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Friday, February 8, 2019

Purchase of local business fulfills owner's longtime dream



Kevin Flanders Photo

Betsy Shamoian recently purchased Apple Blossoms in downtown Spencer.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
 NEWS STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – Betsy Shamoian's dream of running her own business recently became a reality with the purchase of Apple Blossoms. A popular downtown destination for residents seeking flowers and specialty gift

items, the 150 Main St. business has seen strong patronage over the years. When former owner Wendy Beauvais approached Shamoian and expressed her desire to sell the business, there wasn't much to discuss. "I had always wanted to have my own

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Selectmen re-visit alleged illegal sales at White Ash Grove promotional events

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
 STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – Displeased by activities taking place in November at a promotional event run by a prospective marijuana business, selectmen discussed the incident during their meeting last week.

Representatives of White Ash Grove, LLC – formerly operating as part of Reliable Bud, LLC – were brought before the Board on Jan. 28 to answer for the incident this past fall. White Ash Grove, which is proposing to run a medical marijuana cultivation facility at 21 West Main St., has hosted several promotional and networking events at Spencer Fairgrounds and the Knights of Columbus.

Following up on multiple complaints of illegal sales of marijuana taking place between vendors and guests at the promotional events this past fall and summer, a selectman attended one of the November events held at the Knights of Columbus and

claimed to have witnessed at least five exchanges of money for drugs.

Spencer Police and Town Administrator Thomas Gregory were contacted immediately following the November incident, and the Board was updated at its Dec. 10 meeting. Following a monthlong police investigation of the incident by Chief David Darrin and other officers, the Board on Jan. 28 discussed whether to allow future promotional events.

"Chief Darrin has met with [company representatives] and will continue to meet with them to come up with a plan to prevent what happened from happening again," said Selectman Ralph Hicks.

Selectmen did not take a vote on the issue at their Jan. 28 meeting. If the Board votes to allow future promotional events, selectmen said there would need to be an increased police presence. The company announced on Dec. 10 that

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Second Chance chosen for Jackson Galaxy Project's life saving Cat Pawsitive Program

EAST BROOKFIELD – Second Chance Animal Service has been selected by The Jackson Galaxy Project (JGP), a Signature Program of GreaterGood.org, to participate in the Spring 2019 Semester of Cat Pawsitive, a life-saving initiative that introduces positive-reinforcement training to cats in shelters and rescues. Supported by the Petco

Foundation and Halo® pet food, this innovative training program for cats aims to increase feline adoption rates and maintain cat "mojo."

Jackson Galaxy (star of the television show "My Cat from Hell") on Animal Planet, and founder of JGP) developed Cat Pawsitive with a team of feline behavior experts. Highlights of

the program include:

- Maintaining cat "adoptability" and feline social skills by enriching cats' day-to-day lives
- Increasing adoptions
- Decreasing length of stay
- Engaging and empowering volunteers and staff

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Courtesy Photo

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Eighth graders Elizabeth Czaja and Charles Schwenker represented Quaboag Regional Middle-High School as Project 351 representatives.

Project 351 offers Quaboag students a chance to give back

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
 STAFF WRITER

WARREN – As Project 351 representatives, two Quaboag Regional Middle-High School students were recently able to spend a Saturday helping the community and making new friends.

Eighth graders Charles Schwenker and Elizabeth Czaja were chosen by their teachers as this year's representatives for Project 351. On Jan. 19, the students traveled to Boston to take part in Project 351 service day activities. The program kicked off at Faneuil Hall, where they were able to hear speeches from Governor

Charlie Baker, Representative Ayanna Pressley, and several other elected leaders.

From there, the students branched off into groups where they participated in different projects. Czaja assisted a project run by Service Valley, while Schwenker helped out the Cradles to Crayons organization.

"I love the feeling of giving back and helping people," Czaja said.

Added Schwenker, "We didn't know anyone when we got there, but we made new friends and had fun."

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Annual workshop for aspiring writers returns March 10

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

WEST BROOKFIELD – For writers of all ages and ability levels, a local workshop has become a favorite annual event.

Award-winning local author Ed Londergan will hold his third annual writing and publishing workshop next

month. The event is set for Sunday, March 10, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Salem Cross Inn.

The workshop will cover the entire writing and publishing process, beginning with content-related items like idea conception, story structure, dialogue, character development, and the creation of strong settings. No matter which genre a writer chooses, it's

important to engage the reader from the opening line and maintain interest throughout the piece, Londergan said.

Regardless of whether you've published a book or you're just starting out with a manuscript, the workshop is enjoyed by writers of all abilities. It's not only a great chance to learn from an accomplished author, but also an opportunity to connect with other area writers.

"Past workshops have been attended by people of all ages and occupations, from 12-year-old students to 75-year-old retirees, all who have a story to tell," Londergan said.

