but when the opportunity came... they came through in the end," said Jack Rafferty, in his first season as head coach of the Wolverines. "We should have played a little better, but we took care of what we needed to take care of."

Leicester trailed 3-0 heading into the seventh inning but scored five runs on two hits and five Indians' errors.



Leicester's Dan Mero sits back on a pitch before swinging and driving it into play.

"You make five errors in a game, you're probably not going to win a varsity baseball game — let alone five in an inning," said Bartlett head coach Jon Way. "Unfortunately one error snowballed into five, which puts us into a hole and we couldn't dig out of it."

The Indians scored once in the bottom of the seventh to pull within a run, but the Wolverines' defense induced a 6-4-3 double play to end it.

Bartlett's loss overshadowed a terrific pitching performance turned in by starter Jonathan Truscott, who threw sixplus innings. Truscott gave up zero earned runs while surrendering eight hits, striking out three and walking none.

"He's our workhorse and he threw extremely well today," Way said of Truscott. "He threw well enough to win the game, he should have won the game. Unfortunately we let him down in the last

inning. We played six solid innings of baseball and then just couldn't make a play and get out of our own way in the seventh."

Casper Sykes relieved

Casper Sykes relieved Truscott and stopped the bleeding in the seventh inning.

While Truscott was retiring the Wolverines, his teammates staked him to a 3-0 lead with single runs plated in the first, second and fifth innings. Corey Harrington and Logan Paranto had RBI singles and Harrington added another RBI on a fielder's choice.

"We were able to mentally overcome up until the seventh inning," said Way.

Way noted that Bartlett was in line to beat a good Leicester team and, in turn, potentially turn its season around.

"They've been playing very good baseball and so have we, we just haven't had the timely hitting. Today was the first time where it started to come around," said Way.

The Indians are now 2-8 and must win seven of their final eight games to reach postseason play.

The Wolverines, meanwhile, are 7-2 and are two wins away from qualifying for districts.

Leicester began its comeback with Tony Alfonso striking out but reaching base on a throwing error. Dan Mero

who started on the bump— also reached on a fielding error to set the stage for Tristan Scola, who ripped an RBI single into left field. Christian Russo then got to first base on a throwing error, which scored another, and Hunter Guinto hit



Nick Ethier photos

Leicester's Eamon Dillon pitched three innings of relief and picked up the victory for the Wolverines.

a deep fly to center that wasn't cleanly fielded. That scored the tying run and Eamon Dillon (2 for 4) came up next, and he promptly ripped an RBI single to right field. The ball then got bobbled for the Indians' fifth error, which scored one more.

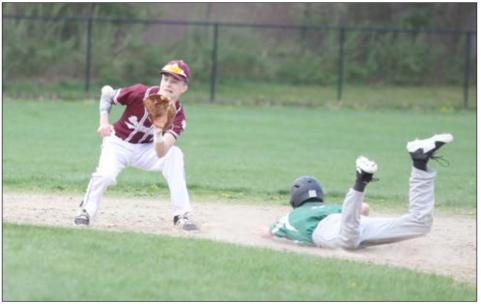
Dillon pitched three innings of relief after coming on for Mero, who also went three innings. Dillon picked up the win and Russo earned the save by tossing the seventh. Bartlett scored one run on Russo by Paranto reaching first on an error, getting to second on a groundout, and then third and home on pitches rolling to the backstop.

Rafferty employed three pitchers simply because he needs to save their arms for two more games this week.

"We don't have a lot of pitchers, so we had to move from Mero. We have to save him and Dillon for the rest of the week," said Rafferty.

Brandon Hart is another reliable arm for Leicester, as he won twice during the prior week.

"We've just got to win games on the road," Rafferty said of the week ahead at North Brookfield High (after press time on May 9) and at South High (Sullivan Middle School) on May 11. "We're on the road for the rest of the week. We have some guys in the bullpen that we need to go to, and this is the week to do that"



Shortstop Tristan Scola of Leicester catches the ball at second base while Bartlett's Joe McGonagle steals the bag with a headfirst slide.

Tigers beat Leicester in tight contest to remain unbeaten



Starting pitcher Hannah Dufries of Leicester releases the ball to the plate.

BY NICK ETHIER SPORTS STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER — It may have taken all seven innings for the Douglas High varsity softball team to persevere past Leicester High, 5-3, to remain unbeaten at 7-0, but that's how the Tigers have been getting it done all season long.

"It took the whole seven [innings]. If you look at our box scores it's been this way all year," said Douglas head coach John Furno after beating the Wolverines on Friday, May 4. "It's never say die with this group of girls."

Pitcher Maddy Fluke tossed a complete game and struck out 10 Wolverines. She allowed two earned runs, surrendered eight hits and walked one. Fluke was also 2 for 4 at the plate and drove in two runs in the top of the third inning via a double to give the Tigers an early 2-1 lead

Furno credited "Maddy's strong pitching performance" as a reason for the victory. "She's our workhorse."

Leicester played well but fell victim to Douglas making big plays at important times.

"Today they just made a couple more plays than we did," said head coach Dave Stanick, whose team dropped to 5-4. "They got a couple hits when they needed them and they made a couple defensive plays when they needed them, and that's why we lost."

The Wolverines got on the board first in the home half of the first inning when Katelyn McKay, Hannah Wickson (2 for 4) and Hannah Gallant all pieced together two-out hits, with Gallant (3 for 4) plating McKay.

Fluke then doubled in the third to make it 2-1 before Leicester battled back to tie it in the bottom of the frame.



Nick Ethier photos

Leicester shortstop Katelyn McKay approaches the ball on a grounder.

There, McKay hit a solo homer to center field

"It was kind of middle-up and I just got my hands on top of it and drove it out," McKay said of the hit. From there, both Fluke and Leicester

starter Hannah Dufries pitched scoreless fourth and fifth innings to keep it tied heading down the stretch. Then, in the top of the sixth, Douglas scored the go-ahead run. Dufries had a

scored the go-ahead run. Dufries had a runner reach base on an error followed by a sacrifice bunt, and Stanick had Wickson take over from there. Then, with two outs, Emily Furno hit an RBI single up the middle.

The Tigers added a pair of insurance runs in the seventh. Emily Curley grounded out but, with runners on second and third, Leicester attempted to pick Fluke off at second. The ball sailed wide and Brynn Hurley scored from third. Cass Dunleavy then singled to make it 5-2.

"We had timely hits. Those are big hits for us," Coach Furno said of Emily Furno's sixth inning base knock and Dunleavy's seventh inning single. "We're doing things at the right time and the chemistry is good."

nd the chemistry is good." The Wolverines didn't back down and made it close in the bottom of the seventh. With runners on first and third, Ally O'Neill hit a grounder and hustled down the first base line, forcing an error to allow her to reach safely and score McKay. With runners now on second and third, Fluke struck out the final batter.

"There's something magical about this team," Coach Furno said. "We beat some big teams this year that we haven't in the past — Nipmuc and Hopedale — to get to this point."

For Leicester, leaving 10 runners on base was a cause for concern.

"We had a mission going into the game. Most pitchers we face like throwing the ball outside and we looked to drive the ball the opposite way," Stanick said. "We started doing it later, but we didn't do it early when we had opportunities."

"If we know she's throwing it outside, just angle yourself that way and you can hit it outside," added McKay.

Stanick said that his team is good but young, with no seniors and four juniors on the roster.

"They've done a great job leading us this year, but we're still young," he said

Panthers can't provide offense in loss to Murdock

SPENCER — A lack of offensive production ultimately led to David Prouty Regional's 5-0 loss to Murdock High on Thursday, May 3 in varsity baseball

After giving up four runs in the top of the second inning, Panthers' pitcher Colin Nosek shook it off and delivered five solid innings allowing only one more run for the rest of the contest. Nosek allowed just three hits after the second inning.

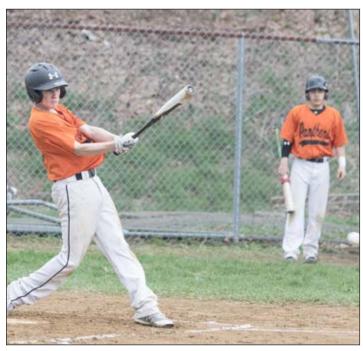
But Cam Dubey's single was all that Prouty's offense could produce.

Head coach Eric Hanson noted that the team has improved in each game they have played, but a full seven-inning effort will be needed to get over the hump and into the win column. The Panthers are now 0-10.

"We are able to put five good innings together and it's almost always one or two innings where we are

putting too many guys on base, passed balls and just giving them free runs. They scored four runs on just one hit and that has been the same song for a lot of our other games. We also have to do a better job of hitting, some guys are doing a good job of hitting early in the count and some aren't — way too many strikes threes. We have to have a better two-strike approach at the plate," said Hanson.

— Dean P. St. Laurent





David Prouty's Colin Nosek works through his pitching motion during his delivery to the

Nate Kniskern of David Prouty belts the ball into play.

Rockets put it all together to charge past Quaboag

Mathew S. Plamondon photos David Prouty's Zack Paine makes a play at third base.

BY DEAN P. ST. LAURENT

AUBURN — The Auburn High School varsity baseball team pounced on Quaboag Regional early with aggressive base running and timely hitting to secure a 10-0 win through five mercy-rule shortened innings on Wednesday,

"We have some tough games coming up and we have had some tough games, so the earlier we can get control of the game and get guys involved on a nice day like today is good for the team," explained Eric Swedberg, head coach of the Rockets, whose team improved to 7-2. "It was good to see the guvs running the bases well and hitting the ball where it needed to be hit.'

Auburn started out the game on fire, with starting pitcher Coleman Picard working a 1-2-3 first inning with two groundouts and a strikeout.

"It was nice to see Coleman reset, he had a tough time Saturday," expressed Swedberg. "He took some [speed] off so he could hit his spots, so that is being mature."

The Rockets then went to work offensively. Almost batting through the entire order, Auburn jumped out to a 5-0 first inning lead.

Colin McKeon started the run production with a single to right field that scored a pair of Rockets. Continuing

drove in the third run on a sacrifice fly. Rounding out the scoring in the opening inning was Nigel Belgrave, who hit a single to center that scored two more Rockets.

Belgrave, hitting in the seventh spot for Auburn, went 2 for 3 with a double and four RBIs. No. 3 hitter McKeon added a pair of hits, including a double and two RBIs for the Rockets.

All nine hitters contributed for Auburn.

"It is the first time it has happened really, so I hope we can keep it up going forward against Hudson and BVT because we are going to need to," Swedberg stated.

Auburn was able to score five more runs in the bottom of the fourth to force the mercy rule win.

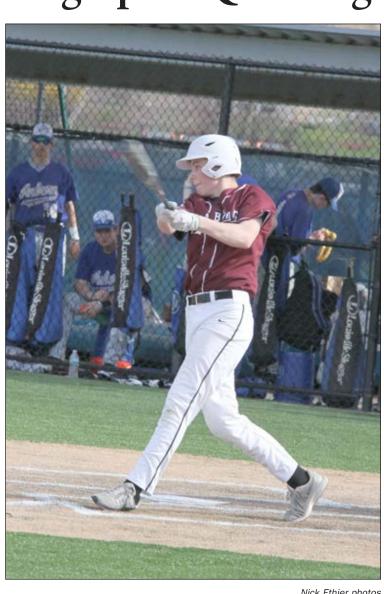
defending racing τne Division 3 state champion Rockets is never easy for anybody and Quaboag head coach Brian Guimond explained what changes need to be made in order to reach their overall goal of nine wins to make their tournament in Division 4. The

Cougars are currently 2-4. "We started off with two wins against two teams that we should've beaten because they are a little down this year, which is good and we were riding high," Guimond explained. "Then we started to play Uxbridge, Northbridge,

the momentum, Mike Collins Leicester and Auburn and now the adversity starts to come up and we have started to tuck our tails between our legs and not compete. Auburn is a good team, but that is no reason to not run out balls when you swing and miss or back up a throw and make plays. We are starting to get to that point where we are playing flat, there is no energy or teamwork and we are not good enough to do that. If we want to compete we have come with 110 percent every day. We have to throw strikes and not get ourselves in bad situations with some untimely walks. Our defense has to tighten up, we have to communicate. We can't just watch balls, everyone should be going after them.'

Evan Martinez made his first start on the mound for the Cougars and it was a learning experience against a very good Auburn team, but he highlighted Quaboag's offense by recording both of his team's hits with a pair of singles.

"He is one of the top; he is one or two in the top," Guimond praised. "He must be hitting around .600 now. He has been phenomenal with the bat and has swung it well. We have some kids that can hit, but now we have to get into the defensive part and base running.'



Nick Ethier photos

Quaboag's Andrew Sweet follows through on his swing versus Auburn.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Tantasqua 4, Uxbridge 1 — Jillian Dunn hit a pair of two-run homers to account for the Warriors' offense in their varsity softball win over the Spartans. Rachel Flamand pitched well and finished with seven strikeouts for Tantasqua.

Quaboag 4, Southbridge 1 — Despite losing in the No. 1 singles slot, the Cougars won the other four matchups in their girls' tennis game against the Pioneers. Alyssa Bettencourt (No. 2 singles), Emma Aberle (No. 3 singles), Morgyn Astrella/Natalie Page (No. 1 doubles) and Tiffany Martin/ Jordan D'Angelo (No. 2 doubles) won for Quaboag (5-1).

Auburn 36.5, David Prouty 17.5 — Erin Parenteau (6.5 points), Jenna Petruzzi (3), Dana Woodward (2.5), Brooke Pepin (2), Abbey Cashman (2) and Reagan Hingston (1.5) scored points for the Panthers' golf team in a loss to the Rockets.

