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# Exchange Club honors first responders



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From left, Spencer Police Chief David Darrin, Spencer Fire Chief Robert Parsons, Spencer Rescue & Emergency Squad Chief J. Dominic Singh, and Spencer Exchange Club President Sheena Toscano celebrate after each department was presented with Book of Golden Deeds Awards during the Exchange Club's 75th anniversary celebration.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – The Exchange Club of Spencer honored first responders last week during the club's 75th anniversary celebration. The honors were presented as part of the club's Book of Golden Deeds Award program. The presentations took place during the Dec. 2 anniversary dinner held at Zukas Hilltop Barn. The Spencer Police Department, Spencer Fire Department, and the Spencer Rescue and Emergency Squad were all honored with awards for their service to the community. Awards were presented to each department's chief, who accepted the honor on behalf of their entire agency. "While this award is typically bestowed upon individuals, the Exchange Club of Spencer chose to collectively honor each organization in recognition of their contri-

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# New holiday tradition honors memory of Cole Victor

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – Cole Victor's family continues to honor his memory by giving back to the community, most recently with the launch of a public tree-lighting tradition at Powder Mill Park. This first ever tree-lighting ceremony

will take place on Sunday, Dec. 12, from 4-5 p.m. at the park (43 Smithville Rd.). Guests will enjoy refreshments; singing Christmas carols alongside members of the East Brookfield Baptist Church choir; and visiting with Santa Claus.

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# White Christmas event returns to West Brookfield

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

WEST BROOKFIELD – Even though there was no snow on the ground this year to augment White Christmas in West Brookfield, residents were nonetheless thrilled by the simple joy of restoring their beloved holiday tradition. After last year's event was canceled due to pandemic restrictions, the town center was once again abustle with families and

guests on Dec. 5. The 29th annual event featured several programs and activities for guests of all ages, including pictures with Santa; gingerbread house decorating; hayrides around the Town Common; and elf hunts at several local businesses and town buildings. Open houses were also offered throughout the town, and craft shows took place at Ye Olde Tavern and West Brookfield Elementary School.

Entertainment was provided by the Toe Jam Puppet Band, and members of the Rescue Squad and Boy Scout Troop 118 are thanked for their help in providing refreshments. The Boy Scouts also handed out prizes for youngsters who found elves at open house elf hunts. Several lucky youngsters, like Violet Walsh, age three, of North Brookfield, had the opportunity to meet Santa on the sidewalk in

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Photos Kevin Flanders

Christine Walsh, of North Brookfield, and her 3-year-old daughter, Violet, are thrilled to meet Santa during White Christmas in West Brookfield.

# Early deadlines for Christmas

To ensure that the Dec. 24 edition of the Spencer New Leader arrives in subscribers' mail boxes on schedule despite the holiday, the submission deadline for any press releases and letters to the Editor intended for publication that week will be Thursday, Dec. 16 at 4 p.m. Submissions are wel-

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NORTH BROOKFIELD — For North Brookfield Savings Bank the holiday season is a special time of year. It is when people and communities come together, and what better way to do so than by helping make sure that all children in our communities experience a wonderful, joy-filled, holiday season.

Starting Nov. 29 and running through Dec. 20, North Brookfield Savings Bank's Annual Toy Drive aims to ensure holiday wishes comes true for our younger community members. Monetary donations and new toys will be collected at all Bank branch locations. To further brighten the holidays, North Brookfield Savings Bank will also make a \$1,750 donation to local toy drive programs for the purchase of additional toys.

During the Toy Drive, community members are welcome to visit any branch location to make their donations of new unwrapped toys for children. All toys collected will be donated to local toy programs in each community, to ensure that local children in need will receive holiday presents. This year, the Bank's Ware branch location will be primarily accepting monetary donations to help their local toy program partner the Ware Police Department, who has reformatted their program to be more tailored to each family in need.

In addition to toys, NBSB will accept financial contributions in each branch location to purchase additional gifts for the toy drive. The Bank will match every dollar donated, as well as contribute \$1 for every toy collected, up to \$250 per branch location.

"As a local Bank that places a high importance on embracing and committing to the values of kindness and community support, North Brookfield Savings Bank is proud to continue the tradition of hosting our Annual Toy Drive at our locations," said Marco Bernasconi, President of North Brookfield Savings Bank. "We want to ensure that every child has the opportunity to have a wonderful holiday season, this year and every year. We know this goal is possible with the continued support and kindness of our local community. We invite all of you to visit us, as you have so generously done in the past, to make your contribution."

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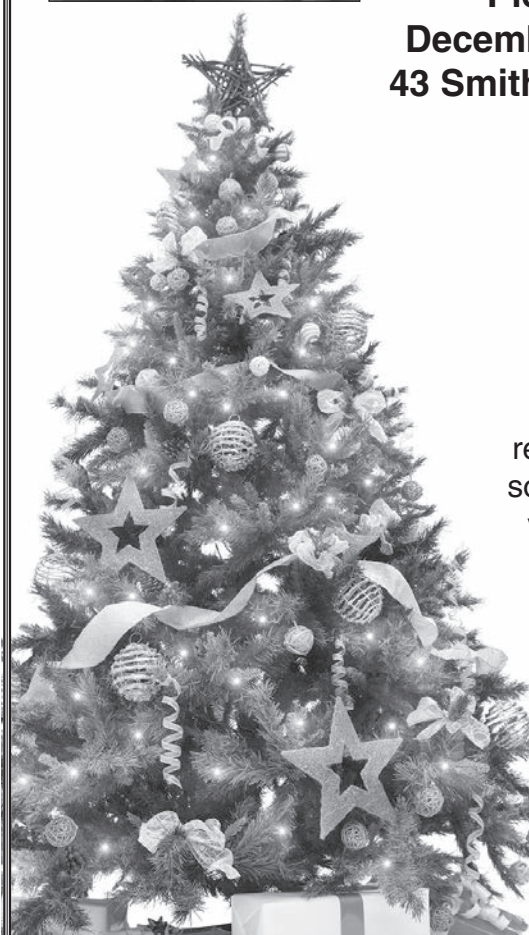


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Holiday tradition returns to Brookfield



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Brookfield residents are looking forward to a beloved tradition of illumination at the town center.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

BROOKFIELD – As we count down toward the holidays, residents are eager for the return of a favorite tradition.

Since 2002, Brookfield has lit up the night on Christmas Eve with luminaries lining the Town Common and Route 9. This year,

members of the Brookfield Luminaries Committee are planning to place approximately 1,800 luminaries around the Town Common; Lincoln Street; Route 9; and partway down Route 148 (up to Lewis Field).

Oakholm Farm will offer free hayrides to guests on Christmas Eve, starting at 4:30 p.m. at Brookfield Congregational Church. Additionally, hot chocolate and cookies will be made available to volunteers after 4 p.m.

Brookfield Congregational Church

will open at 4 p.m. on Christmas Eve for anyone wishing to step inside and warm up. At 6:30, caroling will be performed on the front steps of the church. An indoor service will follow at 7 p.m.

The church will remain open after the service for guests to enjoy hot chocolate and cookies. A free-will donation basket will be made available to guests, with all proceeds helping to fund next year's luminaries.

Residents can also support the program by lighting up their own properties this holiday season.

"You can bring this tradition home with you, and help fund this event, by purchasing your own luminaries for display at your home," read a statement released by program organizers.

Luminaries are available for \$5 at Tip Top Country Store (each package includes six bags and candles). To learn more about this unique purchasing opportunity, call 508-867-0460.

The luminary program is also supported by local churches, including Brookfield Congregational Church (service at 7 p.m.); Brookfield Unitarian Universalist Church (service at 4 p.m.); and the Quaboag Valley Baptist Church (service at 7 p.m.).

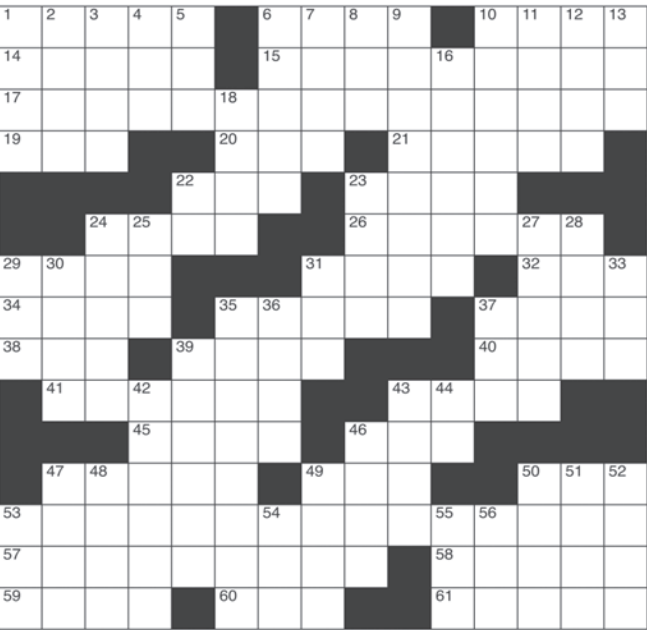
The luminaries are funded by the Cultural Council, the Friends of the Library, Brookfield Community Club, and private donors.

If you would like to make a donation to support the program, please mail your check to: Friends of the Merrick Public Library, PO Box 528, Brookfield, MA 01506

Additionally, anyone is welcome to volunteer at any stage of the process. Simply arrive on the Town Common any time after 2 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

In the event of inclement weather on Christmas Eve, a locally automated call and social media notifications will be sent to the community. A snow date is scheduled for New Year's Eve.

Volunteer-led cleanup activities will take place on Christmas morning.



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19. A fashionable hotel  
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26. Astronomy unit  
29. East Asian nursemaid  
31. "Airplane!" actor  
32. Exclamation that denotes disgust
34. "Batman" villain  
35. Downfalls  
37. Philippine province  
38. Once-vital TV part  
39. Valley  
40. Tax  
41. Classic Scorsese film  
43. Subway dwellers  
45. Book part  
46. Taxi  
47. Pancakes made from buckwheat flour  
49. Swiss river  
50. Founder of Babism  
53. Have surgery  
57. Withdrawal from a larger entity  
58. Lot's father  
59. Greek war god  
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61. Lemur

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2. Right away  
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4. Egyptian unit of weight  
5. A Brit's mother  
6. Tropical tree  
7. One who speaks Gaelic  
8. NHL legend Bobby  
9. Vacation spots  
10. Military personnel  
11. Shakira's don't lie  
12. Wimbledon champ  
13. Teletypewriter  
16. Mistakes  
18. Whale ship captain  
22. Thus  
23. From end to end  
24. Kids love him  
25. One and only  
27. Fencing swords  
28. Taxis  
29. Basics
30. Refuse of grapes  
31. Go quickly  
33. French ballet dynasty  
35. Most open  
36. Popular soap ingredient  
37. US time zone (abbr.)  
39. Items of food  
42. Backbones  
43. Infrequent  
44. Blood type  
46. "Let It Snow!" songwriter  
47. Dutch colonist  
48. Pike  
49. Egyptian sun god  
50. A cardinal is one  
51. From a distance  
52. Bolivian river  
53. N. American student organization (abbr.)  
54. River (Spanish)  
55. Chinese life force  
56. Chinese surname

PUZZLE SOLUTION



VICTOR

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For the Victor family, it means a lot to keep finding ways to help the community while honoring Cole, who passed away on Dec. 14, 2018. He had celebrated his 25th birthday the previous day.

Last summer, the Victor family funded the project that rebuilt the pavilion at Powder Mill Park—now called the Cole William Victor Memorial Pavilion. In the months following the project, the family sought new ways to strengthen the community in Cole's memory. And Powder Mill Park once again presented an opportunity

for an inspiring project.

"This past summer, more schools, libraries, summer programs, and people of the community were able to use this space," said Mikaela Victor, Cole's sister, of the park pavilion. "It brings joy to us seeing the community come together at a place that keeps his memory alive."

Looking ahead, the family is excited about the possibilities for the new tree-lighting tradition. Family members are hopeful that 2021 is the start of what will eventually be a longtime holiday favorite for area residents.

"Holidays were always a very special time in our family," added Mikaela, who has heard

from several residents about how Cole positively impacted their lives over the years. "He was the most caring, loving, happy guy. Even people that did not know him personally could see this. He definitely made an impact on every person he met in his lifetime."

The tree-lighting program is also a great way to promote the park, officials said. Residents were thrilled by a concert series held at Powder Mill Park this past summer, and local leaders hope the site is frequented by even more families in future years.

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# Haston Library announces holiday programs

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NORTH BROOKFIELD – The Haston Free Public Library invites patrons to enjoy their holiday season with several programs and activities at the library.

The December selection for the Haston Library Book Group is “Hamnet,” written by Maggie O’Farrell. Set in Stratford, England, in the late 16th century, “Hamnet” imagines the emotional, domestic, and artistic repercussions after a famous playwright and his wife lose their only son, 11-year-old Hamnet, to the bubonic plague in 1596. Four years later, the boy’s father transposes his grief into a masterpiece.

