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Revitalization highlights plans for CDBG

BY KEVIN FLANDERS

SPENCER - Residents at the December public hearing weighed in on several community development opportunities for the coming year.

The Dec. 18 discussion during the Board of Selectmen meeting focused Spencer's 2018 Community Development Block Grant application, which will be crafted in the coming months with help from the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission. PVPC officials were on hand at the forum, and selectmen were eager to hear residents' ideas to improve the town.

As multiple road construction projects continue to progress, including the downtown revitalization project, town officials are hoping to keep the momentum going. Major priorities for the upcoming year include securing funds for affordable housing, continuing downtown revitalization efforts, and reducing blight in town.

"We want to put together a cohesive plan," said Board of Selectmen

Chairman Tony Pepe. "Now that we are seeing many great road improvements, we want to push forward and focus on a lot of other issues affecting our neighborhoods.'

A key to future success, officials said, is making sure downtown business and property owners are all on the same page in terms of reducing blight. CDBG funds, low-interest loans, and other options are available to help reduce blight, and the town will further examine opportunities moving forward.

"Residents are concerned about blight. We will have a multi-pronged plan that offers owners incentives to clean up these properties," Pepe said.

Representatives from the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission and town officials will work together to finalize the community development strategy in the coming months. Outlining the town's community development priorities, the document is a key piece in the Massachusetts Department of Housing

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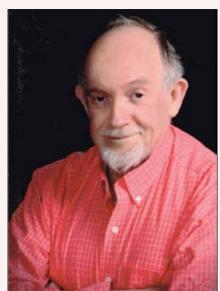
Legacy of a volunteer lives on BY KEVIN FLANDERS

BROOKFIELD - Philip Peirce was far more than just a community leader. As residents continue to mourn his loss and honor his life, they are reflecting on a man who transcended local volunteerism.

Peirce passed away earlier this month at 81 years old. During a memorial service at Brookfield Congregational Church, attendees didn't have to look far to remember what Peirce meant to the community. The BCC renovation was made possible because of Peirce, whose vision and leadership led to its refurbishment when the building was crumbling.

"He was the project manager for the renovation - he literally gave the church a strong foundation," said Selectman and BCC member Clarence Snyder, who knew Peirce for a decade and worked with him on several projects.

Peirce was also instrumental in the formation of A.P.P.L.E. Seed, an organization dedicated to the betterment of the community. The group assists with countless local projects, including the recent establishment of a volunteer-run radio station focusing on local news and artists. But it never would



Philip Peirce

have been possible without the creative vision of Peirce, who also got involved in municipal government by serving as a selectman, an assessor, and a member of other commit-

Giving back was in Peirce's blood, residents said. Almost every-

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It's a go for the feasibility study on middle school study

BY KEVIN FLANDERS NEWS STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER - Following a recent approval from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, school officials have the green light to proceed with a feasibility study for the middle school project.

At the latest MSBA meeting, officials approved several projects to move forward statewide, the Leicester Middle School project among them. School leaders now have 30 months to complete the feasibility study, which will begin with the hiring of an owner's project manager and an architect.

We are very pleased that we will have the opportunity to research options that will help move the Leicester schools forward," said Interim Superintendent

Marilyn Tencza.

School leaders will examine the following three options as part of the feasibility study: renovation of the existing middle school building; construction of a new middle school for grades 5-8; and construction of a new school for grades K-8. There are positive elements associated with each opportunity, officials said, and the feasibility study will determine which route is best.

Many school officials feel the K-8 proposal will be the most cost-effective option in the long-term, as the town's Primary School and Memorial School buildings are also aging.

"Instead of going to the town in 5-10 years to ask for a new Primary School

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Forums scheduled to seek public input on marijuana issues

BY KEVIN FLANDERS

 ${\tt EAST\,BROOKFIELD-Seeking\,residents'\,input\,on\,the\,possibility\,of\,recreation-}$ al marijuana facilities coming to town, the Board of Selectmen and Planning Board will hold a pair of public forums this month.

The joint forums will take place on Wednesday, Jan. 10, at 7 p.m., as well as on Saturday, Jan. 13, at 11 a.m. Both events will occur at town hall, 122 Connie Mack Drive. Residents are invited to offer their thoughts and ask questions, and representatives from town counsel will be in attendance to answer questions on a complicated issue.

In 2016, East Brookfield voted to legalize recreational marijuana. The town's moratorium on recreational pot shops in town expires in December 2018. As state

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Planning for spring already happening for BAC

BY KEVIN FLANDERS

BROOKFIELD — With frigid temperatures and piles of snow to contend with, January is hardly synonymous with the growing season. But in order to have the tools and knowledge necessary for a great spring season, the hard work and preparations start now for area farmers and growers.

Brookfield Agriculture Commission invites all residents interested in spring planting and asparagus growing to attend the organization's Jan. 10 meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Brookfield Town Hall. Jim Dimaio, of Hunt's Berry Farm in West Brookfield, will be the event's featured speaker.

Kicking off the BAC's fourth year of presenting helpful hints and best practices to residents during the winter months, the meeting will provide attendees with plenty of insights as they look ahead toward spring. Several topics have been covered at past meetings, including raising chickens, planting apple trees, growing berries, and managing wood lots. Footage from these meetings are posted on YouTube. com and Brookfield Community Media to give residents an idea of what the events are like.

"The Brookfield Agricultural Commission is more than a group of farmers - it is a community resource," said Selectman Clarence Snyder. "Whether you want to raise chickens or grow a new crop in a postage stamp plot, the Commission can offer helpful hints."

You do not have to be a farmer from Brookfield to attend the meeting. The BAC promotes the growing of sustainable food sources from all area residents as a way to offer healthier choices.

Looking ahead, the organization hopes to continue working with people of all ages to ignite a passion for growing and an understanding of the importance of supporting local growers.

Last spring, along with the Garden Club, the Agriculture Commission handed plant kits to young people on the day of the Garden Club's annual plant sale," Snyder said of the event, which also included a tractor parade. The organization has recently placed an emphasis on finding new ways to

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ECONOMY SHOP HOURS

First Congregational Church, 207 Main St., Spencer has announced ECONOMY SHOP hours for January through June. We will close the week of Christmas and will re-open on Wednesday, January 3. Open every Wednesday 8 a.m. to noon; Thursday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. & 6 to 8 p.m.; and Friday 8 a.m. to noon. Come in and see our daily specials. For information call (508) 885-2149.

TOYS FOR TOTS UPDATE

Monetary donations may be sent to: Spencer Toys for Kids, PO Box 186, Spencer, MA 01562. New unwrapped toys can be dropped off at: Spencer Fire Department, Spencer Post Office, Spencer Savings Bank (main office), ERA Key Realty Services (415 B Main St). If you would like to sponsor a child or family please contact us at Donnaflann@aol.com or call Lisa or Donna at ERA Key (508) 885-6336. Applications for needy families can be picked up at: Spencer Post Office, Spencer Town Hall (clerk's office) or ERA Key Realty Services. You can see updates on Facebook@Spencer Toys for Kids. To date, donations include: Men's League First Congregational Church: \$25: Primitive Thymes: \$25: ERA Charitable Organization: \$1,000; Glen & Janet Stevens: \$75; Debra & Kurt Adams: \$100; The Entertainment Industry: \$100: Lorrain Monette & Jean Jay: \$25; In Memory of Santa's Workshop (Lamoureux): \$200; Marilyn Flavin: \$25; Spencer Agricultural

Association: \$200; Northeast Vehicle Services: \$250; Gary & Carol Heri: \$100; Joseph Zalieckas: \$50; Paul & Suzanne Burke: \$50: Faith & John Barbato: \$100: Monette Landscaping & Construction: \$100; Mary Ingalls: \$50; Lynn Snelling: \$25; DPHS Penny Wars: \$114; Robert & Irene Gadbois: \$25; Michael & Pauline Tone: \$50; John & Eileen Prizio: \$50; In loving memory of our friends Pauline Penhallow & Jean Vandale: \$100; Raoul & Janet Chalifoux: \$50; Melvin S. Cutler Charitable Foundation: \$100; Spencer Firefighters Association: \$500.

TOURNAMENT OF ROSES

Local students performed in the 2018 Tournament of Roses Parade with the UMass Minuteman Marching Band. The Parade took place on January 1st. These students marched alongside 400 of their classmates in this prestigious parade.

Charlton: Wyatt Caswell, Michelle Courtney, Gabriella Grondalski, Andrew Haggerty, and Alan-Michael Turner.

North Brookfield: Fitzgerald Pucci and Jarod Sagendorph

West Brookfield: Elizabeth Fedirko. Brimfield: Caroline Blanchard, Kathryn Doyle, Maura Riel.

Sturbridge: Taylor Hancock Thompson, CT: Carissa Lueth

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

BURLINGTON, VT — Benjamin Aurelio of Brookfield has been named to the Champlain College Dean's List for the fall 2017 semester. Students on the Dean's List have achieved a grade point average of 3.5 or higher during the semester. Aurelio is majoring in psychology.

BURLINGTON, VT—Justin Clayfield of Spencer was named to the Champlain College President's List for the fall 2017 semester. Students who are named to the President's List have achieved a semester grade point average of 4.0 or higher.

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reach young people.

BAC monthly meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall. If you're interested in growing crops, or if you want to learn how to better support locally grown products, you are invited to attend.

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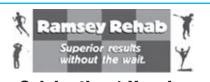


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Safety first when it comes to the ice

The ice on the lakes has formed, and Sturbridge Lakes Advisory Committee thought the following information is important to share.

Winter provides an excellent opportunity to participate on many of Massachusetts more than 3,000 lakes and ponds including fishing, skating, snowshoeing, cross country skiing. snowmobiling and more. Unfortunately, every year people are injured or killed as a direct result of falling through thin or weak ice. The Sturbridge Lakes Advisory Committee is providing this article on ice safety to help ensure all Sturbridge residents can safely enjoy winter activities.

The reality is, there is no such thing as 100 percent safe ice. It is generally recommended that no one should venture out on any ice less than four inches thick. New, clear blue ice is usually the strongest ice. Partially thawed, white ice embedded with slush or snow and honeycombed ice are significantly lower in strength than clear blue ice. As a general guideline, if it is not clear blue ice you should double the thickness recommendations for each activity.

The figures in the table are general guidelines for clear blue ice on lakes and ponds. Always use caution, and don't venture out onto unfamiliar waters without checking ice thickness

Ice Thickness and Strength	
Ice Thickness (inches)	Permissible Load (clear, blue, lake ice)
2" or less	STAY OFF!
4"	Ice fishing or other activities on foot
5"	Snowmobile or ATV
8" - 12"	Car or small pickup truck
12" - 15"	Medium truck

frequently.

Note: vehicles may be banned from some lakes. It's best to check with the local lake association.

Temperature, snow cover, currents, weeds and springs all affect the relative safety of the ice. Ice is seldom the same thickness over a single body of water, it can be one foot thick in one place, and a few inches thick in a short distance away. Check the ice at least every 150

Ice thickness can easily be checked using an ice chisel, ice auger, axe, hatchet or cordless drill to penetrate the ice and then using a simple tape measure to determine the ice thickness. Be aware ice tends to be thinner on lakes and ponds where there are spring holes, inlets or outlets. Don't venture

onto icebound rivers or streams, as the currents make ice thickness unpredictable. Similarly, ice near the shoreline is highly variable, so be particularly careful of where you gain access and your first few steps.

Also, you want to make certain you do not overload the weight bearing capacity of a particular area of the ice by maintaining a good spacing between gear, snowmobiles, ATVs, and cars or

It is good practice when venturing out on the ice to have a safety plan. Always wear a flotation device such as boating life jacket especially if you are testing the ice or snowmobiling or on an ATV. Employ the buddy system maintaining good spacing and always carry ice picks. Bringing along a toboggan with an adequate length of rope not only provides a handy means of packing and transporting your equipment, but provides an excellent safety device for reaching and retrieving those who have fallen through. It's a good idea to have a spare set of dry clothes and an emer-

Lastly do not leave any debris on the ice. Log and branch remains from campfires can be a safety hazard for spring fishermen and animal feces and other debris will contaminate the lake.

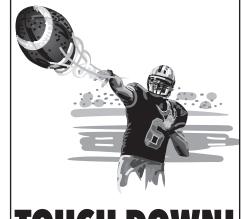


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CHECK OUT THE SPORTS ACTION!

Rep. Berthiaume maintains perfect voting record fighters and other public safety officials killed in the line of



Quinsigamond Community College awarded \$84K state grant

BOSTON House Minority Leader Bradley H. Jones, Jr. (R-North Reading) congratulated state Representative

Donnie Berthiaume, (R-Spencer) for maintaining a perfect

voting record for the first half of the 2017-18 legislative ses-

sion. The Spencer legislator participated in all 305 roll call votes cast in the House of Representatives between January

and November of 2017, compiling a 100 percent voting record

several key bills that were signed into law, including the

Pregnant Workers Fairness Act, which requires employers

to provide reasonable workplace accommodations for expect-

ant and nursing mothers, as well as a proposal to double the

one-time survivor benefits paid to the families of police, fire-

Representative Berthiaume cast votes this session on

WORCESTER — Quinsigamond Community College has received an \$84,100 Performance Incentive Fund grant from the state to provide accelerated English classes to students eligible for remediation in English. The college will use the grant to increase its Accelerated Learning Program, which focuses on improving the success of developmental education students by working to accelerate these students into college-level English cours

QCC has already piloted this program with noteworthy results. Between 2014 and 2016, 75 percent of QCC students who completed an accelerated English course by taking both remedial and college level English, received a "C" or higher, compared to 66 percent of QCC students who only completed the traditional college level English course.

This innovative model is particularly beneficial to those from underserved populations such as low English language learners," said QCC President Dr. Luis G. Pedraja. "This PIF grant will help us to increase the number of high quality English reading, writing and critical thinking courses we offer to these students to help them succeed in college.'

The funding will be used to train additional QCC faculty in order to scale up its current ALP, in addition to creating a new, integrated reading/writing course; three accelerated writing English workshops, and developing a new bridge English as a second language course. The new bridge ESL English course will enable ELL students to more rapidly transition from ESL to developmental and college level English.

"This grant will enable us to expand access to educational opportunities for residents of Central Massachusetts, which in turn will lead to increased job opportunities for QCC students," Dr. Pedraja said. "This is a win for the college and for the community.'

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Update for Toys for Joy

duty, which was increased from \$150,000 to \$300,000.

Representative Berthiaume also backed efforts to reim-

burse cities and towns for the costs associated with imple-

menting the state's early voting law during the November

2016 election cycle. The Division of Local Mandates in the

State Auditor's Office is currently in the process of collecting

Representative Berthiaume] currently serves on the

Committees on Joint Committee on Environment, Natural

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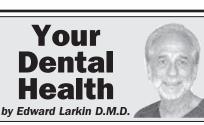
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the promotion of Eric Bryant to Vice President. The announcement was made by Steven Bryant, President of Guaranty Glass and Mirror Co.

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Guaranty Glass and Mirror Co. Announced

15 years of experience in the glass business has made him a natural fit for the current promotion. Along with his position at Guaranty Glass Eric is also a Staff Sargent for the United States Air Force.

Spencer, MA.

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Questions to ask when interviewing Real Estate Agents

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who they have used and had a good experience. Also, if you see the agents sign all around your town then I would interview them as well. I would suggest you interview 3 agents to ensure you are making t h e

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How many homes have you sold in the last 5 years? This will show you that they have consistently been helping people in this area sell homes over a period of time and their marketing plan must be working.

Do you have a written marketing plan to get homes sold? It is important that the agent have a plan in place to sell your home rather than just "winging it". Some agents may have a plan they use for every home or customize the plan for each home they sell, but make sure they do have a plan.

Do vou have a full-time staff working together to get my home under agreement and sold? This is important to know if when your agent is meeting with another seller that they are not missing valuable phone calls from buyers interested in your home. In addition, what if your agent goes on vacation? Is your home sale going on vacation too or is there a plan in place for coverage while they are gone.

On average how many days does it take you to get an offer on your listings? This is especially important if you need to move by a specific timeframe and need to know you are selecting an agent that will get you moved in the timeframe that you need. I would also ask them to show the date for what the average agents takes to see how it compares.

What is your list price to sales price ratio on homes you have sold? This will give you a good idea on how well

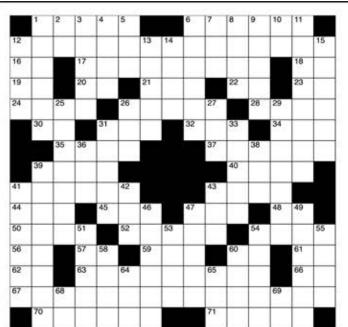
the agents negotiate to get you the best price for the home they sell and will get you the best price for yours. I would ask here for them to show you date on the average agent in you area to ensure their ratios are above average.

How quickly will you respond to buyers that call or email you about my home? This is important, knowing that it is crucial for an internet lead to be contacted within 5 minutes of the inquiry and hopefully while they are still searching the agents website. After 5 minutes the odds of them responding back diminishes greatly. People who are calling it is not as urgent but still best if they can have a live conversation with them or at least call back within an hour of them leaving a message.

How quickly will you respond to other agents who have interested buyers in my home? It is important to respond quickly to questions as that will keep the buyers interest in the home. If they ask questions and it takes a few days to get a response, most likely the buyer will have moved on to another home.

What type of regular training do you attend to keep you at the top of your game? The Real Estate Market is constantly changing and in order to help someone to sell their home quickly and for the most money then agents need to constantly be learning new techniques for marketing and skills for negotiating. There have been studies done that the most successful agents on average spends 40% of their days in some sort of training to increase their skills.