Tantasqua 5, Uxbridge 0 — Morgan Mascolo, Pai Thanasrivanitschai and Jessica Williams were singles winners for the Warriors girls' tennis team, as were the doubles pairings of Rebekah Bennett/Victoria Kirkland and Elizabeth Harrell/Ava DeBruin. The win propelled Tantasqua's record

Uxbridge 5, Tantasqua 0 — The Warriors' Hayden Peterson and Luke Hall (No. 1 doubles pairing) were the closest to gaining a point in their boys'

tennis matchup with the Spartans, but Tantasqua was shut out and fell

May 2

Quaboag 4, Auburn 1 — The Cougars girls' tennis team improved to 6-1 following their win over the Rockets. Quaboag's winners were Hannah D'Angelo (No. 2 singles), Alyssa Bettencourt (No. 3 singles), Isabelle Greenlaw/Abby Bouchard (No. 1 doubles) and Emma Aberle/

Jordan D'Angelo (No. 2 doubles). Northbridge 3, Tantasqua 2 Michael Herrmann (No. 1 singles) and Mark Charron (No. 3 singles) both grabbed points for the Warriors, but it wasn't enough in their boys' tennis loss to the Rams. Tantasqua is now

Tantasqua 4, Northbridge 1 — The Warriors kept winning in girls' tennis, improving to 7-1 after beating the Rams. Pai Thanasrivanitschai (No. 2 singles), Julia Matton (No. 3 singles), Rebekah Bennett/Victoria Kirkland (No. 1 doubles) and Ava Cooper/Ava DeBruin (No. 2 doubles) all won for Tantasqua.

David Prouty 33.5, Worcester 20.5; Quabbin 30.5, David Prouty 23.5 Erin Parenteau was co-medalist with a 48 at Bay Path Golf Course, helping the Panthers to a 1-1 day. The victory over Worcester was Prouty's second

as a program. May 3

Worcester 10, Tantasqua 9 —

Worcester's girls' lacrosse team held a 6-5 halftime lead kept the one-goal advantage as the final horn sounded, giving the Warriors a slight loss. Tantasqua's Maddy Lowell and Liz Beaumont both scored two goals, while Maddy Varney (three assists), Grace Seguin, Rachel Godek, Rachel Hayden and Cami Freeland all scored

Tantasqua 6, Assabet 5 — Molly Ryan hit a hard grounder to second base, which was mishandled to give the Warriors' varsity softball team a victory in the seventh inning. Marie Stewart and Jillian Dunn hit back-toback solo homers in the first inning. Eve Boyd was 3 for 3 and Rachel Flamand was 2 for 3, scoring two runs. Flamand scattered nine hits and struck out 12.

Quaboag 5, Northbridge 0 — Emily Floury, Hannah D'Angelo and Emma Aberle won their singles matches for the Cougars' tennis team, as did the doubles pairings of Abby Bouchard/Isabelle Greenlaw and Morgyn Astrella/Alyssa Bettencourt.

Quaboag is now 7-1. Northampton 8, Tantasqua 7 — The Warriors girls' lacrosse team lost their second straight one-goal game. Jayne Jennings and Maddy Varney were two-goal scorers for Tantasqua, while Lila Laporte, Maddy Lowell and Rachel Hayden each scored once. Goalie Mandy Burns made 11 saves.



Erin Parenteau

The David Prouty Regional golfer was co-medalist at Bay Path Golf Course after shooting a 48 on May 2. Her score helped the Panthers defeat Worcester for their second win of the season — and in program history.

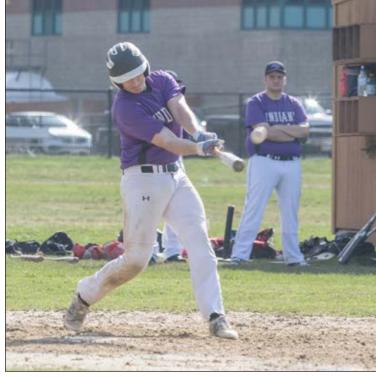
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Early run support stakes Berard in Douglas' defeat of Indians





North Brookfield's Andy Leach launches a pitch off his bat.



Kevin Valeri of North Brookfield laces a pitch into play.

North Brookfield's Justin Lareau sends a pitch to the plate.

RY DEAN P. ST. LAURENT

Staked to an early lead, starting pitcher Emmett Berard then pitched a gem in leading the Douglas High varsity baseball team to a 4-1 victory over North Brookfield High on Tuesday, May 1.

"It is nice, it is our second win of the year," explained Douglas head coach Brian McGrath of Berard's performance and the Tigers' coinciding 2-5 record. "We have a lot of young guys on the team, so it is important to get the feeling of winning. Just winning sometimes can bring upon the understanding of things and we can build upon it."

In the top of the first inning, Douglas was able to formulate two runs to get off to an

early lead. Matt Landry walked with the bases loaded to score Berard from third, which was followed by an infield single by Casey Holland that scored Josh Cyr.

"One of the things we talk about is early and often because in any sport momentum is so important. Being able to get a few runs gives us confidence, which is so important," explained McGrath.

Highlighting the Tigers' offense was a 2 for 4 day from senior Anthony Valliere to complement Berard's outing on the hill. Berard struck out six Indians and only allowed five hits.

"When you have a pitcher who pitched like Emmett did. things fall in line. Pitching is everything and when you have good pitching it makes



Nick Lareau of North Brookfield makes a heads-up play at second base.

every part of your game good," McGrath stated.

Douglas hopes to build on the win and will look to its seniors for success — something they have done all season long.

"Brendan Mazzuchelli and Josh Cyr are my two captains; Anthony Valliere is another senior who is the guy who keeps the guys up," explained McGrath. "Emmett Berard is the senior who pitched today; he has been working hard through the years. He just loves the game and as a coaching staff we are so proud of him."

After getting off to a slow start, North Brookfield hung in for most of the game. A big reason they were able to stay close was their stud pitcher, Justin Lareau, who struck out eight Tigers. Lareau bounced back after miscues that extended innings and got out of many jams with runners in scoring

position. "He is a horse; if there is a game he wants the ball," North Brookfield head coach Jeff Rudzinski praised. "Today he threw 80 pitches and if we have a game tomorrow he wants the ball. I cannot say enough about

Offensively, Nick Lareau recorded a double and a single

for the Indians.

Moving forward, North Brookfield will look to improve upon its 3-5 record by working on a couple critical areas in order to be successful.

"We have to get out of the habit of getting in a hole in the first inning," expressed Rudzinski. "If we can get out of the first inning we will be good.

"We have to lose the errors; we are killing ourselves right out of the shoot. Now I am going to move in some young guys who are hungry," added

SPORTS BRIEFS

Bay Path Education Foundation Benefit Golf Tournament set for May 12

The 12th annual Bay Path Education Foundation Benefit Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, May 12 at Heritage Country Club in Charlton; registration begins at noon, shotgun start at 1 p.m. This year, the Education Foundation will award over \$22,500 to our graduating seniors for scholarships or tools and equipment for their trade area along with a \$4,000 faculty mini-grant. We need your help to make this event a success! If you are interested in golfing, the cost is \$125, which includes a steak dinner. If you would like to donate, sponsors are as follows: Dinner \$500, Green \$250, Hole \$150, Patron \$75 or a Placemat sponsor for \$50 [all sponsorships will be included on our placemat]. Come support our students and have a fun day of golf. Questions, please call Sue Foskett at (508) 248-5971 X1703, email business cards or artwork/logos for all signage to SFoskett@baypath.net. Please double click on our Save The Date on our website at www.baypath. net to access the golf brochure.

Sturbridge American Legion holding baseball signups

Baseball players interested in playing Sturbridge American Legion Baseball that are born on Jan. 1, 1999 or later are eligible to play. All players that live in Sturbridge and/or attend Tantasqua Regional High School are eligible for the Sturbridge team, also players from other surrounding towns may also be eligible to play. Team will conduct tryouts May 19, 20 and 26, times will be 10 a.m. to noon on all three tryout dates at Tantasqua Regional High School. For more information contact team manager Jim Rosseel (774) 230-1784 email jimrosseel@hotmail.com or Coach Ray Sullivan (508) 736-7770 email raysull_2 @yahoo.com.

Annual BB5k Festival set for **May 26**

The 13th annual BB5k Festival, supporting melanoma research and education, will be held on Saturday, May 26 at Hyland Orchard and Rapscallion Brewery this year. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. and the 5k will start at 10:30. A Kids Fun Run will follow the 5k. Come enjoy the afternoon! You can also pre-register at www.bb5k.com.

Kettle Brook Golf Club — Kettle One League Week 1 Results

First Place: Roger Pontbriand/Mike Engell, +3

Second Place: Brian Flavin/George

High Individual: Roger Pontbriand,

Closest to the Pin on Sixth Hole:

Roger Pontbriand Triple Crown Winner: Roger Pontbriand

Cherry Valley American

Legion baseball to hold registration, tryouts

The Cherry Valley American Legion Post 443 baseball team will hold player tryouts on May 12, 13, 19 and 20 from 10 a.m. to noon each day at Rochdale Park. There is no cost to tryout or play. Players born after Jan. 1, 1999 from Leicester, Spencer, Charlton, Oxford and surrounding towns are welcome to attend. If you have any questions to which Legion program you belong to or have any further questions, please call Jim Stephens at (508) 341-6741.

Quail Hollow golf results

Pit's Crew

First place: Dennis Trela, Dave Truedson, Jack Brigham and Dick Whippee; -8

Second place: Stan Nolin, Bob Demaio, Jim Lamonda and Pat

Moynihan; -5 Third place: Matt DeSimone, George Lawton, Tim McCluskey and Ray Dupell; -5

Undeterred by loss to Grafton, Tantasqua lacrosse a 'resilient bunch'



Austin Varney of Tantasqua shields the ball away from a Grafton defender who applies a body check.

BY NICK ETHIER SPORTS STAFF WRITER

STURBRIDGE — A 10-4 loss to Grafton High at the Cage on May 1 was not what the Tantasqua Regional boys' varsity lacrosse team drew up, but head coach Gregg Anderson thought that his team played better than the final score indi-

"It was pretty tight all the way through," he said, as the Warriors trailed 3-2 at halftime and 8-4 with four minutes to play. "I think this was a really hard-fought game. I thought our defense played great. There were a couple of shots that hit pipes — if those three [shots] go in we're right in the game."

Tantasqua scored first when Sean Farland's shot got past Grafton goalie Tom Nicalek with 6:22 remaining in the opening quarter. Tom Muir got the assist.

The Indians scored next as the game was deadlocked at 1-1 after the first quarter and, after Grafton opened second quarter scoring with two more goals, the Warriors responded with a strike with 6:58 to go until intermission. It was Muir who beat Nicalek this time, weaving his way through the defense before scoring.

Tantasqua's Drew Darger, a starting attackman, was hurt in the second quarter, though, and didn't return. Darger injured his left knee on a defensive play.

"I think having Darger go down really hurt us," said



Nick Ethier photos

Tantasqua goalie Mike Lucas watches a shot bounce his way after Grafton's Tyler Hart shoots through a pair of defenders.

Anderson. "I think we had trouble kind of adjusting to that a little bit. It's hard, you see a teammate of yours go down and it kind of affects you.

Grafton won second half scoring, 7-2, to pull away. The Warriors' Austin Varney and Cody Robert had the third and fourth quarter goals.

Anderson is excited for his team to get another crack at the Indians, who he called "one of the best teams in Central

The rematch is set for May 29 at 3:30 p.m. in Grafton.

We get them again, and we can't wait," said Anderson.

The loss dropped Tantasqua's record to 4-2, but Anderson isn't all too concerned about the setback.

"They're a resilient bunch," he said of his team.

The Warriors proved that a week prior when they hung tough but lost to Nipmuc Regional in overtime, 9-8, and then bounced back on Saturday, April 28 when hosting Northampton High.

"We got behind by five goals and our guys didn't give up," said Anderson. "They kept chipping away.'

Tantasqua was now trailing by just a goal in the final minute when defenders Tyler Mills and Nick Stagias double-teamed a Northampton player with possession of the

"He gave up the ball and Sean Farland went down and

put it in with less than a second to go," recalled Anderson of the play that saw Mills send a long pass down the field before Farland finished it off.

Muir then scored the winner in OT to defeat Northampton.



Tantasqua's Cam Dungey sees the ball into his stick while receiving a

More Mortimer magic leads Northbridge past Warriors, 5-0



Tantasqua catcher Jillian Dunn sees the ball into her glove after the pitch gets past Northbridge's batter.

BY KEN POWERS

NORTHBRIDGE — A far as encores go, this one was pretty special.

On Wednesday, May 2, pitching for the first time in 11 days, Northbridge High's Shannon Mortimer fired a one-hitter and struck out 16 to help lead the Rams past Tantasqua Regional, 5-0, at Lasell Field.

The last time Mortimer pitched, back on April 21, she fanned 20 Nipmuc Regional batters in a 4-3 Northbridge win over the Warriors. Mortimer missed the Rams' games against Leicester High and Blackstone Valley Tech — both losses — the week of April 23-29 with pain and tightness in her knee.

"I had some pain around the front of my knee and tightness in the back of my knee, too. I didn't want to push it and we only had two games last week and I knew we had four games coming up this week," said the senior, who's headed to Iowa State University in the fall to play softball on a full athletic scholarship. "So rather than push through those two games last week and hurt myself further, I decided to rest the knee a little bit.

The day before Northbridge's win over Tantasqua, Mortimer played first base for the Rams in a win over David Prouty Regional. The Rams improved to 6-4 with the win, while the Warriors dropped to 4-2 with the loss.

"Last week was a good week for her to rest," Northbridge head coach Dave Mills said. "Not to compare it to Major League Baseball, where you talk about the marathon and not the sprint, but we only play 20 games, so you can't afford to have four, five, six games where you get off track. It didn't appear to be an injury that was going to be serious; we thought with some additional rest it would start to feel better and that's what happened.'

Mortimer appeared to be her usual dominant self from the start, striking out eight batters in the first three innings, including the side in both the second and third. She walked a batter in each inning, too, but came back and shut the door on the Warriors' potential scoring opportunities in each frame by ending the threats with a third-out strikeout.

In the first inning, with two out, Tantasqua's Jillian Dunn walked and stole second base, but was stranded there when Emily Locke swung through a Mortimer fastball. In the second inning the Warriors' Jenna Casine walked with one out and then stole second and third. Casine couldn't get home, however, because Mortimer fanned Rachel Flamand and Eve Boyd

to get out of trouble. "I thought Shannon looked good

today," Mills said. "She came up with key strikeouts when she needed them early, when they had runners in scoring position and that was important because we know that Tantasqua is a good hitting club. Shannon was able to reach back and get those strikeouts with runners on base.