Book group members will discuss the book on Dec. 28 at 7 p.m. in the library and via Zoom. Copies of the book are available in the library. Call 508-867-0208 to access the Zoom link.

Library officials remind guests that Haston Library will once again collect nonperishable foods for the North Brookfield Food Bank at St. Joseph’s Church. Please drop off your canned goods, boxed mixes, jars

of peanut butter, and other products inside the library.

The Haston Art Club’s next meeting will take place on Dec. 13 at 5:30 p.m. Prepare to get messy, as guests will be printing holiday wrapping paper. Guests of all ages are welcome to attend this event; please call the library to register for this program.

The Haston Art Club met on Nov. 8 to create ornaments using a needle and wool. Officials have received strong feedback from the program.

“In this class, Brianna Lamb once again guided the group through the necessary steps. Attendees were enthusiastic about the workshop,” read a statement released by library officials.

Guests are also invited to attend an exciting program on Saturday, Dec. 18, at 10 a.m. in the Children’s Library. Puppet Playhouse Theatre will present the original story, “Saving Santa’s Christmas Cookies!”

The presentation will tell the story of Princess Sally, who is making Santa’s magic cookies before someone attempts to steal them. Families are invited to check out the presentation and

see if Sally and her pal, Randy the Reindeer, can save Santa’s cookies from Eddie the Elf.

Puppet Playhouse Theatre, with Dawn Sedler, is a traveling theater offering engaging fables and beloved stories cleverly told with puppets. Programs capture children’s imaginations and balance learning with creativity.

This show is appropriate for toddlers through school-age kids. The program is free to the public, sponsored by the Friends of the Haston Free Public Library.

Finally, library officials remind guests that there are several items currently in the lost and found box, including baseball hats, winter hats, gloves, sunglasses, a scarf, and a sweater. If you think you may have lost one of these items at the library, please stop by and take a look at them.

There is also a ring that was left in the library bathroom in early November. If you would like to claim your ring, please call the library at 508-867-0208 and describe it to officials.

All lost and found clothing items that are not claimed this month will be donated to charity after Christmas.

## Toys For Kids Update

Monetary Donations may be sent to: Spencer Toys for Kids, P.O. Box 186, Spencer, MA 01562.

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front of Town Hall. Others met Father Christmas elsewhere during the celebration, plus plenty of other friends.



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Society Museum.

The program culminated with the annual tree lighting of the giant spruce on the Common.

This year’s White Christmas celebration was dedicated to the late Everett Allen, who spent the majority of his life in town. He served during World War II in the 458th Bomb Group, 754th Squadron. His crew flew its first mission on D-Day; less than a month later, the crew was shot down on a mission in Germany. Allen spent the rest of the war as a POW in Stalag Luft IV, and he returned to West Brookfield after the war. He and his wife, Blanche, enjoyed several enduring friendships while living in town.

“He made West Brookfield a better place through these friendships, and we were lucky to have him as a neighbor,” read a statement released by event

organizers.

Allen passed away just a few days shy of his 101st birthday.

Event organizers thank all local sponsors of the program for their support. Families are already looking forward to next year’s program.



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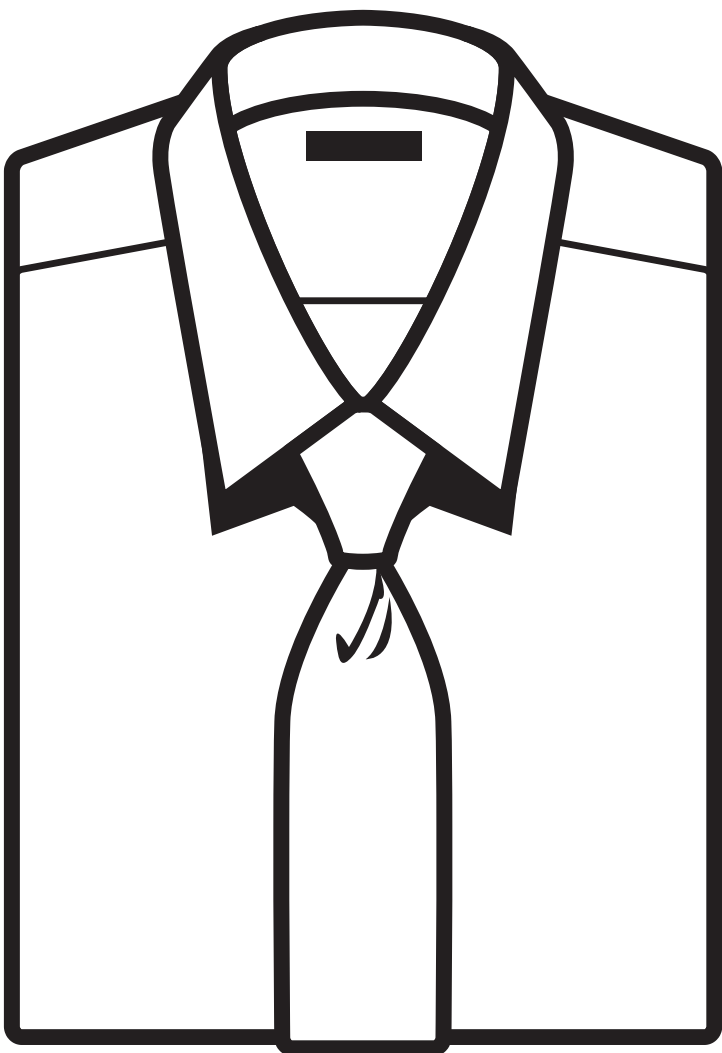
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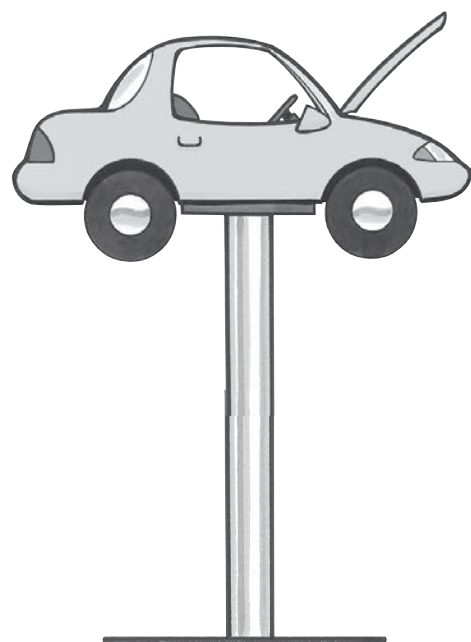
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# From apples to oranges (in stockings): The origins of Christmas traditions

Driving about town is fantastic this time of year, as more and more homes are decorated with bright lights to welcome the holiday season. Some people go all out, and others...well, they don't, and that's OK too. The important thing to remember as we get older is that right now, as you read this, there are countless children counting down the days until Santa arrives, or just finishing up with Hanukkah.

As our Editor was dragging their family tree into the house over the weekend, they started to think about how silly this tradition was. Why cut down a tree and drag it indoors, decorate it, and vacuum up pine needles all month long? We will admit, having the tree is fun, especially at night. With that, the research into holiday traditions began.

Did you ever wonder where the tradition of the Christmas stocking came from, or why traditional Christmas colors are red, green and gold or why Kentucky Fried Chicken in Japan is so busy on Christmas? There are endless myths and fables surrounding the Christmas holiday, but there are even more interesting facts. While researching Christmas, and digging deep, we found a plethora of fun and thought-provoking facts worth sharing with our readers.

The first one notes that early images of St. Nicholas depict him as a strict disciplinarian rather than the overweight, jolly man in the red suit we see today. Way back when, a common Christmas eve tradition was to tell scary ghost stories by the fire, boo.

In 1914, during the Great War, a truce between the United Kingdom and Germany was held. They decorated their shelters for the holiday and exchanged gifts and even played a game of football with each other.

When a child drops a letter in the mail to Santa in America, the mail is sent to Santa Claus, Ind.

Thanks to the province of Nova Scotia, which, since 1918, has been sending the city of Boston an enormous Christmas tree as a thank you for supporting them during the Halifax explosion.

Pope Julius I proclaimed Dec. 25 as the official day to celebrate the birth of Christ in A.D. 350.

For the past 40 years, people in Japan eat Kentucky Fried Chicken for Christmas dinner and must make their orders two months in advance.

British illustrator John Callcott Horsley invented the first Christmas card in 1843.

In England from 1649-1660, Puritanical guardian of the realm Oliver Cromwell outlawed Christmas celebrations and carols, which he and his fellow Calvinists viewed as vestiges of Catholic excess.

The first artificial Christmas trees were made in Germany out of dyed goose feathers (we're still trying to picture this one).

X is the Greek letter "chi," which is an abbreviation for the word "Christ" in Greek — hence the abbreviation X-mas being used so often.

Several European countries thought that good and evil spirits were active during the Twelve Days of Christmas. These 'spirits' then became known as Santa's elves.

Have you ever wondered what a 'Yule' log actually is? We have too. It is a large log that is burned during the Twelve Days of Christmas as a symbol of health, fertility, luck and is said to ward off evil spirits.

In Bolivia, there is a celebration called the 'Mass of the Rooster' that takes place on Christmas Eve. Some folks bring roosters to the mass to symbolize the thought that a rooster was the first animal to announce the birth of Jesus.

In 2010, the Columbian government hung lights on jungle trees. When the FARC guerrillas sauntered by, the trees lit up and released banners asking the terrorists to lay down their weapons.

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# VIEWPOINT

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Stone walls

To the Editor:

Here in New England, when you drive down our country roads or hike through our woods, you see the stone walls. Hundreds, maybe thousands, of miles of beautiful walls made of heavy granite boulders. Built using boulders and rocks from two to 200 pounds. Who built these, and why?

Well, the answer is the settlers and pioneers who built this country. These weren't people who came to this land because they were told everything is "free." These were people who were told if you came here, you were "free" to build your own life. They came with a glint in their eye and courage in their hearts to seek wealth, fame, and fortune. They were smart, strong, and ambitious. They believed you put in the work and you reap the rewards. They cleared this land, fought off the savage Indians, and, using their so-called Yankee ingenuity, built this country we love called America.

These stone walls are the monuments to the courage of these brave men and women. They worked hard in the fields, clearing the trees, and lifting these huge boulders by the thousands. With the cleared fields, they were able to grow crops and raise livestock. This brought in wealth which was used to build society. They freely gave money to build schools. They joined and financed militias to eradicate the hostile Indians, which had brought terror with their raiding parties that massacred their women, children, and neighbors. They helped form a government with a world class Navy that allowed their goods to be sold and traded worldwide, creating wealth that fueled the economy that rivaled any others in the world.


These improvements didn't come from the money printing press of a government. It was from wealth created by these hard-working people with a vision for a better future for all those who are willing to work for it. From those that did the hard work and lifted the stones, literally and figuratively. There are many amongst us that are still "lifting the stones," but there are also many that are lazy lefties. They want you to do the work while they sit back and whine about what they

deserve.

When you hear the socialist lefties write columns in these papers saying things like "The government owes us this free stuff" and "It doesn't cost nothing," just think about those walls. Think of those trail blazers inspired by the capitalistic free market economy. They're the ones that put in the hard work, used their intelligence, and were filled with bountiful courage. Wealth, fame, and fortune should be the rewards for such people. That's what drives innovation, drives invention, and in turn builds the best country in the world. That struggle to be the best, the strive to never give up, the courage to pick up and go on. That's what drives Tom Brady. That's what drives Lebron James. That's what drives Elon Musk. That's what should drive you and your children. Reach for the golden ring instead of the yoke of socialism. Do you think the cure for cancer or future diseases is going to be found by political hacks like Dr. Fauci in a socialist run government, or will they will be discovered by people in private companies looking to be rewarded with great wealth and fame? I think we all know the answer: Fame, fortune, and wealth will make anything possible. That's what drives the inventions and patents that make America the leader of the free world. It drives our farmers to feed the ever-growing population of the world while other countries like Russia and China fail miserably. This attitude is what created thousands of miles of stone walls and the greatest country on this earth. When a lefty socialist tells you "I need to get what I deserve!" just smack him on the side of his head. And when he cries out "Hey, why did you do that?" you answer back, "You got exactly what you asked for, dummy!" Tell him to go build a stone wall. I'll bet he's so lazy and uninspired, he won't even try. That's because socialism inspires no one except those in charge at the top, those leeches who live off the rewards of your effort like a king.

MARK ROBILLARD  
SPENCER

## Readers Share Favorite Tips and Tricks



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It's time once again to share some helpful hints readers send my way. As we gear up for the holidays, the following readers took time from their busy schedule to pass along a tip or trick they've picked up along the way.

Remember readers, you can win a three course dinner for two at Publick House! Just send in your favorite hint! Good luck!