The author of "The Devil's Elbow" and "The Long Journey Home," Londergan knows how to help writers reach their goals because he has already overcome many challenges with his own projects. He's acquired helpful tricks over the years to combat writer's block and maintain momentum. For writers who have stalled after constructing the majority of their manuscripts, the workshop is the perfect venue to help them push through to the end.

"Common problems like overcoming writer's block will be addressed. One of the things that past attendees have enjoyed and learned from is the writing exercises," Londergan added.

In past years, many senior writers have attended the workshop to help improve their memoirs. Meanwhile, aspiring writers in middle school and high school have gotten help with getting their manuscripts off the ground. For those writers who have completed a book and are hoping to publish it, the

workshop also covers several routes to publication.

The event will include discussion on self-publishing, querying agents, marketing, and setting up author events to increase book sales. There is always significant discussion at the workshops, as writers who have been through certain experiences can share their knowledge with the other guests. One of the most common frustrations for writers of all genres is the rejection that often derives from querying agents.

"Most people do not realize how difficult it can be to get an agent," Londergan said. "It is possible to send a query letter to 100 or more agents and have few, if any, respond. Folks also don't realize that an agent will not consider representing an author unless they have a story that will make money for the publisher. It is a highly competitive marketplace that revolves around making money."

Authors choosing the self-publication route need to be prepared to take on many challenges, including managing their own cover design, editing their work, and marketing their books. The workshop will cover many ways to stay on top of each task.

The cost of the workshop is \$95 per person (lunch is included). Registration is required.

The deadline to register is March 1. For more information about the event, or to obtain your registration form, send an email to ed.londergan@gmail.com or call 413-436-7901.

Sen. Anne Gobi announces February office hours

REGION — Lucas McDiarmid, District Aide to Senator Anne Gobi (D-Spencer) will be holding office hours throughout the district during the month of February. Constituents and town officials are invited to meet with Tyler to express any concerns, ideas and issues they have. Attendants should RSVP to Lucas by email at Lucas.McDiarmid@MASenate.gov or by phone at (413) 423-3082. Town attendance is not restricted to residents of those towns.

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ERA Key's Flannery achieves rare milestone by selling 1,000 homes



Donna Flannery

SPENCER — ERA Key Realty Services of Northbridge announced last week that lifelong Spencer resident Donna Flannery, an agent in the Spencer office, recently joined an elite group of Realtors by selling her 1,000th home.

The average real estate agent sells 8.6 homes a year, according to statistics from Real Trends. A majority of new agents quit the business within two years, often without ever selling a home. Flannery has sold 1,000 homes during a 27-year career in real estate, while also receiving awards for community service. "Donna's hard work and sales ability

have placed her among the best Realtors in the business," according to ERA Key President Cheryl Eidinger-Taylor. "She is consistently among our top agents and has been a standout since her first year with us."

Flannery worked for four years as the MLS supervisor for the Greater Worcester Board of Realtors before pursuing her license to sell real estate. She became a Realtor in 1992 at the former Hometown Real Estate and was named Rookie of the Year. She was her office's top-selling agent from 1993 through 1998, finishing each year with the highest number of closed transactions and the dollar volume of homes sold. In 1999, she was one of four national finalists for the Jim Jackson Memorial Service Award for Customer Satisfaction.

In 2007, she was the ERA Boston Broker Council Agent of the Year, with the highest dollar volume for homes sold and the largest number of transactions from more than 800 agents. In 2009, she again achieved the highest dollar volume and finished second for number of closed transactions.

She was in ERA Key's Leader's Circle in 2011, 2012 and 2013, when she led the agency in the number of transactions closed for three consecutive years. She was also the number two all-around agent in 2012. In 2013 and 2014, she was ranked #33 by Real Trends for being among the top 50 agents in Massachusetts.

In 2014, Flannery received the Town of Spencer Meritorious Public Service Award and in 2016 she received ERA

Key's Circle of Light Award-for exceptional volunteerism for the needy in the community. She was named Spencer Exchange Club Citizen of the Year in 2007 for her volunteer work in the community.

She is a past president and director of the Spencer Exchange Club and she has been a coordinator of Spencer Toys for Kids since 2004. She is a member of the Spencer Housing Authority and served as cooperator at Spencer Savings Bank. She served as a director and vice president of the Worcester Regional Association of Realtors and as an alternate director of the Massachusetts Association of Realtors. She is certified as an Accredited Buyer Broker and is continuing her education to achieve the Graduate, REALTOR® Institute (GRI) designation, as well as requirements to become a mediation officer for the Massachusetts Association of Realtors.

"I was blessed with a great work ethic, along with honesty and loyalty, and I believe that is the key to my success," Flannery said. "I have also been fortunate to have so many great people surrounding me. My mother spent much of her life volunteering to help those less fortunate and my father worked seven days a week, so I learned from them, too."