"Those are the things that, as a pitcher, set you apart," Mills continued. "Can you come back from 3-1 to a batter and get the strikeout? Can you keep the ball playable for the catcher when you have runners on second and third? She can do that, and she did that today."

Northbridge got all the runs it needed in the bottom of the third inning, scoring five times after the first two batters went quietly.

Hailey Bober got things started with a walk and then scored to make it 1-0 when Gracie Hogan followed with a double to center field. Emilee Angell was then hit by a pitch and both Rams moved up to third and second, respectively, when Mortimer walked. Hogan scored to make it 2-0 on an infield single by Maeghan Kelly and Angell came home behind her on a Tantasqua throwing error to make it 3-0.

Jenn Guilbeault, who was inserted into the game as a courtesy runner for Mortimer, made it 4-0 when she scored from third on an infield single by Chloe Frabotta. Kelly made it 5-0 when she



Tantasqua's Rachel Flamand generates pitching power during her windup versus Northbridge.

scored on another Tantasqua throwing

In the top of the sixth Mortimer got out of some self-induced trouble. With one out Locke hit a comebacker to Mortimer, who had time to make the throw but inexplicably threw the ball wide of first, allowing Locke to reach base. With two out Locke motored to third on a single — Tantasqua's only hit of the game — by Casine. Mortimer shut the door on the potential rally by getting Flamand to look at strike three to end the inning.

Flamand pitched well in defeat, allowing just five hits while striking out nine and walking three.

"Rachel works very hard at her game; she's only a sophomore," Tantasqua head coach Phil Desroches said. 'Obviously she doesn't have the speed some other pitchers have, but she moves the ball in and out and up and down and she is very poised for a young kid. She has a lot of fun playing the game.

We're looking at this game not so much as a loss, but as a speed bump on the road to success," Desroches added.

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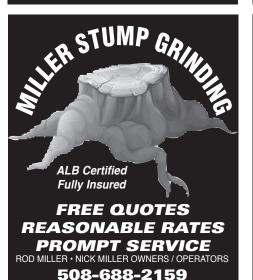
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Community garden prepping for first growing season



Sturbridge lacrosse players took time off from their school vacation to help prepare the new Community Food Collaborative garden.

BY JASON BLEAU

STURBRIDGE - After officially breaking ground for a new community garden in Sturbridge, the Community Food Collaborative is making strides to be ready for the 2018 growing season.

The collaborative celebrated the groundbreaking on April 11 and on Saturday, April 21 began the process of filling growing boxes and preparing the land for planting with the help of athletes from the Tantasqua men's and women's lacrosse teams. The garden is positioned on land donated by the nearby Sturbridge Federated Church and includes numerous beds and a small tool shed with volunteer manpower expected to be used to maintain the garden every day.

president Coan, Joe of the Community Food Collaborative, said the purpose of the garden is to provide fresh foods for the John Paul the Second Food Pantry in Southbridge in order to allow for more nutritious options for those in need.

"The food pantry serves 400 families a week as well as 150 seniors a week, so their need is massive. We have a 3,000 square foot garden with 22 raised beds and we'll have everything planted in another week or so. Everything we grow will go to the pantry. The Tantasqua carpentry students made all of our raised bed frames and today we have Tanstasqua's lacrosse teams filling the beds with the loom, so it's become a true community effort to make this happen,"

The garden was conceptualized through a collaborative effort between the Sturbridge and Southbridge Rotary Clubs who formed a join organization called the Rotary Community Corp of Southbridge and Sturbridge. The group wanted to create something that would provide for the local community and what better way to give back and get locals involved during the warmer months than through a community

Klaus Hachfeld, a member of the Sturbridge Rotary Club, said it was a no brainer to pick the John Paul the Second Food Pantry as the beneficiary considering their history with the Rotary Club. "We've been working with the food pantry now for several years and we've come to the conclusion that they are a very worthy organization to work with. It's really, truly a collaborative. It's meant to be a way of engaging the community," Hachfeld said. "We just received a Rotary grant for this. The clubs and local businesses and students have put substantial time, effort and money into this as well. This is dynamic to say the least. We started in October of last year and there's been a lot of work in a short time. Now the thing to get out is we need to be able to schedule volunteers and bringing in people who want to work on this garden. All of that is organized. We're really getting our act together and we're really pleased with it. We want the world out that this exists, and we want people to know what this is all about. It's just been an amazing project with a

lot of positive support.' Setting an example for how important volunteers will be for the project, the men's and women's lacrosse teams of Tantasqua took time from their school vacations to lend a hand filling the growing boxes and preparing the garden for the transplanting of seeds. Lacrosse Coach Heather Egan said it was an important opportunity for the young men and women of Sturbridge to learn the value of lending a helping

"It's important that the kids learn that they should give back to the community. A lot of times our community service stuff focuses just around



Tantasqua lacrosse players spread loom into one of the growing boxes in the new community garden.

Tantasqua and doing things around the school, but to know that there's a bigger community they are involved with too is a good thing," Egan said. "At school we already do things like food drives but to see it from a different angle and help with providing healthy alternatives is good for the kids to see and appreciate."

With the Community Food Collaborative garden taking shape and many businesses, community members and even town officials pitching in to help make it happen, Joe Coen said it's inspiring to see it all come together. With growing season about to begin Coen said it's nice to take a breath

and se it all finally coming to fruition.

'The enthusiasm is contagious. When we first started it was just an idea and it's really taken off. People have come from everywhere wanting to get involved and it makes you proud to live in a community where there's that kind of response to something like this," Coen said. "Our goal is to expand as much as possible over the next couple of years. There are so many people behind this from the Rotary Clubs to the volunteers and town officials and local businesses. It's truly a community

Colorful caladiums brighten shade gardens all season



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Tuck them into the garden, pop some in a container or dress up a window box. Then water as needed, add a bit of fertilizer and wait for the color explosion.

The showy heartshaped leaves of caladiums come in combinations of pink, red, white and green. These heat-loving plants provide beautiful color all season long. Best of all, no deadheading is need-

Caladiums can be used to create a stunning garden almost anywhere around your home. These tropical beauties grow well in full to partial shade, and some varieties grow equally well in full sun. Choose varieties that will provide the

light conditions in

your yard. Compact caladiums, such as lime and dark pink Miss Muffet, grow about 12" tall and are per-

fect for lining a pathway, edging a flowerbed or dressing up a container. Florida Sweetheart's bright, rose-pink leaves have ruffled green edges, Gingerland has creamy white leaves that are decorated with splashes of green and red. All of these miniature varieties combine nicely with larger caladiums and elephant ears.

Step up the color impact with caladium Red Flash. This full-size caladium grows about 20" tall and has brilliant red centers, decorated with pink dots that pop against the large, deep green leaves. Use these anywhere you want a big splash of color in a garden bed or container.

Combine caladiums

and that match the and mildew-resistant doors Plant indoors four impatiens or other summer bulbs like cannas and elephant ears. Visit Longfield Gardens (longfield-gardens.com) for a bit of inspiration and container design ideas. You'll find simple combinations that provide big impact on a deck, patio or

entryway. When planting caladiums directly into the garden, wait until at least two weeks after all danger of frost has passed. Nights should be warm. and the soil temperature should be at least 65° F. Prepare the soil before planting. Add compost or other organic matter to improve drainage in clay soil and the moisture-holding ability in fast draining soils. Plant tubers about six inches apart and two inches below the soil surface. Water thoroughly and often enough to keep the soil moist, but not soggy.

Those gardening in cooler climates may want

color, size and look you want to achieve, als like begonias, coleus, for an earlier show outto six weeks before moving them into the garden. Set the tubers near the surface of a shallow container filled with a well-drained potting mix. Grow them in a warm sunny spot indoors, keeping the soil barely moist. Move outdoors once the danger of frost has passed

and the soil has warmed. As the summer temperature rises, watch your caladiums shine while many other flowers fade in the summer heat and humidity. Continue to water as needed and fertilize throughout the summer to encourage

new growth. Those gardening in zones nine through eleven can leave their caladiums in place year-round. Others can either treat these colorful beauties as annuals or dig up the tubers and overwinter them indoors. Dig tubers in early fall when soil temperatures drop to 55°. Spread them out in a



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Caladiums planted in container gardens to dress up patios and decks.

warm, dry location for at least a week. Label each variety, remove the foliage and place tubers in a mesh bag or pack loosely in dry peat moss. Store in a cool, dark location at around 60 degrees.

Make this the year you add caladiums for beautiful splashes of color throughout your landscape all season long.

Melinda Myers has written more than gardening books,

including Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything: Food Gardening for Everyone DVD set and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio segments. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and was commissioned by Longfield Gardens for her expertise to write this article. Myers's website is www.melindamyers.com.

Veterans legislation expands benefits

BOSTON - The Massachusetts Senate unanimously passed "The Brave Act" - new legislation that will expand benefits and increase access to a range of services for veterans, active-duty military and their families, Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) announced.

Understanding the sacrifice that military personnel and their families make not only while on active duty, but also after returning home, the Massachusetts Legislature has consistently provided a continuum of major veteran legislation to help with those who sacrifice the most for our freedoms.

Included in the bill is an amendment, filed by Senator Gobi, which would create the Massachusetts Veterans and Warriors to Agriculture Program Fund. The fund would be administered by the Department of Agricultural Resources to integrate veterans into the field of agriculture and support veterans currently working in agriculture. The program will address training, employment, income, productivity, and

retention of veterans in agricultural work. "As the daughter of a veteran and vice chair of

the committee I fully support initiatives that assist Veterans and their families," said Senator Gobi. "I appreciate the support of my colleagues in adopting my amendment to establish a Veteran and Warriors to Agriculture program, to help transition from the battlefield to agricultural fields.

On the recognition front, the legislation designates the 5th day of April as Gold Star Wives Day and the last Sunday in September as Gold Star Mothers and Families Day and directs cities and towns to designate reserved parking for veterans at all city and town

The bill also grants paid military leave for those called to duty by the armed forces for up to 40 days for

training and operation purposes. To help ease the costs of housing, the legislation changes the requirement for veterans to receive property tax exemptions from residing in the Commonwealth for five years down to two years. It also increases the amount a veteran can earn on their property tax exemption for volunteering in their city

or town.

The BRAVE Act increases the burial expense paid by commonwealth from \$2,000 to \$4,000 for indigent veterans to receive to adequately provide for a dignified funeral. It also exempts any veterans who receive annuities for service to their country from income calculations when applying for state programs or

The bill also addresses the following by:

Addressing emergency medical transportation reimbursements;

Revising Veteran Court Diversion programs; Updating the veteran bonus program at the State

Treasurer's Office, and;

Provides several studies and analysis regarding higher education, incarcerated veterans, and National

Guard recognition. The BRAVE Act, which now goes to the House of Representatives for consideration, is the legislature's latest effort to support veterans, military members and their families.

POLICE REPORTS

Leicester Police Department

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Police agencies can no longer print the names of people who are arrested or charged with domestic assault related charges. The new law is designed to protect victims, so they are not re-victimized through indirect identification

THURSDAY, APRIL 19

1:56 a.m.: missing person (Main Street), services rendered; 2:25 a.m.: ambulance (Stafford Street), services rendered; 8:09 a.m.: erratic operation (South Main Street), service rendered; 10:19 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 10:49 a.m.: assist other PD (South Main Street), services rendered; 11:23 a.m.: suspicious activity (Stafford Street), unable to locate; 11:45 a.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street), services rendered; 11:46 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 11:50 a.m.: suspicious person (Winslow Avenue), services rendered; 11:53 a.m.: animal complaint (Paxton Street), services rendered; 12:38 p.m.: disturbance (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 1:16 p.m.: ambulance (Virginia Drive), transported; 1:27 p.m.: ambulance (Henshaw Street), services rendered; 2:02 p.m.: suspicious activity (Soojians Drive), unable to locate; 5:43 p.m.: ambulance (Man Street), transported; 8:18 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 8:58 p.m.: officer wanted (Soojians Drive), report taken; 9:01 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), spoken to.

FRIDAY, APRIL 20

1:38 a.m.: assist other PD (Town Beach Road), services rendered; 6:13 a.m.: ambulance (Brookside Drive), transported; 7:41 a.m.: ambulance (Church Street), transported; 8:04 a.m.: ambulance (Autumn Lane), assisted; 9:04 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 9:15 a.m.: disturbance (South Main Street), assisted; 9:29 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), spoken to; 10:05 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 10:59 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 11:48 a.m.: ambulance (McCarthy Avenue), transported; 12:03 a.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street), report taken; 1:13 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 1:15 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 1:19 p.m.: ambulance (Sargent Street), transported; 1:21 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 1:23 p.m.: erratic operation (Pleasant Street), unfounded; 1:28 p.m.: disturbance (South Main Street), spoken to; 2:16 p.m.: erratic operation (Soojians Drive) services rendered; 4:32 p.m.: vandalism (Stafford Street), report taken; 7:12 p.m.: mv stop (River Street), spoken to; 7:18 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 7:30 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), spoken to; 7:32 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 7:53 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 8:12 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 8:50 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), services rendered; 9:10 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), services rendered; 11:19 p.m.: gunshots heard (Dale Court), services rendered.

SATURDAY, APRIL 21 12:02 a.m.: suspicious activity (Chapel Street), services rendered; 12:19 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 12:22 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 12:37 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 12:43 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 12:45 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 12:58 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), spoken to; 1:02 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 1:20 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), spoken to; 1:20 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 3:37 a.m.: welfare check, name, address, and charges redacted from police log, arrest; 7:14 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 9:04 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 9:14 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 9:25 am..: suspicious mv (Soojians Drive), services rendered; 9:37 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 12:16 p.m.: debris in road (Main Street), services rendered; 3:04 p.m.: disturbance (Moosehill Road), services rendered; 3:14 p.m.: parking complaint (South Main Street), citation issued; 4:21 p.m.: erratic operation (Soojians Drive), citation issued; 5:04 a.m.: assist citizen (Woodland Road); 5:50 p.m.: mv stop (Henshaw Street), citation issued; 6:10 p.m.: parking complaint (Soojians Drive), services rendered; 6:13 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 6:16 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 6:49 p.m.: larceny (Main Street), spoken to; 10:20 p.m.: ambulance (Stafford Street), services rendered.