What percentage of your listings sell vs. expiring? When you decide to sell your home, you want to actually have it sell. This will help you see if the agents marketing strategy is effective to get homes sold. Just because an agent has lots of signs in yards in your area does not mean the homes are actually sell-



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- 6. Learned person
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- 19. Indicates position
- 20. Article
- 21. Insignificant organizational
- member
- 22. route
- 23. Expression of disapproval
- 24. Microelectromechanical systems
- 26. Ponds 28. Satisfy
- 30. Dad
- 31. Spanish soldier "El __"
- 32. Pouch-like structure 34. Obscure unit of measurement
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- 37. Platforms

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- 4. Abba __, Israeli politician 5. Youngster
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- 7. Comedienne Gasteyer 8. Valley
- 9. Belongs to sun god 10. Nickel
- 11. Great in salads 12. Leader
- 13. Forced through a sieve
- 14. Entryway 15. Support pillars
- 25. Aquatic mammal
- Farrow, actress
- 27. Unhappy
- 29. Holds molecules 31. Thrifty

- 39. Jazz singer Irene
- 40. Benefits
- 41. Hellenistic governors 43. Brownish-green fruit
- 44. Needed to see 45. Political action committee
- 47. Fast plane
- 48. Bahrain dinar
- 50. Urgent request
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- 60. The Wolverine State
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- 66. Lincoln's state
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- 70. Midsections
- 71. Bullfighting maneuvers
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- 51. Passion 53. Hard white animal fat
- 54. Soybean pastes
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Making merry to benefit Toys for Tots

SPENCER – Residents helped bring smiles to local children and families this holiday season, attending a craft fair at the Knights of Columbus to benefit Toys for Tots.

The Dec. 16 event featured vendors and plenty of youngsters dressed in Christmas-themed attire as they joined their families in giving back. All proceeds from the event will help a local mission of the Toys for Tots campaign, which was founded nationally by the U.S. Marines.

To learn more about how you can give back to the organiza-





Kevin Flanders photos.

TOP: Local kids show off their Christmas spirit! From left, Miley Spring, Ashlynn Corso-Smith Sean Corso-Smith, Laila Spring.

LEFT: Read all about it! Clinton's Danielle Jonassen represents Usborne Books, helping to promote an array of children's authors.



Kim Brown, of East Brookfield, displays her products at the fair.

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Home away from home

Throughout the month of December so many gathered at the local Senior Center to plan the third annual Christmas Dinner. Decorations were hung, cleaning done, people donated squash, turkeys, potatoes, gift cards and some made monetary donations. Many volunteers from the area joined in to lend a helping hand cooking and serving. On Dec. 13, the hall was filled with laughter, music and a homemade meal complete with appetizers and desert. Before dinner we enjoyed Don Pasco, an accomplished pianist, playing the sounds of yesteryear. After dinner, many of the seniors put aside their canes to dance to the lively music provided by Dave Pike, Rosie Porter and The LeBeaus. It brought the spirit of Christmas to everyone here. The way so many come together to make this day shine is truly amazing. The spirit of Christmas was felt by all. It truly was the party of the year. Thank you to all for making it a wonderful year.

Visit us on Facebook-East Brookfield Senior Center. Eva, Joan and Cheryl.









New system at senior center keeps automated statistics

BY KEVIN FLANDERS NEWS STAFF WRITER

NORTH BROOKFIELD — Seniors are about to check out a new way to check in, as the North Brookfield Senior Center prepares to unveil an automated system next month.

The new check-in and registration system, called My Senior Center, will soon be installed at the reception desk. All visitors and volunteers will receive a small key tag, which will be swiped at the scanner upon entry. The touchscreen will then display a list of programs and services for which guests can register on a given day, and it will also allow new guests to enter their names and programs of interest.

For the senior center staff, the new system will facilitate easy statistical analyses of various programs. With the click of a button, staff members will be

able to review enrollment for all activities, track trends, and identify programs in need of improvement or expansion. The system will also increase efficiency for seniors, who will swipe their key tags, register for programs, and then be on their way.

"This eliminates the need for pencil and paper registrations, and it also informs seniors of all available activities on a particular day," said Senior Center Director Diane Nichols.

The system's efficient, informative nature is just one of its many benefits. The technology will also enable staff members to tabulate statistics over many weeks and months, compiling the data so it is easy to translate into reports and even grant applications. By quickly and accurately detailing which services are being provided, the system will increase the center's chances of receiving additional grant funding in

The My Senior Center platform is currently being used by more than 900 senior centers across the United States and Canada. Staff members are currently training with the technology, which is set to be launched in January.

Recognizing that some seniors may be nervous about the change, the staff wants to make the transition as seamless as possible. Therefore, a receptionist will still be on duty at all times to help seniors with any difficulties. Volunteers will also be available to assist with questions that may arise.

"This is a very easy way for people to sign in, and it gives us up-to-date numbers on exactly how many people are signing up for activities," Nichols said. "The information is right at our fingertips, and we get to review all of that data when applying for grants."

The technology is already in place at

senior centers in several area communities, including Sturbridge. Officials are eager to launch My Senior Center and utilize its metrics, as staff members and seniors who have seen the technology at other centers are raving about its benefits.

"Everyone is very excited about it," Nichols added.

The system was funded through monies provided by the Friends of the North Brookfield Senior Center. Additional staff training will take place on Jan. 5 before the technology goes live. Though the system will allow seniors to be recognized upon checking in, the key tags will not contain any personal informa-

To learn more about upcoming programs and activities at the senior center, call (508) 867-0220. The center is located at 29 Forest St.

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and Community Development Block Grant program.

The CDBG program has funded numerous infrastructure improvements and other projects in towns throughout the area, including housing rehabilitation and roadwork. Spencer has been successful in securing CDBG funding in the past, and selectmen hope to see continued momentum in 2018, especially in the area of reducing blight.

We want to find ways to offer people opportunities to fix up these buildings, whether it be through low-interest loans or other options. A lot of good things are happening in town, but we need to get downtown cleaned up," said Selectman Warren Monette.

To that end, a pair of town-owned buildings will likely be coming down soon, including the old fire station on Cherry Street. Officials are also studying ways to add more green space to the downtown corridor. There are several opportunities stemming from the recent revitalization project, including adding green space on the property next to the Sugden Block now that the new construction is almost completed.

At the public hearing, residents also discussed such issues as downtown parking and the desire for Spencer to have a town Common. Moreover, officials discussed the possibility of applying for a grant that would enable downtown property owners to fix building facades.

Town officials hope to have Spencer's CDBG application sent to the state by March. The town can apply for up to \$561,000 in funding for the next fiscal year.

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one in town knew him, and he was always eager to assist with community projects, school events, craft fairs, and countless other programs. When Jeanne Lytle started Center Stage Community Theatre many years ago, Peirce was one of the first people to join the group and help out.

"He was a main character in many of our plays, including our first one called Deadly Deal," Lytle recalled. "He was a selectman at the time, and he was instrumental in allowing our group to perform in the town hall. He was a truly kind man, and was always willing to help people. Everyone loved Phil – he

was such a great guy.' Following the celebration of Peirce's life at Brookfield Congregational Church, members of his family invited attendees to a luncheon at Ye Olde Tavern in West Brookfield. Town officials hope that reflecting on his life will inspire residents to also take the time to volunteer and give back. At a time when participation in town government and community involvement significantly dipped nationwide, Peirce exemplified what it means to step up and lend a hand.

"He is an inspiration to the rest of us on how to get involved," Snyder said. "No one can reach the level of service that he did, but giving back in any way you can is important.

Born in 1936, Peirce worked as a quality inspector for much of his career. He was married to Linda Peirce for nearly 40 years.

"He brought people together and was always interested in helping people connect or reconnect," said BCC Pastor David Hughes. "He tried to build bridges between people, and nothing demonstrates that better than his work with A.P.P.L.E. He wanted to focus on the positives rather than the negatives."

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Makeathon summit includes Bay Path mentor

Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy Director Gretheline Bolandrina, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN of Douglas, attended the TOM: Boston Makeathon at the Ruderman Inclusion Summit, hosted by TOM, Ruderman Foundation, and Northeastern University. The event took place in November at Seaport Hotel & World Trade Center. Boston. The team Bolandrina participated in, called "Team Hippo" won the Makeathon. The Makeathon (a marathon of making) was a gathering of makers, engineers, designers, therapists, nurses, and nursing students that created solutions to assist and empower individuals living with disabilities.

The Makeathon was a 48-hour event where working prototypes were developed. Using 3 D printers and rotary saws, Team Hippo learned how resilient and innately innovative humans can be when faced with challenging circumstances. Input from nurses was clearly valuable during the design, ideation, and prototyping stages at the Makeathon. Bolandrina was one of 12 nurses who contributed to the conception and production of the winning product alongside engineers, designers, and programmers. The product, affectionately called The Hippo, is a portable clip that enables the zipping of coats, jackets and sweatshirts using only one hand. Northeastern alumni Anand Shankar and engineer Jack Cardin pioneered the product designed to help people affected by hemiparesis, conditions of muscular weakness or partial paralysis to one side of the body.

TOM: Boston Makeathon is a noteworthy part of the Inclusion Summit," stated Bolandrina, "having been grouped with minds of all kinds to brainstorm and eventually create a solution to every day issues faced by those living with physical disabilities is such an honor!"

Healthcare allows for an abundance of opportunities for new innovations. Utilizing nurses' knowledge of patient needs makes them agents of change. The Makeathon was an opportunity to turn fresh ideas into solutions for problems faced daily by individuals living with physical disabili-

"When I first heard of this event, I knew I wanted to be involved," added Bolandrina, "I am excited about further building my portfolio, net-working with insightful participants, and best of all, improving the quality of someone's

Team Hippo is continuing their product development at Northeastern University's Ideas Venture Accelerator. Team Hippo members include Jack Cardin, Susan Soe, Elisa Tran, Rebecca Love, Thelma Ajayi, Chris Sullivan, Noah Hendler, Anand Shankar, Mohul Sisodia. Aimee Marchand, Valeria Ramdin, Oded Shorer, Sean Hennessy, Saw Tee, Waleed Meleis, Paul Rockwell, Bolandrina, Hiyam Nadel, and Christine O'Brien.



From left: Gretheline Bolandrina MSN Ed, RN, CRRN academy director, Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy and Rebecca Love RN, MSN, ANP, director of nurse innovation & entrepreneurship at Northeastern School







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EDITORIAL

Everything old is new again...

As in, new year of course. Why the Gregorian calendar chose to turn the year in the dead of winter is mysterious; perhaps to give people a reason to celebrate a mite. Most likely to adapt to the solstice holidays and continue that vein of think-

Janus, the god for whom January is named, is the one looking both backward and forward; two faces and neither of them looking terribly happy. So that too plays into the mythology. Let's put the year change right...here...where we can say Janus is watching over the change and decrying what happened the last few months and is upset about what might happen coming up.

Yeah, that makes sense.

January isn't much fun. It's usually dark, and dreary and cold and snowy. There are no holidays in January. It's a full 31 days long, no slack there.

Bears and several other smaller mammals hunker down and just sleep through it. Smart.

We don't have any comedy relief this year with politics either.

It's the same old, same old there too. We do have government still paying its bills for a few more weeks at least, the highly lauded tax cuts included all kinds of hidden agendas that got approved as well with no debate and no one the wiser.

Those who approve and think the government is going great are happy.

Those who don't are grumbling and trying to figure out how to change it.

This was part of why 200+ years ago the debating founders attempted to put safeguards in place for the republic. Making certain there would always be debate, no one would ever have complete control, and despite the present climate of big money controlling the vote, no, ultimately the people will still eventually take it all back because they will realize their VOTES are what have the power. The candidates put up by the machines and the money get the publicity of course, but if the people truly wanted to vote their minds, they could easily defeat any of them; starting locally and working their way through the milieu.

They just haven't figured out that power yet.

They did in Alabama earlier. It worked right there. The people voted. And their choice is now in the Senate.

See, we have all been fed the pablum a long, long time. We don't realize what we are capable of at all. There are ways to get what we want, locally, state and federal levels. But it takes

attention and work. And we can't wait for someone else to take the lead on it. We have to do it ourselves. In small groups, in local Democratic or Republican town committees; local grassroots organizations for local causes, independent ventures. Don't wait for someone else, and don't decry what happened already; don't be Janus. He is only a talking head, talking out of both sides of his double mouths and never accomplishing a thing.

Opinion and commentary from Spencer, Leicester and the Brookfields

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR Reid: Law wasn't the problem

To the Editor:

On Tuesday December 19th Cardinal Bernard Law passed away at the Vatican, at the age of 86. He was demonized by many, but was he at fault? Was he guilty of moving abusive priests, from parish to parish, in order to hide their crimes and protect the Church? I think not.

Taken as a group, a minority of priests were accused of indecent, and in some cases abusive acts, against innocent children and troubled adults that sought their assistance. Were they crimes or were they sins? The accusations were first made to the police departments and many were than referred to the district attorneys that served the communities where the parishes were located. The authorities that were in the position to deal with CRIMES were reluctant to take action. They abdicated their authority to the Church, and much like Pilate, washed their hands of the matters. These matters were left up to the authorities that dealt with SINS

The prevailing science regarding pedophilia and sexual abuse, during this period, was that they were curable. When a priest, innocent or guilty, was brought before his Bishop he said his confession and sought absolution for his sins. If guilty of the accusations, he received absolution only after their penance. Penance included therapy from the most renowned people in the field; they were pronounced "cured' and were sent on long retreats to rethink their vocation. In most cases, they wished to return to the priesthood and the Bishop

assigned them to a parish that best fit his needs and the needs of the diocese. The Bishop could not tell anyone about the priest because of his own vows of confidentiality and prayed that the actions that he took were sufficient to correct the problem. In the vast majority of the cases they were. One would only have to hear of a priest being accused of a single act over twenty years in the past to assume that the good works of the church had an effect.

Some of these priests were serial abusers and serial confessors. Matthew 18:21-22 -21Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother who sins against me? Up to seven times?" 22Jesus answered, "I tell you, not just seven times, but seventy-seven times!" Should Cardinal Law be held to a higher standard than our Lord?

To say that Cardinal Law deserves the wrath that has been brought down on him misrepresents the facts and his mission as a Holy Man. The wrath should be directed toward the authorities that dropped the ball in the first place. If they had acted as they should have the scandals would have been placed on the priests at fault and not on the church. The children and adults at the center of the scandals would have been protected.

Rest in Pease Good and Blessed Priest. Go to your heavenly home and pray for us you left behind, especially those who tried, and still continue, to tear you down.

> JIM REID SPENCER

Toys for Kids: Christmas was great!

To the Editor:

Spencer Toys for Kids has wrapped up its 2017 season supplying gifts to 196 needy Spencer children thank to this generous community we call home!

While monetary contributions were at an all time low this year we were able to have enough family sponsors to pick up the task of making sure a child's Christmas is a good one. I wish you could see all the love and care that these sponsors put in to these gifts. It is truly amazing and heart-

Linda Laney, Katie Mahaney, Kaitlin Gearin & Kayleen Sauvageau worked their magic with the shopping for the kids who were not sponsored. The DeVries, Mahaney & Harris families were on deck 100% for whatever we needed to get done for this program – especially Lisa DeVries and Katie Mahaney who both serve as clerks of the works.

Special thanks to the Spencer Exchange Club who gave us extra funds to supply warm clothes for the kids. They also give us a generous donation every year for toys on top of that.

Cornerstone Bank employees assisted us again this year with sponsoring more than

The sponsorship we had for more than 100 kids was huge and this year it made ALL the difference in being able to supply great toys and clothes to needy Spencer children.

Thank you to the New Leader who printed our contributions list every week. Thanks to the Spencer Fire Department, Spencer Post Office & Cornerstone Bank for allowing gifts to be dropped off.

I would also like to thank the broker owners of ERA Key Realty Services who allow us to take over the office and the staff during the holiday season.

We are thankful and grateful to our community for helping to make Christmas great for these kids. It could never be done without you!

Happy Holidays & Happy New Year!

DONNA MORIN-FLANNERY Spencer Toys for Kids Coordinator

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Like many other Republican Primary voters, I had my concerns about candidate Donald J. Trump. He was both a New Yorker and a registered Democrat for most of his life, so it was not an unreasonable suspicion to think he was masquerading as a Conservative. A liberal in sheep's clothing; a wolf prowling the crowded 2016 GOP Primary.

I had supported U.S. Senator Ted Cruz early on, and he was the very last Presidential Primary candidate to fall to the inevitable delegate accrual of Mr. Trump. However, I soon became convinced that what Mr. Trump was offering America was both genuine and preferred to the failed liberal policies and their deeply-flawed candidate, Hillary Clinton. To be accurate, Mr. Trump is a Populist Conservative, and one who brought to fruition a near-full-scale political revolution rooted in the decades-earlier Presidential campaigns and movement of Conservative author and advisor to three presidents himself — Patrick J. Buchanan, an origi-

nal "America First" candidate. The tipoff to not dismissing this remarkable man and his mission was the earth-shaking endorsement of Mr. Trump by longtime pro-family stalwart Mrs. Phyllis Schlafly in St. Louis, in March of 2016. Her strong faith and decision to support him over Senators Cruz, Rubio or any other Republican candidate still standing spoke volumes of her skill, wisdom and insight into the soul of many decades of Republican national politics that she herself had sizably shaped. This event preceded her death by just six months, at the age of 92. Having served as both a Republican activist and a local leader in Christian Coalition in the 1990s, I had met Mrs. Schlafly on several occasions in

Washington, D.C. Though shocking to many of us, her endorsement of Mr. Trump was neither unwise, nor ambivalent. Indeed, Mrs. Schlafly was never ambivalent about anything pertaining to family, culture or politics! The wise old anti-ERA, pro-family crusader saw something genuine and capable in Mr. Trump — his imperfections notwithstanding -

that many of us on the right had spectacularly missed.

Now, after a year of not only total Democrat opposition, but plenty of establishment Republican reluctance as well, President Trump has emerged both a winner and warrior-patriot for taking on the corrupt D.C. swamp. This President has chartered a renewed course and dedication to the Founding Fathers' ideals; always putting the interests of our great Constitutional Republic and her citizens first! I am very proud of President Trump and his family, Vice President Pence and all the talented people that have helped this Administration achieve what most talking heads never saw coming, especially his extraordinary landslide election that carried many Republicans to a seismic victory not seen since the 1920s. At the end of the day (November 8, 2016), Russia had nothing to do with it, but many forgotten Americans and their noble, honest and daring dreams did!