**\*\***

Want to save both money and calories? A reader figured out the correct ingredients to splitting a box mix in half – no waste!

I have another hint for your column: The two of us love cupcakes from a cake mix but a full box is too much. I divide the mix to one egg and divide the liquid the same. The full mix usually requires 2 or 3 eggs and produces 24 cupcakes so you can cut it down to 8 or 12 using only one egg.

Paul Davignon  
Uxbridge, MA 01569  
**\*\***

This reader's recycling hint is a triple win!

For scented jar candles that you think have burned down as far as they will go but have leftover wax at the bottom (sometimes as much as a half inch or more), don't discard the wax. Break up the leftover wax in cubes and put them in a wax warmer/melter. They will melt nicely and continue to give off the scent and you will have saved money not buying wax cubes, and stopped the wasted wax form being added to the landfill!

Donna Joyce,  
Southbridge, MA  
**\*\***

Oopsie!: A solution for the absent minded - this reader passed along a tried and true tip, that continues to come to the rescue!

If you seal an envelope and then realized you forgot to include something inside, just place your sealed envelope in the freezer for an hour or two. Viola, it unseals easily.

Donna Lewandowski  
Charlton, MA  
**\*\***

A longtime reader passes along another of her successful remedies:

This tip worked, several months ago and again today. A small piece of husk from an oat grain e.g. oatmeal, was stuck near the back of my tongue. Coughing forcefully didn't work, gargling with warm or cold water did not work.

I took a wooden long handled Q-tip, but regular size would work too, it is dry on the head and touched quickly and pulling forward, secured the husk and drug it to the front of my mouth to remove safely (do not put too far back on the tongue to gag!).

Also I teach CPR AED First Aid Professional Rescuers and if necessary, would use this for someone. My dad, during the aging process, choked often, so I have spent many years helping him, and I have taught CPR etc. since 1985.

Also, if the person is conscious, can speak, just can't get it off their tongue, a small piece of dry bread (1 inch), chewed well and swallowed will move it down.

Viola Bramel  
Northbridge, MA  
**\*\***

Publick House Dinner for Two Winner Congratulations to Donna Joyce of Southbridge for her moneysaving candle tip above. Her name was drawn for a three course dinner for two!

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Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House – Contest has resumed!

Your tips can win you a great three course 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

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KEN KIMBALL  
BROOKFIELD



# A tale of two hunts



THE GREAT  
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Local deer hunters had a somewhat slow day this past Saturday west of Route 146, but hunters that put their time into areas north of 146 harvested a good number of deer this past Saturday. A quick ride on Saturday to get results of the deer harvest at Bob's checking station was shocking but not unrealistic, taking into account the high harvest of deer by archers a few weeks earlier: A total of 82 deer were checked in for the week at the Webster station, as of noon Saturday, which included a six-point, 174-pound buck. Lenny Audette harvested a huge 10-point buck in Uxbridge last week. Unfortunately, no picture was available at the time of this writing.

A report by a Massachusetts Fish & Wildlife employee that only one deer had been checked in at noon on Saturday was a far cry from only a few years ago at

the Webster station. Because of the high population of archers that now hunt deer in this state they now harvest more deer than during the shotgun season, which is one of the contributing factors. Thirty-five automobiles were lined up along Route 16 from Douglas to Webster on opening day and only half that many by last Saturday. All of the deer checked in were in good shape, according to the staff at the Webster station.

This year, MF&W officials were swabbing the nose of deer to get a more accurate account of how many deer were infected with the Covid virus. No update on the results were available at the time of this writing. Unfortunately, MF&W does not share to much information on the deer harvest until next year, which makes it harder to inform our readers. The new checking system for registering harvested deer on line during the archery season, the last week of shotgun, and the entire season on Black Powder has made it a lot easier for sportsmen to comply with the requirement.

Massachusetts shotgun deer season will end this Saturday December 11, and the black powder season will

open on Monday, Dec. 13. The black powder season will end at the end of the month Dec. 31. The high tech black powder guns are now rifled, and are extremely accurate up to 100 yards, at least for those that are highly experienced in their use. There are still deer hunters that prefer to use the old flintlock rifles, making it a lot more challenging to harvest a white tail deer. Good luck!

The new MF&W licensing system is now up and running. This is the first year in a long time that an increase in license fees went into effect. The fees will automatically increase for the next few years. If you have not been following the news on license increases for hunters and fishermen for the last 12 months, you will when you apply for your 2022 licenses and permits.

Duck hunting will reopen on Dec. 13 in Central Massachusetts with a daily bag limit of six birds. The final season will close Jan. 1. Canada goose hunting will also reopen on Dec. 13. Hopefully, the snow will not blanket the fields during the season, making for some great shooting opportunities. If snow does cover the fields, hunters will need to



Photo Courtesy

This week's picture shows a happy angler Dan Southwick, with a huge pike he caught a few years ago while ice fishing. Could this be you this year?

hunt rivers and streams, which is a lot more dangerous for man & dog. When a freeze up occurs during the late seasons, it drives the geese and ducks to open water, which often has a coating of ice along the shoreline. It can be dangerous for both man & dog.

Over the years, numerous hunters and dogs have lost their life because of thin ice. Do not let it happen to you. On Jan. 15, the late Canada goose season opens in Massachusetts,

and the daily bag limit goes to five birds. Your federal duck stamps are still good to hunt migratory birds into 2022, but you do need to purchase a new 2022 hunting license and state migratory stamp to hunt.

Ice fishing can hot be far off, I hope! More on this subject next week. Be sure to stay off of unsafe ice.

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I encourage people to follow their dreams.

Following my dreams has been the single most excellent motivator in my life; it's what gets me out of bed in the morning. My biggest dream I am still chasing today, although life has brought me to a place where I'm chasing it most unusually and uniquely, I'm more convinced of my destiny than ever before.

Dreams can change; old dreams can be replaced with new ones. If you didn't pursue a

goal earlier in life, it's never too late to follow the same one or a new one now. I say go for it, and you'll find that doors will open; you'll be presented with opportunities you would never have had if you played it safe instead.

Through the years, I've often wondered why everyone doesn't chase after their dreams. Is it because they don't have them? Is it because they don't believe it's possible to achieve them?

I've heard people describe their dream as a pipe dream, defined in the dictionary as an unattainable hope or plan. I guess they say that because, at

the outset, they told themselves it wasn't possible, or maybe they tried, gave up, and decided it wasn't meant to happen.

For those of you who do believe it's possible to accomplish your dreams, you may have weighed the risk. Many people are risk-averse. Some might say that taking the risk of following your dream is careless and self-destructive. I believe the opposite. I would never categorize carelessness and self-destructive behavior in the same category as following your dreams - no matter how risky.

## Take the risk

Many of you who were reading this were fans of my father, Gary W. Moore, who started this column four years ago. He was an author who is most known for his novel, "Playing with the Enemy," which is still in print today. "Playing with the Enemy" earned him a great deal of fan mail. It was his first book, and everyone seemed to love it.

One person wrote to my father and told a story of how he was a successful lawyer with a great family and how "Playing with the Enemy" taught him to forgive himself. He had gone through many years of regret,

beating himself up and feeling like a failure.

When my dad told me the story about this man, I thought to myself, "How could he possibly feel like a failure? He was a successful lawyer with a great family; what more could he want?"

It turns out he was an outstanding boxer in his younger years. He decided to pursue a law career and give up his dream of being a professional boxer because it was just too risky. In the years after his decision, he began to have regrets;

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## Brighten someone's holiday season with Christmas cactus



GARDEN  
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MELINDA  
MYERS

The holidays have arrived and so has the Christmas cactus. Set this favorite holiday plant in a basket, decorative pot or foil wrap and it will be ready to give as a gift or add to your holiday décor. With proper care this holiday favorite can flower for four to eight weeks and grow for decades, becoming a family heirloom handed down from one generation to the next.

The plant sold as a Christmas cactus may actually be a Thanksgiving cactus. The true Christmas cactus blooms later and has small segments with rounded edges. The Thanksgiving cactus, though often sold as the Christmas cactus, has toothed or jagged segments and typically blooms prior to Christmas.

Fortunately, their growing requirements and care are basically the same so the plants will do fine no matter the name on the label. These, or hybrids of the two plants, flower with cool nights and long uninterrupted dark periods. A third holiday plant, the Easter cactus, sets flowers in spring as the days start to lengthen.

Christmas and Thanksgiving cacti are epiphytes that naturally grow on trees in shaded and humid forests along the coast of Brazil. They all prefer bright indirect light, high humidity and a thorough watering when the top few inches of soil begins to dry. Don't over water but don't let the soil dry completely. Water a bit more often when the plant is in bloom.

Grow them in an organic well-drained potting mix for best results. Water thoroughly and pour off the excess that collects in the saucer to avoid root rot. Reduce maintenance and improve the growing conditions with the help of gravel trays. Place a layer of pebbles, decorative stones or marbles in the saucer or bottom of the foil wrap or basket. The pot will be elevated above any excess water that collects in the pebbles. As the water evaporates, it increases the humidity around the plant.

Keep your flowering cactus in a cool bright location to extend its bloom time. Avoid drafts of hot and cold air, moisture stress and other changes in the environment that can cause buds and flowers to drop.

Fertilize with a dilute solution of flowering houseplant fertilizer once it has finished blooming and throughout spring and summer as needed. Grow your cactus in a north-facing window or set back from an east- or west-facing window where it receives bright indirect light throughout the year. Too much sun turns the leaf segments dark

red.

Don't be anxious to move these plants to a bigger container. They prefer to be somewhat potbound and can remain in the same pot for years.

Encourage a new flush of flowers with cooler night temperatures around 55 to 60 degrees and slightly drier soil. An uninterrupted dark period will also help promote flowering.

Start the dark treatment in early to mid-October for holiday flowers. Cover the plants or move them to a location free of any artificial light, indoors or outside, each night and provide bright indirect light each day. Any interruption in the dark period from outdoor, street or reading lights can delay or prevent flowering.

Many experts find providing the same dark treatment as poinsettias, 14 hours of dark each night, promotes flowering. Michigan State University recommends providing 16 hours of total darkness and eight hours of light for at least eight days to promote flowering.

Add a Christmas cactus to your indoor plant collection and share a few with friends and family over the holidays. These easy-care flowering beauties are sure to brighten the recipient's mood and holiday décor.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including *The Midwest Gardener's Handbook* and *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses* "How to Grow Anything"



Photo Melinda Myers

Christmas cactus is a general name given to a small group of cacti called *Schlumbergera* that are native to southeastern Brazil's coastal mountains.

DVD series and the nationally-syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment* TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine. Her Web site is [www.melindamyers.com](http://www.melindamyers.com).

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As a result, 331 guerrillas peacefully re-entered into the community.

Here's an interesting one: the Bicycle card company created playing cards during WWII that revealed an escape route for POW's in Germany.

In the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas," the verse referring to "true love" is a reference to God. A "partridge in a pear tree" represents Christ and the "two turtledoves" represent the Old and New Testaments.

Did you ever wonder why the colors red, green and gold are affiliated with Christmas? The color green is a symbol of life and rebirth, red symbolizes the blood of

Christ and gold is a symbol of light, wealth and royalty.

Christmas trees are grown for roughly 15 years before they are purchased.

In Poland, spider webs are a common decoration for trees because a spider, according to legend, wove a blanket for baby Jesus.

In 1836, Alabama was the first state in the country to officially recognize Christmas.

Mistletoe is considered sacred to the Druids because it produces fruit and remains green throughout the winter. The Druids never let the plant hit the ground and believed that it was a cure for infertility and warded off evil spirits.

President Teddy Roosevelt,

acknowledged as one of the first environmental advocates, banned Christmas trees from the White House in 1901.

Apples were the first Christmas tree decorations.

Why do we hang stockings by the chimney with care? Apparently, there were three sisters who were too poor to afford a marriage dowry and were bound to end up on the streets. Bishop Saint Nicholas filled their stockings with gold coins, and their lives were forever changed.

We hope you enjoyed these fun Christmas facts, and hope that you have a happy holiday season filled with endless laughter and memories to last a life time.

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The fair was organized by PIE (People Interested in Education), which supports students and programs at the school.



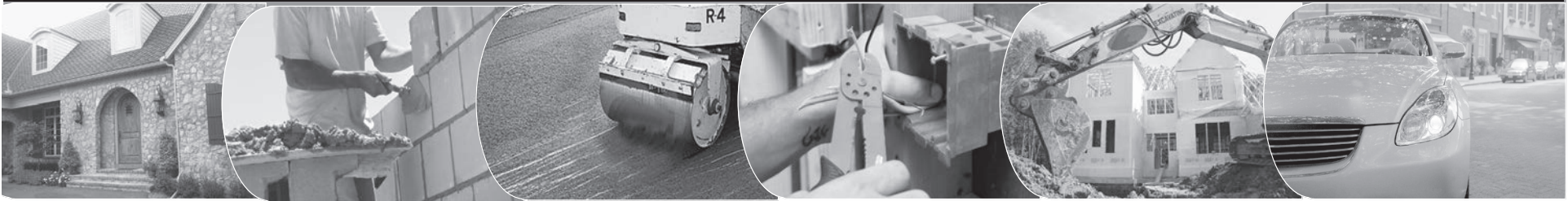
Kymberley Hendricks, of Manchester, Conn., gets ready for a day of crafting.