SUNDAY, APRIL 22

12:16 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 7:34 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 7:49 a.m.: welfare check (Stafford Street), unfounded; 9:51 a.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street), transported; 10:31 a.m.: threats (Pine Street), services rendered; 10:40 a.m.: ambulance (Auburn Street), transported; 10:54 a.m.: welfare check (Pleasant Street), unfounded: 11:34 a.m.: debris in road (Paxton Street), spoken to; 2:01 p.m.: lost/found (Clark Street), services rendered; 2:18 p.m.: suspicious activity (Stafford Street), services rendered; 2:26 p.m.: fire/brush/grass (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 2:32 p.m.: trespassing (Stafford Street), services rendered; 5:11 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 6:07 p.m.: ambulance (Collier Avenue), transported; 7:05 p.m.: disturbance (Collier Avenue), transported to hospital; 8:39 p.m.: welfare check (Town Beach Road), services rendered; 9:02 p.m.: mutual aid (Cherry Street, Spencer), transported to hospital: 9:49 p.m.: malicious mischief (Marshall Street), report taken.

MONDAY, APRIL 23

8:19 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 10:40 a.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 12:45 p.m.: ambulance (Virginia Drive), transported; 1:43 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 3:37 p.m.: investigation (Collier Avenue), services rendered; 5:01 p.m.: debris in road (Huntoon Memorial Highway), no service necessary; 5:29 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 5:45 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 6:17 p.m.: summons service (Henshaw Street), served; 6:21 a.m.: animal complaint (Reservoir Street), spoken to; 6:44 p.m.: summons service (Peter Salem Road), served; 6:53 p.m.: summons service (Lexington Avenue), served; 7:34 p.m.: summons service (Auburn Street), served; 7:46 p.m.: summons service (Deer Pond Road), served; 9:14 p.m.: assist other PD (Main Street, Worcester), services rendered.

TUESDAY, APRIL 24 6:07 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), no action required; 8:00 a.m.: parking complaint (Washburn Square), citation issued; 10:27 a.m.: warrant service (Charles Street), Steven J. Radzik, 48, 136 Charles Street, Liecester, warrant arrest; 10:41 a.m.: threats (Ingram Road), report taken; 10:45 a.m.: ambulance (Paxton Street), transported; 12:01 p.m.: ambulance (Mayflower Circle), transported; 1:29 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), unfounded; 2:09 p.m.: investigation (Marshall Street), services rendered; 2:12 p.m.: assist citizen (Boyd Street); 2:54 p.m.: harassment (Pine Street), report taken; 3:35 p.m.: assist citizen (Hyland Avenue); 4:07 p.m.: larceny (Ingram Road), report taken; 4:12 .m.: mutual aid (West Main Street, Spencer), services rendered; 6:50 p.m.: animal complaint (Mill Street), unable to locate; 7:28 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to: 7:46 p.m.: my stop (Paxton Street), spoken to.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25 12:08 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 7:27 a.m.: ambulance (Spring Street), transported: 8:49 a.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 10:37 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 12:45 p.m.: investigation (Parker Street), spoken to; 12:50 p.m.: disabled mv (Stafford Street), services rendered; 12:53 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street), spoken to; 1:00 p.m.: investigation (Pine Street), services rendered; 3:29 p.m.: erratic operation (Main Street), unable to locate; 3:42 p.m.: officer wanted (Paxton Street), services rendered; 5:06 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 7:06 p.m.: officer wanted (Mayflower Circle), spoken to; 7:19 p.m.: investigation (Moosehill Road), services rendered; 9:10 p.m.: mv stop (Chapel Street), verbal warning; 11:35 p.m.: ambulance (Salminen Drive), transported.

THURSDAY, APRIL 26

1:45 a.m.: assist other PD (Pond Court), services rendered; 6:51 a.m.: drug violation (Woodland Road), assisted; 7:45 a.m.: mutual aid (town of Auburn), services rendered; 7:49 a.m.: assist citizen (Woodland Road), services rendered; 8:18 a.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street), services rendered; 9:04 a.m.: search warrant service (Dale Court), Robert M. Genhardt, 48, 8 Dale Court, Rochdale, distribution of Class D drug/3 counts, possession with intent to distribute Class D drug, cultivation of marijuana, arrest; 9:48 a.m.: assist citizen (Soojians Drive), report taken; 9:53 a.m.: assist citizen (Auburn Street), services rendered; 10:16 a.m.: suspicious person (South Main Street), services rendered; 11:24 a.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street), services ren-

dered; 1:19 p.m.: welfare check (King Street), services rendered; 2:28 p.m.: welfare check (King Street), spoken to; 2:33 p.m.: erratic operation (Main Street), spoken to; 2:45 p.m.: lost/found (Main Street), no action required; 5:09 p.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), citation issued; 5:23 p.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), citation issued; 5:33 p.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), written warning; 5:44 p.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), written warning; 5:53 p.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), written warning; 6:05 p.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), written warning; 6:20 p.m.: animal complaint (White Birch Street), assisted; 7:08 p.m.: disabled mv (Stafford Street), services rendered; 7:22 p.m.: disturbance (Collier Avenue), transported; 11:21 p.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive), name and address redacted from police log, shoplifting over \$100 by asportation, complaint application.

FRIDAY, APRIL 27 12:17 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 12:26 a.m.: assist citizen (Woodland Road), services rendered; 1:06 a.m.: noise complaint (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 8:57 a.m.: animal complaint (Charlton Street). services rendered; 9:11 a.m.: mv stop (Pine Street), citation issued; 9:21 a.m.: suspicious mv (Winslow Avenue), services rendered; 9:31 a.m.: animal complaint (Mannville Street), services rendered; 10:17 a.m.: suspicious person (Mill Street), spoken to; 10:29 a.m.: animal complaint (Clark Street), services rendered; 11:09 a.m.: welfare check (King Street), services rendered; 11:59 a.m.: assist citizen (Main Street), report taken; 12:42 p.m.: ambulance (Upton Street), assisted; 1:19 p.m.: assist citizen (Crestwood Road), spoken to; 4:24 p.m.: assist citizen (Main Street), services rendered; 4:26 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street), services rendered; 5:25 p.m.: assist citizen (Willow Hill Road), services rendered; 5:58 p.m.: erratic operation (Main Street), services rendered; 7:06 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 8:55 p.m.: suspicious mv (Mulberry Street), services rendered; 11:48 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police report, uninsured mv, op w/registration revoked, mv towed.

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

12:00 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street). written warning; 12:42 a.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), name and address redacted from police log, op w/suspended license, mv towed; 1:15 a.m.: odor of smoke/fire (Parker Street), services rendered; 1:50 a.m.: assist citizen (Pine Street); 3:14 a.m.: officer wanted (South Main Street), report taken; 8:06 a.m.: ambulance (Broad Street), transported; 10:01 a.m.: ambulance (Baldwin Street), transported; 11:36 a.m.: summons service (Sunset Drive), served; 1:26 p.m.: animal complaint (Soojians Drive), gone on arrival; 1:49 p.m.: welfare check (White Birth spoken to; 3:03 p.m.: mv (River Street), written warning; 3:14 p.m.: mv stop (River Street), written warning; 3:20 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street, Worcester), transported; 3:27 p.m.: disturbance (Henshaw Street), services rendered; 3:34 p.m.: mutual aid (Wheelock Street, Oxford), services rendered; 3:37 p.m.: investigation (Paxton Street), services rendered; 4:09 investigation (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 5:28 p.m.: assist citizen (Keefe Court); 5:40 p.m.: odor of smoke/fire (Town Beach Road), services rendered; 6:29 p.m.: illegal dumping (Cemetery Road), report taken; 7:16 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 7:31 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, op in violation of license restriction, citation issued; 8:07 p.m.: suspicious mv (Mannville Street), services rendered; 9:13 p.m.; officer wanted (Winslow Avenue), services rendered; 10:32 p.m.: erratic operation (Main Street), spoken to; 11:57 p.m.: suspicious mv (Mannville Street), spoken to.

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

12:19 a.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), verbal warning; 12:28 a.m.: suspicious mv (Paxton Street), no action required; 1:16 a.m.: suspicious mv (Mulberry Street), services rendered; 1:32 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 3:23 a.m.: ambulance (Cricklewood Drive), transported; 7:48 a.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street), transported; 8:20 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), verbal warning; 8:29 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), verbal warning; 10:46 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 11:24 a.m.: lockout (Paxton Street), assisted; 11:33 a.m.: assist other agency (Spring Street), services rendered; 12:08 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 12:20 p.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), assisted; 2:07 p.m.: mv stop (Waite Street), spoken to; 2:34 p.m.: unauthorized burning (Parker Street), spoken

to; 4:19 p.m.: ambulance (South Main Street), transported; 5:14 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 5:27 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 6:00 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 6:21 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 6:51 p.m.: mv stop (River Street), written warning.

MONDAY, APRIL 30

5:04 a.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 7:48 a.m.: animal complaint (Water Street), services rendered; 8:41 p.m.: ambulance (Virginia Drive), transported; 8:48 a.m.: assist other agency (South Main Street), investigated; 10:12 a.m.: warrant service arrest (Main Street), Erin M. Johnson, 37, 513 Main Street, #2, Cherry Valley, failure to appear, arrest; 11:02 a.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street), services rendered; 12:59 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), assisted; 1:12 p.m.: fraud (Parker Street), report taken; 1:27 p.m.: assist other agency (South Main Street), report taken; 2:02 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 3:10 p.m.: officer wanted (Auburn Street), services rendered; 4:28 p.m.: welfare check (Howard Terrace), transported to hospital; 4:56 p.m.: suspicious mv (Crestwood Road), spoken to; 5:03 p.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street), transported; 7:16 p.m.: welfare check (Stafford Street), transported to hospital; 7:26 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), citation issued; 7:58 p.m.: welfare check (Main Street), services rendered; 8:32 p.m.: animal complaint (Stafford Street), services rendered; 8:50 p.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), verbal warning; 9:02 p.m.: welfare check (Forest Street), services rendered; 11:40 p.m.: erratic operation (Main Street), services rendered.

TUESDAY, MAY 1

8:08 a.m.: mv theft (Stafford Street), report taken; 9:37 p.m.: mutual aid (Townhouse Court, Spencer), assisted; 9:38 a.m.: investigation (Henshaw Street), services rendered; 11:27 a.m.: summon service (Whittemore Street), unable to serve; 11:59 a.m.: assist motorist (Pleasant Street), unfounded; 12:46 p.m.: erratic operation (Pleasant Street), unfounded; 1:05 p.m.: assist other agency (Main Street), services rendered; 1:19 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 1:25 p.m.: erratic operation (Main Street), gone on arrival; 1:56 p.m.: ambulance (Soojians Drive), transported; 2:07 p.m.: ambulance (Bond Street), transported; 4:28 p.m.: animal complaint (Stafford Street), unable to locate; 4:44 p.m.: officer wanted (Chapel Street), spoken to; 7:08 p.m.: assist other PD (South Main Street), services rendered; 7:24 p.m.: welfare check (Man Street), transported.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2

4:51 a.m.: investigation (Stafford Street), services rendered; 7:56 p.m.: mv stop (Warren Avenue), verbal warning; 8:14 a.m.: investigation (Stafford Street), services rendered; 8:20 a.m.: nv stop (Pleasant Street), ing; 8:44 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), services rendered; 9:19 a.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street), services rendered; 9:35 a.m.: suspicious person (Edward Street), assisted; 9:54 p.m.: ambulance (Virginia Drive), services rendered; 10:01 a.m.: mv stop (River Street), services rendered; 10:14 a.m.: animal complaint (Henshaw Street), services rendered; 10:37 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 10:41 a.m.: open door/window (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 10:52 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 11:17 a.m.: brush/grass fire (Henshaw Street), services rendered; 11:34 a.m.: mv stop (Marshall Street), written warning; 11:40 a.m. mv stop (Marshall Street), written warning; 12:55 p.m.: ambulance (Paxton Street), transported; 1:48 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 2:28 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 3:04 p.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street), transported; 5:42 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), citation issued; 6:27 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 6:58 p.m.: animal complaint (Lexington Avenue), services rendered; 7:41 p.m.: erratic operation (Huntoon Memorial Highway), verbal warning; 8:15 p.m.: mv stop (Lake Avenue), written warning; 8:31 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 8:44 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 8:50 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), assisted; 8:54 p.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), citation issued; 8:58 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 9:21 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 9:25 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 9:38 p.m.: investigation (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 10:28 p.m.: noise complaint (Main Street), peace restored; 10:55 p.m.: welfare check (Henshaw Street), services rendered; 11:52 p.m.: suspicious mv (Paxton Street), services redered.

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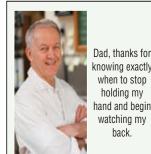
Honors

Publish Date: June 15, 2018 Deadline date: Mon., June 11 @ 5pm

The Spencer New Leader would like to honor all Fathers and Grandfathers in the June 15th issue. The deadline for honors is

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SAMPLE:



knowing exactly when to stop holding my hand and begin watching my back

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Please email a photo and a special message or an In Loving Remembrance message if deceased to jsima@stonebridgepress.news OR mail or drop off to the Spencer New Leader 25 Elm Street, P. O. Box 90 Southbridge, MA 01550.

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Mother's Day Honors

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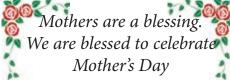
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Mrs. Lilian A. Morel Guyette. Pictured here on her 100th birthday with some of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren

Happy Mother's Day, and Happy 103rd Birthday! (May 13)

Thank you for always giving your heart, soul and so much more to our growing family and making us the best we can be. We're blessed and grateful to have you in our lives.

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It's been 23 years without you and you've missed so much. You would be so proud of your grandchildren and would adore your new great granddaughter. I pray that you're smiling down and guiding us all. Love, June and family



To the woman who gave me life: Thank you for believing in me, for building me up when I fall, and loving me for who

I am; triumphs, flaws and all. You are so special, Mom.