About ERA Key Realty Services ERA Key Realty Services of Northbridge, Mass., has 14 offices throughout cen-



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tral and eastern Massachusetts and is among the 10 largest residential real estate agencies in Massachusetts based on the number of homes sold. It is also among the top 10 agencies in the ERA Franchise System, which has more than 2,400 agencies worldwide. ERA Key has been named among the top places to work in the state in the large company category for the past four years, based on a survey administered by Energage for The Boston Globe. It also won the Momentum Award as the fastest growing ERA franchise in 2012 and the Gene Francis Memorial Award as the Top All-Around Company in ERA in 2014. For more information about ERA Key, visit www.erakey.com.



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Feb. 11

Community Connections hosts a parent/care-giver & child playgroup from 10-11:30 a.m. for infants through age five every Monday! These free programs are provided by a grant through the Department of Early Education and Care.

Feb. 12

Toddler story time meets from 10 - 10:45 a.m. for ages 18-35 months and their caregivers.

Pre-K story time meets from 11 a.m. - noon for children three years old (by Sept. 1) to school age.

Feb. 13

Pause: Mindfulness Meditation is held on the Library's Main Floor on Wednesdays from 8:30-9:30 a.m. Drop-in and learn about mindfulness. Wendy O'Leary will lead us in a mindfulness practice, and discussion using these tools to enhance our relationship with ourselves and others.

Imagination Station: STEAM craft: Build a marble track! Imagination Station meets Wednesdays from 4:45 p.m. in the Community Room. Children in grades K-5 and their parents/guardians welcome!

Feb. 14

Community Connections hosts Icky Sticky, a sensory program for infants-age five from 10 - 11 a.m. These free programs are provided by a grant through the Department of Early Education and Care.

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Feb. 28

Cooking Creations: Cookbooks that inspire mouthwatering recipes! Adults (teens grades nine and above) make a recipe and bring the dish to share at the program! From 6-7 p.m., participants will taste the recipes made from the

cookbook: Cravings: Hungry for more by Chrissy Teigen. Friends of the Library provide beverages. Cookbooks are available at the Library's Main Desk. Registration is required. Call the Library to (508) 885-7513 or register online at www.spencerpubliclibrary.org.

March 11

Book Discussion & Practice Group: Awakening Joy! We will read and discuss the book Awakening Joy by James Baraz and Shoshana Alexander, as well as practice using the strategies to awaken joy in our lives. This program will be led by Wendy O'Leary. Please plan to attend all five sessions as we work together to bring more joy into our lives. The sessions will be held on the following Mondays from 1 - 3 p.m. March 11 (discuss introduction and chapters 1 and 2), April 1, May 6, June 3, and June 24. Books are available at the Main Desk. Pick up a copy today. Sign up required. Register by visiting or calling the Richard Sugden Library, Spencer, at 508-885-7513, or online at www.SpencerPublicLibrary.org/adults

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March 7

Massasoit Memories, sponsored by the Spencer Historical Society, will be held at the Richard Sugden Library from 6 - 7:30 p.m. Local historian Mary Baker-Wood will present a slideshow history of the Massasoit Hotel, a much loved Spencer landmark, which was destroyed by fire on Jan. 12, 1982. Attendees are encouraged to bring memories or souvenirs to share with the group.



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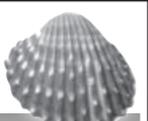
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"I am eager to grow in my new position and to guide my team members so we can continue to provide the best service to North Brookfield Savings Bank's customers and the Three Rivers community," said Branch Manager Rachael Slozak. "I'm looking forward to all the new challenges and accomplishments I can meet and achieve with my new position."

Joseph Ribeiro, of Ludlow, has been promoted to Supervisor/IRA Specialist. Ribeiro will be responsible for overseeing all of our IRA accounts and any transactions processed through those accounts, as well as opening and closing the branch, supervising tellers, and interacting with customers on a day-to-day basis to provide the best service possible.

Ribeiro joined North Brookfield Savings Bank in 2017 as a Teller and quickly advanced to his most recent role as Teller/IRA Specialist. In addition to his two years at North Brookfield Savings Bank he has more than eight years of experience in the service industry in customer facing positions and received a Fundamentals of Banking Certificate from the New England College of Business. His commitment to the communities the Bank serves is evident through his volunteerism efforts for the Three Rivers Right TRACK Artisan Fair, Celebrate Palmer, the East Brookfield Independence Day Celebration, in addition to participating in the Ware Flair Parade and assisting with tree decoration for the PHCC Tree and Wreath Festival. Ribeiro also proudly served dinner to cancer survivors at the Quaboag Valley Relay for Life Survivors Dinner.

"I am excited for my new position and for the chance to expand and share my knowledge of IRA accounts with customers," said Supervisor/IRA Specialist Joseph Ribeiro. "I'm looking forward to the experience I will gain in my new role and growing within North Brookfield Savings Bank."

Joseph Ribeiro can be reached at 2060 Main St., Three Rivers, or by calling 413-283-5681, or by emailing jribeiro@BankNBSB.com.
Rachael Slozak can be reached at 2060 Main St., Three Rivers, or by calling 508-637-7640, or by emailing rslozak@BankNBSB.com.
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Samantha Hammond can be reached at 35 Summer St., North Brookfield, or by calling 508-637-7409, or by emailing samshammond@banknbsb.com.