Happy New Year, America; liberty and the rule of law are being restored. We shall no longer be the doormat of a mindless "inevitable" globalism ethos, or the whipping boy of the elite guilt-ridden blame-America-first crowd.

> Dana George Reed Spencer

New Year's: time for New Year's financial resolutions



FINANCIAL Focus **JEFF** BURDICK

We've reached the end of anothyear which means it's just about time for some Year's resolutions.

Would you like to study a new language, take up a musical instrument or visit the gym more often? All these are worthy goals, of course, but why not also add some financial resolutions? Here are some ideas to think about:

Increase contributions to your employer-sponsored retirement plan. For 2018, you can contribute up to \$18,500 (or \$24,500 if you're 50 or older) to your 401(k) or similar plan, such as a 403(b), for employees of public schools and some nonprofit groups, or a 457(b) plan, for employees of local governments. It's usually a good idea to contribute as much as you can afford to your employer's plan, as your contributions may lower your taxable income, while your earnings can grow tax-deferred. At a minimum, put in enough to earn your employer's matching contribution, if one is

Try to "max out" on your IRA. Even if you have a 401(k) or similar plan, you can probably still invest in an IRA. For 2018, you can contribute up to \$5,500 to a traditional or Roth IRA, or \$6,500 if you're 50 or older. (Income restrictions apply to Roth IRAs.) Contributions to a traditional IRA may be tax-deductible, depending on your income, and your earnings can grow tax-deferred. Roth IRA contributions are not deductible, but earnings can grow taxfree, provided you don't start taking withdrawals until you are 59-1/2 and you've have had your account at least five years. You can put virtually any investment in an IRA, so it can expand your options beyond those offered in your 401(k) or similar plan.

Build an emergency fund. Try to build an emergency fund containing three to six months worth of living expenses, with the money held in a low-risk, liquid account. This fund can help you avoid dipping into your longterm investments to pay for unexpected costs, such as a new furnace or a major car repair.

Control your debts. It's never easy, but do what you can to keep your debts under control. The less you have to spend on debt payments, the more you can invest for your future.

Don't overreact to changes in the financial markets. We've had a long run of rising stock prices – but it won't last forever. If we experience a sharp market downturn in 2018, don't overreact by taking a "time out" from investing. Market drops are a normal feature of the investment landscape, and you may ultimately gain an advantage by buying new shares when their prices are down.

Review your goals and risk tolerance. At least once in 2018, take some time to review your short- and longterm financial goals and try to determine, possibly with the help of a financial professional, if your investment portfolio is still appropriate for these goals. At the same time, you'll want to re-evaluate your risk tolerance to ensure you're not taking too much risk or possibly too little risk – with your investments.

Do your best to stick with these resolutions throughout the coming year. At a minimum, they can help you improve your investment habits – and they may improve your financial picture far beyond 2018.

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Operation Homefront names Spencer resident to new regional position

Homefront, a national nonprofit serving America's military families since 2002, has hired Spencer resident Jennifer Wysocki to be its first ever regional development manager for the Northeastern United States. Wysocki's region stretches along the East Coast from Delaware through New England.

'Jennifer brings more than Jennifer Wysocki 12 years of nonprofit develop-

ment and marketing experience to our team," Operation
Homefront Chief Development Officer
Margi Kirst said. "Jennifer's philanthropic mindset, passion for the community and creativity will help Operation Homefront engage even more donors in the Northeastern U.S. to join our impactful mission."

Wysocki began volunteering for Operation Homefront 10 years ago. Indeed, Wysocki continued to volunteer even as the U.S. Coast Guard moved her family from Atlantic City to Honolulu to Fort Pierce, FL. A fine arts major from the University of Hawaii-Manoa, she is also a professional artist who recently moved to central Massachusetts with her family.

Operation Homefront builds strong, stable, and secure military families by providing critical financial assistance, transitional and permanent housing, and family support services. Ninetytwo percent of Operation Homefront expenditures go directly to programs that support tens of thousands of military families each year. Operation Homefront's impact includes the following benchmarks:

Since 2011, Operation Homefront has provided nearly \$22 million in financial aid, fulfilling more than 37,000 requests for emergency assistance

Since 2008, its Transitional Housing Village program has provided rentfree temporary housing to more than 500 families of wounded service members, saving them nearly \$5.2 million in rent and utilities. The Villages



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Anyone may donate to Operation Homefront or learn more about its programs online at OperationHomefront.

in 2002, Founded Operation Homefront is a national nonprofit organization whose mission is to build strong, stable, and secure military families so that they can thrive – not simply struggle to get by – in the communities they have worked so hard to protect. Recognized for superior performance by leading independent charity oversight groups, 92 percent of Operation Homefront expenditures go directly to programs that support tens of thousands of military families each year. Operation Homefront provides critical financial assistance, transitional and permanent housing and family support services to prevent short-term needs from turning into chronic, long-term struggles. Thanks to the generosity of our donors and the support from thousands of volunteers, Operation Homefront proudly serves America's military families. For more information, visit OperationHomefront.org.

North Brookfield Police are investigating a home invasion.

(Reprinted from their Facebook page)

The North Brookfield Police Department responded to a Ward Street residence on Tuesday December 26 at approximately 11 p.m. for a reported armed home

Two men armed with handguns and wearing ski masks entered the home and tied up the home's three occupants. The suspects stole five handguns, cash and miscellaneous small items.

One of the suspects was believed to be a white male, tall and heavy set. The other ispect was possibly Spanish, shorter than the first man with a stocky build. The suspects were heard to be leaving in a vehicle with a loud exhaust.

This incident is being investigated by the North Brookfield Police Department and the State Police Detective Unit assigned to the Worcester County District Attorney's office. Anyone with any information regarding this incident is asked to call the North Brookfield Police at 508-867-0206 or the State Police Detective Unit at 508-832-9124.

* * Triday's Child



Olivia and Aleah are friendly sisters looking to find their forever family together! Olivia is an artistic 9-year-old girl of African American descent. Some of Olivia's favorite activities include crafts projects and reading. In school, her favorite subjects are science and music. Olivia is an accelerated reader and has received high grades on her

reading tests at school.

Aleah is a 6-year-old girl of African American/Hispanic descent. Those who know Aleah say she has a bold personality. Aleah enjoys activities such as arts and crafts and playing with her bouncy ball. She also likes to

Legally freed for adoption, Olivia and Aleah thrive in structured environments with a consistent routine. They could be successful in any type of family, with or without other children in the home. Any interested family should be strong advocates for the girls, and be open to engaging in ongoing services with them.

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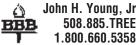
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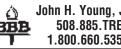


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Panthers start strong from perimeter, but ultimately fall to Oxford



David Prouty's Bryce Bernard looks to drive by Oxford defender Klaytin Silva.

SPENCER — It was a tough night for to keep the Panthers within two (15-13) the David Prouty Regional boys' varsity basketball team on Tuesday, Dec. 19 when they dropped a 70-44 decision to Oxford High, but they started out strong. The Panthers relied on a perimeter-shooting performance to keep things close, which they did in the early going.

Prouty opened the game on a 6-2 run after back-to-back 3-pointers by senior forward Sage Maryyanek and senior guard Evans Soter. Maryyanek scored seven first quarter points and ended with 10 in the game (all in the first half)

going into the second. But Prouty fell behind at the half, 32-21, and never fully recovered. Despite not being able to find a rhythm starting in the second quarter,

> points, all coming in the second half while coming off the bench. The Panthers totaled seven 3-pointers throughout as it was their go-to form of offense versus Oxford.

junior guard Alex Skov didn't give up

and played hard until the final buzzer

sounded. Skov scored a team-high 11



Alex Skov of David Prouty lofts a midrange



David Prouty's Sage Maryyanek tries to keep the ball as far away from Oxford's Alexander floater toward the basket. Duval before shooting it.



Oxford's Klaytin Silva tries to work his way Alexander Duval of Oxford holds onto the ball closer to the basket against David Prouty defender Fisher Haynes.



before passing it away.



er while Oxford's Jared Perkins defends the ball away from Oxford's Klaytin Silva.



David Prouty's Nick Soter attempts a 3-point- Fisher Haynes of David Prouty dribbles the



Oxford's Joel Erickson dribbles the ball through a pair of David Prouty defenders.



Jeff Skov of David Prouty contemplates where to move the ball next against Oxford defender Joel Erickson.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Tyngsborough 96, Tantasqua 79 The girls' swimming team from Tantasqua saw their record slip to 2-2. The team had many hard-fought races, but no first place finishes.

Tyngsborough 103, Tantasqua 83 — Much like the girls' team, the Warriors lost their boys' swimming meet and fell to 3-1. For Tantasqua, Bryce Iller won the 200 Free and 100 Free, while Jonah Green kept up his pace by placing first in the diving event. Robert Wilson won the 100 Fly and Gavin Morris was first in the 500 Free. The team of Kaspar Mazeika, AJ Osimo, Michael Turley and Iller captured the 200 Free relay.

Tantasqua 58, Ludlow 27 — The Warriors' freshmen boys' hoopsters rolled to victory as Liam O'Brien scored 14 points, Tom Flynn chipped in 12 points and Cooper Hurt added 9 points. The defensive play was outstanding. The team, now 3-0, won second half scoring, 35-10.

Dec. 20

Tantasqua 88, Gardner 55 — The girls' swimming team from Tantasqua improved to 3-2 as the 200 Medley relay team of Alyson Locke, Lauren Butler, Joslyn Bronner and Kami Davis started out with a win. Sarah Kersting-Mumm won the 200 Free and the 100 Back, as Locke locked down first in the 200 IM and the 100 Free. Rebecca Turley was victorious in the 50 Free and the 100 Breaststroke, and Butler was first in the diving portion. Bronner won the 100 Butterfly and the 200 Freestyle relay team of Erika Madden, Parker Riley, Bronner and Butler also placed first, as did the 400 Free relay team of Locke, Davis, Caitlin Bilodeau and

Kersting-Mumm. Tantasqua 78, Gardner 24 — Back on the winning track, the Warriors boys' swimming team improved to 4-1. The 200 Medley relay team of Gavin Morris, Bryce Iller, Robert Wilson and Kaspar Mazeika won, while Mazeika also placed first in the

200 IM and the 100 Free. Jonah Green was the winner in diving, and Morris was a dual winner in the 500 Free and the 100 Back. The 200 Free relay team of Mazeika, Aiden Osimo, Morris and Iller were victorious, and Iller also won the 100 Breaststroke. The 400 Free relay team of Osimo, Zachary Lavallee, Wilson and Michael Turley capped the night off with a win.

Dec. 21

Tantasqua 40, Wachusett 37 — The Warriors' freshmen boys' basketball team defeated the Mountaineers at the buzzer, as Isaiah Appling hit the 3-pointer for the finish. Tom Flynn was the game's high-scorer with 12 points as Tantasqua improved to 4-0.

Leicester rallies from double-digit deficit to grind out win over Auburn, 54-49

BY KEN POWERS

LEICESTER — The Leicester High boys' varsity basketball team's 54-49 victory over Auburn High on Tuesday, Dec. 19 is a prime example of why coaches tell their players to stay engaged in the game no matter the score and to play all 32 minutes.

Auburn (1-2) opened the game with accurate shooting—four of the Rockets' first six field goals were 3-pointers and a harassing defense, which caused the Wolverines to miss nine of their first 10 shots.

Auburn pushed its first quarter lead to 16-2 on a left-side 3-pointer by sophomore Ehmil Johnson (eight points) with 1:20 to play, causing Leicester head coach Mike Lynch to call his second timeout. The Wolverines closed the quarter on a 5-2 run to cut the Auburn lead to 11, 18-7.

'We did not play a good first quarter," Lynch said. "They came out and hit some shots and had some good energy and we were in trouble. I credit our guys for not getting down at that point. When we're down by 14 we switched defenses and tried to up the tempo of the game.

The Rockets pushed the lead back to 14, 21-7, 26 seconds into the second quarter when senior Tyler Judice (a team-high 20 points) scored while being fouled on a drive to the hoop. Judice then made it a three-point play by sinking the free throw.

At this point Leicester began its

comeback.

The Wolverines closed the quarter on a 17-7 run to trail by four, 28-24, at halftime. Sophomore Jack O'Neill (eight points) scored five points in the run while senior Troy Johnson and classmate Kyle Enberg scored four points

Auburn opened the third quarter by scoring five of the first six points on a foul-line jumper by Judice and Johnson's second 3-pointer of the night to push the lead back to eight, 33-25.

Leicester (1-2) proceeded to score the next 10 points, however, to take a 35-33 lead with 2:06 left in the period. Sam Kenney (team-high 20 points) scored the final five points in the run on a drive and a 3-pointer for the left corner.

The Rockets scored six of the final eight points of the quarter, however, on 3-pointers by Cam Bolduc (five points) and Matty Backlin (six points) to take a 39-35 lead with 41 seconds left in the third. The Wolverines shaved that lead to two (39-37) heading into the fourth quarter on a drive by Kenney.

"I give the guys so much credit for not giving up," Lynch said. "They kept playing hard and just chipped away at the Auburn lead. They didn't even look at the scoreboard. They just played hard and got up and down the court."

The first six minutes of the fourth quarter the teams traded baskets. Enberg (eight points) tied the game, 46-46, with 2:06 to play when he hit one of two free throws. After Auburn misfired on its next possession, Leicester took the lead for good, 48-46, with 1:33 to play on a twisting, spinning drive in the lane by senior Kyle Padeni (six points).

Judice had his layup bid on Auburn's next possession roll around the rim and out and Leicester junior Felix Melendez then pushed the Wolverines' lead to five, 51-46, when he drained a 3-pointer from the top of the arc with 57 seconds to play. Leicester extended its lead to 53-46 with 43 seconds to play on a pair of free throws by Enberg.

Judice then scored three points in a nine-second span to pull Auburn to within four, 53-49, with 26 seconds to play, but Enberg hit another free throw with nine seconds to play to account for the 54-49 final.

"Leicester has been winning the last few years, so they understand how to win and they grind it out. They just kept grinding and grinding," Auburn head coach Andy Niedzwiecki said of the Wolverines' comeback. "We're not at a point where we understand that you have to grind like that.

"That's been our trouble in practice, too. We're not finishing practices. I end practices, but we're not finishing practices," Niedzwiecki said. "That's kind of a problem right now for us. We didn't finish this game. We didn't end it, but we didn't finish it like we needed to finish it. That will be a focus for us moving forward. We got to practice the way we're going to play in the game.'



Auburn's Tyler Judice launches a 3-pointer in front of Leicester's Sam Kenney.





Auburn's Tyler Judice blows by a Leicester defender on his drive to the hoop.



Matty Backlin of Auburn tries to draw contact against Leicester defender Joseph Frascolla while attempting a shot.



Sam Kenney of Leicester has an uncontested layup versus Auburn.



Leicester's Felix Melendez drives to the basket on Auburn defenders Ehmil Johnson, left, and Craigon Confer.



Leicester's Kyle Enberg fires off a 3-pointer in front of Auburn defender Matty Backlin.



Sam Kenney

The Leicester High hoopster scored a team-high 20 points in the Wolverines' 54-49 victory over Auburn High on Tuesday, Dec. 19 for their first win of the young sea-

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Warriors produce pair of 20-point victories in doubleheader sweep of Hudson

BY NICK ETHIER

HUDSON — With both the Tantasqua Regional girls' and boys' varsity basketball teams in search of victories to reach (girls) or get close to (boys) the .500 mark, the Warriors did what they needed to do when playing a doubleheader at Hudson High on Thursday, Dec. 21. The girls' team played first, the boys' squad took part in the nightcap, and both won by 20 or more points.

Tantasqua 58, Hudson 36 — In the girls' game, Tantasqua's defense held the Hawks to single-digit point production in each of the first three quarters (9-6, 21-9, 13-9) to gain a lead that they would not relinquish. When all was said and done the Warriors won by 22

"We're improving and this is a team you can see it happening right before your eyes every day and a lot of things they've been getting better

at and the defense is certainly one of those," said longtime head coach Tom Goyette. "They did play great man-toman defense tonight.'

Tantasqua relied on a pair of game-changers in junior Lindsey Zak (17 points, 13 rebounds) and sophomore Lydia Boland (16 points, including four 3-pointers) on the offensive end.

"Those two kind of have the most experience on the team, believe it or not," Goyette said of his extremely young squad. "They're both offensive threats and all-around players. They're hard workers for sure and weapons for

Freshman Ainsley Way also had a solid game for the Warriors, scoring 9 points and pulling down 7 boards.

Tantasqua won the rebounding battle by an impressive margin, 47-29.

The Warriors, now 2-2 after losing to Shepherd Hill Regional and Millbury High in their first two before defeating Grafton High and now Hudson,

withstood strong game-high performances from the Hawks' Alexandra Sousa (18 points) and Allura Carney (14 rebounds), knocking Hudson out of the undefeated ranks in the process as they slipped to 4-1.

Tantasqua 57, Hudson 37 — The Hawks scored just five seconds into the matchup with the Warriors, but from there Tantasqua went on a 10-0 run and never trailed the rest of the way. They eventually won by 20 points. Head coach Tom O'Neil called it an "ugly" win but admitted that any win is good at this stage of the season.

"I'll take ugly losses over pretty wins any day of the week," he said.

The win was also important because the Warriors started the season 0-3 but, after defeating Grafton and Hudson, they are now 2-3.

"The goal is to get to .500, and then get one over, and then two over and then stay over," said O'Neil.

Seniors Evan Couture (15 points), Garrett Cassavant (14 points, 8 rebounds) and Drew Peretti (11 points) all eclipsed the double-digit scoring plateau, and O'Neil noted that Couture has been the team's top performer in the early part of the season.