Hope you have the best Mother's day!



number one supporter and best friend. I'm lucky to call you my mama! I love you lots!! Love, Ashlee



like no other. She gave me life, nurtured me, taught me, dressed me, fought for me, held me, shouted at me, kissed me, but most importantly she loved me

unconditionally. There are not enough words I can say to

describe just how important my Mother is to me and what a powerful influence she continues to be.

Love you to the moon & back Dee, Bryan, Kimberly, Amanda, & Patrick



We will honor Dads in the June 15th Issue. Email June at jsima@stonebridgepress.news for details

BECAUSE OF YOU

By Sue Angela Healy Today is dedicated to mothers everywhere Thinking of you as I say a prayer You're up and about before the morning sun Way past midnight your work's still not done You taught me how to tie my shoe When I was young I depended on you As I lay in bed sick with the bug You came into the room just give me a hug As a teenager we didn't always see eye to eye But on you Mom – I could always rely

As an adult I received your warmth and smile You made the time just to talk for awhile You cooked – cleaned and were busy all day You were a mother so received no pay You'd call a friend to say "Hi, How are you?" You never let on when you were feeling blue Every opportunity a card you would send A little note saying "How have you been?" You were always there to show you cared A better person you would find nowhere When I needed you – you were there for me Those moments are treasured in fond memories You always worried about everyone else Everyone of course except yourself Although I seldom let my feelings show I love you, Mom – more than you'll ever know

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OBITUARIES

Barry F. Smith, 75



STAFFORD SPRINGS, Barry F. Smith, 75, of Stafford Springs, CT passed away on Monday, April 30th, with his family by his side in the Harrington Memorial Hospital, Southbridge, after a

long illness.

He leaves his loving wife of 37 years and together for 50 years, Francine A. (Surprenant) Smith, who he adored. He also leaves his daughter, Amber L. Start of North Brookfield; his three grandchildren, Bryan Start, Sarah Start and Terry Lytle; his brother, Brian Smith and his wife Arlene of Stafford Springs, CT; his brother-inlaw Joseph Poirier of Bradenton, FL; along with a very large extended family. He was predeceased by his sister, Geraldine Poirier. Barry was born in Ware, MA the son of the late Francis

B. and Ruby E. (Frink) Smith. He was

a graduate of Tantasqua Regional High School in Sturbridge, Class of 1961.

Barry worked at the Wm. E. Wright Co. in West Warren, MA for 46 years, his entire career, retiring in 2007. Barry was an avid outdoorsman who loved working around his farm and being with his family and friends. He will be missed dearly and will always be remembered for his bright blue eyes, big smile and sense of humor.

Calling hours were held on Friday, May 4th, from 5:00 to 8:00pm in the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge. A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, May 15th, at 10:00am in the First Congregational Church of Brimfield, 20 Main St., Brimfield, MA. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the National Pancreatic Cancer Foundations, P.O. Box 1848, Longmont, CO 80502.

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Dagny M. (Holm) Carlsen, 90



OXFORD - Dagny M. (Holm) Carlsen, 90, formerly of Wild Rose Street, died peacefully on Friday, April 27, 2018, surrounded by her family. She was predeceased by her husband of 45 years, Robert J. Carlsen Sr.

who died in 1994; and a son, Richard P. Carlsen who died in 1988. She is survived by four children, Robert J. Carlsen Jr. and his friend John P. Sawicki of Auburn, William T. Carlsen and his wife Doreen of Sturbridge, with whom she lived, Thomas A. Carlsen and his wife Sue of Leicester, and Laurie J. Andrews of Webster; a brother, Robert Holm and his wife Jan of Worcester; fourteen grandchildren, Timmy, Matt, Courtney, Eric, Christina, Ashley, Amanda, Lynne, Cameron, Callie, Colby, Caleb, Corey, and Cassidie; 15 great-grandchildren; many nephews and nieces; and the children whom she always considered her grandchildren, Kelly, Kimberly, and Franny. She was born in Worcester, daughter of the late Sanfrid and Elsa (Johnson) Holm, and lived in Worcester before moving to Oxford in 1959. She graduated from Commerce High School in Worcester

Mrs. Carlsen was a wonderful homemaker and mother who dedicated her one who knew her.

The family would like to thank Central MA Hospice for the exceptional care and compassion given to Dagny and her family during her illness.

At Mrs. Carlsen's request, a private to Autism Speaks, 85 Devonshire St., directing the arrangements.

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Cleo R. Proulx, 90



SOUTHBRIDGE-Cleo R. Proulx, 90, died at home Sunday, April 22, 2018, surrounded by his loving family. He leaves his wife of nearly 68 years, Annette M. (Benoit) Proulx. They were married June

17, 1950.

He also leaves 2 sons. David Proulx and his wife Heidi of North Brookfield, Ronald Proulx and his partner Steven Demar of Sturbridge, and 6 daughters, Ann Marie Mandeville and her husband Roger of Southbridge, Paulette Fontaine of Sturbridge, Claudette Hardy and her husband Steven of Maynard, Michelle Donais and her husband Edgar of Brookfield, Madeleine Saunders and her husband Guy of Southbridge, Monique Kopas and her husband David of Thompson, CT, and 16 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren. He also leaves his daughterin-law Sharon Proulx of Southbridge, many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his son Paul A. Proulx, Sr. (2009), his son-in-law Harry Fontaine, Jr, and an infant daughter Susan Proulx, 5 brothers Claudio, Harry, Roland, Roy, Clarence, and 5 sisters Florence Levesque, Lottie Earls, Alice Christian, Dorothy Proulx, and Helen

Proulx. He was born Southbridge, in son of Arthur and (Lamothe) Yvonne Proulx, and lived

here all his life. He was a member of St. John Paul II Parish, and a former member of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, and the League of Sacred Heart.

Mr. Proulx was a US Army veteran of World War II, and was a member of the VFW Post 6055. He retired from the American Optical Company, where he worked for over 40 years. He was an avid Red Sox fan, bowled on the senior league and played baseball for the American Optical Co. league.

The funeral was Thursday, April 26, 2018, from Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy St., Southbridge with a Mass at 10AM at Saint Mary's Church, 263 Hamilton Street, Southbridge, MA 01550. A calling hour was held prior to the mass from 8:30-9:30AM at the funeral home. Burial will be private.

Donations may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O.Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8517

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in 1945.

life to caring for her family. She was involved in many activities that her children and grandchildren participated in, including Boy Scouts and youth sports. She participated in many community activities, town politics, and worked at the election polls for many years. Dagny was an angel on earth. She was loved and admired by every-

graveside service will be held at St. Roch's Cemetery in Oxford. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Joslin Diabetes Center, One Joslin Place, Boston, MA 02215, or 9th Floor, Boston, MA 02109. Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is

Edith K. Searles, 77



AUBURN - Edith K. (Smith) Searles, died Monday, April 30, 2018, at Shrewsbury Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. She is survived by her husband of 52 years, Ralph W. Searles of Auburn;

two daughters, Melissa D. Hannon and her husband James, and Kathryn D. Courteau and her husband Paul, all of Auburn; her brother, Russell H. Smith and his wife Linda of Spencer; six grandchildren, Bethany McIntosh, Eric Hannon, Erin Hannon, Patrick Hannon, Thomas Arnold, and Nicholas Arnold; one great-grandson, Dimitri McIntosh; and several nephews and nieces. She was born in Vinalhaven,

ME, daughter of the late Theron and Harriet F. (Hopkins) Smith, and lived in Worcester before moving to Auburn in 1956.

Mrs. Searles was a crossing guard for Auburn Public Schools for many years before retirement. She enjoyed bowling and enjoyed socializing with anyone she met. She loved children including all those the assisted as a crossing guard in Auburn, and most of all enjoyed spending time with her family and grandchildren.

A funeral service was held at 10 a.m. on Friday, May 4, 2018, at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. Burial followed at Worcester County Memorial Park in Paxton. Calling hours were Thursday, May 3, 2018, from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home. paradisfuneralhome.com

Gladys E. Wood, 85



O R T H OXFORD- Gladys E. (Clockedile) Wood, 85, of 14 Patricia Dr., died Friday, May 4 at Liberty Commons in North Chatham, surrounded by her loving family.

She was pre-deceased by her husband, John J. Wood, Jr., Police Chief of the Town of Leicester, who died in 1983. Also pre-deceased by her parents, Leroy & Marion Clockedile, 5 siblings, Harold, Ronald and Kenneth Clockedile, Doris Smith and Irene Fitzgibbons. She is survived by her children, Paula J. Wood of Centerville, Donna Wood Eaton and her husband Brad of Harwich. John J. Wood III and his wife Susan of Smithfield, RI, Douglas A. Wood and his wife Susanna of Westford, Rodney D. Wood and his wife Cyndy of Inverness, FL, 2 brothers, Lawrence Clockedile and his wife Gloria of New Port Richey FL, Arthur Clockedile and his wife Judy of Paxton, a sister, Ruthie Spalding and her husband Dick of Holden, 5 grandchildren, Justin Robo and his wife Erin, Jack, Matthew, Emily, and

Abigail Wood, her great-grandchild Kylie, a step-grandchild David and 2 step-great-grandchildren Kane and

Ronin. She was born in Paxton and graduated from Commerce High School. She married the love of her life February 16, 1952. She was an active member of the Greenville Baptist Church, serving on many committees, teaching Sunday and Vacation Bible School and was the Church's Benevolence

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Treasurer for 33 years, She was past President of the Leicester Mother's Club. She was a stay-at-home mother until her youngest was in his teens. Then she attended Worcester State University part-time taking courses. She was hired by the University eventually becoming the Coordinator of the Worcester Area Cooperating Libraries, a program of the Colleges of Worcester Consortium and worked there for 20 years, retiring in 2000. During this time she continued her education attending the University and obtained a certificate in Gerontology. During her internship, she was hired by Saint Paul's Elder Outreach where she worked part-time until 2013. She loved quilting and made many quilts for her family, church missions and for the National Organization, Quilts of Valor.

A Funeral Service will be held Friday, May 11 at 10 A.M. in Greenville Baptist Church, 684 Pleasant St., Rochdale followed by burial in Greenville Baptist Cemetery. Calling hours are Thursday from 5-7 P.M. in the MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main St., Leicester. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Greenville Baptist Church Deacons Benevolence Fund, P.O. Box 396, Rochdale, MA

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Frances L. Brooks, 35



BROOKFIELD Frances Loraine Brooks left this world way to soon in the arms of her soul mate of 16 years, Jordan Brooks. She was born in Los Angeles

ents Dan and Lisa Croce. They later moved to Massachusetts where she met Jordan and started her beautiful family. She leaves behind two amazing daughters, Crystal and Allison Brooks, a sister Danielle Croce of Wyoming, a brother Joseph Croce of New Mexico, her mother and father-in-law Ken and Lori Brooks of West Brookfield, her grandmother-in-law Wanda Brooks. a brother and sister-in-law Jesse and Jamie Brooks, as well as many beautiful nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts

and uncles, and so many other family members and friends. She recently started working in the Deli at Hannaford's and loved everyone she worked with. She loved going to play bingo with her husband and

friends, going to Six Flags with her family, and being every child's best friend who she ever met. She would do anything for anyone. We are blessed to have so many loved ones in our life and so many are lucky to have had Frances in theirs. She is now in heaven with her daddy George Croce and so many others. We love and miss you so much.

A Funeral Service for Frances will be held on Monday, May 7, 2018 at 11:00AM in the Varnum Funeral Home, Inc., 43 East Main St., West Brookfield. Calling hours will be held from 9 to 11AM prior to the service. Burial will be in Mary Queen of the Rosary Cemetery in Spencer.

An online guest book is available at varnumfuneralhome.com.

Memorial Day Rememberances In the Spencer New Leader

Deadline Friday, May 19th @ 5pm,

Publish Date May 26th Send us a deceased loved one's photo, with a special message to be published on a special Memorial Day page in the May 27th edition of the Spencer New Leader.

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Joan Smith

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OBITUARIES

Philip A.T. Dudley, 31



CHARLTON Philip A.T. Dudley, 31, of Glen Echo Shore Road, died Sunday, April 29, 2018, in Gloucester doing what he loved. He is survived by his fiancée, Chelsea C. Sweet of Charlton; his

mother, Nicola Tsatsaronis of England; his father, Timothy James Dudley of England; his twin sons, Oliver P.R. Dudley and Alexander J.N. Dudley, both of Charlton; and two sisters, Maria F.E. Nobrega of Dudley and Amy E.N. Tsatsaronis of Westboro. He was born in Exeter, Devon, United Kingdom, and lived in Charlton for the past 8 years. He graduated from David Prouty High School in Spencer in 2005 and attended Bridgestone Racing Academy in Canada.

Phil worked for Bond Brothers

Construction in Medford for the past Previously, he worked for Crocker Architectural in North Oxford for 6 years. He was a former member of Central Mass Scuba.

Phil was an adventurer who lived life to the fullest. He enjoyed riding his motorcycle, racing cars, scuba diving, sky diving, cooking, traveling, and shooting. He was an amazing father to his sons, and will be remembered as a wonderful son, brother, and fiancé.

Calling hours were Tuesday, May 8, 2018, from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. The calling hours concluded at 2 p.m. with remembrances his by family and friends. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Chelsea Sweet FBO Oliver and Alexander Dudley, c/o Santander Bank, 335 Main St., Oxford, MA 01540. paradisfuneralhome.com

Elizabeth A. (Betty) Worthington

Worthington, of East Brookfield, passed away, on April 28, 2018. She was born on July 2, 1931, in Warren, Massachusetts to William G. and Jessie (Leach) Guy. Betty is survived by her husband of 65 years, Robert G. (Nicky) Worthington; her 5 children: Gail, Brian, Barry, Bruce, and Charles; a sister, a brother, 8 grandchildren, 4 great Grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Betty was a graduate of Warren High School and Becker Junior College. She became secretary to the president of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, and then secretary to the president of Rogers Plastics in West Warren, until she became a mother and full time homemaker. She was a true "domestic engineer". She made jellies, jams, relishes, and canned goods; baked a mean apple pie (the best in Worcester County, according to her husband); and made several wedding cakes for her children, and a few others. She knit, crocheted, and sewed, making many of her own clothes, numerous Halloween costumes, her daughter's prom gown, and curtains and drapes. She recovered upholstery and refinished wood furniture, and she painted, wallpapered (better than many professionals, according

to a friend) and refinished most of the woodwork in her 1830's home. She loved flowers, and kept her house full of house plants and kept a number of beds blooming around the house all summer. Betty passed on many of her skills, especially cooking and baking,

and she always had a pot of coffee and fresh baked goods ready for anybody who dropped by. She will be greatly missed. A graveside service was held at Evergreen Cemetery, East Brookfield on Saturday, May 5, 2018 at 11:00 AM, followed by a gathering at the Spencer Country Inn. In lieu of a flowers, Betty would have preferred that you do something nice and unexpected for a friend.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Graham, Putnam & Mahoney Funeral Parlors. To share a memory or offer condolences, a guestbook is available at www.gpmfunerals.