NORTH BROOKFIELD — North Brookfield Savings Bank is pleased to announce the recent promotions of four employees; Ann Brady, Samantha Hammond, Rachael Slozak and Joseph Ribeiro, who have consistently displayed their commitment to the customers, communities and overall success of the Bank.

"We are so pleased to announce these very well-earned promotions and to have these individuals continue to grow with North Brookfield Savings Bank,"

said North Brookfield Savings Bank President and CEO Donna Boulanger. "They are dedicated employees who are committed to providing a wonderful banking experience for all our customers and care for our communities. I know they will continue to be valuable members to North Brookfield Savings Bank."

Ann Brady, of Wheelwright, has been promoted to Assistant Vice President/Controller. Brady will be responsible for preparing regulatory reporting on a monthly and quarterly basis, pre-

paring and executing trades from the investment portfolio, preparing reports for the board and senior management, reviewing all general ledger activity for accuracy, and reviewing and fine-tuning accounting procedures.

Brady has previously served at North Brookfield Savings Bank as an Accounting Clerk, Senior Accountant, and Assistant Controller. She has more than 18 years of experience in banking and has received a General Banking Diploma from The Center for Financial Training. In addition, she is currently working to obtain an Advanced Financial Services Diploma. Brady provides community support by volunteering annually to serve dinner to cancer survivors at the Quaboag Valley Relay for Life Survivors Dinner and by proudly walking with fellow employees in the Belchertown Fair Parade.

"I feel fortunate to work at a company where I enjoy my work, my peers and management, and where I am part of a wonderful and kind community," said Assistant Vice President/Controller Ann Brady. "I look forward to learning in my new position, being responsible for more high-level functions and continuing to give back to our communities."

Samantha Hammond, of Charlton, has been promoted to Loan Servicing Manager. Hammond will be responsible for overseeing the loan servicing department, reviewing loans that have been booked, as well as working closely with the North Brookfield Savings Bank residential lending and retail banking departments.

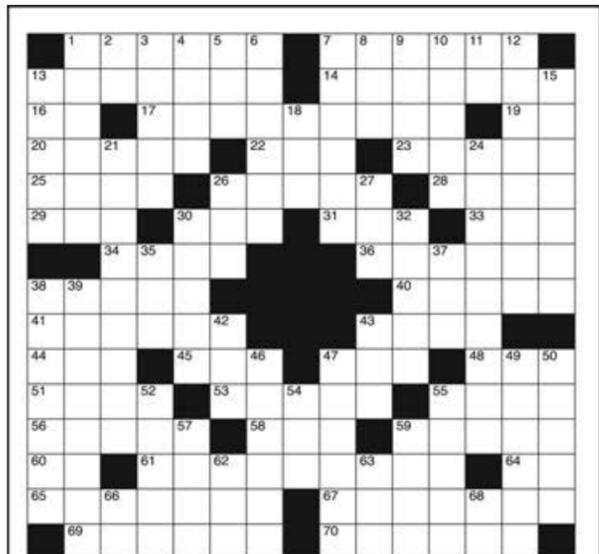
Hammond joined North Brookfield in 2014 when Family First Bank merged with North Brookfield Savings Bank and most recently served as the Senior Loan Servicing Representative. She has more than 6 years of experience in the banking industry and is a graduate of Holyoke Community College. Samantha gives back

to the Bank's local communities by participating in the Belchertown Fair Parade and the Ware Flair Parade, and in addition volunteers for the East Brookfield Independence Day Celebration and the West Brookfield Asparagus and Heritage Festival, among others.

"I am excited to help my team improve upon their already strong skillsets as well as encourage and foster learning opportunities within additional areas of loan servicing," said Loan Servicing Manager Samantha Hammond. "I am most looking forward to working with my team and peers to provide our customers with the very best service possible."

Rachael Slozak, of Warren, has been promoted to Branch Manager. Slozak will be responsible for overseeing the teller line and all team members of the Three Rivers branch location. Furthermore, she will provide exceptional service to customers, help with deposit and loan product inquiries, open accounts, take loan applications and ensure the branch follows the bank's policies and procedures.