Amanda Arnberg, of Sturbridge, left, spends the day with her mother, North Brookfield's Justyne Smith.

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# OBITUARIES

## Deborah M. Sears, 68

SPENCER- Deborah M. (Carey) Sears, 68, of 3 Salem St., died Friday, December 3, 2021 in her home surrounded by her family. She leaves two daughters; Danielle Aucoin of Jamestown, NY and Nicole Aucoin of Spencer; her brother Stephen Carey of Spencer; 4 granddaughters, a great-grandson and a great-granddaughter. Deborah was born in Milton, MA daughter of Joseph and Jeanne (Downing) Carey and worked as a residential coun-



selor for the Commonwealth of MA for 10 years, retiring in 2014. She enjoyed being in the yard, trips to the casino and spending time with her family. A Graveside Service was held in Worcester County Memorial Park, Paxton on Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at 10:00 AM. Calling hours were held on Monday, December 6, 2021 from 4:00 to 6:00 PM in the J. HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Spencer Rescue Squad, 6 Bixby Rd, Spencer, MA 01562. [www.morinfuneralhomes.com](http://www.morinfuneralhomes.com)

## Paul M. Maher, 70

Paul M. Maher, 70, Saco Maine, formally of Spencer, died peacefully at his home, Saturday November 20th. Leaving behind his beloved wife Deborah Martin of 21 years, his daughters Jessica Power of Barre and Amy Maher of North Brookfield, stepson Tyler Campbell and grandson Keaton of Agawam, sister Mary Sickenberger of Florida, many nieces, nephews, friends and family.



Predeceased by his father and mother, Ambrose and Marion, his brother Louie and sisters Bernadette Booth and Sandy Caudle. Also known as Bigfoot, Bullwinkle and Sasquatch. Paul's large stature failed in comparison to his heart and unwavering willingness to help friends, and strangers alike, with any task necessary. Born February 6, 1951 and raised in Spencer. As a young adult he was known for enjoying demolition derbies and racecar driving, especially at the Thompson Connecticut Motor Speedway. Paul learned many skills and trades through the years, but he found his calling fixing tractors, farm equipment and heavy machinery. Spending many years working at Klems in Spencer before eventually opening his own busi-

ness P.M. Truck & Tractor Service, and then onto JE Murray in Auburn. He was always meeting and making new friends everywhere he went! In retirement he found more time for his love of woodworking. He crafted many beautiful pieces of furniture with thoughtful detail. Eventually opening a booth at an Antiques Flea Market in Springfield. Cooking big family meals together was certainly enjoyed. Breakfast treats like homemade bread dough and home fries were family favorites as well as his meat spaghetti and all the fixings that came with the Thanksgiving turkey! Moving to Maine, with his wife, was a long awaited dream come true. Through the years, many trips to Maine were taken. Imagining a life near the ocean, where they found joy and comfort in the waves. They loved visiting all the local craft and antique shops and sampling local restaurants. One favorite was Mikes Clam Shack in Wells for the Sunday Thanksgiving dinner! We would like to thank all of his family and friends. Without all of you, and your stories, he would not be the man that he was. Per his request, there will be no calling hours or services held. Instead, we ask you all to please share your stories of Paul with those you know and those you meet. Because wherever you go, someone in the crowd, will remember the man named Bigfoot.

## Andrew “Mick” Aroian, 72

SPENCER/ SOUTHBRIDGE- Andrew “Mick” Aroian, 72, passed away after a long illness on November 30, 2021, at his home, surrounded by his family. He leaves his loving wife of 46 years, Leslie (Thorpe) Aroian, his son, David Reimer of Bad Axe MI; his daughter, Elizabeth Aroian Perez and her husband Alex of Medway, his granddaughter Raven Reimer of Columbus, IN that they raised since she was a child; his brother Robert Aroian and his wife, Gayle of Barre and their children; granddaughter Catalina Perez, niece Kathryn Aroian, and numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother John S. “Jack” Aroian. He was born in Worcester, son of the late Andrew and Elizabeth (Wilk) Aroian, and lived in the area for many years. Whether you knew him was Mick,



Mike or Andy, you knew a man who was extraordinarily gentle, patient and kind, even as a child. He held strong principles and had a steadfast belief in good. After earning his Bachelor's degree from Worcester State College, he worked at several jobs, until he found the right fit for his talents, working with disabled adults at Glavin Center for 25 years, where he once was awarded Employee of the Year. Andrew was an Army veteran who served 2 tours in the Vietnam war. He received the Vietnam service medal with seven bronze service stars, and an Army Commendation medal for his service. Andrew was a member of the American Legion in Spencer. He was a big baseball enthusiast, especially for his favorite team, the Boston Red Sox. Calling hours were held on Sunday December 5th from 2-4PM in the Belanger Bullard Funeral Home, 51 Marcy St. Southbridge. Belanger Bullard Funeral Home is directing arrangements. An online guestbook is available at [BelangerFuneralHome.com](http://BelangerFuneralHome.com)

## Raymond J. Hebert, 81

North Brookfield-Raymond J. Hebert age 81, passed away on December 3, 2021; surrounded by his loving family. Raymond was born in Worcester, a son of the late Armand and Loretta (Chevette) Hebert. He was also predeceased by his brother, Arthur Hebert; and two sisters, Lucille Hallembeck and Rosalie Hebert. Raymond is survived by his wife Evelyn (Rollins) Wood; three sons, Christopher J. Hebert, Jamie R. Hebert, Joseph P. Hebert; a daughter, Carrie L. Sundquist; several grandchildren; nieces and nephews. Raymond was a graduate of North



Brookfield High School and Hallmark Photo College . He was a member of First Congregational Church, North Brookfield. He was a 30 year employee of Pratt & Whitney, East Hartford , CT where he worked as an ultrasonic inspector. Raymond had been a photography manager for Olan Mills in Tennessee for three years. He also was a photographer for Walmart and K Mart photo studios. A private graveside service was held. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to First Congregational Church of North Brookfield, 144 Main St., North Brookfield, MA 01535 or to the American Cancer Society , 3 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701. Pillsbury Funeral Home, 44 Gilbert St., North Brookfield is entrusted with arrangements. [www.pillsburyfuneralhome.com](http://www.pillsburyfuneralhome.com)

# Retirees fear becoming a burden



FINANCIAL FOCUS  
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It's human nature to want to make things easier for our loved ones – and to have great concern about adding any stress to their lives. In fact, 72 percent of retirees say that one of their biggest fears is becoming a burden on

their families, according to the Edward Jones/Age Wave Four Pillars of the New Retirement study. How can you address this fear? First, don't panic. In all the years leading up to your retirement, there's a lot you can do to help maintain your financial independence and avoid burdening your grown

children or other family members. Consider these suggestions: Increase contributions to your retirement plans and health savings account. The greater your financial resources, the greater your financial independence – and the less likely you would ever burden your family. So, contribute as much

as you can afford to your IRA, your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. At a minimum, put in enough to earn your employer's matching contributions, if offered, and increase your contributions whenever your salary goes up. You may also want to contribute to a health savings account (HSA), if it's available. Invest for growth potential. If you start investing early enough, you'll have a long time horizon, which means you'll have the opportunity to take advantage of investments that offer growth potential. So, in all your investment vehicles – IRA, 401(k), HSA and whatever other accounts you may have – try to devote a reasonable percentage of your portfolio to growth-oriented investments, such as stocks and stock-based funds. Of course, there are no guarantees and you will undoubtedly see market fluctuations and downturns, but you can help reduce the impact of volatility by holding a diversified portfolio for the long term and periodically rebalancing it to help ensure it is aligned with your risk tolerance and time horizon. Keep in mind, though, that

diversification does not ensure a profit or protect against loss in a declining market. Protect yourself from long-term care costs. Even if you invest diligently for decades, your accumulated wealth could be jeopardized, and you could even become somewhat dependent on your family, if you ever need some type of long-term care, such as an extended stay in a nursing home or the services of a home health care aide. The likelihood of your needing such assistance is not insignificant, and the care can be quite expensive. In fact, the median cost for home health services is nearly \$55,000 per year, while a private room in a nursing home can exceed \$100,000, according to Genworth, an insurance company. To help protect yourself against these steep and rising costs, you may want to contact a financial professional, who can suggest an appropriate strategy, possibly involving various insurance options. Create your estate plans. If you were ever to become incapacitated, you could end up imposing various burdens on your family. To guard against this possibility,

ty, you'll want to ensure your estate plans contain key documents, such as a financial power of attorney and a health care directive. It's safe to say that no one ever wants to become a financial burden to their family. But putting appropriate strategies in place can go a long way toward helping avoid this outcome. *Edward Jones is a licensed insurance producer in all states and Washington, D.C., through Edward D. Jones & Co., L.P. and in California, New Mexico and Massachusetts through Edward Jones Insurance Agency of California, L.L.C.; Edward Jones Insurance Agency of New Mexico, L.L.C.; and Edward Jones Insurance Agency of Massachusetts, L.L.C. California Insurance License OC24309* This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor. Please contact Jeff Burdick, your local Edward Jones Advisor in Sturbridge at 508-347-1420 or [jeff.burdick@edward-jones.com](mailto:jeff.burdick@edward-jones.com).

## Friday's Child



Ash and Emily  
Age 13 and 14

Hi! Our names are Ash and Emily and we want to be adopted together!

Emily and Ash are friendly and sweet siblings who are looking to be adopted together. Emily is a kind, humorous, sweet, and helpful girl. Very sociable, she makes friends easily, although she sometimes can miss social cues. She enjoys drawing, painting, watching anime and YouTube videos, and going swimming. She easily engages in conversations and loves to talk about her day. Ash, who uses they/them pronouns, works hard on building self-esteem, getting involved in the community, expressing

emotions, and exploring their gender identity. In school, they do very well in the classes that they enjoy. Ash does report that they are shy but can be outgoing when they feel comfortable.

Legally freed for adoption, Emily and Ash would thrive in a supportive and committed two-parent family or in a strong single-parent home. The ideal family would provide these siblings with structure, clear boundaries, and a nurturing and attentive environment. A home with other children in it would be welcomed as well as families with no children. Their new family must be willing to help these siblings maintain contact with their biological younger brother.

### Who Can Adopt?

Can you provide the guidance, love and stability that a child needs? If you're at least 18 years old, have a stable source of income, and room in your heart, you may be a perfect match to adopt a waiting child. Adoptive parents can be single, married, or partnered; experienced or not; renters or homeowners; LGBTQ singles and couples. The process to adopt a child from foster care requires training, interviews, and home visits to determine if adoption is right for you, and if so, to help connect you with a child or sibling group that your family will be a good match for. To learn more about adoption from foster care, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at 617-964-6273 or visit [www.mare-inc.org](http://www.mare-inc.org). The sooner you call, the sooner a waiting child will have a permanent place to call home.

## MOORE

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as time went on, the regrets started to grate at his soul. It wasn't until he read my father's book decades later that he decided he needed to forgive himself. That story has stuck with me through the years. He didn't follow his dreams because he felt it was too risky. It reminds me of my favorite quote by Jim Rohn: "It's all risky, the minute you were born it got risky, if you think trying is risky - wait till they hand you the bill for not trying. If you think investing

## TRAINOR

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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

is risky - wait till you get the tab for not investing. It's all risky, getting married is risky, having children is risky, going into business is risky, investing your money is risky. It's all risky; I'll tell you how risky life is - you're not going to get out alive...." If you think following your dreams is risky - wait till they hand you the bill for not following your dreams. It's all risky. Are some dreams riskier than others? It all depends on what you're willing to risk. Are you willing to risk facing the consequences for not stepping into the fullness of your destiny? a question regarding household or garden matters? If so, why not share them with readers of Stonebridge Press newspapers? Send questions and/or hints to: Take the Hint!, C/o the Southbridge Evening News, PO Box 90; Southbridge, MA 01550. Or email [KDRR@aol.com](mailto:KDRR@aol.com). Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.





# LEGALS

## 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:

Kim Powell has filed an RDA with the Spencer Conservation Commission to replace the septic system located at 56 Borkum Road, Spencer, MA.

James & Christine Hurley have filed an NOI with the Spencer Conservation Commission for a proposed addition to their home and a septic repair at 36 Point Eastalee Drive, Spencer, MA.

Jennifer Reil has filed an NOI with the Spencer Conservation Commission to construct a single-family home, septic system and a driveway at Briarcliff Lane, Spencer, MA.