George B. Breen, 44

WEBSTER/ SPENCER- George B. Breen age 44 died Wed. May 2, 2018 at Harrington Hospital, Southbridge. He leaves two sons Deron and Drew Breen of Grafton, a daughter Mackenzie Breen of Grafton, his father George F.



Ad Libs by June

Thank you, Nature, for bringing Spring back in time for Mother's Day! Please check out our

MOTHER'S DAY HONORS on page B2 this week. Thank you to all who participated in this section. I'm also planning Father's Day Honors on June 15!

There are lots of gift and dining ideas for Mom in this week's issue... too many to mention but easy to find. Shop local and keep your money close to home!

The BULLETIN BOARD is back to the Front of Section B. If you have an event coming up, the cost is just \$25/week to advertise it in full color.

Ladies! If you're available on Tuesdays at 9:30 am and want to try something new or re-join if you've already been a member, the WOMEN'S BAY PATH GOLF LEAGUE wants you! They are looking for new and past members to join... all levels of playing are welcome! For more info or to sign up, call or text Barbara Gaucher at 978-503-8686...a great way to exercise, make new friends, get some fresh air, and have fun!

Welcome DOUG RUSSELL MARINE to our papers beginning this week! Cash paid for your pontoon boat... top prices paid... any condition... with or without trailer. They will even pick it up! If you have a pontoon that you're not using or need some extra cash, give them a call at 774-239-0341 or email dougrussell@dougrussell.com. See the ad in this week's issue and all summer long!

KAROL'S CORNER TAKE OUT, 610 Pleasant St., Rochdale is sponsoring a fundraiser on Saturday, May 12 to benefit the Foundation for Angelman Syndrome Therapeutics. It's a birthday bash for JAY who suffers from Angelman Syndrome (AS). AS is a rare genetic neurological disorder characterized by global developmental delays, learning disabilities, and severe speech impairment (CureAngelman.org). Stop by Karol's from 11am-4 pm for food, games, prizes, arts & crafts, raffles, homemade items, and fun! Sparkles the Clown will make an appearance between 1-4 pm. Bring the family and have some fun for a great cause.

Have a great week and a Happy Mother's Day!

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to her children, and others. She also loved music, was a self-taught piano player and sang alto in church choirs, and at the Messiah in Worcester. Betty's greatest joy was spending time with her family and friends. Along with her husband, Nicky, she hosted many a family/friend gathering at their home on Lake Lashaway,

Breen of Webster, two brothers, John Breen and his wife Jen Breen of West Boylston, Michael Breen and his wife Kathy Breen of Shrewsbury a sister Caryn Casey of Putnam, CT. He also leaves his caregiver Leanne.

He was born in Webster son of George Breen and the late Caryl A. Kozlowski Breen and lived in Spencer for the past two years prior to that living in Webster. George was a insurance broker. He was a member of Pleasant Valley Golf Club in Sutton. There are no calling hours, and all services are private and burial will be in St. Anthony Cemetery. Donations in his memory may be made to a charity of donors choice. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with his arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a memory or light a candle

Renee D. Pollack, 54

CHICOPEE/ INDIAN ORCHARD -Renee D. Pollack age 54 died at the Baystate Medical Center, Springfield, MA. She leaves a son Aaron Wrobeo of Ware, three daughters Angela Pollack of Perkinsville, VT, Amy Pollack of Ware, Ariel Pollack of Springfield, MA. She also leaves a brother Brett Minney of Brimfield and 5 grandchildren. Renee leaves her mother, Barbara M. (Holbrook) Minney and her husband David Minney of Ware. She was born in Ware, MA. She was predeceased by

two brothers, David J. Minney Jr. of Granby and Allan Beauregard.

She was employed as an aid at the Belchertown State School, Belchertown, MA. There are no calling hours and a celebration of life will be announced. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with the arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

Gregory James Giaquinto, 27



WEBSTER-Gregory James Giaquinto, died unexpectedly Saturday, April 28, 2018.

He proudly served in the Marine Corps with the Second Division Battalion

at Camp Lejeune N.C. stationed LCPL Giaquinto was Stationed in Afghanistan to fight the Global War on

He leaves his father John Giaquinto and his wife Patricia of Dudley. His Mother Roberta Ryland

of Cape Coral Fl. one brother: Christopher Giaquinto and his fiancée Christa Wright of VA. step brother, Jason Marquez of Spencer. Predeceased by his step brother, Carlos

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Greg leaves an extended family of Aunts, Uncles nieces ,nephews and cous-

He was born in Jacksonville Fl and lived most his life in Dudley and Webster.

A graduate of SHRHS in 2009 after High School he joined the USMC served four years Honorably discharged. Services with military honors where private.

In lieu of flowers donations to Worcester County Animal Shelter 139 Holden St. Worcester, Ma 01606 or 508-8530030 ext. 5 Bartel Funeral Home & Chapel 33 Schofield Avenue Dudley Ma.01571 assisted the family with arrangements.

Richard H Stoddard, 83



SPENCER- Richard H. Stoddard, died peacefully on Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at Southbridge Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center surrounded by his loved ones.

Richard born in Worcester, MA in 1935 the son of Harry & Evelyn (Beaudreau) Stoddard and he was a lifelong resident of Spencer. Richard was a US Army Korean War Veteran. He worked for many years as a supervisor at Presmet

Corporation. Richard is survived by his best friend and wife of 61 years Irene (Czynodel) Stoddard; 2 sons Phil and his wife Mary Stoddard of Spencer, James and Robin Stoddard of Charlton; and his 4 grandchildren Sara, Andrew, Colin, and Victoria which made him very proud.

Funeral services are private with a Mass in Our Lady of the Rosary Church in Spencer. Burial following with full military honors in Worcester County Memorial Park in Paxton. Pillsbury Funeral Home 163 Main St.

Pillsburyfuneralhome.com Olivette M. Sibley,83



LEICESTER-Olivette (Robichaud) Sibley,83, formerof 26 So. Main St.,Leicester, died Friday, May 4 at Life Care Center of Auburn.

She was the wife of David W. Sibley who died in 2009. She leaves her brother Alfred Robichaud of Bradenton, FL., several nieces and nephews, including her niece and caretaker Andrea Burke of Spencer. She is predeceased by her brothers Gerard, Robert and Raymond Robichaud and sisters Evelyn Stanikmas and Yvonne LaPointe.

Born in Rumford, ME., she was the daughter of Vital and Eleanor M. (Arsenault) Robichaud and later attended Worcester Girls Trade School..

She was a longtime tailor and seamstress at St. Joseph Abbey's Holy Rood Guild, retiring in 1997.

Spencer is directing arrangements.

For an online tribute please visit:

She was a former member of St. Pius X Church in Leicester where she was a Eucharistic Minister and once taught CCD.

Her funeral was held on Tuesday, May 8 from the J.HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer with a Mass at 10 a.m. in Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 7 Church St., Spencer. A calling hour preceded the funeral from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. in the funeral home on Tuesday. Burial folin Pine Grove Cemetery, Spencer. Memorial donations may be made to Mary, Queen of the Rosary Food Pantry, 60 Maple St., Spencer, MA 01562.

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CALENDAR

Tuesday, May 15

ATTRACTION: Attracting Birds, Butterflies, and Other Beneficials! Join us at the Richard Sugden Library, 8 Pleasant St., from 1-2 p.m. and learn how to welcome songbirds, hummingbirds, butterflies, and other beneficial organisms to your yard and neighborhood presented by naturalist John Root. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Spencer Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

NEW FUN! Brookfield Council on Aging presents a whole new fun game, music bingo, by A&BMusic DJ/ Karaoke Services LLC--for Seniors. All play at the same time, using music, videos, trivia and pictures. Tuesday, May 15 beginning at 11:30 a.m. Join us for two hours of activity including smiles and laughs. Gifts and handouts for all winners. Come and join us at the Brookfield Congregational Church. *This program is sponsored by the Brookfield Cultural Council in coordination with the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Thursday, May 17

SPENCER THROUGH TIME: will be held from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm @ the Richard Sugden Library, Spencer. Join us as we learn about some of Spencer's incredible history. A slide-show sharing stories and pictures relating to the newly published book "Spencer Through Time" and more will be presented by Author/Historian Frank J. Morrill & Co-author/Granddaughter Hannah Morrill. The presentation will be followed by a book signing. Books will be available for purchase.

Saturday May 19

West Brookfield Asparagus Festival on the West Brookfield Common, Routes 9 & 67: Free and open to the public; free bus shuttle from town highway department parking lot all day - Central-Front streets. Enjoy a day of open-air delight. Food, plants, animals, blacksmith, music, frog jumping contest 1:00 p.m. Meet Deiderick Leertouwer, free games for kids, clowns, face painting, photo ops, homemade pies, vendors of all things artistic and artisanal. Plan to spend the day. The only thing you have to bring is a smile, but if you plan to purchase a trinket or two, most vendors cannot accept credit cards. ATM in center of town. Y'all come.

Wednesday May 30

YOU ARE INVITED: Veterans, active military invited to concert: Brookfield Elementary School will be hosting a Memorial Day concert on Wednesday, May 30 at 1:30 p.m. Doors open at 1 p.m. Veterans and those on active military duty are encouraged to attend. If you or a member of your party is a veteran or on active military duty, please RSVP to (508) 867-8774.

Saturday, June 16

A HOOK IN: The Association of Traditional Hooking Artists Quiet Corner Chapter is hosting a Rug Hook In gathering on June 16 at the Woodstock Fairgrounds in Woodstock, CT. Registration fee of \$15 is required for this event and must be paid in advance by June 1. Registration forms for this event may be received by contacting treasurer Gretchen Gray at gretchg@verizon.net, or call Whispering Hill at (860) 928-0162 for more information. To learn more about rug hooking and become a member of Atha Quiet Corner, individuals can contact Whispering Hill regarding membership. All are welcome.

ONGOING EVENTS

ECONOMY SHOP HOURS: First Congregational Church, 207 Main St., Spencer has announced ECONOMY SHOP hours for January through June. Open every Wednesday 8 a.m. to noon; Thursday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. & 6 to 8 p.m.; and Friday 8 a.m. to noon. Come in and see our daily specials. For information call (508) 885-2149.

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SUTTON — 33 Old Mill Rdl West Sutton! Country Road! Fabulous Craftsmanship in this 4,592', 9 Rm, 4 Bdrm, 3+ Bath Custom Home! Entertaining is the Essence of this Open, Airy Fir Plan! Spacious Country Kit Surround the Sunken Liv Rm! Fripled Din Rm! French Drs to Deck and In-ground Pool! 2nd Fir Master Suite walvalled Ceiling, Spacious Windows for Natural Light, Whirlpool Tub, Separate Shower, Private Water Closet! You'll Enjoy the Fam Rm w3 TV's, Pool Table, LP Gas Friple & Wet Bar! Oversized Garage for 6 Cars wCeiling Height for a Lift! Generator Hookup! 5.5 acres! Easy Access to 395, 146 & MA Pike! \$892,600.00



AUBURN - 13 Inwood Rd! Cute 6 Room Cape! 2-3 Bedrooms! All Hardwoods on Both Levels Under Carpeting! Finished 2nd Floor with Bedroom & Office!
Lower Level Playroom! Vinyl Siding!
Replacement Windows! Oil Heat!
8,276' Level Lot! Shed! 1 Car Garage!
\$179,900.00



Cape w/Farmers Porch! Open Flr Plan!
Applianced Kit! Din Area w/Slider to Deck!
Frplc Cathedral Liv Rm! Den or Din Rm! Full Bath! 2nd Flr Master Suite w/Master Bath! 2 Add Bdrms! 3 Baths Total! C/Air!





STURBRIDGE - 13 Main St! Work & Live Here! Completely Remodeled! "Turn Key" 1st Flr Beauty Salon w/CAir, Handicapped Bthrm. Kit, Gas Heat! 2nd Flr - Applianced Kit, Liv Rm, 2 Bdrms, 1.5 Baths, New Oil Furnace! 13 Parking Spaces 2 Car Garage | Sen Utilities | Town ices! Rte 20, 84 & 90! \$289,900.00



Ranch! 1/2 Acre Level Lot! Kit 2009! Frplcd Liv Rm! 2 Comfortable Bdrms! Master Bath! 2 Full Baths Total! Mud Rm Entryway! Walk-out Frolcd Lower Level! Updated Roof & C/Air 2010 Breakers 2011 Windows



WEBSTER - 47 Lakeside Ave! 2 Family! WEBSTER - 4/ Lakestide Avet! / Family!
66 Rmsl 38 Adrmsl 1/1 Bathsl Appliance
Kitchens! Recent Roof at 5 Yrs! Solar
Panels at 2 Yrs! Separate Oil Furnaces!
Walk to Lakeside Beach! Launch Your Boat
at the State Ramp! Convenient Location!
\$249,000.00



OXFORD - 19 Wheelock St! 6 Rm Cape! Wel

VSlider to Stone Patio! Applianced Eat-in Kit

w/Hrdwds! Full Bath! 2nd Flr 3rd Bdrm w/Nev

Carnets! Full Basement w/Laundry! Attached

\$239,900.00

REDUCED

DUDLEY - 9 Page Ln! Newly Renovated

6 Rm, 3 Bdrm, 2.5 Bath Cape! 1 Acre Lot! Cul-de-sac! Hrdwds Throughout! Open Liv Rm, Kit & Din Area! SS Appliance Granite

Kit w/Isl! Slider to Composite Deck! 1st

Flr Master w/Walk-in Closet & Master

Bath! 2nd Flr w/2 Large Bdrms & Full Bath! Garage Under! **\$309,900.00**

Maintained! Level Lot! Knotty Pine Sur

Liv Rm w/Hrdwd Flr! 2 Sp



SOUTHBRIDGE - 11 Forest Ave 7 Rm Cape w/Character! Applianced Eat-in Kit! Din Rm & Liv Rm w/ Hrdwds! Fam Rm/Bdrm w/Hrdwds Entry Foyer! 1/2 Bath w/Tile Flr! 2nd Flr w/3 Bdrms! Bath w/Dble Vanity, Whirlpool Tub/Shower & Linen Closet Walk-in Cedar Closet! Town Services! \$159,900.00



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WEBSTER LAKE - 60 Bates Point Rd! Middle Pond! Absolute Prime 52' Level





WEBSTER LAKE - 412 Beacon Park! End Corner Unit! Lake Views! Applianced Galley Kitchen! Frplcd Liv Rm w/Hrdwds! & Closet w/Skylight! 2.5 Remodeled Tile Baths! Central Air! Garage! Great Lakesid Pool! Sandy Beach! \$279,500.00



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WEBSTER LAKE - 3 Long Island!