Slozak joined North Brookfield Savings Bank in 2014 when Family First Bank merged with North Brookfield Savings Bank and most recently served as the Assistant Branch Manager. She has more than six years of experience in the banking industry and is a graduate of Holyoke Community College. She has also received a Fundamentals of Banking Certificate from the New England College of Business. Slozak is very active within the Three Rivers and surrounding communities, volunteering for the Three Rivers Right TRACK Festival, West Brookfield Asparagus and Heritage Festival and the West Brookfield White Christmas Open House in past years. She has also decorated the North Brookfield Savings Bank tree for the PHCC Tree and Wreath Festival and participated in the Ware Flair Parade.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Got paid
- 7. Sets free
- 13. Domestic hybrid cattle
- 14. Quality of one's character
- 16. Doctor's helper
- 17. Not holding back
- 19. Type of degree
- 20. Short but severe
- 22. 007's creator
- 23. Linguistics icon
- 25. Large integers
- 26. Upset
- 28. Former
- 29. Peyton's younger brother
- 30. An Irish dance
- 31. Title of respect
- 33. Small lump
- 34. Baroque musical instrument
- 36. The third sign of the zodiac
- 38. The 1st letter of the Hebrew alphabet
- 40. A group of nine
- 41. Garment
- 43. Capital of Yemen
- 44. One point south of due east
- 45. Drain
- 47. Moved quickly
- 48. Bar bill
- 51. An idiot
- 53. Indicates silence
- 55. Protein-rich liquids
- 56. Samoan monetary units
- 58. "___ your i's, cross your t's"
- 59. Forms the bottom
- 60. Potato state
- 61. Toy that spins around
- 64. Barium
- 65. Type of molding
- 67. Closes again
- 69. Sounds the same
- 70. Come into view

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Nix
- 2. Indicates position
- 3. Quantitative facts
- 4. Strong and healthy
- 5. Former measure of length
- 6. Dads tend to be this
- 7. Parts of a movie
- 8. An animal's foot
- 9. Expression of sorrow or pity
- 10. Saudi Arabian money
- 11. One billion gigabytes
- 12. Smallest musical interval
- 13. A rugged box (usually made of wood)
- 15. Cheese dish
- 18. An ugly, evil-looking old woman
- 21. Widely used
- 24. Makes into pages
- 26. Afflict in mind or body
- 27. Set up
- 30. Toilets
- 32. "Life of Jesus" theologian
- 35. A big deal on Wall St.
- 37. Western Thai people
- 38. Free from contamination
- 39. Type of dog
- 42. Revolver
- 43. High schoolers' exam
- 46. San Diego ballplayers
- 47. Hit the sack
- 49. Suitable for crops
- 50. Red mineral
- 52. Yellowish-brown
- 54. Lowest point between two peaks
- 55. Late TNT broadcaster
- 57. Thin strip to align parts
- 59. Swiss wind
- 62. A way to chill
- 63. Jewel
- 66. Rhodium
- 68. The top lawyer in the land



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The selective use of herbicides to manage vegetation along rights-of-way is done within the context of an Integrated Vegetation Management (IVM) program consisting of mechanical, chemical, natural and cultural components. In right-of-way vegetation management the pest or target is vegetation (primarily tall growing) that will cause outages and safety issues. National Grid's IVM program encourages natural controls by promoting low growing plant communities that resist invasion by target vegetation. The selective use of herbicides and mechanical controls are the direct techniques used to control target vegetation and help establish and maintain natural controls.

Rodeo, and possibly one of the following herbicides, Arsenal or Arsenal Powerline, will be applied directly to the surface of stumps immediately after target vegetation is cut (Cut Stump Treatment). Garlon 4 or Garlon 4 Ultra will be applied selectively to the stems of target vegetation using hand-held equipment (Basal Treatment and Dormant stem treatment). Krenite 5 or Rodeo, mixed with Escort XP, and one of the following herbicides, Arsenal or Arsenal Powerline, or Milestone will be applied selectively to the foliage of target vegetation using hand-held equipment (Foliar Treatment). Applications shall not commence more than ten days before nor conclude more than ten days after the following treatment periods. The herbicide mixes and additional information about rights of way management in Massachusetts can be found here: <https://www.mass.gov/rights-of-way-vegetation-management>

Municipalities that have rights-of-way that were treated in 2018 but may require some touch-up work in 2019:

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Dormant STEM	Basal	Dormant STEM
	Cut stubble	

Further information may be requested by contacting (during business hours, Mon-Fri from 8:00 am-4:00 pm):
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Telephone: (508) 860-6282 or email: mariclaire.rigby@nationalgrid.com

Nichols College students named to Fall 2018 Dean's List

DUDLEY — Approximately 600 Nichols students achieved Dean's List or Dean's High Honors status during the fall 2018 semester.

The Dean's List recognizes students who earned high grades during a single semester. To be on the Dean's List, a student must maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.2 for at least 12 credit-hours and receive no grade below a C+ during the semester. A

student who earns a grade point average of 3.6 or higher is awarded Dean's High Honors.

Vanessa Bastardo of Spencer achieved Dean's List.

Jessica Booth of Brookfield achieved Dean's High Honors.

Meghan Bowen of Spencer achieved Dean's High Honors.

Kylie Bulger of North Brookfield achieved Dean's High Honors.

Alexandre Cournoyer of Spencer achieved Dean's High Honors.

Jayne Dowd of Spencer achieved Dean's List.

Christopher Doyle of Leicester achieved Dean's High Honors.

Reece McLeod of Leicester achieved Dean's High Honors.