Gordon Olin has filed an NOI with the Spencer Conservation Commission to replace a stormwater catch basin and include an inlet drain line connection at 19 Lake Ave, 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, December 15, 2021, at which time all persons having an interest may be present and participate. Conservation Commission meetings open at 6:00 p.m.

Mary McLaughlin, Chairwoman  
December 10, 2021

## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE DEP File No. TBD

The East Brookfield Conservation Commission, in accordance with M.G.L. c. 131, §40, will hold the following Public Hearing relating to proposed work within a wetland, waterbody, or resource area and/or within the 100-foot buffer zone to a wetland, waterbody, or resource area on:

**December 21, 2021 at 7:30 PM  
in the Memorial Town Complex**

This Public Hearing is in regards to a Notice of Intent submitted by EBT Environmental Consultants, Inc. on behalf of Nancy Sablack for the following: repair of an existing non-conforming Title V septic system, located on 105 Maple Street in East Brookfield, MA, Tax Map No. 004.3 Parcel No. 0168/0003.0.

Any person interested in or wishing to be heard on this request should appear at the time and place designated. Cop-

ies of the above noted submittal are available for review at the East Brookfield Town Clerk's Office.

Submitted by:  
Robert Button

Chairman  
EAST BROOKFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
December 10, 2021

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December 10, 2021  
December 17, 2021

## Attorney General's Notice Pursuant to G.L. c. 40, § 32, as amended by Chapter 299 of the Acts of 2000 Town of North Brookfield Case No. 10305 Special Town Meeting of November 6, 2020

**Articles #13, 14, 15, 17, 18 and 19  
Attorney General's Limited Authority  
to Waive Procedural Defects in the  
Notice of the Planning Board Hearing**  
Pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 40, § 32, as amended by Chapter 299 of the Acts of 2000, if the Attorney General finds there to be any defect in the procedure of adoption or amendment of any zoning by-law relating to the form or content of the notice of the Planning Board hearing prescribed by G.L. c. 40A, § 5, or to the manner or dates on which said notice is mailed, posted or published as required by that section, then instead of disapproving the by-law or amendment by reason of any such defect, the Attorney General may elect to proceed under the defect waiver provisions of G.L. c. 40, § 32. Under those provisions, the Attorney General is conditionally authorized to waive any such defect.

Defect Determined in Notice of Planning Board Hearing

The Attorney General has determined that the planning board hearing notice

relating to the above Articles failed to comply with the notice requirements for such hearing established by G.L. c. 40A, § 5. Section 5 provides in part (with emphasis added):

No zoning...by-law or amendment thereto shall be adopted until after the planning board in a...town has...held a public hearing thereon...at which interested persons shall be given an opportunity to be heard.... Notice of the time and place of such hearing, of the subject matter, sufficient for identification, and of the place where texts and maps thereof may be inspected shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the...town once in each of two successive weeks, the first publication to be not less than fourteen days before the day of said hearing, and by posting such notice in a conspicuous place in the...town hall for a period of not less than fourteen days before the day of said hearing. Notice of said hearing shall also be sent by mail, postage prepaid to the department of housing and community development, the regional planning agency, if any, and to the planning board of each abutting city and town...

Based on the materials submitted to this Office, we have identified the following defect: the Planning Board hearing notice was not sent to the Department of Housing and Community Development or the regional planning agency, as required by G.L. c. 40A, § 5. Apart from this defect, the notice appears to satisfy the requirements of the statute.

Attorney General's Election to Proceed Under the Waiver Provisions of G.L. c. 40, § 32

The Attorney General has elected to proceed under the limited defect waiver authority conferred by G.L. c. 40, § 32, as amended by Chapter 299 of the Acts of 2000.

Suspension of Review of Zoning By-Law Amendments

The 90-day period prescribed by law for the Attorney General's review of local by-laws is therefore suspended in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c. 40, § 32, as amended by Chapter 299 of the Acts of 2000.

Posting and Publication of This Notice

The Town Clerk shall post a true copy of this Notice in a conspicuous place in the North Brookfield Town Hall for a period of not less than 14 days and shall publish a copy once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town of North Brookfield.

Filing of Claim That Defect in Notice Was Misleading or Otherwise Preju-

dicial

Within 21 days of the date on which this Notice is published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town of North Brookfield, any resident of the Town of North Brookfield, or the owner of any real property in the Town of North Brookfield or any other party entitled to notice of the planning board hearing may file with the Town Clerk a written statement that the notice defect was misleading or otherwise prejudicial. The statement must include the reasons supporting the claim that the defect in the Planning Board Notice was misleading or otherwise prejudicial. This statement must be actually on file with the Town Clerk not later than 21 days from the date on which this Notice is published in the newspaper.

## Town Clerk's Certification of Compliance with This Notice

After the expiration of the 21-day period, the Town Clerk shall submit to the Attorney General a true copy of this Notice with a certification of compliance with the publishing and posting requirements of the preceding paragraph, and a certification that either (a) no claim was filed within the 21-day period, or (b) one or more claims were filed within the 21-day period. The Town Clerk shall submit to the Attorney General true copies of any such claim(s).

## Resumption of Attorney General's Review

Upon receipt of one original copy of this Notice with the Clerk's certification, the 90-day period provided for the Attorney General's review under G.L. c. 40, § 32, shall resume. If no claim is made, the Attorney General has the discretion to waive any such defect; if any claim is made, however, the Attorney General may not waive any such defect.

**Note: By not filing a claim under this provision, a person shall not be deprived of the right to assert a claim of invalidity arising out of any possible defect in the procedure of adoption or amendment, as provided in G.L. c. 40, § 32, and in G.L. c. 40A, § 5.**  
Date: December 2, 2021

Very truly yours,  
MAURA HEALEY  
ATTORNEY GENERAL

**Nicole B. Caprioli**

By: Nicole B. Caprioli

Assistant Attorney General

Municipal Law Unit

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December 10, 2021

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# SPORTS

## David Prouty Regional Winter Schedule

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**Boys' Basketball**  
Dec. 10 at University Park School, 6:30  
Dec. 14 vs. Grafton High, 6:30  
Dec. 17 at Millbury High, 6:30  
Dec. 20 vs. Uxbridge High, 6:30  
Dec. 23 at Pathfinder Vocational Tech,  
7  
Dec. 28 vs. West Boylston High, 6:30  
Jan. 4 at Northbridge High, 6:30  
Jan. 7 at Quaboag Regional, 7  
Jan. 11 at Bartlett High, 6:30  
Jan. 14 vs. Tantasqua Regional, 6:30  
Jan. 18 at Bay Path Regional, 6:30  
Jan. 20 vs. Auburn High, 6:30  
Jan. 24 at Oxford High, 6:30  
Jan. 26 at Tahanto Regional, 7  
Jan. 28 vs. Quaboag Regional, 5:30  
Feb. 1 vs. Murdock High, 6:30  
Feb. 3 vs. Southbridge High, 6:30

Feb. 7 vs. North Brookfield High, 6:30  
Feb. 10 at Leicester High, 6:30  
  
**Girls' Basketball**  
Dec. 10 vs. University Park School, 6  
Dec. 13 at Grafton High, 6  
Dec. 16 vs. Millbury High, 6  
Dec. 20 at Uxbridge High, 6:30  
Dec. 22 at North High, 4  
Jan. 3 vs. Northbridge High, 6  
Jan. 7 at Quaboag Regional, 5:30  
Jan. 10 vs. Bartlett High, 6  
Jan. 13 at Tantasqua Regional, 6:30  
Jan. 18 vs. Bay Path Regional, 6  
Jan. 21 at Auburn High, 6  
Jan. 24 vs. Oxford High, 6  
Jan. 26 at West Boylston High, 6:30  
Jan. 28 vs. Quaboag Regional, 7  
Jan. 31 vs. Southbridge High, 6  
Feb. 2 at Murdock High, 6  
Feb. 4 at Southbridge High, 6:30  
Feb. 8 at North Brookfield High, 6:30  
Feb. 11 vs. Leicester High, 6

## Leicester High Winter Schedule

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**Boys' Basketball**  
Dec. 14 vs. Millbury High, 6:30  
Dec. 17 at Grafton High, 6:30  
Dec. 21 vs. Northbridge High, 6:30  
Dec. 23 at Millbury High, 6:30  
Dec. 30 vs. Tahanto Regional, 1  
Jan. 4 at Uxbridge High, 6:30  
Jan. 7 vs. Bartlett High, 6:30  
Jan. 11 at Tantasqua Regional, 6:30  
Jan. 14 at Southbridge High, 6:30  
Jan. 17 at Quaboag Regional, 2:30  
Jan. 20 vs. Oxford High, 6:30  
Jan. 24 at Auburn High, 6:30  
Jan. 26 at Oxford High, 6:30  
Jan. 31 at Tahanto Regional, 7  
Feb. 3 vs. Quaboag Regional, 6:30  
Feb. 7 at Worcester Tech, 6:340  
Feb. 10 vs. David Prouty Regional, 6:30

Feb. 14 vs. Auburn High, 6:30  
Feb. 18 at Assabet Valley, 6:30  
  
**Girls' Basketball**  
Dec. 13 at Millbury High, 6:30  
Dec. 16 vs. Grafton High, 6:30  
Dec. 20 at Northbridge High, 6:30  
Dec. 22 at Blackstone Valley Tech, 5  
Dec. 28 vs. Murdock High, 6:30  
Jan. 3 vs. Uxbridge High, 6:30  
Jan. 6 at Bartlett High, 6:30  
Jan. 10 vs. Tantasqua Regional, 6:30  
Jan. 13 vs. Southbridge High, 6  
Jan. 18 vs. Quaboag Regional, 6:30  
Jan. 21 at Oxford High, 6:30  
Jan. 25 vs. Auburn High, 6:30  
Jan. 31 vs. Blackstone Valley Tech,  
6:30  
Feb. 4 at Quaboag Regional, 6:30  
Feb. 8 vs. Doherty High, 6:30  
Feb. 11 at David Prouty Regional, 6

## Quaboag Regional Winter Schedule

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**Boys' Basketball**  
Dec. 14 vs. Uxbridge High, 6:30  
Dec. 17 at Northbridge High, 6:30  
Dec. 20 vs. Millbury High, 6:30  
Dec. 21 vs. Auburn High, 6:30  
Dec. 23 at Southbridge High, 6:30  
Dec. 28 at Mahar Regional, 7  
Dec. 30 vs. West Boylston High, 6:30  
Jan. 4 at Oxford High, 6:30  
Jan. 7 at David Prouty Regional, 7  
Jan. 11 vs. Southbridge High, 6:30  
Jan. 14 vs. Bartlett High, 6:30  
Jan. 17 vs. Leicester High, 2:30  
Jan. 20 vs. Grafton High, 6:30  
Jan. 24 at Millbury High, 6:30  
Jan. 28 at David Prouty Regional, 5:30  
Jan. 31 at North Brookfield High, 5  
Feb. 3 at Leicester High, 6:30

Feb. 7 at Monson High, 6:30  
Feb. 10 at Tantasqua Regional, 6:30  
  
**Girls' Basketball**  
Dec. 13 at Uxbridge High, 6:30  
Dec. 16 vs. Northbridge High, 6:30  
Dec. 20 at Auburn High, 6:30  
Dec. 28 vs. Mahar Regional, 6:30  
Jan. 3 vs. Oxford High, 6:30  
Jan. 7 vs. David Prouty Regional, 5:30  
Jan. 10 at Southbridge High, 6:30  
Jan. 13 at Bartlett High, 6:30  
Jan. 17 vs. Southbridge High, 6:30  
Jan. 18 at Leicester High, 6:30  
Jan. 21 at Grafton High, 6:30  
Jan. 25 vs. Millbury High, 6:30  
Jan. 28 at David Prouty Regional, 7  
Jan. 31 at North Brookfield High, 7  
Feb. 4 vs. Leicester High, 6:30  
Feb. 9 vs. Ware High, 6:30  
Feb. 10 at Tantasqua Regional, 5  
Feb. 14 vs. Granby High, 6:30

## Bay Path Regional Winter Schedule

All schedules are subject to change.  
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**Boys' Basketball**  
Dec. 10 vs. Southbridge High, 6:30  
Dec. 13 vs. North Brookfield High, 6:30  
Dec. 16 at Parker Charter, 6  
Dec. 22 at Tri-County Regional, 6:30  
Dec. 30 vs. Keefe Tech, 6:30  
Jan. 3 at North Brookfield High, 6:30  
Jan. 5 vs. Assabet Valley, 6:30  
Jan. 10 at Abby Kelley Foster, 6:30  
Jan. 18 vs. David Prouty Regional, 6:30  
Jan. 19 at Worcester Tech, 6:30  
Jan. 21 at Blackstone Valley Tech, 6:30  
Jan. 26 vs. Advanced Math and  
Science Academy, 6:30  
Jan. 31 at Oxford High, 6:30  
Feb. 2 vs. Keefe Tech, 6:30  
Feb. 7 vs. Abby Kelley Foster, 6:30  
Feb. 8 vs. Auburn High, 6:30  
Feb. 14 at Southbridge High, 6:30  
Feb. 16 at Monty Tech, 7