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Potential! Water on 2 Sides! Panoramic



Closet! Upstairs Sitting Area Overlooking Grand Rm w/Lake Views! Hrdwd Hall to 2 Bdrms w/Recessed Lights, Ceiling Fans & Dble Closets! Full Bath & Linen Closet! Lower Level Walkout Fam Rm w/Tile Flr.



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WEBSTER LAKE — 3 Lakeview Rd! Middle Pond — Reid Smith Cove! Ideal Summer or Yr Roundl Western Expo Deautiful Sunsests! 6 Rm Banch! New Quartz & Stainless Kit! 3 Remodeled Bdrms! 2 New Baths — Master Bath! Tile & Hrdwds! Pipel: Oil Heat! Unique Waterfront! \$575,000.00



Townhouse w/BOAT DOCK! 5 Rms! Move-in Condition! Panoramic Lake Views! Applianced! Din & Frplcd Liv Rm w/Hrdwds! Lake Facing Master! Custom Master Bath! 2 Bdrms! 2.5 Baths! CAir! Garage! \$288,000.00



of Indian Ranch & the Indian Princess! 7 Rm Summer Cottage w/4 Possible Bdrms! Master Overlooking Lake! Great Potential!
Or Tear It Down, Build Something New! 50'
X 118' Lot w/Gentle Slope, Almost Level! Town Sewer! \$297.900.00



WERSTER LAKE - Access! 124 Gore Rd! 440' Waterfront! Great Location! Direct Highway Access! 3.4 Acres! UNDEVELOPED LAND w/EXOUISITE VIEWS! Explore the Opps! Build a staurant, Hotel, Condominiums! Cozy 4 w/2nd Floor! \$349.000.00

entertaining! Huge 2 car garage



12,458' Lot w/Plenty of Privacy! Kit, Maste Bdrm, Master Bath, Roof & Windows Nev in 2013! Enjoy Sunsets from Wrap-aroun Porch! Beautiful Lake Views! Frolc Liv Rm! SS Appliances C/Air! 2 Car Garage! \$519,900.00



WEBSTER LAKE - 602 Treasure Isl Townhouse! 6 Rms! 1,874'! Hrdwd Floors!
Applianced Granite Kit! Open Flr Polor
2 Bdrms! Master Bath w/Whirlpool Tub, Fam Rm! CAir! Gas Heat! Trex Deck! Recent Windows/Doors! Garage! 2 Boat Slips! Heated Pool, Sandy Beach! \$349,000.00

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WEBSTER - 109 UPPER GORE RD Gorgeous brick faced, 3 bedroom, 2.5 Bath split entry on a beautifully manicured yard! Location, location, location! Spacious home with many updates! Large dining area, inviting fireplaced living room with all new wall to wall carpeting and hardwoods! Both bathrooms are remodeled. Master has a luxurious jet shower and walk in closet. Sun porch overlooks patio & inground heated pool. Family room has new enchanted wood stove with large bar area, great for parties and



ON DEPOSIT First Time Offered! Grand Custom Built Cape! 10+ Spacious NEW LISTING! Under Construction! 1.31 acre +/- lot Close to I-395! Open flr plan, cathedral ceilings, hrdwd & ceramic tile flrs! Granite counters, center island! Dining rm w/ Rooms, 4 BRs 3 Full Baths, 2 Full Kitchens, Dining Rm, 2 Lo Family Rms, Gorgeous Formal Living Rm w/ Fireplace. 2 - 3 Season Enclosed Patio Rooms! 3,235 SF+/- ONE LEVEL LIVING w/ 2 BRs. 2nd flr - 2 huge BRs & full bath! in-law setup w/

WEBSTER LAKE - 203 BEACON PARK

691100

sliders to deck! 2 BRs, & Mstr BR suite w/private bath! 1/2

bath/laundry, 2-1/2 bath total! Central Air, 2 car

THOMPSON - 5 BEATTIE AVE

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Webster Lake Condo in BEACON PARK! 10 acres of Park like Grounds!, Natural Sandy Beach! Excellent for Swimming! Do your early morning laps in the inground pool! 12004-st Living space! 2 large bedrooms, dining and living room! 2 sliders - Deck! BOAT DOCK INCLUDED! Buy now - enjoy the 4th of JULY FIREWORKS



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WEBSTER LAKE - 22 LAURELWOOD DR



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WEBSTER LAKE - 93 BIRCH ISLAND RD

WEBSTER - 36 WEST AVE

WEBSTER -90 UPLAND AVE

THE WORLD

NEW LISTING! Excellent home for 1st time home

buyers! Cape that has 3 large bedrooms, 2 on the main level and one on the 2nd floor. 1 bath on the main

level, 1/2 bath in the basement. Heated by oil - forced

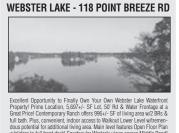
hot water baseboard! 1 car garage under \$134,900.

ON DEPOSIT

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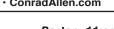
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Webster Lake: Now! Now! Now! 2900 sq. ft. 3.5 Ba., Cathedral, 1st floor master bedroom suite

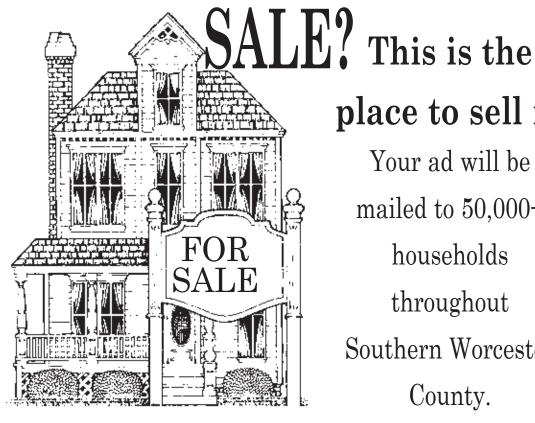
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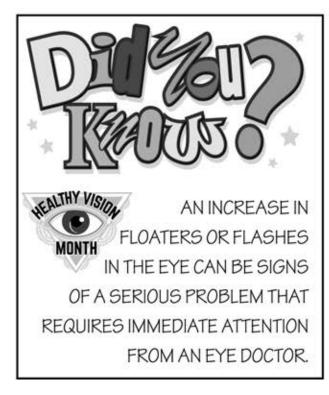
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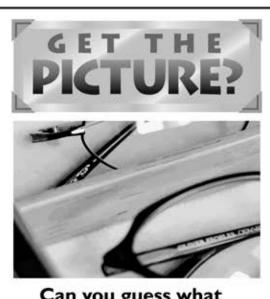
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FRENCH: Cligner des yeux

GERMAN: Blinzeln





Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: EYEGLASSES

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CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to family.

Each number corresponds to a letter.

(Hint: 1 = n)

A. 17 12 13 23 12 1 8 17

Clue: Brothers or sisters

B. 9 15 20 7 1 11

Clue: Authority figure

C. 5 4 16 7

Clue: House

D. 1 24 20 11 24 20 7

Clue: Care for

SUDOKU

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles?
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Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

Answers: A. siblings B. parent C.

home

D. nurture

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!

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ANSWER:

LEGALS

INVITATION TO BID

The Brookfield Water North Department, acting through its Board of Water Commissioners, will receive bids at the Water Treatment Plant, 14 Bell Road, North Brookfield, MA 01535, for the supply of Backhoe Services, Emergency Repairs and Related Construction Equipment on Friday, June 8, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. Bids submitted after this time will not be accepted. Bids will be opened at 6:00 p.m. Monday, June 11, 2018 at the Water Treatment Plant, 14 Bell Road and read aloud.

Copies of technical specifications and bid proposal for materials may be obtained at the North Brookfield Water Department 14 Bell Road, North Brookfield, MA 01535 or by emailing your request to: kvnbwd@gmail.com. Technical specifications and proposal will be mailed to prospective bidders upon request and receipt of a certified check payable to North Brookfield Water Department in the amount of \$10.00, which will be a non-refundable mailing fee.

The technical specifications and bid proposal may be examined at the North Brookfield Water Department 14 Bell Road, North Brookfield.

Bids must be submitted on the bid proposal form contained herein. The bid proposal shall be completely filled in, signed and enclosed in an envelope, sealed and plainly marked "BACKHOE SERVICES". No bidder may withdraw his bid within sixty (60) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

The owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to accept any bid, to waive any informality on bids received, or to omit any item, items deemed advisable for the best interest of the

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS James Kularski, Chairman May 4, 2018 May 11, 2018

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Sugden Block Town of Spencer, MA

In accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 30B, Section 16, the Board of Selectmen, acting on behalf of the Town of Spencer through the Building and Property Re-Use Committee, is seeking proposals from qualified development entities for the sale and redevelopment of the historic Sugden Building at 117 Main Street in downtown Spencer, Massachusetts.

Respondents are invited to submit one (1) original and five (5) copies in a sealed package or envelope labeled "Sugden Block Proposal" no later than 11:00 AM on June 6, 2018 at which time all proposals will be opened and read publicly at Spencer Town Hall. The Request for Proposals (RFP) and associated appendices will be made available on the Town's website as of May 2, 2018. All communications regarding this RFP must be made in writing to Paul Dell'Aquila, Town Planner, 157 Main Street, Spencer MA 01562. Emailed questions may be addressed to pdellaquila@spencerma.

The Town reserves the right to reject, in its sole discretion, any proposal not submitted in accordance with this RFP and any amendments hereto, or to reject any and all proposals, in its sole discretion, for any reason.

Thomas Gregory Town Administrator May 4, 2018 May 11, 2018

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Division Worcester Probate and Family Court

225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 Docket No. WO18P1363GD CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF **GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED** PERSON PURSUANT TO

> G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 In the matter of: Alfred Jolly Of: Spencer, MA RESPONDENT

Alleged Incapacitated Person To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been

Dept. of Developmental Services of Springfield, MA

in the above captioned matter alleging that Alfred Jolly is in need of a Guardian and requesting that

Donna Freitas of Uxbridge, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority. You have the right to object to this

proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 05/29/2018. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The abovenamed person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the abovenamed person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court. Date: April 27, 2018

> Stephanie K. Fattman Register of Probate

May 11, 2018

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family** Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508) 831-2200 Docket No. WO18P1324EA

> FORMAL ADJUDICATION **Estate of:** Charles A. Malvey Date of Death: 11/13/2000

CITATION ON PETITION FOR

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Determination of Heirs has been filed by John K. Malvey of Brookfield MA

requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/22/2018. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court. Date: April 26, 2018

> Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate

May 11, 2018

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Lake Street School Town of Spencer, MA

In accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 30B, Section 16, the Board of Selectmen, acting on behalf of the Town of Spencer through the Building and Property Re-Use Committee, is seeking proposals from qualified development entities for the sale and redevelopment of the Lake Street School at 17 Lake Street in Spencer, Massachusetts.

Respondents are invited to submit one (1) original and five (5) copies in a sealed package or envelope labeled "Lake Street School Proposal" no later than 11:00AM on June 13, 2018 at which time all proposals will be opened and read publicly at Spencer Town Hall. The Request for Proposals (RFP) and associated appendices will be made available on the Town's website as of May 9, 2018. All communications regarding this RFP must be made in writing to Paul Dell'Aquila, Town Planner, 157 Main Street, Spencer, MA 01562. Emailed questions may be addressed to pdellaquila@spencerma.gov.

The Town reserves the right to reject, in its sole discretion, any proposal not submitted in accordance with this RFP and any amendments hereto, or to reject any and all proposals, in its sole discretion, for any reason.

Thomas Gregory Town Administrator May 11, 2018 May 18, 2018

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court Worcester Division Worcester Probate and Family** Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 Docket No. WO18P1402GD

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF

PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF

GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED

PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 In the matter of: **Minaly Gonzalez Ramos** Of: Spencer, MA RESPONDENT

Alleged Incapacitated Person To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by

Dept. of Developmental Services of Springfield, MA

in the above captioned matter alleging that Minaly Gonzalez Ramos is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Catherine M Gallagher of Worcester, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 06/05/2018. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The abovenamed person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the abovenamed person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court. Date: May 01, 2018

Stephanie K. Fattman

Register of Probate

May 11, 2018

Town of Spencer Conservation Commission PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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

James Donohue has filed a Request for Determination of Applicability with the Spencer Conservation Commission to construct a new retaining wall located at 71 Wilson Avenue, Spencer, MA. Briane Hartley has filed a Request for Determination of Applicability with the Spencer Conservation Commission to construct a fence along both property lines located at 55 Lake Shore Drive, Spencer, MA.

Town of Spencer has filed a Notice of Intent with the Spencer Conservation Commission to install a 4.4 megawatt ground-mounted solar array located at 17 South Spencer Road, Spencer, MA. Applications can be reviewed at the Office of Development and Inspectional Services, Town Hall. A public hearing regarding these filings will be held by the Spencer Conservation Commission in McCourt Social Hall at Town Hall, 157 Main Street, on Wednesday, May 23, 2018, at which time all persons having an interest may be present and participate. Conservation Commission meetings open at 7:00 p.m., public hearings begin at 7:15 p.m.