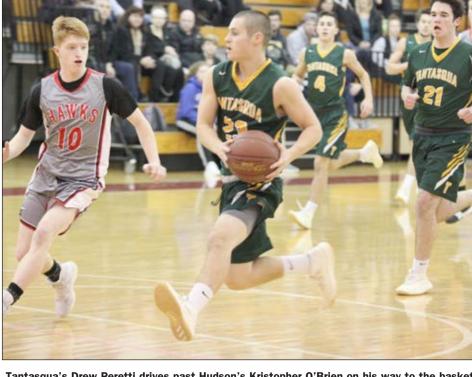
"Three out of the last four games he's been our best player on the floor,' he said before listing off Couture's strengths. "Offensively attacking the rim, he's our best slash guy. The 15-footer is his game, he can hit 3's and he can handle the ball.'

The Warriors won quarter scoring in all four frames — 21-8, 9-7, 14-11 and 13-11 — as playing a fast-paced game suited Tantasqua the best.

We're really good playing fast," said O'Neil. "We can press [because] we have such quick athletes.

The Warriors' defense also did a nice job of shutting down Hudson's Cam White, who had 10 points at halftime but finished with only 11.





Tantasqua's Drew Peretti drives past Hudson's Kristopher O'Brien on his way to the basket.

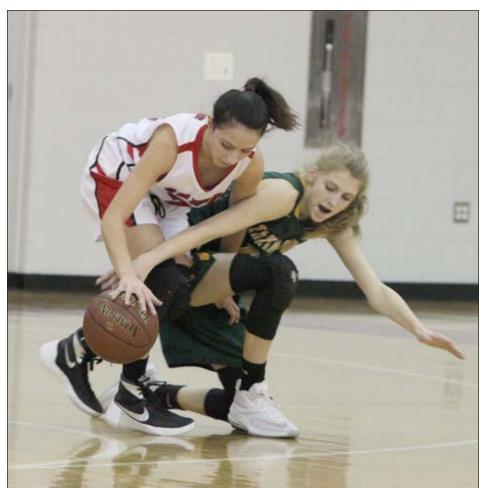
Hayden Peterson of Tantasqua corrals a rebound away from a counterpart on Hudson.



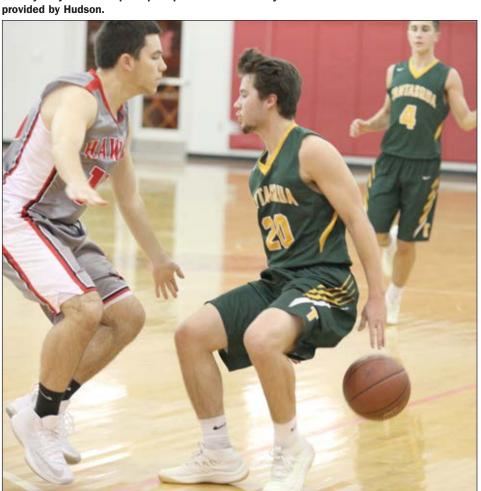
Tantasqua's Lydia Boland fires off a pass down the floor versus Hudson.



Ainsley Way of Tantasqua flips a pass over to Lindsey Zak to avoid the double-team defense



Tantasqua's Morgan Smith, right, tries to steal the ball away from Hudson's Brianna Cabral. Evan Couture of Tantasqua dribbles the ball behind his back to create separation from a



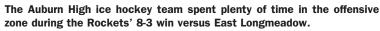
Hudson defender.

Rockets roll three effective lines through East Longmeadow, 8-3





Goalie Mike Sosik of Auburn makes a save versus East Longmeadow.





Collin Winkelmann of Auburn eyes the net before ripping a slap shot versus East Longmeadow.



Auburn's Anthony List works for possession of the puck against an East Longmeadow player along the boards.



Auburn's Caleb Mackin tries to maintain possession of the puck while being checked by an East Longmeadow player.

BY DEAN P. ST. LAURENT

AUBURN — A fast start, which included four first period goals, was more than enough for the Auburn High boys' varsity ice hockey team in their dominating 8-3 win versus East Longmeadow High on Wednesday, Dec. 20 at the Horgan Rink.

"We came out with fire and that was the difference," explained head coach Glen Bombard. "We have been coming out pretty fast and tonight we talked about coming out and getting a jump so we can put this thing away in the first period and we pretty much did what we wanted to do in the

offensive zone; we shut them right down and from there we put it out of reach early continuing our play in the second

The Rockets' co-op team - which also includes student-athletes from Shepherd Hill Regional, Tantasqua Regional and Millbury Highcame out on fire and it didn't take long for their first goal to pierce the back of the net. Five minutes in, captain defenseman Cam Dungey ripped a shot from the blue line that was redirected by junior forward Drew Darger and into the back of the next for a quick 1-0 lead.

Out-hustling Longmeadow and crashing the net was the story of success for Auburn and a point of emphasis coming into the contest.

"It is something we have been practicing with these guys because the first couple of games we weren't going there hard enough and it showed," explained Bombard. "If we go to the net with our sticks down, we are going to slam them home and that is what we did, but it had been one of our major issues that we push."

The Rockets scored three more goals in the first period to give them a commanding lead going into the second period. Auburn was dominating, scoring another rebound goal by Kyle Spurr, a shorted-handed breakaway goal by junior forward Anthony List and with less than a minute left in the first period yet another rebound goal finished by Colin

McKeon. Continuing their dominance in the second period to really put the game out of reach, the Rockets scored three more times off the sticks of three more player.

"The more kids that score the more you have to worry about," stated Bombard. "All three lines are putting the puck in the net."

Junior center Caleb Mackin started the scoring in the second when he put home a rebound goal within the first minute of the period. Halfway through the period scrappy junior center Ryan Slade scored the first of his two goals on the night. To conclude another dominate period, sophomore Colin Lutz scored his first varsity goal when he ripped a slap shot from the blue line that snuck by the East Longmeadow goal-

Entering the third period with a commanding 7-0 lead, it was clear that the Rockets lost some of their urgency as hev surrendered three East Longmeadow goals, but they did not do goalkeeper Mike Sosik any justice because he was nothing but amazing in net for Auburn in this contest, recording 29 saves.

"Mike, he works hard in practice," Bombard expressed. 'It was his first game tonight and he did an excellent job. Unfortunately, we didn't play too much defense in that third period for him to help him out, but I thought he played phenomenal. We have a lot of trust in him when he is in net.'

SPORTS BRIEF

Worcester State University to host catcher, youth baseball coaches clinics

On Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Monday, Jan. 15), the Worcester State University baseball program will host two clinics at the new \$52 million wellness center.

The catcher's clinic is from 9 a.m. to noon and is for ages 8-18 with a cost of \$50. It is designed for both the serious catcher plus beginners new to the position.

A free youth baseball coaches clinic follows later that night from 6-8 p.m. This is a lecture-style clinic for adults who coach ages 7-12. The focus is to talk baseball and present drills for coaches to use with their own teams along with how to run a successful practice inside or outdoors.

Please visit wsulancers.com/camps-clinics and facebook.com/ WSUbaseballclinics for more information on these clinics and other happening throughout 2018. You can also call (508) 929-8852, (774) 230-3872 or email dbaker1@worcester.edu.

Valuable collectibles for 2018

As we start a new year, I thought it might be a good time to take another look at which collectibles have been selling well and may continue to sell well during the new year. Some of these items were in my top 10 antiques and collectibles list in 2015. There are additional items in this article though.

Mid-century collectibles and furnishings continue to fetch strong prices at auction. Baby boomers who grew up in the 1940s through 1970s remember many of these collectibles from their youth. Younger collectors also appreciate the sleek lines and simplistic design of mid-century

There are many mid-century "baby boomer" collectibles that are selling well. We've auctioned comic books from the 1960s that have brought over \$100 an issue. Older ones can bring even higher prices. A baseball card collection from the 1950s and '60s brought five figures at a recent auction. Older sports memorabilia remains popular too. We sold a baseball with a drawing by George Sosnak that brought \$3,500



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Bicycles are also popular with collectors. Early high wheeled and turn of the century bicycles can bring five figure sums at auction. Many more modern bicycles also realize strong auction prices. Schwinn Sting-Ray "Krate" bikes from the late 1960s and 1970s featured high handle

at auction in 2017. One card

of a star player in pristine

condition can bring a figure

in that range by itself. Toys

remain popular. A toy robot

from the 1960s brought a fig-

ure over \$500 at one of our

auctions a few years ago.

bars and banana seats. Some of these bicycles can bring figures in the thousands. Benjamin Bowden designed the Spacelander bicycle in 1946. The futuristic bicycles were then produced in 1960. There are believed to be only 522 that were produced. They typically sell for five figure sums at auction.

Military items remain popular with collectors. There has always been considerable interest in Civil War memorabilia. I've also seen increased interest in World War II artifacts in recent years. For example, we sold a diary of a captured American soldier in a German prison. The diary contained information on daily life in the camp and drawings. It brought several hundred dollars

Coins remain a very popular collectible. Dollar coins, half dollars, quarters and dimes from 1964 and earlier are made with 90% silver. They are worth at least their weight in silver. Coins with rare dates can be worth much more than the silver value though. For example, we sold a silver dollar with a CC (Carson City, Nevada) mint mark that brought around \$500 at auction in 2017. Many old gold coins are worth well over their scrap value as well.

Other collectibles continue to bring strong prices at auction. Old movie, travel, advertising, Rock and Roll, circus, sports and other posters are very desirable. The market is still great for old advertising signs and displays.

Historical memorabilia still commands strong prices at auction. In 2017, we auctioned some postcards written by Alexander Graham Bell to his attorney. They rang up \$1,000.

We continue to pick up some great items for our January 25th live auction.



My Evaluating your Antiques class at Bay Path Evening School is scheduled for March 5. We are scheduling some estate sales for after the holidays. Keep checking www.centralmassauctions. com for details.

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Volunteer training in the new

CMDART is holding several trainings in January and February. If you are interested in volunteering go to www.cmdart.org, complete paperwork and then contact membership@cmdart. org to get sign up to take our onenight Introduction to Animal Disaster Services training.

Courses are being scheduled now. This course offers the basics of animal disaster response including local, regional, and national response systems, what psychological characteristics a team member needs to work in disasters, how to organize a personal, family and/or community emergency response plan, requirements for team membership and more. The cost of the course is \$35 to cover the training, materials, tee shirt and member ID

In January and February, the team is offering Pet First Aid/CPR and Psychological First Aid courses. Go to our Facebook page for more information or contact training@cmdart.org.

Central Mass Disaster Animal Response Team asks you to think of them in your year-end giving and shopping. Amazon will donate 5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to CMDART when you log in to smile.amazon.com at the CMDART

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CMDART is actively seeking Board members to expand our current core group of Directors. January 3 will start the 15th year of service for CMDART. The Board of Directors is currently seeking additional Board members to aid the administration of our non-profit. These directors will help to support our forward progress, assist a manageable distribution of tasks, and assist the establishment of strategic short and long-range goals. Central Mass residency preferred. For more information, contact president@cmdart.org, go to our website www.cmdart.org or call 508-476-2873.

STUDY

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or Memorial School, we can combine buildings and avoid having to build three new schools," Tencza said of the K-8 option.

"MSBA's approval is an important step toward being able to present specific options to the townspeople that address the facility needs," said Selectman Doug Belanger.

Currently, students and staff are using a middle school building which is over 50 years old and has several problems, with its last renovation coming in 1978. Studies have indicated that the middle school infrastructure and facilities do not meet the educational standards of today's students, and outdated classrooms prevent teachers from optimizing instruction. The staff has also had to grapple with problems due to deterioration of the aging building.

Residents previously approved \$750,000 at town meeting for the feasibility study.

"The town has been very supportive of our efforts, and we look forward to the process of working together to explore all of the possibilities," Tencza added. "It is an exciting time for the Leicester Public Schools.

At the conclusion of the feasibility study, school officials will complete an education plan to help the architect design whichever project is chosen. From there, the district is eligible to receive additional MSBA funding as the project advances.

As part of its latest round of feasibility study approvals, the MSBA also greenlighted projects in Braintree, Rockland, Sharon, and Easton.

"We are committed to working with these districts to help address the deficiencies at these schools," said MSBA Executive Director Jack McCarthy. "Our partnerships with local officials will ensure the best solutions for the students in each of these districts.'

MSBA partners Massachusetts communities to support the design and construction of facilities throughout the state. Since its 2004 inception, the MSBA has given over \$12.9 billion in reimbursements for school construction projects.

Fly fishing show upcoming

MARLBOROUGH — Anglers from throughout New England will head to Marlborough Jan. 19-21 for a first-look experience of everything new in the sport at the 2018 Fly Fishing Show; Royal Plaza Trade Center, 181 Boston Post Road West. Parking is free.

The Marlborough Fly Fishing Show's annual edition features about 10 demonstrations or audio/visual presentations each hour plus wall-to-wall displays of new fresh- and saltwater fly rods, reels,

fly lines, boots, waders, clothing and flies during the three day mid-winter

In addition to tackle, lodges and exotic destinations, show visitors can view continuous fly-tying demonstrations, how-to-do-it seminars and presentations ranging from Atlantic salmon in Labrador to fly fishing Turneffe Atoll in Belize.

National Fly Fishing Show door priz-

es are valued in excess of \$40,000. Casting demonstrations are scheduled by Joe Humphreys, Jeff Currier, Bob Clouser and Gary Borger.

Fly tying demonstrations are on tap from Ed Engle, Borger, Clouser, Nate Brumley and Tim Flagler.

The New England premiere of the 2018 Fly Fishing Film Festival will be held Fri. at 6:30. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door.

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Superior service and customer satisfaction earn Lamoureux Ford of East Brookfield Ford's highest award: The President's Award

EAST BROOKFIELD — Lamoureux Ford was among a select group of Ford Dealerships, less than 10% of all dealers nationwide, to be recognized with the 2016 President's Award by Ford Motor Company. The prestigious award honors dealerships that have excelled in automotive retailing in 2016 by providing exceptional customer sales and service satisfaction.

"Earning this award is a reflection of our entire staff's commitment to delivering the best customer experience possible," say Lamoureux Ford's owners Marc and Lionel Lamoureux. "We couldn't be more proud to receive this recognition, especially since it comes from the people we value most - our customers. They're the reason we were able to achieve this award.'

The President's Award was established in 1998. Dealers become eligible through survey responses from the customers related to their sales and service satisfaction.

Lamoureux Ford has won the President's Award for the 20th year in a row and 23 times overall.



Courtesy photo

Pictured from left: Mark Rogowski (Boston Regional Manager- Ford), Lionel Lamoureux, Marc Lamoureux, and Vince Talia (Regional Manager- Ford Credit).

Winter fishing just revving up



THE GREAT **OUTDOORS RALPH TRUE**

With pheasant hunting and deer hunting coming to an end for most outdoorsmen and women, waterfowl hunting and ice fishing are the final two activities left for most sportsmen that enjoy the great outdoors during winter months. There are a lot of ducks and geese in the area, but hunters need to be extra careful with frozen waters that are being hunted. Extreme caution needs to be used when sending the hunting dogs out into frozen areas, to retrieve downed birds. Costal hunting for sea ducks at this time of year has caused the death of many duck hunters in the past. Fast moving tides can carry hunting dogs away from the hunting blind and too often hunters needed to retrieve duck and dogs because of the strong tides. Duck hunters hunting costal marshes also need to keep an eye on the incoming tides. Too often duck hunt-

ers have been stranded on sandbars after the tide comes in. Play it safe!!!!

Although the final count of the deer harvest is not complete for this year, MFW is predicting a record harvest for all three seasons in Massachusetts. The

quality of the deer was great, with numerous young bucks sporting large antlers and weighing in at surprising numbers on the scales during the first week of shotgun season.

A huge black bear weighing in at 342 lbs. was hit and killed by two vehicles in Gardner on Rt. 2. A hunter also illegally shot a moose in the Gardner area during the shotgun season. The Environmental Police are investigating the incident. The controlled hunt at Blue Hills this year netted 67 deer of which 42 were females.

Some ponds have enough ice on them for some ice fishing, but extreme caution needs to be used. Striking the ice with a good ice chisel as you navigate the frozen waters, is the only safe way to go, as mentioned last week. Many first time anglers of the year start out jig fishing and it can be extremely productive for catching enough yellow perch for a good meal. When a good school of perch are located and they are feeding, a single angler can catch a dozen or more perch from one hole.

During a feeding frenzy, largemouth and small mouth bass will aggressively hit the jig, providing the angler with some excitement as he or she tries to bring the fish to top, and through the hole. A Swedish pimple with a single hook, baited with a grub, can catch the first perch. Immediately remove one of the eyes of the perch, and affix it to the single hook, being careful not to break the eye. The fresh eve is the best bait to use when fishing with a jig stick for perch. A small fresh shiner is also great when jigging for larger fish like pickerel and bass. Be sure to test the depth of the water at each hole, as water depths can change quickly. Fishing a foot off of the bottom is normally best to catch yellow perch, but sometimes a few feet off of the bottom can make a difference.

Cleaning yellow perch is quick and simple by removing the top fin completely. Make a cut just in back of the head being careful not to completely cut off the head. Place

your right index finger in back of the head and your left index finger and thumb also in back of the head, and pull down with the right hand. As the skin starts to peel off you will be left with only the fully cleaned fish. Lay the perch on their side one by one and cut off the bones along the cavity with one stroke of the knife on each end. Rinse the fish off and you are ready to start cooking.

A combination of 2/3 yellow corn meal and 1/3 flour ground in a blender for a few seconds, will give you the consistency of a milled substance that is ideal for frying any kind of sea food and fish. A cast iron pan with a good frying oil and small amount of butter will cook up your perch to perfection. Cooking the fish for a couple of minutes on each side will give you some tasty eating at the table. Carefully peel the meat of the perch from the main bone, and eat them with some great fried rice from Food Works restaurant in North Uxbridge, along with your favorite beverage. Great.

This week's picture shows a local angler with a large Northern Pike taken through the ice in Connecticut a few years back. If you want

This northern pike was caught in Connecticut. Local waters haven't been stocked with the game fish for a while now.

to catch a fish like this you need to go to a neighboring state, although a few fish still inhabit some local waters from stockings of pike a number of years ago. Local anglers are hoping that MFW will expand their pike program back to more than a few northern bodies of water. Manchaug Reservoir had a huge success rate back in the '80s or '90s when the state was stocking local bodies of water in the state, as did

Webster Lake.