Nicole Murray of Brookfield achieved Dean's High Honors.

Jocelyn Nace of Spencer achieved Dean's High Honors.

Anthony Notaro of Leicester achieved Dean's High Honors.

Anastasia Noyes of Spencer achieved Dean's List.

Kyle Petit of Rochdale achieved Dean's List.

Adam Phillips of Brookfield achieved Dean's High Honors.

Jason Radzik of Leicester achieved Dean's High Honors.

Cody Roberts of North Brookfield achieved Dean's High Honors.

Hope Rudzinski of North Brookfield achieved Dean's High Honors.

Julian Torres of Rochdale achieved Dean's List.

About Nichols College

Nichols College is a college of choice for business and leadership education as a result of its distinctive career-focused and leadership-based approaches to learning, both in and out of the classroom, and through impactful research and professional education. Founded in 1815, Nichols transforms today's students into tomorrow's leaders through a dynamic, career-focused business and professional education. Within a supportive community, Nichols offers and experiential business curriculum with a strong liberal arts foundation that is enhanced by the scholarship of practice and pedagogy; integrates research and scholarship into the student experience programs and activities that cultivate and enhance professional skills and readiness; and develops the communication and critical-thinking abilities, the ethical and cultural perspectives, and the necessary teamwork skills that are required of leaders in a global economy.

Spencer officials plan public hearing on proposed community development grants

SPENCER — The Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing next week regarding the town's proposed grant application seeking monies for several projects.

The hearing will take place on Monday, Feb. 11, at 6 p.m. at Town Hall (157 Main St.). Residents will have an opportunity to learn about the town's proposed fiscal year 2019 application to the state seeking up to \$800,000 in community development block grant funds.

If approved, the majority of the funds would go toward infrastructure improvement projects on Cherry Street, Wall Street, Lloyd Street, and Dyer Street. The Pioneer Valley Planning Commission will be assisting the town with the grant application process.

The public hearing will also offer residents the chance to comment on the

proposed projects that were identified as priorities in the town's Community Development Strategy. Anyone with questions or comments regarding the grant application process will have an opportunity to be heard.

Those unable to attend the hearing can send written comments to the Spencer Board of Selectmen (157 Main St., Spencer, MA, 01562, Attn: Thomas Gregory).

Town Hall is handicapped accessible. Residents who require special accommodations to attend the hearing should contact the town at 508-885-7500.

For more information about the grant application process, contact Pioneer Valley Planning Commission representative Ted Harvey at 413-781-6045 or by email at tharvey@pvpc.org.

Brookfields Rotary says thanks



WEST BROOKFIELD — A group of 137 local residents and Rotarians recently packed Ye Olde Tavern in West Brookfield to help the Brookfields Rotary Club raise money for its humanitarian and community service projects. Our guests enjoyed a wonderful Tavern meal and a "Wedding Murder Mystery" beautifully performed by the "Dinner to Die For" players from Barre. The evening was filled with fun and mystery until finally the "killer" was revealed. The evening ending with robust applause for the players and with many in attendance looking forward to the event next year.

Also assisting Rotary to raise money were several generous local business and individual auction donors. These included gift certificates from Hair Mechanics in North Brookfield, Bogey Lanes in East Brookfield, and Michele Miller of West Brookfield. Individual donors were Lynn Duffy-O'Shea, Linda and Dana Lloyd, Luanne McLeod and the Rotary Club. The door prize was a beautiful hand crafted quilt made and donated by Janice Proctor of North Brookfield. Her son received a scholarship from the club several years ago, and this was her way of thanking the club.

For information about Brookfields Rotary, visit us on Facebook at Rotary Club of the Brookfields or in Club Information at www.Rotary7910.org.

Klem's announces Kids Week vacation schedule

SPENCER — Local youngsters will have plenty of fun activities to enjoy during winter vacation week, as Klem's gets ready to host a busy Kids Week schedule.

The weeklong program will take place from Feb. 18-22, and kids from throughout the area are encouraged to attend. The program will kick off at 10 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 18, with a local children's book author discussing the true story that inspired her book about the importance of adopting shelter pets. For each book purchased that day, \$5 will be donated to Second Chance Animal Shelter.

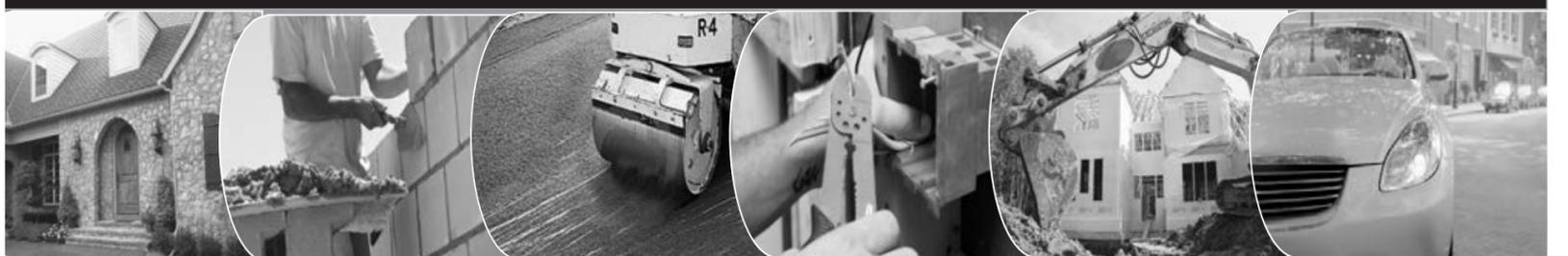
On Feb. 19 and Feb. 21, kids will enjoy art projects and learn how to create planting pots and mini birdfeeders.