Mary McLaughlin Mary McLaughlin, Chairwoman May 11, 2018

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Worcester, SS. SUPERIOR **COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT CIVIL ACTION**

No. 18-655A To Maria D. Mathieson f/k/a Maria D. Godin, of Spencer, County of Worcester in said Commonwealth;

AND TO ALL PERSONS ENTITLED TO THE BENEFIT OF THE SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' CIVIL RELIEF ACT OF 1940 AS AMENDED:

Cornerstone Bank (successor by merger to Southbridge Savings Bank), a banking association duly established and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, with a usual place of business in Spencer, Worcester County, Massachusetts; claiming to be the holder of a mortgage covering property situated on Smith-

ville Road, being numbered 115 on said street, in Spencer, Massachusetts: given by Maria D. Mathieson to Southbridge Savings Bank, dated December 31, 2015 and recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Book 54821, Page 69, has filed with said court a Complaint for authority to foreclose said mortgage in the manner following: by entry on and possession of the premises therein described and by exercise of the power of sale contained in said mortgage.

If you are entitled to the benefits of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended, and you object to such foreclosure you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said court at Worcester in said County on or before the twelfth day of June, next or you may be forever barred from claiming that such foreclosure is invalid under said Act.

Witness, Judith Fabricant, Esquire, Administrative Justice of said Court, this first day of May 2018.

Dennis P. McManus, Clerk May 11, 2018

NOTICE OF AN INITIAL SITE INVESTIGATION AND TIER II CLASSIFICATION FORMER SHOTGUN RANGE 92 MCCORMICK RD SPENCER, MA RTN 2-20187

Pursuant to the Massachusetts Contingency Plan (310 CMR 40.0480), an Initial Site Investigation has been performed at the above referenced location. A release of oil and/or hazardous materials has occurred at this location which is a disposal site (defined by M.G.L. c. 21E, Section 2). This site has been classified as Tier II, pursuant to 310 CMR 40.0500. Response actions at this site will be conducted by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, who has employed Mr. Brian Miller, LSP to manage response actions in accordance with the Massachusetts Contingency Plan (310 CMR 40.0000).

M.G.L. c. 21E and the Massachusetts Contingency Plan provide additional opportunities for public notice of and involvement in decisions regarding response actions at disposal sites: 1) The Chief Municipal Officer and Board of Health of the community in which the site is located will be notified of major milestones and events, pursuant to 310 CMR 40.1403; and 2) Upon receipt of a petition from ten or more residents of the municipality in which the disposal site is located, or of a municipality potentially affected by a disposal site, a plan for involving the public in decisions regarding response actions at the site will be prepared and implemented, pursuant to 310 CMR 40.1405.

To obtain more information on this disposal site and the opportunities for public involvement during its remediation, please contact the Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup, 8 New Bond Street, Worcester, MA 01606 at (508) 792-7650.

May 11, 2018

NOTICE OF COMMUNITY MEETING

Please join CannAssist for a Community Outreach Meeting as we share our plans for a proposed Marijuana Establishment. The proposed Marijuana Cultivation and Product Manufacturing Facility is anticipated to be located at 88 Huntoon Memorial Highway in Leicester.

In this meeting, we will discuss security, diversion prevention, community involvement and planning, and general operating information for the proposed facility. There will be an opportunity for the

public to ask questions.

WHO: CANNASIST

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10AM WHERE: 88 HUNTOON MEMORIAL

HIGHWAY, LEICESTER, MA 01524 May 11, 2018

NOTICE OF COMMUNITY MEETING

Please join East Coast Organics for a Community Outreach Meeting as we share our plans for a proposed Marijuana Establishment. The proposed Marijuana Cultivation and Product Manufacturing Facility is anticipated to be located at 88 Huntoon Memorial Highway in Leicester.

In this meeting, we will discuss security, diversion prevention, community involvement and planning, and general operating information for the proposed facility.

There will be an opportunity for the

public to ask questions. WHO: EAST COAST ORGANICS WHAT: COMMUNITY OUTREACH MEETING TO DIS-CUSS A PROPOSED MARIJUANA CULTIVATION AND PRODUCT MANUFACTURING FACILITY IN LEICESTER.

WHEN: MAY 18, 2018 @ 11AM WHERE: 88 HUNTOON MEMORIAL HIGHWAY, LEICESTER, MA 01524 May 11, 2018

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

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LIBRARY PROGRAMS: Richard Sugden Library in Spencer has the following weekly programs. For more information contact the library at (508) 885-7513.

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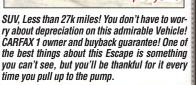
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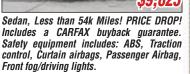
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Many people give heartfelt gifts on Mother's Day to express their love for the mothers in their lives. The perfect gift may focus on Mom's interests and the things that make her truly happy. With that in mind, the following shopping tips can help anyone find the perfect Mother's Day gift.

• Explore spa packages. What mother won't benefit from some rest and relaxation with a little pampering thrown in? Salons and massage therapists typically put together Mother's Day packages that cater to mothers. Packages may include massages, facials, hair treatments, manicures, and pedicures. Gift-givers can customize the services depending on their budgets.

• Dining out can be a treat. A meal at a favorite restaurant can be a welcome change from kitchen duty. Mother's Day is a busy day for restaurants, many of which have limited menus to better handle the crowds. As a result, if dining out on Mother's Day, Mom may not get the full menu she desires. To ensure mothers have full menus at their disposal, gift givers can cook a meal at

home on Mother's Day and then choose another day of the week to enjoy a meal in an upscale restaurant.

• Schedule a paint and sip. A paint and sip session is a unique gift. A session is typically two hours and includes step-by-step instructions. Patrons are encouraged to bring snacks and their favorite beverages. With the right planning, well-intentioned children can turn the evening into a "ladies night out" and encourage other moms to join in the fun. Or the entire family can paint masterpieces together.

• Give tickets to a show or sporting event. Whether Mom is a sports fan or she prefers the theater or live music, event tickets can make a wonderful gift. Unique gift ideas include tickets to Cirque du Soleil, Shen Yun or a Broadway play.

• Give the gift of wine tasting. Wineries can be found across the country and frequently open their doors to wine tastings and wine pairing events. A Mother's Day wine tasting can be special for the entire family and support local businesses. Check the vineyard's rules on guests. Many times those under 21 can attend but will not be permitted to consume wine, though other refreshments may be available.

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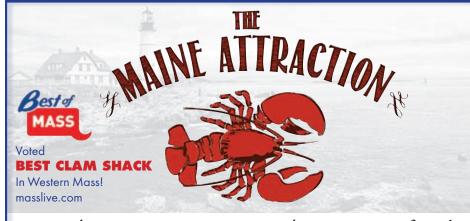






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MOTHER'S DAY

The 411 on Mother's Day flowers

Mother's Day is an annual holiday that honors mother-hood and provides an opportunity for men, women and children to show their mothers how much they appreciate them.

The tradition of Mother's Day in the United States dates back more than a century to 1908, when West Virginia native Anna Jarvis held a memorial service to honor her mother, who had passed away three years earlier, and all mothers in Grafton, West Virginia. Mother's Day would ultimately become a national holiday in the United States in 1914, thanks in large part to Jarvis' campaigning. As Jarvis, who never married and never had children of her own, grew old, she criticized Mother's Day as overly commercial, even trying to have it removed from the calendar. Those efforts failed, and Mother's Day remains popular now, more than 100 years after the idea for it was conceived.

While Mother's Day traditions have changed since Jarvis first proposed the holiday, many people feel it's customary to give mothers gifts on Mother's Day, when moms take the day off from chores and relax with their families. Flowers make for popular Mother's Day gifts, and well-wishers who want to give the special women in their lives flowers this year can consider a host of varieties.

CARNATIONS

Carnations are popular Mother's Day flowers, perhaps because they are available in a number of colors. That means it's highly likely sons, daugh-



ters, husbands and others gifting moms this Mother's Day can find some carnations in Mom's favorite color. Ask your florist about what each carnation color symbolizes, as each has its own unique meaning. Pink carnations, for example, are believed to symbolize a mother's love.

ROSES

Few mothers can resist roses, making them one of the

more popular flowers come Mother's Day. Roses are symbolic of love and make the perfect floral gift for mothers who like traditional flowers. If you want to spice things up, order a bouquet made up of roses of various colors.

DAFFODILS

Yellow is synonymous with spring, and daffodils can highlight the season in which Mother's Day takes place while also providing a cheerful look that's perfect for Mother's Day floral bouquets. Daffodils can be given on their own or added to mixed bouquets. Daffodils also last quite a while when cared for correctly, giving moms more than just a few days to enjoy their bouquets.

FREESIA

Like daffodils, freesia are

long-lasting, meaning mothers will still be enjoying them long after Mother's Day has come and gone. The inviting fragrance of freesia makes bouquets of these flowers popular choices for Mother's Day gifts. Freesia also come in many colors, proving Mother's Day gift givers a greater chance of finding flowers their mothers will

5 ways to commemorate Mother's Day when mom has passed away

Losing a loved one is never easy. Whether the loss is recent or not, many people find the void created by a loved one's passing never leaves them. Celebrating holidays or milestones can magnify feelings of loss, and such feelings may surface on Mother's Day among people whose mothers are deceased.

People approach Mother's Day in unique ways when their mother has been laid to rest. Such an experience is extremely personal, and there's really no right or wrong way to mark the occasion. It can be challenging scrolling through other's social media posts about happy brunches and thoughtful gifts. Some, particularly those for whom the wounds may be especially fresh, may opt to avoid the celebration or go through the motions for the benefit of children or spouses. Others may embrace the bonds they had with their mothers by reflecting on their memories.

Those opting to stay connected to their mothers this year can recognize that, although Mom may be gone, they are not motherless. While Mother's Day may be painful for people who have lost their mothers, the following are five ways to make the most of Mother's Day.

1. What would make her happy? Take a heartfelt moment to really think about what made Mom tick and brought joy to her life. Was it pouring over recipes in the kitchen? Did mom like to trek to the top of a mountain in her hiking shoes? Pay homage to her by walk-



Looking at family photos and sharing fond memories of one's mother can help focus Mother's Day on positive feelings.

ing in her footsteps and you may just feel a deeper connection.

2. Get together with siblings. If you are lucky enough to have siblings, you can share the day together. This way you can remember the happy times, comfort each other and laugh together. If you don't have siblings, consider a visit with an aunt or uncle or another close relative who may be feeling the loss, too.

3. Relay fond stories to others. Celebrate Mother's Day by doing things to ensure Mom's spirit and personality live on. Bring up fond stories of Mom with your spouse, friends or your own children. Help blur out the sadness of the loss by focusing on happy memories, such as those depicted in family photos.

4. Put mom front and center. Take out a beautiful photograph of your mother and display it in a prime location in the house. This way you may feel like she is sharing the day with you, and you can think about her fondly each time you see the photo.

5. Enjoy your favorite childhood meal. Whether Mom was a master chef or couldn't boil water, there's bound to be a meal you associate with her. If that special meal is Chinese takeout or a slow-cooked roast, enjoy it on Mother's Day in her honor.

Coping with loss on Mother's Day is seldom easy. With time and by focusing on the positive, people who have lost their mothers can enjoy Mother's Day.

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MOTHER'S DAY

What various flowers can represent

learn more about what

certain blooms may sym-

· Amaryllis: This flow-

er symbolizes splendid

beauty and can be given to indicate worth beyond

· Aster: The popular

• Bird of Paradise: The

interesting shape and

rarity of these blooms

symbolizes joyfulness

and magnificence. It can

be an exciting flower, and

one that evokes feelings

• Black-eyed Susan:

These vibrant blooms

represent justice and can

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who works in the legal

· Carnation: A less

expensive alternative to

roses, carnations repre-

sent pride and beauty.

Furthermore, the colors

of carnations represent

different meanings. Red

symbolizes love, while

pink is for a mother's

aster symbolizes wisdom



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Flowers are popular come Valentine's Day, as various blooms can signify love and affection. Roses are one of the most popular flowers to gift on Valentine's Day, and according to Bankrate, men and women can expect to spend \$41.66 on a dozen roses.

Some gift-givers may want to deviate from the standard bouquet of roses and offer flowers that are more in tune with their recipients' preferences.

Flowers have long been used to convey certain feelings in many cultures. Folklore, poetry and mythologies have played a role in defining the various meanings associated with certain blooms.

Understanding the meanings behind various flowers can help Valentine's Day celebrants more accurately express their feelings toward the special people in their lives. Read on to love and white represents innocence and pure love.

 Daisy: Innocence and purity are the meanings behind the yellow and white daisy. This can be the perfect pick for new, young love.

· Freesia: Those wanting to evoke passionate feelings can choose freesia, which is also said to mean "joy."

Hydrangea: Hydrangeas symbolize heartfelt emotions and can be used to express gratitude for being understood. This may be the perfect "making amends"

· Lilac: Couples seeking tranquility and passion can turn to lilacs. The calming lavender hues also can be a welcome change in floral arrangements.

· Rose: Of course, no Valentine's flower roundup would be complete without roses. Roses represent love and passion, and, like carnations, their colors symbolize different things. Red roses represent desire, pink roses suggest happiness and white roses symbolize worthiness. Avoid yellow roses, which suggest fading love.

· Zinnia: Zinnias symbolize thoughts of distant friends and can make a thoughtful friendship arrangement to send to a faraway comrade.

Flowers are part of many Valentine's Day celebrations. By learning the meanings behind different flowers, men and women can make their feelings better known.



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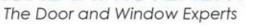






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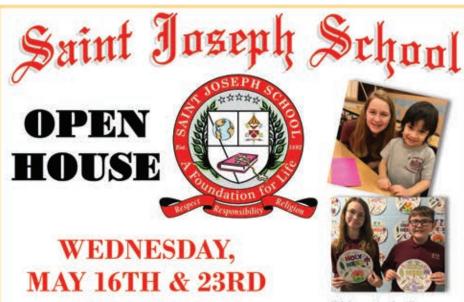


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