The Uxbridge Rod & Gun club will hold their annual Red Eye Shoot at the trap range January 1, starting at 10:00 a.m. The event is open to the

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leaders continue to better define policies surrounding recreational marijuana facilities, leaders in individual towns are deciding how to move forward.

"We want to gauge the public opinion on whether or not to allow recreational marijuana facilities in town," said Board of Selectmen Chairman Theodore Boulay. "Just because someone voted to legalize it for personal use doesn't mean they want facilities in

their town."

Town officials want to give residents every opportunity to weigh in on the issue. Based on public input received, officials may ultimately end up proposing a zoning bylaw amendment at this spring's annual town meeting.

"It's important that this be a very public and transparent process," Boulay added. "It can be very confusing for people, so we wanted to have town counsel there to answer questions."

Towns throughout the state have addressed recre-

ational marijuana facilities through moratoriums, outright bans, or other zoning and general bylaw changes. Many towns chose the route of moratoriums to allow for more information gathering on how the facilities would affect traffic and public safety. A lack of policymaking clarity at the state level has frustrated officials throughout the state, and they are hoping to receive more guidance as the year progresses.

All East Brookfield residents are encouraged to attend the public forums to offer input and ask questions.

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Candle Tips

Even with the popularity of flameless candles, nothing sets the holiday mood like the real deal. Conventional candles are a valuable decorating tool, and the fragrant luminaries are never more popular than during this time of year. Whether you use candles to create ambiance or to simply fill the air with a pleasant scent, the following tips will help you enjoy the magic of candles during the yuletide season and throughout the year.

Happy Holidays!

Did you know candles don't just cover up odors? They actually eliminate them by burning off the tiny odor particles that permeate the air!

Here's a trick from the swinging sixties: Before a dinner or party, light and then extinguish new candles as they will light more quickly and easily when you are ready to use them.

If you are grouping two or more candles together, be sure they are a few inches apart when burning. If candles are placed too close to one another, they can each create their own draft, causing the flames to flare.

Here's another excuse for burning candles: studies show candlelight induces quiet! Light a few after dinner to help the kids settle down.

Believe it or not, lighting a votive candle on the bathroom vanity prevents steam from fogging up your mirror when you get out of the shower. Try it, it works!

Here's another vintage tip from the cocktail party generation: Extend the life of wax candles by refrigerating them first. Chill candles in airtight plastic bags to prevent wicks from absorbing moisture.

Don't have a long match and need to light several candles? A piece of uncooked spaghetti will do the

The next time you light floating candles, place them in warm water instead of cold. This method extends the burn time of floaters.

It's important to trim candle wick to 1/4" before burning wax candles. Doing so not only limits soot, but the short wick allows for proper heat of the wax for efficient burning.

Burning candles properly is essential for getting the most burn time and to provide even burning throughout the lifetime of the candle. For example, jar candles should be allowed to burn until the liquefied wax reaches the full diameter of the candle surface. When you blow out the candle too soon, you limit the wax pool to that diameter and shorten the life of the candle. This is important to prevent tunneling down the center of the candle. (As always, burn candles in appropriate vessel and on a safe surface).

If you are burning cone or bell topped



TAKE THE HINT

ing until the candle is level, then burn as for **KAREN** pillars. **TRAINOR** Votive candles should

always be burned in a snug fitting, safe holder. Because the candles melt as they burn, the tighter the fit the longer the life of the candle.

candles, burn for about

five to ten minutes the

first time. Gradually

increase the time with

each subsequent burn-

Black soot on the glass of a burning votive means the wick is too long. Extinguish the candle, trim the wick and relight.

Always put out a flame when it burns to ½" of the bottom of the candle. I found out the hard way that even tempered glass can shatter and spill hot wax onto a surface if allowed to burn too low to the bottom!

Did you know many candles (even top shelf brands) can fade in color if displayed in windows or exposed to bright lights for an extended period of time?

Burning the candle at both ends

Burning lots of candles means plenty of leftover candle stubs. Before you toss the stubs out, check out these creative ideas to recycle and reuse them.

* Simply place a disk of scented candle wax in a drawer, gym bag or under the seat of your car for an easy instant freshener.

*Or use the leftover stubs as tart wax.

Just pop the leftover wax out of the votive holder and place in a tart burner. Light a tea light candle underneath it and it releases a nice scent for many

*Toss a few stubs in a jar to use in the workshop. The wax can help a stubborn drawer slide smoothly, protect a saw blade from rusting, and lubricate a squeaky door hinge.

*You can even make new candle medley by re-melting assorted stubs in a double boiler. Then pour into votive glass with a wick and cool. Freeze and tap out to use freestanding.

Win Dinner for Two

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

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Farm Service Agency: a vital source of assistance to America's farmers

WASHINGTON Through the work of dedicated staff in over 2,100 county and state offices, the U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency provides vital farm safety-net assistance to agricultural producers across America.

'We've seen recent challenges in farm income and commodity prices," said Dr. Robert Johansson, acting Deputy Under Secretary for the Farm Production and Conservation mission area. "The 'safety net' provided in the 2014 Farm Bill has helped producers withstand economic losses as well as losses resulting from natural disasters. Loans for operating expenses, farm purchases and other purposes help current producers stay in business farmers and ranchers get their

Agriculture demands working capital. According to Johansson, FSA provided credit, either directly or guaranteed through commercial lenders, to 120,000 family farmers across the country.

In fiscal year 2017, USDA Farm Loan programs pumped \$6 billion in support to a diverse group of producers across America. That was the second highest total in FSA history. Over \$2.5 billion of that total was direct and guaranteed operating loans, and another \$3.5 billion was allocated for direct and guaranteed farm ownership loans. This additional financing enabled farmers and ranchers across the country to access capital to start their operations, or to expand their existing operations. The new lending continued the recent growth in FSA's farm loan portfolio.

FSA highlights from the year

Agriculture Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage and Conservation Reserve Program

USDA is issuing approximately \$8 billion in payments under the ARC and PLC programs to agricultural producers who suffered market downturns in 2016.

In 2017, FSA distributed \$1.6 billion in CRP payments to over 375.000 Americans for doing their part in improving water quality, reducing soil erosion and increasing wildlife habitat.

Disaster Assistance

In response to Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria, USDA announced special procedures to assist producers in states and territories who lost crops or livestock or had other damage to their farms or ranches. Also, because of the severe and widespread damage caused by the hurricanes, USDA provided flexibility to assist farm loan borrowers. FSA dispatched additional staff to the affected areas and, in response to a request for assistance, rolled out a special program providing vouchers to dairy herd owners in Puerto Rico who used the assistance to purchase feed.

USDA also provided extensive assistance for a variety of other disasters throughout the country, including drought in the northern high plains, wildfires in the west and central plains, floods, tornados, freezes and other storms. For example, in July, USDA authorized

the use of additional CRP lands for emergency grazing and haying in and around portions of Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota affected by severe drought. USDA also added the ability for farmers and ranchers in those areas to hay and graze CRP wetland and buffer practices. This followed a previous action in April and June to assist the area and provided livestock producers with an additional feed source. In October, FSA teamed with other USDA agencies to provide assistance to wildfire-damaged areas of northern California, including loans and other disaster assistance programs.

New Farmers

In August, Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue Understanding with officials from SCORE, the nation's largest volunteer network of expert business mentors, to support new and beginning farmers. The agreement provides new help and resources for beginning ranchers, veterans, women, socially disadvantaged

Americans and others, providing new tools to help them both grow and thrive in agri-busi-

Johansson said these accomplishments are in line with Secretary Perdue's goals of maximizing the ability of the men and women of America's agriculture and agribusiness sector to create jobs, prioritizing customer service every day for American taxpayers and consumers and ensuring the food we produce meets the strict safety standards we've established while always remembering that America's agricultural bounty comes directly from the land.

To access programs, contact Dawn S. Pindell, Outreach Specialist for Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island USDA Farm Service Agency at the Connecticut State Office,

344 Merrow Road, Suite B, Tolland, CT 06084; (860) 871-4097 or Dawn.Pindell@ct.usda.gov.

Animal Disaster Team helps hurricane relief effort in 2017



Courtesy photos

Rescued pets in a safe zone during the Houston hurricane.

The Central Massachusetts Disaster Animal Response Team, Inc. participated in the 2017 relief effort to aid animals, pet owners, and rescue organizations during a most unprecedented year of hurricanes and other animal-related incidents.

The 2017 hurricane season was powerful, destructive, unforgiving, and widely impactful. From strong winds to heavy rain, powerful storm surge, and tornadoes; hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria totaled damage costs in the order of hundreds of billions of dollars and will leave scars in the places they impacted for decades. Many animals perished in the hurricanes. Some were wandering strays with no owners, some separated from their owners, and unfortunately some were for varied reasons left behind without proper safety or care.

Over a period from June through December, CMDART team members were aiding the response and recovery effort from New Hampshire

to Florida, Texas and Puerto Rico. From June into the fall, several team members assisted the Humane Society of the United States with emergency animal sheltering in the care of several Great Danes in New Hampshire. In September, team members responded with various organizations, including the American Red Cross and others to aid human and animal hurricane relief efforts in Texas following Hurricane

'While it was hard to find the beauty in such destruction, there was a blessing that came from the response efforts," said JoAnn Griffin, president of the Central Mass Disaster Animal Response team. "While we have helped with emergency animal sheltering for hurricanes, tornadoes, and ice storms in Central Mass, the magnitude of the devastation was greatly multiplied in 2017. We were very proud of the training our team members received to make them ready to aid the needs of pet owners and

animals in these very painful, large-scale events."

Starting in early September, CMDART partnered with the Pet Rock Festival Committee, Daisy's Animal Rescue League, All Phase Glass of Grafton, and Julia Cuoco with Masterpiece Dog Training of Franklin to send tractor trailer loads of pet goods to needy pet owners in the rural areas of Houston and elsewhere. Many of the animal organizations present at Pet Rock contributed to the collection of goods.

"This year, animal advocates everywhere were largely concerned and focused on the series of natural disasters that were occurring, and putting our animals in harm's way, said Charlene Arsenault and Jeannie Hebert, co-founders of Pet Rock Fest, Inc. "The timing of the annual festival was opportune to provide a platform to gather donations to be sent to Puerto Rico, Texas and others affected by disaster. With CMDART, the area's leaders in animal emergency response, pushing for help, we were more than happy to provide an assist, with donations

exceeding expectations. Pet Rock Fest is held each year in early September, now at their new location, the Wyman Gordon Field in Grafton. CMDART is grateful to have received an annual donation from Pet Rock Fest for team efforts this year and

in the past. Daisy's Animal Rescue League Director and founder, Melissa Prescott and their team, provided needed manpower for the effort.

hard to get donations to help

the people and pets in need

"It was DARL's pleasure to collaborate with such an organized and experienced group of people. We all worked very

during such a tragic time.' Locally, CMDART team members also helped at local Central Mass shelters like Second Chance of Brookfield, when dogs and cats were shipped up from hurricane-rav-

aged states. "This is one of the blessings that came from the hurricanes. Thousands of sheltered animals got rescued from a long-term sheltering including some scheduled for euthanasia. They were given an option for new life as a result of the hurri-

canes," Griffin said. She said animal shelters located in the devastated areas found resources to ship animals out of their local shelters to make room for owned animals that have to be temporarily sheltered or missing animals that will hopefully be reunited with owners.

"At Second Chance, we took in an overwhelming 99 pets from Hurricane Irma in just 48 hours. This meant that our need for care of these pets increased dramatically. We reached out to CMDART and they sent several amazing volunteers to help with all the tasks of caring for these pets", said Sheryl Blancato, executive director of Second Chance Animal Services with headquarters in Brookfield. "It helped to get these pets the care they needed during this emergency. We sincerely appreciated the volunteer help of CMDART to with these pets. These were pets that were already in shelters in Florida that had to be evacuated to make room for pets coming in from the community. Therefore, it was urgent to move as many of these pets as possible during this critical time. The help of CMDART was extremely important in the accomplishment of this mission.'

While the team heeded the call to help out of state, duties and training needed to continue here at home in Central Mass. Fifty-three new volunteers were trained and added to the team in 2016 and 2017. Together with local emergency management and animal control, volunteers participated in local trainings, practice exercises, and continued their mission to educate the public on their personal responsibility for preparedness.

January 3 will start the 15th year of service for CMDART. The Board of Directors is currently seeking additional board members to aid the administration of our non-profit. These directors will help to support our forward progress, assist a manageable distribution of tasks, and assist the establishment of strategic short and long-range goals. Central Mass residency preferred. For more information, contact president@cmdart.org, go to our website www.cmdart.org or call 508-476-2873.

POLICE REPORTS

Leicester Police Department

Editor's Note: The information contained in this police log was obtained through public documents kept by the police department, and is considered to be the account of the police. All subjects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

8:26 a.m.: ambulance (White Birch Street), transported; 8:59 a.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), services rendered; 9:35 a.m.: mv stop (Marshall Street), written warning; 10:01 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 10:56 a.m.: erratic operation (Peter Salem Road), unfounded: 11:31 a.m.: investigation (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 11:40 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 12:28 p.m.: parking complaint (Green Street), unfounded; 3:00 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street), spoken to; 3:15 p.m.: assist other agency (Marshall Street), spoken to; 4:26 p.m.: erratic operation (Main Street), spoken to; 4:31 p.m.: ambulance (Lexington Avenue), transported; 6:33 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), report taken; 7:01 investigation (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 8:39 p.m.: suspicious mv (Pleasant Street), unable to locate; 8:41 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 8:45 p.m.: accident (Sargent Street), report taken; 9:55 p.m.: suspicious mv (Marshall Street), gone on arrival; 10:32 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), spoken to; 11:55 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8 12:00 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 7:10 a.m.: investigation (Paxton Street), services rendered; 7:51 a.m.: fire/CO detector (Main Street), services rendered; 9:06 a.m.: investigation (South Main Street), report taken; 9:48 a.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), citation issued; 10:17 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), verbal warning; 11:57 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 1:09 p.m.: parking complaint (Washburn Square), citation issued; 2:03 p.m.: mv stop (River Street), citation issued; 3:50 p.m.: ambulance (Chapel Street), transported; 4:36 p.m.: assist citizen (Main Street), services rendered; 4:57 p.m.: animal complaint (Huntoon Memorial Highway), no service; 5:21 p.m.: erratic operation (Moosehill Road), gone on arrival; 5:46 p.m.: animal complaint (Stafford Street), services rendered; 8:26 p.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), services rendered; 9:32 p.m.: mv stop (River Street), spoken to; 9:37 p.m.: erratic operation (Stafford Street), gone on arrival; 11:42 p.m.: erratic operation (Paxton Street), unable to locate.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

1:00 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street) arrest: Zicri D. Colon-Cartagena, age 22, of 6 Wachusett Street, #1P, Worcester: unlicensed operation, speeding; 1:39 a.m.: welfare check (address not printed), services rendered; 8:43 p.m.: fraud (Virginia Drive), assisted; 9:10 a.m.: neighbor dispute (Dale Street), unfounded; 10:58 a.m.: ambulance (Mayflower Road), transported; 11:38 a.m.: disabled my (Stafford Street), services rendered; 12:16 p.m.: suspicious mv (Virginia Drive), services rendered; 2:08 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 2:23 p.m.: ambulance (Sunset Drive), transported; 2:37 p.m.: welfare check (address not printed), no service necessary; 4:20 p.m.: fraud (Soojians Drive), report taken; 5:37 p.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), spoken to; 7:10 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), spoken to; 10:24 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported. SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

12:07 a.m. accident (Charlton Street), report taken; 12:14 a.m.: accident (Pleasant Street), report taken; 10:05 a.m.: animal complaint (Baldwin Street), services rendered; 11:06 a.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive), report taken; 12:13 p.m.: disabled mv (South Main Street), assisted; 12:45 p.m.: mutual aid (Meadowbrook Drive, Paxton), transported to hospital; 1:46 p.m.: assist citizen (Main Street); 3:53 p.m.: accident (Auburn Street), report taken; 4:50 p.m.: investigation (Main Street), services rendered; 8:05 p.m.: ambulance (West Main Street), no service necessary; 8:26 p.m.: ambulance (Sabina Circle), transported.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

3:37 a.m.: parking complaint (Washburn Square), citation issued; 6:39 a.m.: mutual aid (Mechanic Street, Spencer), transported to hospital; 8:56 a.m.: investigation (Washburn Square), services rendered; 955 a.m.: investigation (Main Street), services rendered; 10:14 a.m.: assist other PD (Main Street); 10:27 a.m.: investigation (Main Street), services rendered; 10:34 a.m.: investigation (Main Street), services rendered; 10:51 a.m.: threats (Dale Street), report taken; 10:54 a.m.: investigation (Washburn Square), services rendered; 10:55 a.m.: inves-

Police continue search for suspect



Steven Patchen

SPENCER Police expanded their investigation following a manhunt that turned up empty last month.

On the evening of Dec. 17, officers from the Spencer Police Department were dispatched to the area of 173 Paxton Road for a report of a restraining order

violation. Officers were informed that

the suspect, Steven Patchen, age 38, has an active warrant for a previous violation of the same restraining order. Patchen, whose last known address is in Warren, was allegedly armed with a long gun and made threats to harm himself before fleeing into the woods on foot.

Members of the Spencer Police, Massachusetts State Police, CEMLEC Swat Team, and the State Police Air Wing conducted an extensive search of the area. At approximately 9:15 p.m., the search was called off after failing to locate Patchen.