**Girls' Basketball**  
Dec. 10 at Southbridge High, 5  
Dec. 14 at North Brookfield High, 6:30  
Dec. 16 vs. North High, 5:30  
Dec. 20 at University Park, 5:30  
Dec. 22 vs. Tri-County Regional, 6:30  
Jan. 3 vs. North Brookfield High, 5  
Jan. 5 at Assabet Valley, 6:30  
Jan. 10 vs. Abby Kelley Foster, 5  
Jan. 11 at Tri-County Regional, 5  
Jan. 14 at Parker Charter, 6:30  
Jan. 18 at David Prouty Regional, 6  
Jan. 19 vs. Worcester Tech, 5  
Jan. 21 vs. Blackstone Valley Tech, 5  
Jan. 26 at Advanced Math and Science  
Academy, 5  
Jan. 27 vs. Bartlett High, 5  
Jan. 31 vs. Oxford High, 6:30  
Feb. 7 at Abby Kelley Foster, 6:30  
Feb. 8 at Bartlett High, 6:30  
Feb. 14 vs. Southbridge High, 6:30  
Feb. 16 vs. Monty Tech, 6:30

## North Brookfield High Winter Schedule

All schedules are subject to change.  
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**Boys' Basketball**  
Dec. 13 at Bay Path Regional, 6:30  
Dec. 16 vs. Immaculate Heart School, 6  
Dec. 18 at South Lancaster Academy,  
7:30  
Dec. 20 at Blackstone-Millville  
Regional, 6:30  
Dec. 29 at Monson High, 7  
Jan. 3 vs. Bay Path Regional, 6:30  
Jan. 5 vs. Trivium School, 6  
Jan. 7 vs. Worcester Tech, 6:30  
Jan. 10 vs. West Boylston High, 6:30  
Jan. 13 vs. South Lancaster Academy,  
6:30  
Jan. 19 at Southbridge High, 6:30  
Jan. 24 at Sizer School, 7  
Jan. 26 at Trivium School, 5:30  
Jan. 31 vs. Quaboag Regional, 5  
Feb. 3 vs. Bromfield School, 7  
Feb. 7 at David Prouty Regional, 6:30  
Feb. 9 vs. Blackstone-Millville  
Regional, 6:30  
Feb. 11 at Immaculate Heart School,

5:30  
Feb. 14 at Advanced Math and Science  
Academy, 5  
  
**Girls' Basketball**  
Dec. 10 at Ware High, 7  
Dec. 16 vs. Immaculate Heart School,  
4:30  
Dec. 18 at South Lancaster Academy, 6  
Dec. 29 at Monson High, 5:30  
Jan. 3 at Bay Path Regional, 5  
Jan. 5 at Trivium School, 4  
Jan. 13 vs. South Lancaster Academy,  
5  
Jan. 19 vs. Trivium School, 6  
Jan. 26 at Southbridge High, 5  
Jan. 28 vs. Advanced Math and  
Science Academy, 6  
Jan. 31 vs. Quaboag Regional, 7  
Feb. 2 at Oxford High, 6  
Feb. 3 vs. Bromfield School, 5  
Feb. 4 vs. Ware High, 6:30  
Feb. 8 vs. David Prouty Regional, 6:30  
Feb. 11 at Immaculate Heart School, 4  
Feb. 14 vs. David Prouty Regional, 4:45  
Feb. 16 vs. Southbridge High, 6:30  
Feb. 18 vs. Sizer School, 7

## Tantasqua Regional Winter Schedule

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**Boys' Basketball**  
Dec. 10 at North High, 6:30  
Dec. 14 vs. Northbridge High, 6:30  
Dec. 17 at Uxbridge High, 6:30  
Dec. 21 vs. Oxford High, 6:30  
Dec. 29 at Nashoba Regional, 5:30  
Jan. 4 at Auburn High, 6:30  
Jan. 7 at Southbridge High, 6:30  
Jan. 11 vs. Leicester High, 6:30  
Jan. 13 vs. Holyoke High, 5:30  
Jan. 14 at David Prouty Regional, 6:30  
Jan. 17 at Sutton High, 6:30  
Jan. 20 vs. Millbury High, 6:30  
Jan. 24 at Grafton High, 6:30  
Jan. 25 vs. Doherty High, 7  
Jan. 27 vs. South High, 6:30  
Feb. 1 vs. Minnechaug Regional, 6:30

Feb. 3 at Bartlett High, 6:30  
Feb. 10 vs. Quaboag Regional, 6:30  
  
**Girls' Basketball**  
Dec. 13 at Northbridge High, 6:30  
Dec. 16 vs. Uxbridge High, 6:30  
Dec. 20 at Oxford High, 6:30  
Dec. 23 at Notre Dame Academy, 6:30  
Dec. 29 vs. Leominster High, 4  
Jan. 3 vs. Auburn High, 6:30  
Jan. 6 vs. Southbridge High, 6:30  
Jan. 10 at Leicester High, 6:30  
Jan. 13 vs. David Prouty Regional, 6:30  
Jan. 21 at Millbury High, 6:30  
Jan. 25 vs. Grafton High, 6:30  
Feb. 1 at Minnechaug Regional, 7  
Feb. 3 vs. Shepherd Hill Regional, 6:30  
Feb. 4 vs. Bartlett High, 6:30  
Feb. 8 at South High, 6:30  
Feb. 10 vs. Quaboag Regional, 5

## Pro boxing returns to Webster for first time in 27 years

### NEW ENGLAND’S FUTURE VIII SET FOR DEC. 18

WORCESTER — Rivera Promotions Entertainment (RPE) is bringing professional boxing back to Webster for the first time in 27 years on Saturday night, Dec. 18, at Webster Town Hall.  
RPE’s popular “New England Future VIII” will be headlined by a rematch of arguably the 2021 New England Fight of the Year to date between Puerto Rico-native Wilfredo “El Sucaro” Pagan (6-1-1, 3 KOs) and Carlos Marrero, III (2-6-2), who fought to a thrilling 6-round split draw this past Aug. 14 in Worcester.  
Three-time, two-division World champion, RPE promoter Jose Antonio Rivera, fought

in the last show in Webster back on Nov. 18, 1994, when the then 11-0 Rivera stopped Gerry O’Campo in the fourth round at Municipal Auditorium. Rivera also fought at the Municipal Building in Webster on Dec. 10, 1993, knocking out Julio Torres in round three. Fighting on that same card was his close friend, 3-0 Worcester heavy-weight Bobby Harris, whose son Bobby “BH3” Harris, III will be fighting on the RPE Dec. 18 card.  
“Being able to run a boxing event at the Webster Town Hall is very exciting for me,” Rivera said. “I remember fighting there in ’93 and ’94 and the place being packed. The

fans are so close to you, it has a Blue Horizon feel to it with fans right above your head in the balcony section. In our ‘New England Future’ series, we like to showcase boxers from all over New England and we are happy to bring that to Webster, Massachusetts. The fans will not be disappointed with our line-up of boxers from Worcester, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Lowell, Southbridge and other cities and states throughout New England.”  
Pagan, fighting out of Southbridge, and Bridgeport’s Marrero, III will be fighting again for the vacant New England Super Lightweight Championship in the 6-round main event.  
The original Pagan-Marrero was an extremely entertaining, non-stop clash in which momentum swung round by



Photos courtesy Cristian Nunez

**Carlos Marrero, III (L) and Wilfredo Pagan battled to a draw this past August.**

round from one fighter to the other. One judge scored the fight 58-56 in favor of Pagan, another 55-59 for Marrero, and the last 57-57.  
Tickets are priced at \$75 (reserved seating) and \$45 (general admission) and available for purchase or by contacting

Jose Rivera (elgallojar@gmail.com/508.864.6954), AJ Rivera (anthoneerivera@gmail.com/774.272.2269) or any of the fighters. Doors open at 6 p.m. ET, first bout at 7 p.m. ET.



# Spencer celebrates return of Parade of Lights

SPENCER – After last year’s streets were unusually dark around the holidays due to pandemic restrictions, residents were thrilled for the return of the Parade of Lights. Held on Dec. 4, the 2021 parade featured strong participation from local organizations, agencies, volunteers, and businesses. The parade began at David Prouty High School, and residents lined the street to watch the parade proceed down Route 9 toward the town center.

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## Seasons Greetings - Happy Holidays



**WEBSTER LAKE** - 11 Bay View Rd! One of the Lake's Premier Properties! 9,822' of Real Nice Set on .68 Acres of Park Lake Grounds with 297' Waterfront! Over \$4 Million Spent! Nothing was Spared! 18 Spacious Rooms! 5 Water View Bedrooms, 4 with their Own Bathrooms! 5.5 Bathrooms Total! Brazilian Cherry Hardwood Floors, Grand & Spiral Stairways! Elevator from the Ground Floor up 3 to the Master Suite! In-door Resistance Swimming Pool, Hot Tub & Bathroom with Steam Shower just off the Mirrored Exercise Room! Billiard Room! Media Room with Custom Cabinetry & Wet Bar! Fantastic Center Island Granite Kitchen with Viking Gas Range, Sub-Zero Refrigerator, 16' Butler's Pantry & Breakfast Bar! Open Floor Plan! Dining Area, Family Room with Cherry Entertainment Center & Wet Bar! Open Formal Dining Room, Fireplace Living Room & Atrium! Library with Private Deck! Waterfront Master Suite with Private Office, Bedroom with Triple Glass Door to its Private Deck with Panoramic Lake Views, 3 Walk-in Closets, Lake View Bathroom with Huge Multi-Head Shower, Whirlpool Tub, Double Vanity Sinks & Separate Commode/Bidet! Pedestal Sink Area! 16 Zones of Updated Geothermal Heat & Air Conditioning - 30 Tons! Recessed Lighting & Sprinkler System Through Out! 3 Car Heated Garage! Full House Generator! Slate Roof! All Decks & Railings Brazilian Ipe Hardwood! Copper Gutters & Downspouts! It's Time to Reward Yourself! **\$1,749,900.00**

**WEBSTER** - 20 Scenic Ave! Views of Webster Lake! 7 Rm Colonial! Work-in Appliance Kit! Dining Area w/Cathedral Ceiling! Living Rm w/ Pine Flooring, Hearth & Woodstove! 1st Flr Bdrms, 3 Bdrms Total! 2 Full Baths! Expandable Walk-out Lower Level! Buderus Oil Heat! Recent Roof & Siding! **\$299,900.00**

**WEBSTER** - 8 Riverside Dr! Super Convenient 9 Rm Colonial! Work-in Appliance Kit w/Granite Island & Dining Area! 24' Living Rm w/Laminate Wood Flooring, Slider to Composite Deck! 3-5 Bdrms Total! Master Bath! 2.5 Baths Total! Finished Lower Level! Oil Heat! Roof 2019! **\$399,900.00**

**WEBSTER** - 6 Slater Street! Professionals Take Notice! Ideal Office Setup! 1st Floor w/Waiting Rm, Reception Area, 4 Offices w/Sinks, 3 Alcove/Prep Areas, Handicap Accessible 1/2 Bath, and Hrdwd Flrs! 2nd Floor Currently w/Employee Breakroom w/ Full Kitchen, Cabinets & Closet Storage, 3/4 Bath and additional office/bedroom! C/Air! CVA! Security System! **\$349,900.00**

**DUDLEY** - 50 Brandon Rd! 3 Family! 5/4 Rm! 2/2! Bdrms! 2/2! Bathrms! Investors take Notice! Fully Rented! Solid Rental History, Long Term Tenants! Conveniently Located! Washer & Dryer Hookups in the Basement for Each Unit! Efficient Natural Gas Heating! Two Driveways provide Off Street Parking for up to 5 Vehicles! Dudley's Low Taxes & Desirable School System! **\$349,900.00**



**DUDLEY** - 10 Camelot Circle 9 Rm, 4 Bdrm, 2.5 Bath, 2,520' Center Hall Colonial featuring an In-Ground Pool on a 28,131' Lot! Tile Entry Foyer w/ Guest Closet! SS Appliance Granite Kit w/Breakfast Bar, Spacious Dining Area, Tile Flr, Pantry Closet, Recessed & Pendant Lighting! Formal Din Rm w/Hrdwd Flr & Chair Rail! Formal Liv Rm w/Crown Molding! 13.6x27' Fam Rm w/Fireplace w/Wood Pellet Insert, Soaring Cathedral Ceiling, Ceiling Fans & Skylight! Half Bath! 3 Season Porch! 1st Flr Laundry! The 2nd Floor w/4 Bdrms! Spacious Master w/Walk-in Closet & Full Bath w/Dble Granite Vanity! Full Hall Bath w/Dble Vanity! C/Air & Vac! 2 Car Garage! Fire Pit! Many Updates! Original Owner - Pride of Ownership! **\$570,000.00**