On Feb. 20, Klem's will offer indoor games, puzzles and several craft activities. These are perfect for friends and the entire family. Coloring pages will be provided as well.

The program will culminate on Friday, Feb. 22, with a visit from New England Reptile Shows. Instructor Jodi Erickson will surprise guests by bringing a few fascinating friends. Kids will also learn about the habitats and lifestyles of several reptiles.

Klem's is located at 117 West Main St. For more information about upcoming events, call 508-885-2708. You can also visit www.klemsonline.com or check out the store's Facebook page.

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WEST BROOKFIELD SPORTSMEN WOW FIFTH GRADERS

WEST BROOKFIELD — Members of the fifth grade class of West Brookfield Elementary School were entertained and informed by members of the Wickaboag Sportsmen's Club on Thursday morning (Jan. 31). The purpose of the visit was to introduce this year's Essay/Research topic that has been a curriculum event for the past many years.

This year, the topic of Coyotes and Bobcats, Compare and Contrast, was supported by a powerpoint presentation of Mass Wildlife narrated by MJ Haesche, and the superb mounts of a bobcat and coyote donated by Tim Nolan. The students were encouraged to research and then write essays that would be judged by members of the Sportsmen's Club. The author of the winning essay will be offered an expense paid tuition to Camp Marshall, Worcester County 4-H Center this summer.

Students were introduced

to the characteristics, habitat, and behaviors of both species, and encouraged to use all of the resources available in their research to include venturing outdoors, in the snow, to discover tracks of area inhabitants. Included in an information packet was a piece that helps identify the footprints of typical wildlife. The mounted animals are on display in a showcase at the school for more careful analysis.

For more information, contact Paul Lapenas, palapenas@gmail.com.



Courtesy Photo

Pictured speaking to the class is Dick Boos, of the education Committee of the Wickaboag Sportsmen's Club with elk antlers to his rear and a table of pelts and skeletal discoveries from the area's woodlands.

KNOX TRAIL MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

SPENCER — Knox Trail Middle School has released its honor roll for the first term of the 2018-2019 school year.

GRADE 5

High Honors: Vincent Bedard, Owen Granger, James Hanlan, Jorelys Ignacio, Alyssa Kuszpa, Matthew

McNicol, Alexis Moody, Mariana Munzert, Christopher Pinkowski, Brenna Stanley, Trevor Truax, Lauren Tutlis, Ava Wall, Victoria Zheng

Honors: Chad Anderson, Violet Aucella, Elijah Barnett, Kaden Blaszczyk, Aiden Coleman, Jordan Ferreira, Jayden Filadelfo, Paige Fritze, Clarence hitchner, Ryan Howard, Amara Johnson, Caitlin Kennen, Lucas Lacroix, Ambrielle Larson, Madison Leighton, Sean Marsden, Alexis Mercier, Michael Naji, Sebastian Nieuwenhoff, Carlene Paul, Emma Snyder

GRADE 6

High Honors: Amberlyn Brindle, Gianna Chesna, Adison Daoust, John Donovan, Grace Kates, Morgan Kates, Emilee Larson, Mya Mullins, John Rutter, Patrick Schold, Ava Sobosik, Lynkon St. Jean, Leah Tompkins

Honors: Minos Anifantis, Hope Belford, Cherise Berthiaume, Julia Burgos, Catherine Comeau, Logan

Edwards, Killian Ehren, Ryan Fitzpatrick, Gracie Gende, Alexia Gustafson, Colleen Hart, Haley Higdon-O'Mara, Cerina Leinonen, Logan Letourneau, Miguel Mackenzie, Emily Manfield, Adriana Russell, Samuel Snyder, Madison Stewart, Brooke Turner, Vincent Van Dam, Benjamin Wytas

GRADE 7

High Honors: Eliana Barnett, Madison Barnett, Ava Bergeron, Timothy Charette, Wyatt Daoust, Rachel Dorsey, Tyler Downes, Madison Ethier, James Ferreira, Brandon Grenier, Lucas Hafner, David Holup, Ian Mahan, Shaun McLaughlin, James McNicol, Stephanie Njenga