The suspect is believed to be a danger only to himself at this time, but police are still asking residents to use caution if they come across him. As of press time, there were no further reports of Patchen in the Spencer area, and police had not made contact

"The incident is still under investigation as to the extent that a weapon was involved," said Spencer Police Sgt. Michael Befford. "Residents should always use caution with any subject that is a fugitive and consider them dangerous and not approach. In desperate times, they may resort to

desperate behaviors.' Anyone with information on Patchen's whereabouts is asked to call the Spencer Police Department at 508-885-6333.

tigation (Main Street), services rendered; 11:34 a.m.: suspicious person (Church Street), services rendered; 1:27 p.m.: assist citizen (West Street); 1:34 p.m.: investigation (Main Street), services rendered; 3:31 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street), services rendered; 3:50 p.m.: ambulance (Chapel Street), transported; 5:36 p.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), verbal warning; 6:48 p.m.: suspicious mv (Paxton Street), services rendered; 7:36 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 7:51 p.m.: welfare check (Main Street), unable to locate; 8:01 p.m.: b&e residential (Leela Lane), services rendered.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

12:04 a.m.: assist citizen (Town Beach Road), services rendered; 8:40 a.m.: investigation (Virginia Drive), services rendered; 8:59 a.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), written warning; 9:13 a.m.: ambulance (Autumn Lane), transported; 10:30 a.m.: welfare check (address not printed), transported; 12:09 p.m.: fraud (South Main Street), report taken; 3:42 p.m.: summons service (Charles Street), served; 3:47 p.m.: ambulance (Henshaw Street), unable to locate; 4:19 p.m.: summons service (Pine Street), served; 6:05 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 6:33 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 6:57 p.m.: welfare check (address not printed), services rendered; 8:01 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 8:11 p.m.: disabled mv (Stafford Street), services rendered; 9:00 p.m.: erratic operation (South Main Street), unable to locate. WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

1:54 a.m.: parking complaint (Hyland Avenue), services rendered; 2:05 a.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street) rendered; 2:11 a.m.: parking complaint (Carey Hill Circle), services rendered; 8:25 a.m.: b&e mv (Auburn Street), report taken; 8:47 a.m.: welfare check (address not printed), report taken; 8:47 a.m.: assist citizen (Stafford Street), spoken to; 9:49 a.m.: assist citizen (Henshaw Street), services rendered; 10:17 a.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 10:23 a.m.: debris in road (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 11:27 a.m.: assist citizen (Pleasant Street), spoken to; 11:34 a.m.: suspicious mv (Old Stafford Turnpike), services rendered; 11:35 a.m.: lost/found (Watson Street), report taken; 1:13 p.m.: ambulance (Henshaw Street), assisted; 1:27 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street), services rendered; 1:46 p.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), written warning; 2:12 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street), spoken to; 2:52 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 3:00 p.m.: mutual aid (Main Street, Oxford), services rendered; 4:27 p.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street), transported; 4:46 p.m.: animal complaint (Marshall Street), services rendered; 8:30 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), spoken to; 8:48 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), spoken to; 10:01 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 10:20 p.m.: welfare check (address not printed), spoken to; 11:27 p.m.: animal complaint (Collier Avenue), unable to locate.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14 10:53 a.m.: harassment (Winslow Avenue), services rendered; 11:19 a.m.: assist citizen (Stafford Street); 2:15 p.m.: mv stop (Green Street), verbal warning; 3:00 p.m.: investigation (Virginia Drive), services rendered; 3:10 p.m.: disturbance (Stafford Street), services rendered; 4:32 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), spoken to; 4:38 p.m.: mv stop (Clark Street), written warning; 5:08 p.m.: assist citizen (Stafford Street), spoken to; 5:20 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), spoken to; 5:25 p.m.: investigation (Main Street), services rendered; 5:40 p.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), written warning; 7:41 p.m.: ambulance (Autumn Lane), no service necessary; 8:01 p.m.: structure fire (Sacarrappa Road, Oxford), services rendered; 8:16 p.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), citation issued; 8:28 p.m.: investigation (Main Street), services rendered.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15 2:27 a.m.: disabled mv (Henshaw Street), services rendered; 9:54 a.m.:

suspicious activity (Lake Avenue), services rendered; 10:01 a.m.: suspicious activity (Main Street), services rendered; 10:58 a.m.: investigation (Marshall Street), services rendered; 11:25 a.m.: disabled mv (Waite Street), services rendered; 4:22 p.m.: investigation (Main Street), services rendered; 4:33 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 5:00 p.m.: erratic operation (Main Street), gone on arrival; 5:08 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 5:24 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 10:30 p.m.: welfare check (address not printed), spoken to.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

12:40 a.m.: residential alarm (Henshaw Street), services rendered; 1:00 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street)arrest: Jonathan Joel Auguste, age 29, of 99 Malden Street, Worcester: operating MV w/revoked license, speeding, failure to appear upon recognizance (2 counts); 9:55 a.m.: larceny (South Main Street), report taken; 10:10 a.m.: investigation (Towtaid Street), services rendered; 10:26 a.m.: investigation (Main Street), services rendered; 10:53 a.m.: fraud (South Main Street), assisted party; 10:55 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 11:48 a.m.: parking complaint (Waite Street), services rendered; 12:15 p.m.: ambulance (Stafford Street), transported; 1:21 p.m.: ambulance (Collier Avenue), report taken; 2:05 p.m.: erratic operation (South Main Street), gone on arrival; 3:24 p.m.: suspicious activity (Soojians Drive), gone on arrival; 4:27 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 4:30 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 4:42 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), written warning; 5:13 mv stop (Main Street). sp to; 6:10 p.m.: ambulance (Deer Pond Road), transported: 11:18 p.m.: suspicious mv (Stafford Street), services

rendered. SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

12:41 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), name, address, and charges all redacted from police log, arrest; 1:18 a.m.: assist other PD (Deer Pond Road), no service required; 1:34 a.m.: ambulance (Collier Avenue), transported; 3:00 a.m.: assist other PD (Stafford Street), services rendered; 4:33 a.m.: suspicious mv (Old Stafford Turnpike), services rendered; 11:43 a.m.: incident redacted from police log, report taken; 1:08 p.m.: animal complaint (Warren Avenue), unable to locate; 4:55 p.m.: fire/spill/leak (Main Street), services rendered; 5:04 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 5:33 p.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), verbal warning; 5:39 p.m.: assist other agency (West Main Street, Spencer), services rendered; 7:50 p.m.: welfare check (address not printed), unable to locate; 7:52 p.m.: suspicious person (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 8:39 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 8:51 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 9:10 p.m.: water/sewer problem (Bottomly Avenue), services rendered.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

1:03 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 1:20 a.m.: mv stop (Rawson Street), verbal warning; 1:36 a.m.: ambulance (Cricklewood Drive), services rendered; 2:04 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name redacted from police log: uninsured mv, op w/revoked registration, complaint application issued; 8:36 a.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), verbal warning; 10:01 a.m.: investigation (Virginia Drive), services rendered; 11:27 a.m.: harassment (Bond Street), assisted; 12:39 p.m.: mv stop (Rawson Street), services rendered; 12:41 p.m.: investigation (Bond Street), no service necessary; 1:12 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), spoken to; 2:22 p.m.: welfare check (address not printed), spoken to; 2:32 p.m.: welfare check (address not printed), spoken to; 2:38 p.m.: erratic operation (Main Street), no action required; 2:58 p.m.: investigation (Bond Street), spoken to; 3:20 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), 3:30 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 4:02 p.m.: fraud (South Main Street), report taken; 4:34 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 5:02

p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 5:12 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 5:20 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), spoken to; 5:27 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 5:57 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 6:08 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), citation issued; 8:41 p.m.: call redacted from police log, no service; 9:00 p.m.: restraining order into station (South Main Street), report taken.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

12:51 a.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), verbal warning; 1:55 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 1:56 a.m.: ambulance (Watch Street), transported; 5:21 a.m.: parking complaint (Washburn Square), citation issued; 5:37 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 8:47 a.m.: fraud (South Main Street), report taken; 9:03 a.m.: ambulance (Paxton Street), transported; 10:04 a.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), services rendered; 10:15 a.m.: ambulance (Rawson Street), transported; 11:26 a.m.: investigation (Southbridge Street, Auburn), services rendered; 12:29 p.m.: mv stop (River Street), citation issued; 12:50 p.m.: assist citizen (Willow Hill Road), services rendered; 1:33 p.m.: debris in road (Pine Street), services rendered; 2:41 p.m.: mv stop (Marshall Street), citation issued; 3:22 p.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive) arrest: Paul R. Leon, age 37, of 23 Dewey Street, #3, Worcester: shoplifting by asportation (2nd offense), speeding; 5:06 p.m.: disabled mv (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 5:07 p.m.: investigation (Washburn Square), services rendered; 5:34 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 5:49 p.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), written warning; 6:32 p.m.: threats (South Main Street), report taken; 7:33 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 7:55 p.m.: mv stop (Henshaw Street), written warning; 8:56 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street), services rendered; 9:30 p.m.: larceny (South Main Street), name redacted from police log, larceny from building, report taken.

7:41 a.m.: assist citizen (Whittemore Street), services rendered; 8:24 a.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), verbal warning; 9:26 a.m.: assist citi-

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

zen (Westminster Street), spoken to; 10:18 a.m.: summons service (Stafford Street), unable to serve; 10:34 a.m.: fire/CO detector (Main Street), services rendered; 12:06 p.m.: accident (Huntoon Memorial Highway), report taken; 12:53 p.m.: unwanted guest (Stafford Street), report taken; 2:40 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 3:05 p.m.: civil dispute (South Main Street), services rendered; 3:58 p.m.: harassment (Huntoon Memorial Highway), services rendered; 4:34 p.m.: welfare check (Main Street), unable to locate; 4:49 p.m.: ambulance (Auburn Street), transported; 5:08 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), spoken to; 5:11 p.m.: parking complaint (Stafford Street), no service necessary; 6:05 p.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive), report 7:35 p.m.: suspicious mv (Boyd Street), unfounded; 7:47 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), spoken to; 10:00 p.m.: assist cit-

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izen (South Main Street).

Wednesday, December 20 7:24 p.m.: arrest: Kyle Anthony Sanford, age 31 of 450 Vernon Ave., Barre: 3 warrants

Spencer Police Department Monday, December 18

1:30 p.m.: traffic citation (East Main Street); 3:05 p.m. ambulance (Allen Street); traffic citation (West Main

Tuesday, December 19

12:06-3:25 a.m. property checks, secure; 12:53 a.m. ambulance (East Main St. to Mary Lane Hospital); 1:48 a.m. MV investigation (West Main St.); 8:16 a.m. suspicious phone activity (North Main St.); 7:01 p.m. ambulance (Oak Drive to Mary Lane); 11:53- 11:58 p.m. property checks, secure.

Wednesday, December 20 12:09-3 a.m. property checks, secure; 2:23 p.m. suspicious phone activity (Shea Rd.); 5:34 p.m. ambulance (East Main St. to Mary Lane Hospital); 5:51 p.m. serve warrant leading to arrest

(West Main St.) Thursday, December 21

5:43 a.m. alarm checked and secured (W. Main St.); 4:19 p.m. property check, secure; 4:32 p.m. traffic citation (West Main St. and Shoreline Dr.)

Friday, December 22

1:20- 4:02 a.m. property checks, secure; 1:31 a.m. MV stop (W. Main St.); 9:07 a.m. ambulance (E. Main St. to Mary Lane Hospital); 4:30 p.m. harassment prevention (Douglas Rd.); 6:18-7:13 p.m. property checks, secure;

Saturday, December 23 9:27-10:51 a.m. property checks, secure; 8:19 p.m. ambulance (from E. Main St. to Mary Lane Hospital); 9:42 p.m. ambulance (from Ragged Hill Rd. to Mary Lane Hospital); 11:40 p.m. suspicious phone activity (N. Main St.) 6:18-11:38 p.m. property checks, secure

Monday, December 25 1:38 a.m. ambulance (from E. Main St. to Mary Lane Hospital)



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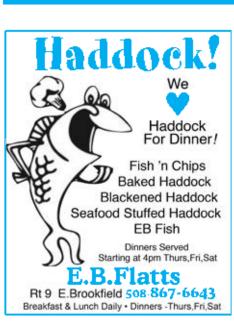
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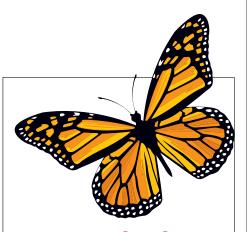
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OBITUARIES

Henry F. Gainley, 80



HARDWICK Henry F. Gainley, 80, of Simpson Road died at home on Tuesday, December 19, 2017, entering his heavenly

He leaves his wife of 27 years, Susan R. (Maddocks) Gainley; three sons, Henry F. Gainley and his wife Virginia of Hermit, CA, Glenn S. Gainley and his wife Bonny of Fort Collins, CO, and Todd M. Gainley and his wife Caranne of Las Vegas, NV; a step-son, Thomas H. Mountain of Franklinton, NC, a step-daughter, Rebecca K. Mountain of Orange, 17 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. Born in Worcester, Henry was the son of the late Henry F. and Dorothy (Parker) Gainley, Sr.

Mr. Gainley was a 21 year veteran of the United States Navy, serving during the Vietnam War. He was very proud of his long Naval service to our coun-

After retiring from the service, Henry became self-employed, working as a wood craftsman and a handyman. He belonged to the North Brookfield Congregational Church, was the Veterans' Service Officer for the town of Hardwick and was instrumental

in the concept and construction of the Veterans' Memorial Park in Hardwick. The fruitfulness of his life may be measured not by the committtees he was on or the clubs he joined but by the many friends,

young and old, he acquired because of his loving, kind, and generous heart and because of his deep, genuine faith in Christ his Savior.

A Memorial Service for Henry will be held at 10:00AM on Friday, January 5, 2018 in the North Brookfield Congregational Church. There are no calling hours, and everyone is asked to meet at the church. Burial with full military honors will be at the Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery, 111 Glenallen St., in Winchendon following the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the North Brookfield Congregational Church, 144 North Main St., North Brookfield, MA 01535 or the Hardwick Veterans' Memorial Park, P.O. Box 575, Gilbertville, MA

Charbonneau Funeral Home, 30 Pleasant Street in Ware is assisting his family with arrangements.

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Daniel E. Docwra, Jr.



S P E N C E R ; Daniel E. Docwra, Jr., (Danny, Dan, "Doc") was born in Worcester and died suddenly and very unexpectedly at his home in Spencer, Sunday, December

He was the son of the late Daniel E. & Ellen M. (Howland) Docwra. He was raised in North Brookfield graduating with the North Brookfield High School Class of 1960. He then enlisted in the Navy and served his country proudly from 1960-1964 during the Vietnam War. Later the same year he was hired by Norton Co., now Norton/ Saint-Gobain, where "Doc" worked for the next 39 years achieving his goal of becoming their railroad engineer for the latter part of his career. He retired in 2003 from a job that he truly loved. Danny is survived by the love of his life Dianna "Denny" (Lacroix) Docwra whom he married December 14, 1968 in North Brookfield and they have resided in Spencer for the last 49 years.

He loved to work in and took great pride in his yard, watching trains and railroading in general. Travel was a big part of Danny and Denny's lives, visiting many parts of the U.S. and Canada with river cruising and rail travel of special interest.

Besides his wife he is survived by his sister, Ellen-Jane

Metcalfe and her husband Harold, sister-in-law, Carol Lacroix, 2 nephews and 2 nieces and their families, cousins, many loving friends and his buddies from work. Danny leaves a hole in many hearts. At his request no Services are planned. Following cremation burial will be private. Contributions in his name may be sent to either; Boys Town, 200 Flanagan Blvd., P.O. Box 6000, Boys Town, NE 68010-9988, St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105, or to, Sisters of St. Joseph, Office of Development, 577 Crew St., Springfield, MA 01104.

The J. HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr. are assisting the family with arrange-

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David Brown, 84



BROOKFIELD/ O R T H BROOKFIELD David Brown, 84, of Brookfield died unexpectedly Thursday, December 21, 2017 at Florida Hospital of Zephyrills while spending the

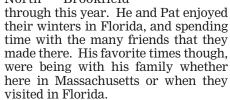
winter at his Florida residence.

He leaves his daughter, Jennifer Huard and her husband Dale Wadsworth of New Braintree; two sons, David S. Brown and his wife Christine of Sturbridge, and Douglas A. Brown and his wife Donna of Brookfield; nine grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife of 58 years, Patricia A. (Heath) Brown in December 2016, as well as his two brothers, Andrew and William, and his sister, Jessie Brown. He was born in Worcester, son of the late Andrew Brown, Sr., and Helen (McDonald) Brown. He grew up in Spencer, graduated from David Prouty High School, and lived in North Brookfield for close to 50 years, prior to moving to Brookfield 12 years ago.

Mr. Brown was a United States Air Force veteran of the Korean War.

David worked as a molding machine





David was a long time member of the First Congregational Church of North Brookfield, the American Legion Post 138 in Spencer, and VFW Post 3439 in North Brookfield.

A Graveside Service with military honors will be held for David in the spring at Walnut Grove Cemetery in North Brookfield. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Brookfield Emergency Squad, 4 Central St., Brookfield, MA 01506. Varnum Funeral Home, Inc., 43 East Main Street, West Brookfield is assisting his family with arrangements.

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Anne (Hakkila) Koski, 93



BROOKFIELD- Anne (Hakkila) Koski, died peacefulon December 19, 2017 in UMass Memorial Hospital in Worcester.

Anne was born March 11, 1924 in Gardner, MA the daughter of Heino and Aileen Hakkila. She is survived by her son John Brunell & his wife, Kelly of Paxton; daughters Joanne Wilder & her husband Michael of Mystic, CT, Janice Burtt & her husband Dennis of Spencer and Joyce Ray & her husband Mike of Columbia, CT; numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren. She is predeceased by

her first husband Albert "Chubby' Brunell; her second husband Edwin Koski; a son James Brunell; grandchildren Linda Roy and Jeffrey Brunell.