**WEBSTER LAKE** - 701 Beacon Park! 5 Rm End Corner Garden Unit - One Level Living - No Stairs! 10 Beautiful Acres of Park Lake Grounds w/Fantastic Panoramic Lake Views! 1,100' of Living Space! Ample Room for Year Round Living or as 2nd Home - Summers on the Lake - Winters in Florida! Well Maintained! 2 Bdrms! Master Bath, 2 Baths Total! Beautiful Lakeside Pool, Spectacular Beach, Best on the Lake! Detached Garage! **\$299,000.00!**

**WEBSTER LAKE** - 50 Laurelwood Drive! 90' Waterfront! Western Exposure - Beautiful Sunsets! Half Acre, 22,729', of Natural Privacy! 6 Room Custom Built Cedar Home with 2 Car Attached Garage! Dining Area and Fireplaced Living Room with Soaring Cathedral Ceilings! First Floor Master Bedroom with Full Bath! 2 Second Floor Bedrooms and Second Full Bath, Large Second Floor Expansion Area! Additional Garage Space Under! Lighting Strike Fire Damage Repair Required! Tons of Potential! **\$889,900.00**

**WEBSTER LAKE** - 33 Loveland Rd! South Pond - Fantastic 19,243' Waterfront Lot with 125' of Prime South Facing Natural Shoreline which Highlights this 5 Room, 2 Bedroom, 3 Season Cottage! Start Your Lake Memories Here! Cute & Cozy, the Way the Lake Use to Be! Open Floor Plan with Lots of Glass and Panoramic Lake Views! Just Enjoy it as it is, or Add on to it, or Take it Down and Build Your Dream Home Here! Don't Need the Entire Lot, Subdivide it and Bring the Cost Down! Perfect Gentle Slope to the Water! Town Services! **\$949,900.00**



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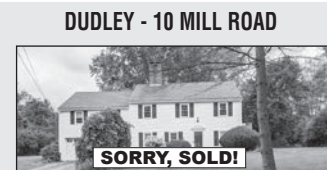
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### Featured New Listing!



**SOUTHBRIDGE - 140-148 HAMILTON ST.**

Multi-Familys - 4 Buildings! 9 Occupied Residential Units! 1 Occupied Commercial Unit! Huge BONUS, Drive through Heated Garage, can accommodate up to 18 Vehicles! **\$975,000.**



**DUDLEY - 10 MILL ROAD**  
Beautiful family home! 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, newer widows & heating system. Mini split system. Hardwoods. Lg eat-in kitchen /Corian counters & Island! Warming fireplace with handsome mantel. Generous dining room, spacious enough for your family gatherings. lower level fireplace family room. Harmon pellet insert! 2 car garage. Reduced **\$340,000.**



**WEBSTER - 23 EMERALD AVE.**  
Extraordinary Find! Beautiful 2 Family! Owner occupied with pride and it shows. Grand Front Entry! 3,012 SF +/- living area. 12 rooms, 6 bedrooms, 2 updated Baths. 2nd Flr - Granite Countertops! High ceilings & Hardwood Floors, Modern Kitchens. Manicured 13,525 SF Lot with a Hip roof 3 car garage! **\$439,900**



**WEBSTER - 10 THOMPSON RD**  
2 FAMILY! LOCATION, LOCATION! OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS! SERIOUSLY CONSIDER THIS A SOLID INVESTMENT. A GENERAL BUSINESS ZONED! PRIME WEBSTER BUSINESS DISTRICT! A LARGE, DEEP LOT, 14,875 SF/0.34 ACRE. 9 Rooms, 4 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, FHW/OIL. Garage! Lot is currently private with a mature tree line in the rear. Property serviced by Municipal Water & Sewer, Natural Gas line in Basement. A QUICK CLOSE IS POSSIBLE. **\$195,000**



**WEBSTER • 22 EASTERN AVE**  
LOOKING FOR AN AFFORDABLE, HUMBLE ABODE, THAT WON'T BREAK THE BANK? Convenient Location, corner lot! 1288 SF +/-, 4 BRS w/1st Flr Mstr BR, Half Bath! Eat-In Kitchen, Dining/Living Room Combination! 3-Season Porch. 2nd Flr - 3 BRS, Reshingled Roof, Replacement Windows, Updated Electric, Buderus Boiler. Part finished walk-out bsmt! Garage! **\$215,000**

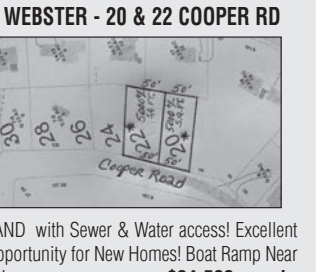


**THOMPSON CT - 15 WAGER RD**  
Cape with 3 bedrooms, gleaming hardwoods, stone fireplace. Septic (2019), replacement windows, family and dining room, fresh paint throughout! Generator hook up, and updated Buderus boiler with holding tank. Garage under. This one maybe for you! assisted sale **\$279,900.**

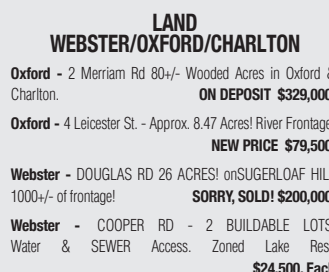


### Featured Island Listing! Webster Lake - 22 Long Island

Once in a lifetime opportunity to own a Webster Lake Waterfront Cottage on Long Island! Properly named the "Grand View". Sandy beach, boat house! Antique Cottage w/5 Rms, 3 BRs, a stone fireplace w/pellet stove, eat-in kitchen w/modern appliances, full bath! washer/dryer. Screened porches. Included, 25% ownership share in a main land waterfront lot at 38 Point Pleasant Rd, in sheltered Mumford Cove! land provides boat slip & winter storage. A FAR AWAY PLACE NEAR BY! **\$389,900.**



**WEBSTER - 20 & 22 COOPER RD**  
LAND with Sewer & Water access! Excellent Opportunity for New Homes! Boat Ramp Near by! **\$24,500., each.**



**LAND WEBSTER/OXFORD/CHARLTON**  
Oxford - 2 Merriam Rd 80 +/- Wooded Acres in Oxford & Charlton. **ON DEPOSIT \$329,000.**  
Oxford - 4 Leicester St. - Approx. 8.47 Acres! River Frontage. **NEW PRICE \$79,500.**  
Webster - DOUGLAS RD 26 ACRES! on SUGERLOAF HILL 1000 +/- of frontage! **SORRY, SOLD! \$200,000.**  
Webster - COOPER RD - 2 BUILDABLE LOTS! Water & SEWER Access. Zoned Lake Res.! **\$24,500. Each**

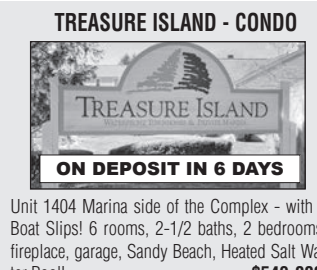


**OXFORD - 10 BEVERLY STREET**  
2 Family! A RARE FIND, BUILT IN 1967!! 2 PARCELS = 16,224 SF!! EXTREMELY WELL MAINTAINED! Total 9 rooms, 5 Bedrooms, 2 baths. 2nd apartment is a perfect mortgage helper! Beautiful Hardwood Floors! Roomy yard. Off Street Parking! Neighborhood Setting! **\$449,000.**

## On the shores of Lake Chargoggagoggmanchauggagoggchaubunagungamaugg



**WEBSTER LAKE - 300 KILLDEER ISL.**  
**Killdeer Circle!** Gently sloping landscape to waters edge. Crystal clear shoreline. Ranch with 5 rooms, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths! Walkout lower level to patio! Garage! **\$650,000.**



**TREASURE ISLAND - CONDO**  
Unit 1404 Marina side of the Complex - with 2 Boat Slips! 6 rooms, 2-1/2 baths, 2 bedrooms, fireplace, garage, Sandy Beach, Heated Salt Water Pool! **\$549,000.**



**WEBSTER - 401 TREASURE ISLAND**  
WEBSTER LAKE! Treasure Island Townhouse! UNIT# 401 Quiet summers on big & beautiful Webster Lake! 6 Rooms. Open Floor Plan! Dining Area, Hardwood Floor & Carpet, Master Bedroom, W/2 Closets, Master Bath! 2-1/2 Baths Total! Slider to Deck & Slider to the Patio! Natural gas heat! 2 Boat Slips! Heated Pool! Natural! Sandy Beach! **\$439,000.**



**WEBSTER LAKE - 1301 TREASURE ISL.**  
Quiet Summers & Fall Seasons on Big & Beautiful Webster Lake. Completely updated Hardwood & Ceramic. Center Island Kitchen. 6 Rooms. 2-1/2 Baths. a must see. Overlooking the Marina. 2 Deeded boat slips. assisted sale **\$600,000.**



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# POLICE REPORTS

## Spencer Police

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24  
12:50-2:10 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:07-1:48 a.m.: parking violations (Cherry Main, High streets), tickets issued; 2:52 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Greenville Street), no contact; 7:24 a.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 8:43 a.m.: animal complaint (Maple Street), dead cat in road; 8:49 a.m.: commercial alarm (Water Street), services rendered; 8:49 a.m.: accident (Main Street), info taken; 9:00 a.m.: animal complaint (West Main Street), shelter assistance; 9:24 a.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), East Brookfield PD/pursuit in woods; 11:11 a.m.: juvenile matter (Marble Road), assist family; 11:11 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Cherry Street), resolved; 12:11 p.m.: officer wanted (South Spencer Road), party locked inside txr sta; 12:21 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (High Street), water coming from bldg.; 1:26 p.m.: animal complaint (Lincoln Street), dogs in apt.; 2:26 p.m.: LTC issued/2 (West Main Street), assisted; 3:19 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 3:41 p.m.: accident (West Main Street), report taken; 3:47 p.m.: suspicious mv (West Main Street), investigated; 4:14 p.m.: medical/general (Cottage Street); 3:42 p.m.: juvenile matter (Main Street), kids disrupting traffic; 5:00 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), accidental; 5:01 p.m.: medical/general (Donnelly Cross Road); 5:07 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 6:24 p.m.: mv complaint (North Spencer Road), erratic operator; 6:55 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 7:44 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operator; (Total daily mv stops – 1).

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25  
12:29-12:50 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:57 a.m.: parking violation (Main Street), ticket issued; 1:09-2:40 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:33 a.m.: lost/found (Main Street), lost cell phone; 10:30 a.m.: animal complaint (West Main Street), dead animal; 10:56 a.m.: illegal dumping (South Spencer Road), box dropped fr minivan; 1:01 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Maple Street), resolved; 1:01 p.m.: mv lockout (Main Street), assisted; 1:43 p.m.: attempted larceny (Mill Street), attempted mv break-in; 8:05 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Howe Village), no emergency; 8:27 p.m.: officer wanted (Wire Village Road), rep. of lights in sky; 9:00 p.m.: animal complaint (Pioneer Valley Road), bear in yard; (Total daily mv stops – 2).

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26  
1:24 a.m.: building checked, secure; 1:55 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 2:19-2:38 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 7:21 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; 8:26 a.m.: medical/

general (Terkanian Drive); 9:28 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), misdial; 10:02 a.m.: medical/general (Wall Street); 12:31 p.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), dog in roadway; 1:56 p.m.: mv complaint (Route 49), erratic operator; 2:35 p.m.: medical/general (Lake Avenue); 5:08 p.m.: 911 call (Hastings Road), accidental; 6:25 p.m.: 911 call (Howe Village), no emergency; 6:35 p.m.: medical/general (Summit Street); 6:39 p.m.: DPW call (West Main Street), snow sticking to roadway; 7:04 p.m.: DPW call (Elm Street), sewer backup; 8:57 p.m.: mv lockout (Sampson Street), assisted; 9:18 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), services rendered; 10:30 p.m.: 911 call (Howe Village), accidental; 10:54 p.m.: intelligence/parole (West Main Street), info taken; (Total daily mv stops – 0).

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27  
12:18-12:44 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:55 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 12:56-2:04 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 4:05 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 4:26 a.m.: DPW call (West Main Street), slippery conditions; 4:40 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Pleasant Street), spoken to; 8:32 a.m.: medical/general (Crestview Drive); 9:42 a.m.: animal complaint (Lincoln Street), dead fox; 11:24 a.m.: medical/general (Smithville Road); 11:56 a.m.: medical/general (Donnelly Road); 1:01 p.m.: fire alarm (Clark Road), referred; 2:46 p.m.: officer wanted (Lake Street), req. officer to residence; 4:59 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Main Street), no emergency; 4:56 p.m.: fire alarm (Smithville Road), referred; 5:22 p.m.: RV complaint (Pleasant Street), dirt bike in street; 5:44 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 6:53 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), accidental; 8:22 p.m.: mv complaint (Water Street), speeding; 9:12 p.m.: mv complaint (North Spencer Road), erratic operator; 10:24 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), MSP bolo/poss. drunk driver; 11:11 p.m.: 911 call (Pleasant Street), open line; 11:36 p.m.: animal complaint (West Main Street), stray cat; 11:38 p.m.: medical/general (Smithville Road); (Total daily mv stops – 2).