Anne was an avid sports fan of all of the local teams. She especially enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren

The funeral for Anne will be private for the family in Pillsbury Funeral Home 163 Main St. in Spencer. Burial will follow in Evergreen Cemetery in East Brookfield. In lieu of flowers donations may made in her name to the American Cancer Society. For an online tribute please visit: Pillsburyfuneralhome.com

Mary A. (Murphy) McDonough, 98

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SPENCER-Mary A. (Murphy) McDonough 98, formerly of 43 Lincoln St., died Christmas Day in Rose Monahan Hospice Home in Worcester.

band, Edward R. McDonough, died in 1996. She leaves her daughters, Ann C. McDonough of Medway, Patricia J. Bergan and her husband John, Ellen B. Donahue and her husband Michael all of Shrewsbury, 11 grandchildren: Michael, Daniel, BridgetandChristopherBergan,James, Brendan and Joseph Donahue, Peter, Thomas, and Kevin McDonough and Mary-Ellen Wilczynski, 5 great grandchildren: Conor, Rory, Emanuelle, Jackson, Daniel and Karina, nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her sons Michael McDonough and Peter McDonough, grandson Matthew Bergan, sister Dorothy Zoeller and brother Thomas Murphy.

Her

Mary was born in Worcester, the daughter of Albert J. and Anna (Pyne) Murphy and later graduated from

South High and earned a Bachelor and Master's Degrees from Worcester State Teachers College. She began her career as a school teacher in the Spencer School System and later taught in Leicester for 24 years, before retiring in 1979.

She was a member of Mary, Queen of the Rosary Parish. She enjoyed spending vacations at Moody Beach, ME., reading and especially time with fam-

Mary's funeral was held on Thursday, Dec. 28 from the J.HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer with a Mass at 11 a.m. in Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 7 Church St., Spencer. Burial followed in Mary, Queen of the Rosary Cemetery, Spencer. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to either Briarwood Assisted Living Activity Fund, 70 Briarwood Circle, Worcester, Ma. 01606 or Rose Monahan Hospice Home c/o VNA Hospice & Palliative Care, Fund Development Office, 199 Rosewood Dr., Suite 180, Danvers, Ma.

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Dennis J Foley Sr., 82



O R T H BROOKFIELD-Dennis J. Foley, Sr., 82, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family at his home on December 19,2017.

He is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Jeannette (Meili) Foley; 4 children; Rob Miglin (Jill) of Burnt Hills, NY, Nancy Miglin of North Brookfield, Laura Morris (Paul) of Leicester, and Dennis Foley (Heidi) of Phillipston; his sister, Theresa Ingemi; a sister in law Marion Meil; 6 Grandchildren; Marissa, Paul, Garett(Kristin), Benjamin(Caitlin), Daniel and Timothy; 2 great grandchildren, Madeline and Samuel; many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, Mary Ellen and Walter; a brother Louis and a granddaughter Allie Morris.

Dennis was a lifelong resident of North Brookfield, served in the Army Reserve for many years and graduated from Worcester State College. He began his career as an English Teacher at Quabbin Regional High School and later in life he went on to manage his own franchise with Arnold Bread Company where he was affectionately known as "the bread man." Upon retirement Dennis worked part time at Ahearn Equipment in Spencer, MA.

He enjoyed a good round of golf, shooting pool with friends at the Senior Center, playing cribbage and garden-

ing. He loved traveling to new places, especially his trip to Ireland, where he got to kiss the Blarney Stone. Dennis was a member of the Knight of Columbus, active in the Democratic Town Committee and



served on the Housing Authority. He was a New England Patriots Season Ticket Holder and an avid fan of the Patriots and Red Sox. One of his most memorable experiences was in 2001 when he got to meet the players and coaches from the Patriots during their run to a Super Bowl win.

Dennis took great joy and pride in spending time with his family, especially with all of his grandchildren.

Calling hours were on Wednesday, December 27,2017 from 5-7PM in Pillsbury Funeral Home 44 Gilbert St. North Brookfield. The funeral was held on Thursday with a Mass at 10:00AM in St. Joseph's Church 296 Main St.N.Brookfield. Burial followed in Worcester County Memorial Park in Paxton.In Lieu of flowers donations may be made in his name to the Second Chance Animal Shelter Po Box 136, East Brookfield, MA 01515 or The Telegram and Gazette Santa Fund, C/O Commerce Bank, P.O. Box 15204, Worcester, MA 01615-0

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Danny W. Burtt, 68



LEICESTER: Danny W. Burtt 68, of 1570 Main St., died Saturday, Dec. 23 at his home.

He leaves his partner and best friend of 33 years, Terry L. Wood. His children Danny Burtt,

Jr., Jess, Sara, Sharon, Pam, Lorie, Ricky and Tina, brothers Dennis, John and Billy, sisters Linda, Debbie and Joyce, 12 grandchildren, and 10 great grandchildren, many nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his brother Edward Burtt.

Danny was a general contractor and owner of D.W. Burtt General Construction Co. in Leicester since

He was born in Houlton, ME., the son of William I. and Helen (Mar) Burtt. He was a longtime member of the Leicester Lions Club, served as its President for 2 terms as and hosted its annual Flea Market in front of his home for many years. He enjoyed snowmobiling, four wheeling and trips to his "camps" in Maine.

Memorial calling hours were held on Wednesday, Dec. 27 from 4 to 7 p.m. in the MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main St., Leicester. A "Celebration of Life" will be held at a later date in his

Please omit flowers, contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, Ma. 01701.

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Dorothy L. (Thivierge) Toomey, 100



LEICESTER-Dorothy L. (Thivierge) Toomey 100, formerly of 5 Carleton Rd. in the Rochdale section of Leicester, died Saturday, Dec. 23 in Homestead Hall, Worcester.

She was the wife of William F. Toomey who died in 1988. She leaves her daughter Ann E. Vandersluis and her husband John of Mendon, her son James W. Toomey and his wife Nancy of Rutland, 5 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her sisters Irene Butterworth, Marjorie Thivierge and Shirley Parsons.

Born in Nashua, NH, she was the daughter of Louis and Lillian (McCabe) Thivierge and lived 65 years in Leicester. She graduated from the former Commerce High and attended Becker Junior College both in

Worcester. Dorothy was a longtime member of St. Aloysius - St. Jude Parish where she was a member of its Ladies Guild and was their "sunshine girl", sending cards to sick and shut in parishioners for 30 years. She was a member of the Leicester Woman's Club, Senior Citizens Club of Leicester and Friends of the Elders.

Her funeral was held on Wednesday, Dec. 27 from the MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main St., Leicester with a Funeral Mass at 11 a.m. in St. Aloysius - St. Jude Church, 489 Pleasant St., Leicester. A calling hour preceded the service on Wednesday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home. Burial followed in St. John's Cemetery, Worcester. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Goddard/ Homestead, Inc., 1199 Main St., Worcester 01603, Notre Dame Hospice, 555 Plantation St., Worcester, 01605 or St. Aloysius - St. Jude Parish, P.O. Box 296, Rochdale, Ma. 01542.

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OBITUARIES

Dawn Marie (Benjamin) Nelson, 40



BARRE – Dawn Marie (Benjamin) Nelson, 40, of Cedar Street, died Wednesday, December 20, 2017, at the Rose Monahan Hospice Residence. She is survived by three children,

Joshua C. Nelson, Jillian C. Nelson, and Joseph A. Nelson, all of South Barre; her mother, Elaine H. Benjamin of New Port Richey, FL; a brother, Michael Benjamin of Griswold, CT; two sisters, Sharon Walker of Renton, WA, and Amy Benjamin of Southwick; many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews; and many longtime friends and co-workers at UMass. She was born in Worcester, daughter of the late Charles Benjamin, and lived in Oxford and Leicester before moving to South Barre 6 years ago. She graduated from Bay Path R.V.T. High School in Charlton and attended Becker College.

Mrs. Nelson worked in the medical records department at UMass Memorial

Medical Center in Worcester for 17 years. In her younger years, she was a member of the First Congregational Church in Oxford. She had a love of dolphins, the beach, enjoyed times at the Lafayette Motel in Wells, Maine, and most of all enjoyed spending time with her children.

The family would like to thank the Cancer Unit Staff at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, as well as the Rose Monahan Hospice Residence, for their exceptional care during Dawn's illness.

A memorial service was held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 30, 2017, at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. Burial will be private at a later date. Memorial calling hours were Saturday from 11 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., at the funeral home prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Dawn M. Nelson Memorial Fund for Benefit of the Nelson Family Children, c/o Webster Five Cent Savings Bank, 343 Main St., Oxford, MA 01540.

paradisfuneralhome.com

Elinor W. "Lin" Miller

West Brookfield – Elinor W. "Lin" (Weeks) Miller, of West Brookfield, passed away December 28, 2017 at The Meadows of Central Massachusetts in Leicester.

Born June 21, 1937 to the late Randall and Elinor (Newton) Weeks, she graduated from Newton, Massachusetts High School and attended the Boston University School of Fine an Applied Arts. Elinor married Kenneth B. Miller in 1957, and they celebrated their 60th Anniversary in June. She is survived by her husband Ken, and their 3 children, Rick Miller and his wife Diane of Morristown, NJ, Ted Miller and his wife Meredith of New Albany, IN, and Jeff Miller and his wife Samantha of Woodlands, TX. She is also survived by her five granchildren who were her pride and joy - Jack, Casey, Charlie and Mia Miller, and Wyatt Oxley, as well as her brother Win Weeks and his wife Beverly of Falmouth, and twelve loving nieces and nephews from the Miller and Weeks families. She was predeceased by her oldest brother, Stan

Lin loved music (she sang and played the piano), as well as animals and art. As a talented artist herself, she formed her own business "Classic Canines" and did custom animal portraits for many years. She had her own Art Show in Holden in 2001.

She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She was a past member of the West Brookfield White Christmas and the West Brookfield Rock House Committees.

The family would like to thank the UMass Memorial Medical Group and VNA Hospice teams, plus the staff at Quaboag Rehabilitation and the Meadows Nursing Homes for Lin's special care.

A Memorial Service for Lin will be held on Saturday, January 13, 2018 at 11:00 AM at the First Congregational Church, 36 N. Main St., in West Brookfield, followed by a reception in the church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Heart Association, 300 5th Ave., Suite 6, Waltham, MA 02451 or the American Parkinson Disease Association Massachusetts Chapter, 72 East Concord St., Suite C3, Boston, MA 02118.

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

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Lorraine A. (Sorel) Forgit, 92



S P E N C E R -Lorraine A. (Sorel) Forgit, 92, formerly of 301 E.Main St., died Sunday, Dec. 31st at Quaboag Nursing & Rehabilitation in W. Brookfield. Her husband of 67 years, Lorenzo "Lester'

Forgit, died in 2016. She leaves her daughters; Linda Stanley and her husband Alden, Louise Small and her husband Ed all of Spencer, Lucille Newton and her husband Andrew of E.Brookfield and Lisa Chaffee and her husband Herb of Brookfield and sons; Lester Forgit and his wife Susan of Worcester, Lawrence Forgit and his wife Claudia of No.Brookfield, and Lance Forgit and his wife Cindy of Sturbridge, a brother Edward Sorel of Gilbertville, sisters Cecile Chapdelaine, and Rachel Sorel, Madeline Cebula all of Ware and Sylvia DiMaio of Belchertown, a sister in law; Louisa Sorel of Ware, 18 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren, many nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by brothers Roland, Raymond and Bernard Sorel, and sisters Claire Charbonneau and Yvonne Vadnais. Born in Ware, she was the daughter of Edmond and Lucia (Roy) Sorel.

Lorraine was known for her love of family gatherings, especially the weekly Sunday afternoon gatherings at her home with her children and grandchildren. She enjoyed playing cards and Scrabble. When she was younger she was on a bowling league. She was a member of Mary, Queen of the Rosary Parish in Spencer.

A Funeral Mass for Lorraine was held on Wednesday, Jan. 3 at 10 a.m. in Mary, Queen of the Rosary Church, 7 Church St., Spencer. Burial followed in Worcester County Memorial Park, Paxton. Those attending are asked to go directly to the church. Calling hours are private for the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Mary, Queen of the Rosary Food Pantry, 60 Maple St., Spencer, MA 01562. The J.HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer is directing funeral arrangements for the family.

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John "Jake" Beauregard, 51



CHARLTON – John "Jake" Beauregard, 51, passed away on Sunday December 17, 2017 at the Lahey Clinic in Burlington; He is survived

by: his wife Kathy (Fisher) Beauregard of Charlton; two sons:

Steven Beauregard, and Ryan Fisher of Charlton; three daughters: Brittany Beauregard of Worcester, Lauren Beauregard of Worcester, and Victoria Fournier of Charlton; two brothers: George Beauregard and his wife Beth of Charlton and Robert Beauregard and his wife Mary of Spencer; his sister: Denise M. Gliniecki of Dudley; He also leaves many nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends; He also leaves Baby Boy, his beloved cat. Besides his parents, John was predeceased by his brother: Paul Beuaregard, and his sister Ann Marie Cierpich.

John was born in Worcester, MA on July 8, 1966, son of the late George and Florence (Bison) Beauregard; He was raised in Charlton, and lived there for most of his life. John was a strong and handsome man with a great sense of humor; his strong hands and big heart were always open to everyone and anyone who needed help or support, especially his family which he cherished; He was an avid reader and enjoyed dancing, karaoke, and making people laugh. John will be deeply missed by all who were blessed to know him.

A celebration of John's Life was held on Thursday December 28, 2017 at 10:30 am at the Charlton Federated Church, 64 Main Street Charlton, MA.

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

Colleen M. (Park) Ledoux, 80



SPENCER; Colleen M. (Park) Ledoux 80, of 29 Main St. died Thursday, December 28th, 2017 at UMass Medical Center in Worcester.

She leaves her husband of 62 years, Adrian Roy Ledoux,

her sons Kevin J. Ledoux and his wife Donna (Bourdon) of North Brookfield, Kenneth P. Ledoux and his wife Kathy (Aldrich) of Alexander, AR, her daughter Colleen R. Stearns and her husband Jeffery of Spencer, grandchildren: Kevin R. Ledoux, Nicole Ledoux, Karly Ketterer, Krystal Rose Ledoux, Kristopher Ledoux, Kassie Ledoux, Kyle Stearns, Brett Stearns, Tyler Stearns, and Troy Stearns.

great grandchildren: Blake Ketterer, Connor Ketterer, Kenzie Ketterer, Anna Brzozowski, Nora June Ledoux, Emmett Dalton, Theodore Ledoux.

She was predeceased by her mother and father, and her step-father Roger D. Comeau.

Colleen was born in Spencer to Raymond Charles and Rita Evelyn (Bousquet) Park, and attended Spencer schools. She graduated from David Prouty High School Class of 1955, and worked on the Class of '55 Reunion committee for many years.

She was a member of St Mary's Parish, later Mary, Queen of the Rosary Parish, in Spencer, and was a Cub Scout den mother for St Mary's Church sponsored Troop #116 when her sons were young, as well as a former member of the St Mary's Woman's Guild. She worked as a teachers aid at Maple Street School for a short time, however her primary devotion was to her family.

Colleen's funeral will be held Tuesday, January 2 from the J.HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer, with a Memorial Mass at 11:00 a.m. in Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 7 Church St., Spencer. Calling hours will precede the Mass on Tuesday from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. Burial will be at a later date. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Friends of the Richard Sugden Library in memory of Colleen Ledoux, 8 Pleasant St., Spencer, 01562.

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Louise D. Jankins, 80



West Brookfield
- Louise D. (Dumas)
Jankins, 80, of West
Brookfield, died on
Thursday, December
28,2017 at Southbridge
Rehabilitation and
Health Care Center.

She leaves her loving and devoted husband of 60 years, William H. Jankins; three sons, Steven W. Jankins of Hampton, NH, Michael W. Jankins and his wife Maureen of West Brookfield, and Brian C. Jankins and his wife Amy of Sutton; nine grandchildren, Tyler, Tanner, Cody, Olivia, Thomas, Shelby, Aby, Luke and Hannah, and several nieces and nephews. She was born in Pittsfield, daughter of the late Oliver and Corrine (Beaudreau) Dumas, and has lived in West Brookfield for over 50 years.

Louise loved being a homemaker for Bill and her boys. She also worked as an Executive Secretary at United Techologies, at the former ITAC in North Brookfield, and in the office at Sherman Oil, before retiring in 2001. She was a collector of antiques, and had her own shop in the barn of her home, Issac Giddings Barn. She was an accomplished artist herself, and a weaver of Nantucket baskets. She was devoted to volunteerism in her town and had a passion for local his-

toric preservation of both landmarks and land. She was a member of the Common Committee, the Bandstand Committee, Rice Memorial Fountain Restoration Committee, and the Town Hall Restoration Committee.

Despite being so involved with home, work, and volunteering, she always made the time to attend over 1000 of the youth sports games of her children and grandchildren, being their greatest fan!

Louise's family would like to thank the nurses and staff at Summit Elder Care and the Southbridge Rehabilitation and Health Care Center for the devoted care that they provided.

A Funeral Mass for Louise will be held on Friday, January 5, 2018, at 11:00AM in Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church in West Brookfield. Everyone is asked to go directly to the church. Calling hours will be held on Thursday, January 4, 2017 from 5:00 to 8:00PM in the Varnum Funeral Home, Inc., 43 East Main St., West Brookfield. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Saint Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or the Second Chance Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 136, East Brookfield, MA 01515.

varnumfuneralhome.com

Theresa M. (Latour) Marco, 82



SPENCER: Theresa M. (Latour) Marco, 82 of Clark Rd., passed away Sunday, December 31 in Southbridge Rehabilitation & Health Care Center after a long illness.

She leaves her husband of 59 years Joseph "Bill" Marco, a daughter Denise Marco and her fiancé Richard McDonald of Spencer, her son William J. Marco of Leicester, two grandchildren Eden & Reece Marco, a brother Joseph Latour of Florida and a sister Rita Marszalkowski of Webster, Ma, and several nieces and nephews.

Theresa loved her job as a teller for Mechanics Bank in Worcester and later worked for Worcester Tool and Stamping before retiring. She found her dream job after officially retiring working at Dana's Boutique in Clearwater, Florida, where she and her husband spent many years.

Born in Webster, she was the daughter of Clarence and Anna Latour. To say she loved shopping would be an understatement - clothes, jewelry, anything that shines. Her hobbies included cooking, reading, family - especially her children and grandchildren and spending time on the Lake.

A Funeral Service will be held on Thursday, January 4 at 10 a.m. in the MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main St., Leicester. Burial will follow in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Webster. Calling hours are Wednesday, January 3 from 4 to 7 p.m. in the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Assoc.of Ma., 480 Pleasant St., Watertown, Ma. 02472. www.morinfuneralhomes.com

Peter J. Jennette 61



E A S T BROOKFIELD- Peter J. Jennette 61 of Drake Lane, died Christmas morning at UMASS Memorial Medical Center in Worcester , surrounded by his loved ones.

He leaves his wife of 27 years, De bbie J. (Truhel) Jennette, his son, Dennis Jennette and his wife Natalie of Fiskdale, his daughters, Jennifer Sadusky and her husband Jim of Spencer, Laura Howe and her husband Cody of Ridgefield, W A and Ashley Harvey of Worcester, his sisters, Marion Thompson and her husband Joe of Leicester, Paula Dunphy and her husband Eric of Falmouth, Helen Russo and her husband Dave of Hudson, FL and Cindy Quinn and her husband Dermit of Ca n ton, four grandchildren; Mila, Roman, Denny Jr. & Ryleigh, along with many nieces , nephews and friends.

Peter was a Supervisor of Manufacturing and a Master Scheduler for Metso Flow Control, Inc. (formerly Neles-Jamesbury Inc.) in Worcester for 25+ years before falling ill in $200\ 7$.

Born in Worcester, he was the son of Joseph and Ruth (Blair) Jennette and later graduated from Wachusett Regional High School in Holden.

Peter was a loving husband, father, grandfather and friend, he was an avid outdoors man and enjoyed boating and water sports on Lake Lashaway

and water sports on Lake Lashaway, where he resided. Peter and h is wife, Debbie, hosted many parties including their annual Chicken BBQ where friends and family would gather. Peter also enjoyed gardening, bird watching, tending to his fruit trees, and

vacationing in Rockport every July.

Memorial calling hours was held on Saturday, Dec. 30 from 12 to 2 p.m. in the J.HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to either Second Chance Animal Service, P.O. Box 136, E. Brookfield, Ma. 01515 or Lupus Foundation of New England, 40 Speen St., Framingham,

Ma. 01701. www.morinfuneralhomes.com

OBITUARIES

Patricia A. Miner, 76

WARE - Patricia A. (Auger) Miner, 76, of Gilbertville Rd., died Saturday, December 23, 2017 in Quaboag Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center in West Brookfield.

She leaves her husband, Gerald M. Miner; one son, Dean Miner and his wife Mary of Palmer; one daughter, Crystal Koziol and her fiance, David Smith of Ware; a sister, Eva Jasikiewicz and her husband Joseph of Palmer; two grandchildren, Eric and Christopher and five nephews. She was born in Gilbertville, daughter of the late Oscar

and Helen (Franusiak) Auger.

Mrs. Miner worked for 21 years as a direct care worker for the former Monson Developmental Center in Monson before retiring.

Funeral Services for Patricia will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701. Varnum Funeral Home, Inc., 43 East Main St., West Brookfield is assisting her family with arrangements.

varnumfuneralhome.com

Send all obituary notices to Stonebridge Press, PO Box 90. Southbridge, MA 01550, or by e-mail to jean@stonebridgepress.news

Mary C. Desplaines, 97

NORTH BROOKFIELD- Mary C. Desplaines, 97, died peacefully on December 25, 2017 at Quaboag Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center in W. Brookfield. She was born on October 6, 1920 in Holyoke, MA, the daughter of Ana and Michael Rimasz and was united in marriage to Ulric S. Desplaines who preceded her in death in January 1989.

Mary thoroughly enjoyed reading, gardening, sewing and needlepoint. She was an active member of St. Joseph's Church as well as the North Brookfield Senior Citizen's group.

She is survived by her children Martha Cross (West Palm Beach, FL), Joanna Hubacz, (Barre, MA),

and John Desplaines (Phoenix, AZ); 5 grandchildren George Cross, IV (Midland, NC), Greg Cross (Wichita Falls, TX), Cole Hubacz (Barre, MA), Jaclyn Gargulinski (Sterling, MA), and Lena Desplaines (Phoenix, AZ) and 5 great-grandchildren Bret, Hayden and Quinn Gargulinski (Sterling, MA) and Riley and Brynn Cross (Wichita Falls,

Graveside services will be held in St. Josephs Cemetery, North Brookfield in the spring. Pillsbury Funeral Home 44 Gilbert St. North Brookfield is directing arrangements. For an online tribute please visit: Pillsburyfuneralhome.

CALENDAR

ONGOING EVENTS

ECONOMY SHOP HOURS: First Congregational Church, 207 Main St., Spencer has announced ECONOMY SHOP hours for January through June. We will close the week of Christmas and will re-open on Wednesday, January 3. Open every Wednesday 8 a.m. to noon; Thursday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. & 6 to 8 p.m.; and Friday 8 a.m. to noon. Come in and see our daily specials. For information call (508) 885-2149.

Deja New: Art, Antiques, & Collectibles Vendor Marketplace open on Wednesday from 1:00 pm-7:00 pm in the St. Joseph's Rectory building for its first season. All proceeds will benefit the non-profit "24-7 Community Partnership" which will provide funds to programs for the needy, including the Leicester Food Pantry. Open April-

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

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

THRIFTY: St. Joseph-St. Pius X Parish, 759 Main St., Leicester, (508) 859-8083. The "New To You" Thrift Shop. Hours: Tuesday, 5 to 7 p.m., Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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

Looking for a fun and educational activity to do with your toddler or preschooler? Come to toddler story hour at 10 a.m. and meet other parents, enjoy songs, stories, and activities with your 18 months to 3 year old. Caregivers must remain in the room with their toddler. Preschoolers (ages 3-5) come at 11- caregivers must remain on the same floor. These are free programs but do require registration which you can do when you arrive. Today's themes are drums and rhythm.

Join us at Bouncing Babies on Wednesdays from 10-10:45 a.m. for a rollicking, good time! Meet other caregivers, share stories, songs, & rhymes. It's for ages birth to 24 months & their caregivers. Program followed by open play time. The free Afterschool Fun program is today from 4-4:45 p.m. for children from k-grade 5.

Tune in Together on Thursdays is a music and movement program for toddlers and preschoolers and their caregivers, sponsored and presented by CFCE. Meets from 11 a.m.-noon.

Paws and Pages encourages children to become better readers by sharing a book with trained therapy dogs. This program is possible because of the generosity of trainer, Barbara Laborde and her canine helper. Come between 4-4:15 p.m. on Thursdays to reserve a spot.

FREE FOR MOM & KIDS: There will be free weekly parent/child pro-

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

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

STRE-E-TCH: Senior Exercises Classes are held every Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Rutland Community Center, Glenwood Road. Enjoy an hour of fun and exercise to music to help stay strong, fit, healthy and independent. Classes are co-ed and all are welcome. The fee is \$4 per class. For more information, call Joyce Gamache at (508) 754-2821.

SIT AND KNIT: knitting group every Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the Merriam Gilbert Library, West Brookfield. Bring your sewing, embroidery, knitting or crochet and enjoy some socializing while you work on your project.

First ECONOMICAL: Congregational Church, 207 Main St., Spencer, (508) 885-2149. Economy Shop hours, open every Wednesday, 8 a.m. to noon; Thursday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m. to noon.

N-37: Bingo at the Knights of Columbus, 10 Meadow Road, Spencer every Thursday. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. The first game starts at 6:30 p.m. Along with our regular games we feature two winner take all games, two 50/50 games and two progressive jackpot games with payouts of \$600 and \$500 respectively. Good food and soft beverages are available at Judy's Kitchen. Come and enjoy some good food, good people and hopefully win

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

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

Older People Improve Life For Others And Themselves



Many older Americans have discovered that sharing their accumulated wisdom with others who need help can be a big win all around.

Here's a look at two ways you can stretch your mind and show your heart:

Experience Corps

AARP Foundation Experience Corps unites teachers, schools and older adults to improve children's academic and social outcomes. This benefits the children, the schools and the volunteers.

The program has been proven to help children who

by the end of third grade. Last school year, 76 percent of students who were below grade level at the beginning of the year raised their reading and literacy performance by one or more proficiency levels with the help of Experience Corps volunteers.

The goal is to improve children's literacy, strengthen communities, develop cultures of inspiration in schools and support hardworking teachers. It's already changed the lives of thousands of children in schools across America.

Volunteers should be age 50 or older; have at least a high school diploma or GED; pass a criminal background check; pass a basic literacy screening; attend 25 hours of annual training; and have five to 15 hours a week to offer during the school year.

Tax-Aide AARP Foundation also runs Tax-Aide, the nation's largest free tax assistance and preparation service, giving special attention to those 50 and older. It offers free tax-filing help to those who need it most. You do not need to be a member of AARP or even a retiree to use

this free service. IRS tax-certified volunteer preparers in libraries, malls, banks, community centers and senior centers answer questions and prepare tax returns. In addition to earned and retirement income reporting, they can also dends, and capital gains for Schedule D), Schedule C for individuals with small businesses that have less than \$25,000 in annual expenses, and various health care, education, child and earned income credits.

Compassionate and friendly individuals can volunteer for the upcoming tax season. Volunteers receive training and continued support in a welcoming environment.

Learn More

For facts about Tax-Aide, including requirements for volunteers, go to www.aarp.org/money/taxes/ info-2006/volunteer_aarp_tax_aide.html. For factson Experience Corps, visit www.aarpfoundation. org/experiencecorps. For information about AARP Foundation, visit www.aarpfoundation.org.

Seniors can volunteer to tutor kids or prepare taxes.





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Ad prices are \$15 for a 2x3 (actual size 2.4" x 3") or \$25 for a 3x4 (3.7" X 4") or 4x3 (5" x 3"). You can add a photo at no additional cost.

To send by mail, please mail to June Simakauskas, P. O. Box 90, 25 Elm St., Southbridge, MA 01550.

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

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





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WEBSTER – 56 Chase Avel Well Maintained 2 Fam! 6/4 Rms! 3/2 Bdrms! Applianced Eat-in Kits! Formal Din Rm! Carpeted Liv Rm! Large Bdrms! Updated Full Baths! Skylight! Hrdwds! 6 Panel Drs! 2Z Oil Heat! Furnaces I Yr Old! Newer Plumbing & Electric! Fenced Yard w/Patio! \$210 Page 6/4



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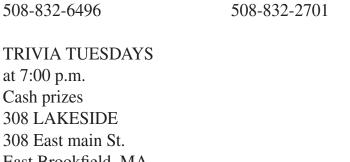
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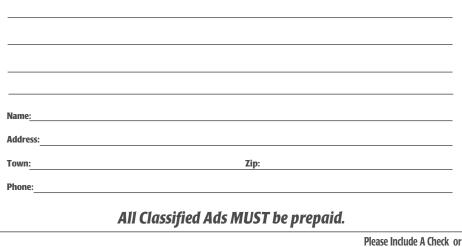
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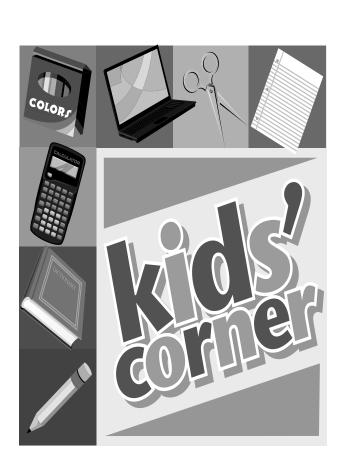
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MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE **OF REAL ESTATE**

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Kimberly LaGorce aka Kimberly M. LaGorce and Keith Faucher aka Keith D. Faucher to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for, IndyMac Bank, F.S.B., a Federally Chartered Savings Bank, its successors and assigns, dated August 20, 2007 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 41681, Page 370 subsequently assigned to IndyMac Federal Bank, F.S.B. by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 44055, Page 264, subsequently assigned to OneWest Bank, F.S.B. by Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation as receiver for IndyMac Federal Bank, F.S.B. by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 44607, Page 204, subsequently assigned to Ocwen Loan servicing, LLC. by One West Bank FSB by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 53354, Page 92 and subsequently assigned to U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust by Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 55623, Page 29; of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 AM on January 19, 2018 at 219 North Spencer Road, Spencer, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit: The land, with the buildings and improvements thereon, situated on North Spencer Road in the Town of Spencer, Worcester County, Massachusetts, and being shown as Lot 3A on a plan of land entitled: "Plan of Land North Spencer and Browning Pond Road, Spencer, Massachusetts prepared for Donald and Linda Faucher by Sadowski Engineering, Inc. dated February 25, 2004", which plan is recorded with the Worcester Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 828, Plan 12, and to which plan reference is made for a more particular description. Being a portion of the premises conveyed to Donald R. Faucher, .Jr. and Linda C. Faucher by deed of Barry W. Nirenberg, et ali dated December 31, 2002 and recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 28681, Page 366. Also a portion of the premises conveyed to Donald R. Faucher, Jr. and Linda C. Faucher by deed dated August 25, 1007 and recorded with said Deeds in Book 19106, Page 1. A deed from Donald R. Faucher, Jr. and Linda C. Faucher to Keith D. Faucher and Kimberly M. LaGorce recorded herewith in Book

The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements. restrictions, building and zoning laws, liens, attorney's fees and costs pursuant to M.G.L.Ch.183A, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and

parties in possession. **TERMS OF SALE:**

41681, Page 367.

A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bid-The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.

Other terms if any, to be announced at the sale. U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust Present Holder of said Mortgage, By Its Attorneys, **ORLANS PC** PO Box 540540 Waltham, MA 02454 Phone: (781) 790-7800 14-005420 December 29, 2017 January 5, 2018

January 12, 2018

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Joshua E. Buckley and Jacquelynn Buckley to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for, Sunset Mortgage Company, LP DBA SMCPA Mortgage Company, a Limited Partnership, its successors and assigns, dated April 27, 2007 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 41052, Page 303 subsequently assigned to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for, Sunset Mortgage Company, LP DBA SMCBA Mortgage Company, a Limited Partnership, its successors and assigns by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 47871, Page 21, subsequently assigned to The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development by Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 56751, Page 89 and subsequently assigned to Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC by The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 56751, Page 93; of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 1:00 PM on January 19, 2018 at 29 Clark Street, Spencer, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

The land in the Town of Spencer, County of Worcester, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, with the buildings thereon, situated at the corner of Clark and Salem Streets, bounded and described as follows: On the South by Clark Street: On the East by said Salem Street; On the North by land, now or formerly. of Pierre Kashy: and On the West by land formerly of John Lacaire. For title reference see deed dated December 16, 2003 and recorded December 18, 2003 in Book 32486. Page 341.

The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, building and zoning laws, liens, attorney's fees and costs pursuant to M.G.L.Ch.183A, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 Docket No. WO17P4068GD CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF

GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 In the matter of: **Elizabeth T Warner** Of: Spencer, MA RESPONDENT

Alleged Incapacitated Person To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Dept. of Developmental Services of Worcester, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Elizabeth T Warner is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Marie Dunn of Worcester, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **01/23/2018**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court. Date: December 14, 2017

Stephanie K. Fattman Register of Probate

January 5, 2018

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF BROOKFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Pursuant to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. ch. 131, sect. 40, and Brookfield Non-Wetlands Protection By-Law the Brookfield Conservation Commission will hold a public meeting on a Request for Determination of Applicability filed by National Grid for a utility pole installation project along West Main Street within the town of Brookfield. The public meeting will be held on January 16, 2018 at 6:45 PM, at the Brookfield Town Hall, 6 Central Street. The filing is available for public review at the Town Hall.

Ken Cleveland, Chair **Brookfield Conservation Commission** January 5, 2018

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate** and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508) 831-2200 Docket No. WO17C0491CA In the matter of: Christine Elizabeth Dixon Of: East Brookfield, MA NOTICE OF PETITION FOR **CHANGE OF NAME**

To all persons interested in petition described:

A petition has been presented by Christine E Dixon requesting that: Christine Elizabeth Dixon be allowed to change his/her/their name as follows:

Christine Elizabeth Buckley YOU DESIRE TO **OBJECT** THERETO. YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT Worcester ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00

AM) ON 01/30/2018 WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court. Date: December 21, 2017

> Stephanie K. Fattman Register of Probate

January 5, 2018

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

Court

225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508) 831-2200 Docket No. WO17P4144EA **CITATION ON PETITION FOR** FORMAL ADJUDICATION Estate of:

Eric B Bergman Date of Death: 12/28/2012 To all interested persons: A Petition for Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed by

Cynthia L. Bergman of North Brookfield MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that Cynthia L. Bergman of

North Brookfield MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administra-

IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of

the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 01/30/2018. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS

UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

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

Date: December 21, 2017

Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate

January 5, 2018

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court Worcester Division** 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508) 831-2000 Docket No. WO16P0977EA **Estate of:** Norman H. Laviolette, Sr. Also Known As: **Norman Hector Laviolette** Date Of Death: July 22, 2015 **INFORMAL PROBATE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner

PUBLICATION NOTICE

Lilibeth B. Laviolette of West Brookfield MA

A Will has been admirtted to informal probate

Lilibeth B. Laviolette of West Brookfield MA

has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. January 5, 2018

Town of Spencer Conservation Commission PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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

Robert & Judith Maloney have filed a Notice of Intent with the Spencer Conservation Commission to perform field-edge management, and tree cutting and removal located at 66 GH Wilson Road, Spencer, MA.

John Joyce has filed an Amendment to an Order of Conditions with the Spencer Conservation Commission for property located at 9 & 10 Wilson Avenue, 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, January 10, 2018, at which time all persons having an interest may be present and participate. Conservation Commission meetings open at 7:00 p.m., public hearings begin at 7:15 p.m.

Mary McLaughlin

Mary McLaughlin, Chairwoman January 5, 2018



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