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28  
12:19-1:41 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:32-1:49 a.m.: parking violations/3 (Pope, Pearl, Chestnut streets), tickets issued; 2:00 a.m.: medical/general (Paxton Road); 3:27 a.m.: commercial alarm (West Main Street), 7:03 a.m.: mv lockout (Grove Street), assisted; 7:04 a.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), storage trailer door open; 7:42 a.m.: medical/general (Hastings Road); 8:44 a.m.: accident (Main Street), guardrail damage; 9:20 a.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operator; 9:50 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 1:09 p.m.: medical/general (Pond Street); 1:49 p.m.: parking violation (Maple Street), ticket issued; 3:37 p.m.: RV complaint

(Norcross Road), dirt bikers; 5:01 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 7:41-7:48 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:44 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), hang-up; 9:13 p.m.: building checked, secure; 10:34 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Valley Street), hang-up; 10:44 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village), lift assist; (Total daily mv stops – 2).

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29  
12:59-1:37 a.m.: parking violations/5 (Mechanic, High, Church, McDonald streets), tickets issued; 1:04-1:45 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:42 a.m.: accident (Route 49), mv vs deer; 7:32 a.m.: disabled mv (North Brookfield Road), assisted; 8:36 p.m.: medical/general (Wall Street); 10:46 a.m.: extortion/blackmail (Pleasant Street), rep. blackmail via Facebook; 10:50 a.m.: mv complaint (West Main Street), erratic operator; 11:08 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 11:37 a.m.: officer wanted (Lake Street), family issue; 2:11 p.m.: lost/found (South Spencer Road), trailer plate found; 2:26 p.m.: suspicious persons (Hastings Road), info taken; 4:25 p.m.: medical/general (Mercury Drive); 4:35 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 4:46 p.m.: vandalism (Prospect Street), mv vandalized; 6:03 p.m.: medical/general (Mechanic Street); 6:13 p.m.: fraud (Main Street), unauth. use of debit card; 6:42 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 6:42 p.m.: FID issued (West Main Street), assisted; 7:51-7:52 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 7:56 p.m.: 911 call (Ash Street), re: Senior Center closure; 8:01 p.m.: officer wanted (Paxton Road), student driver problem; 8:10 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village), lift assist; 8:24 p.m.: RV complaint (Pleasant Street), dirt bikes in road/no headlight; 9:24-9:44 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 10:15 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 10:47 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), East Brookfield PD bolo; (Total daily mv stops – 0).

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30  
1:42-1:54 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:15 a.m.: medical/general (Smithville Road); 9:11 a.m.: medical/general (Wall Street), lift assist; 9:52 a.m.: medical/general (Pleasant Street); 10:07 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Ash Street), disruptive student in elevator; 10:22 a.m.: medical/general (Mechanic Street); 1:00 p.m.: animal complaint (High Street), loose dog; 1:34 p.m.: fraud (Greenville Street), call fr USCBP; 2:26 p.m.: restraining order service (West Main Street); 2:45 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 4:06 p.m.: parking complaint (Elm Street), services rendered; 5:21 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Monticello Drive), no contact; 6:17 p.m.: disabled mv (West Main Street), assisted; 6:39 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), rep. shoplifting; 7:28 p.m.: intelligence/parole (West Main Street), info taken; 8:40 p.m.:

accident (Cranberry Meadow Road), rep. of previous accident; 9:29 p.m.: building checked, secure; 9:40 p.m.: parking violation (High Street), ticket issued; 9:41 p.m.: medical/sudden death (Charron Street); 10:30 p.m.: mv complaint (Pleasant Street), aggressive motorist; (Total daily mv stops – 5).

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## Leicester Police

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24  
4:07 a.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 8:35 a.m.: animal complaint (Warren Avenue), referred to ACO; 9:07 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 9:11 a.m.: disturbance (Main Street), resolved; 11:16 a.m.: ambulance (Mulberry Street), transported; 1:07 p.m.: erratic operator (South Main Street), spoken to; 2:05 p.m.: welfare check (Henshaw Street), spoken to; 2:17 p.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive), gone on arrival; 3:59 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Glen Ellen Lane), resolved; 7:42 p.m.: erratic operator (Main Street), no action required; 8:21 p.m.: erratic operator (Main Street), unable to locate; 9:30 p.m.: disabled mv (River Street), assisted.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25  
12:13 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 12:40 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 5:48 a.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 8:59 a.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), resolved; 9:58 a.m.: investigation (Stockholm Street, Worcester), services rendered; 12:29 p.m.: suspicious activity (South Street), resolved; 12:37 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 12:53 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), gone on arrival; 9:27 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 9:43 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), no action required; 9:44 p.m.: suspicious activity (Main Street), spoken to; 10:13 p.m.: ambulance (Maple Street), transported.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26  
8:04 a.m.: ambulance (Washburn Square), transported; 10:26 a.m.: ambulance (Howard Terrace), transported; 10:50 a.m.: assist citizen (Main Street); 11:42 a.m.: ambulance (Washburn Square), transported; 12:13 p.m.: welfare check (Washburn Square), resolved; 12:15 p.m.: summons service (Main Street), unable to serve; 12:18 p.m.: assist citizen (Pleasant Street), resolved; 1:55 p.m.: gunshots heard (Auburn Street), unfounded; 1:56 p.m.: larceny (Hyland Avenue), resolved; 3:48 p.m.: investigation (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 9:56 p.m.: erratic

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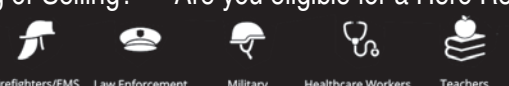


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operator (Soojians Drive), spoken to; 11:33 p.m.: accident (Marshall Street), mv towed.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27  
1:34 a.m.: threats (Winslow Avenue), resolved; 9:09 a.m.: disabled mv (Paxton Street), resolved; 10:44 a.m.: assist citizen (Paxton Street); 11:15 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), verbal warning; 11:22 a.m.: assist citizen (Paxton Street); 11:40 a.m.: ambulance (Laflash Lane), transported; 1:09 p.m.: accident (Auburn Street), report taken; 9:27 p.m.: disturbance (Stafford Street), resolved; 11:52 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), verbal warning.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28  
12:11 a.m.: assist other PD (South Main Street), services rendered; 12:20 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), name and address redacted from police department, unlicensed operation, criminal application issued; 2:05 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), warning; 9:46 a.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway),

citation issued; 10:22 a.m.: neighbor dispute (Huntoon Memorial Highway), resolved; 1:43 p.m.: welfare check (Main Street), spoken to; 2:45 p.m.: accident (Soojians Drive), assisted; 6:26 p.m.: animal complaint (Siani Road), referred to ACO; 8:40 p.m.: family problem (Rawson Street), report taken.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29  
12:12 mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 12:31 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, number plate violation, op w/suspended license, mv towed; 1:04 a.m.: accident (Main Street), Gary H. Bergstrom, 50, 79 High Street, Southbridge, leaving scene of a property damage accident, marked lanes violation, arrested; 5:45 a.m.: ambulance (River Street), transported; 6:34 a.m.: commercial alarm (Huntoon Memorial Highway), call canceled; 6:59 a.m.: investigation (Stafford Street), services rendered; 7:11 a.m.: investigation (Main Street), services rendered; 8:29 a.m.: keep the peace (Massasoit Drive), peace restored; 10:41 a.m.: erratic operator (Main Street), written warning; 12:53

p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 1:22 p.m.: ambulance (Pryor Road), transported; 2:20 p.m.: malicious mischief (Pine Street), resolved; 3:42 p.m.: ambulance (Crest Circle, Worcester), transported; 4:10 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 4:28 p.m.: welfare check (McCarthy Avenue), report taken; 5:28 p.m.: investigation (Park Lane), services rendered.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30  
1:20 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, number plate violation to conceal ID, number plate violation, uninsured mv, criminal application issued; 8:25 a.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), written warning; 8:59 a.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), verbal warning; 9:25 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 9:51 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), mv towed; 10:03 a.m.: larceny (South Main Street), spoken to; 10:44 a.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), spoken to; 11:08 a.m.: disabled mv (Peter Salem Road), assisted; 1:49 p.m.: disturbance (Tobin Road), peace restored; 2:07 p.m.: ambulance (Henshaw Street),

transported; 2:24 p.m.: ambulance (Winslow Avenue), transported; 2:44 p.m.: debris in road (Stafford Street), advised civil action; 4:02 p.m.: suspicious activity (Pine Street), unable to locate; 6:01 p.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street), transported.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1  
12:01 a.m.: suspicious mv (Stafford Street), spoken to; 1:06 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 8:30 a.m.: trespassing (Parker Street), spoken to; 9:10 a.m.: welfare check (Winslow Avenue), transported; 9:30 a.m.: accident (Mill Street), report taken; 9:44 a.m.: erratic operator (South Main Street), call canceled; 9:45 a.m.: suspicious activity (South Main Street), call canceled; 10:32 a.m.: ambulance (Southbridge Street, Auburn), call canceled; 10:39 a.m.: suspicious mv (Rawson Street), spoken to; 3:55 p.m.: erratic operator (South Main Street), spoken to; 4:32 p.m.: suspicious mv (Huntoon Memorial Highway), resolved; 10:05 p.m.: disabled mv (Stafford Street), services rendered.

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said Selectman Allen Phillips. "All buildings came with everything inside, so we have an abundance that we will have to decide what to do with in the end."

Each working group will include a Select Board representative, with most of the five members serving on multiple groups. Selectmen are looking forward to working with resident-members of the groups.

"My hat off to the residents for continuing to be involved in the process," Phillips said.

At the Sept. 21 Special Election, residents approved a \$19.9 mil-

lion debt exclusion request for the acquisition of the former Becker College campus.

Home to 19 buildings on 28 acres, the college closed at the end of the 2020-21 academic year due to financial struggles worsened by COVID-19. The property includes a new turf field; a campus center; a veterinary health clinic; a gymnasium; the historic May House; several dormitories and other residences; and the Swan Library. Additionally, the college's kitchen, gym equipment, and veterinary equipment were included in the sale, as well as the IT network and equipment.

Officials have said portions of the property could be used to

significantly improve the town's schooling situation. Last year, voters rejected a new school proposal, and officials have scrambled to find a solution to aging school buildings and outdated equipment.

Looking ahead, members of the working groups will begin meeting upon formation. Additionally, the Select Board and Town Administrator's office will work together to create a building maintenance and grounds plan for all newly acquired structures.

If you have questions about the Nov. 30 meeting or the individual working groups, contact the Town Administrator's office at 508-892-7077.

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"Ever since the Exchange Club of Huntington, Ind., sponsored the first award in 1919, thousands of unsung heroes and heroines have been recognized," the club's statement read. "Honoring fellow citizens with the Book of Golden Deeds Award is a heartwarming and inspiring act not only for the honoree, but for any Exchange Club. The award exemplifies The National Exchange Club's beliefs."

Local first responders were thrilled to be presented with the award by the Exchange Club. It always means a lot

for responders to be recognized by the community they serve and protect.

"I am humbled by this award – one of the Exchange Club's oldest awards," said Spencer Police Chief David Darrin. "It is a testament to the members of my department and their commitment to public service and making Spencer a better place to live and work."

The Dec. 2 dinner also served as a celebration of the Exchange Club's 75 years of service to the community.

"Community service is helping others and making the world a better place

for those who come after us. That's what the Spencer Exchange Club is all about and what drives our membership to continue that mission," said club member Pat George in a previous interview. "Members have changed through the years, but the mission has remained the same."

As a gift to the town in honor of the Exchange Club's 75th anniversary, the club donated a \$6,000 piece of playground equipment for Powder Mill Park.

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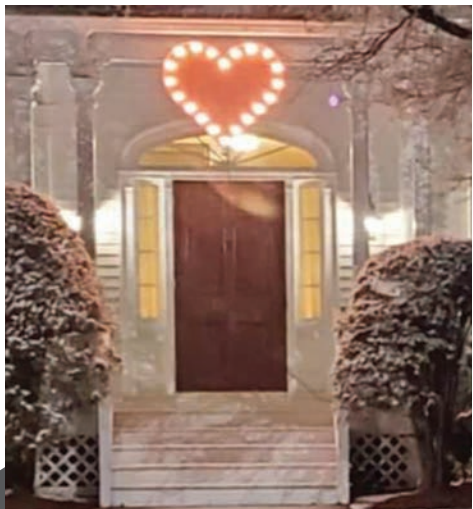
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