Honors: Isaiah Ayala, Aden Baez, Alyesia Bellamy, Christopher Busold, Joel Calvo, Peter Courville, Jon Ford, Jonathan Forget, Alec Fournier, Calvin Gomes, Isabelle Herholz, Logan Josti, Matthew Kaferlein, Eve LaPorte, Benjamin LaTour, Michael Lavallee,

Patrick Luperchio, Hannah Luuko, Sarah Martin, Jaydon McCormack, Adrianna Navarro, Judelius Neiray, Jr., Liyah Nguyen, Rianna Ortiz, Julianna Rondeau, Liam Ryan, Sydney Seymour, Sarah Young

GRADE 8

High Honors: William Anderson, Emily Brown, Cody Chen, Jessica Duda, Brielle Hart, Anthony Leite, Adriana Mullins, Paige Parenteau, Lindsay Soter, Faith Tompkins, Jenna Velasquez

Honors: Fabian Alvis, Thomas Bain, Samuel Boria, Dennis Brunelle, Braeden Cashman, Grace Comeau, Marlee Domey, Nathan Goozey, Morgan Johnson, Faith LaMonda, Jocelyn LaMonda, Charlie Lascom, Ayden Letourneau, Gabriella Nokeo, Michael Pacheco, Timothy Paine, Olivia Pepin, Patrick Prudhomme, Daffany Rivera, Wyatt Sadusky, Dylan Stanley, Braeden White

Police give Knox Trail students a lesson in online safety



Courtesy Photo

Knox Trail Middle School students get a lesson in safe social media use from Spencer Police.

SPENCER — Thanks to a visit from police last week, students at Knox Trail Middle School were able to learn about responsible social media use.

Spencer Police officers stopped by the school on Jan. 30 to discuss safe social media behavior with students in grades five through eight. In an effort to reduce bullying and keep kids safe online, police in several area communities make an effort to visit the schools each year.

Officers hope that by educating kids early on safe social media use, they can prevent problems from arising when they reach high school. Not only is responsible online behavior critical for students in middle school, but also when they go to apply for college, police said. Negative posts and irresponsible pictures and comments can be accessed long after they graduate.

The presentation included PowerPoint slides and a group discussion.

Rachel Berthiaume of Leicester studying abroad during spring semester

WORCESTER — Rachel Berthiaume, of Leicester, is taking advantage of the many international study abroad programs offered through Assumption College and spending the spring semester abroad. Berthiaume, Class of 2020, is studying in Australia.

Studying abroad not only gives Assumption students the chance to obtain class credit, but it offers a unique opportunity for them to interact with different cultures and to approach what they have learned in the classroom from new perspectives, thus giving them an enhanced view of the world around them. This spring, Assumption students are studying abroad in locations across the world such as Australia, the Czech Republic, England, Ireland, Italy, and

Spain. In addition, Assumption students are also studying at the College's campus in Rome, Italy, where they can fulfill core requirements while experiencing all that "the Eternal City" has to offer.

Founded in 1904 by the Augustinians of the Assumption in Worcester, Mass., Assumption College is a Catholic liberal arts institution that offers undergraduate students 35 majors and 47 minors in the liberal arts, sciences, business, and professional studies; as well as master's and continuing education degrees and professional certificate programs—each through an educational experience that is grounded in the rich Catholic intellectual tradition. The curriculum enables students to gain a depth and breadth

of knowledge that leads to professional success and personal fulfillment. Students—whether on the Worcester campus or at the College's Rome, Italy, campus—become engaged participants in Assumption's classic liberal arts education, exploring new ideas and making connections across disciplines. To prepare for the workforce, students learn cutting-edge theory and best practices, conduct innovative research, and develop excellent communication and critical-analysis skills. Assumption graduates are also known for their thoughtful citizenship and compassionate service to their community. For more information about Assumption College, please visit www.assumption.edu.

Area residents named to dean's list for the Fall 2018 semester at Quinnipiac University

HAMDEN, Conn. — Aliya Zubi of Brookfield, Erin Lowkes of East Brookfield, and Cierra Ryan of Spencer have been named to the dean's list for the Fall 2018 semester at Quinnipiac University. To qualify for the dean's list, students must earn a grade point average of at least 3.5, with no grade lower than C. Full-time students must complete at least 14 credits in a semester, with at least 12 credits that have been graded on a letter grade basis to be eligible. Part-time students must complete at least six credits during a semester.

About Quinnipiac University is a private, coeducational, nonsectarian institution located 90 minutes north of New York City and two hours from Boston. The university enrolls 7,000 full-time undergraduate and 3,000 graduate and part-time students in 110 degree programs through its Schools of Business, Communications, Education, Engineering, Health Sciences, Law, Medicine, Nursing and the College of Arts and Sciences. Quinnipiac consistently ranks among the top regional universities in the North in U.S. News & World Report's "Best Colleges" issue. Quinnipiac also is recognized in Princeton Review's "The Best 381 Colleges." The Chronicle of Higher Education has named Quinnipiac among the Great Colleges to Work For(r). For more information, please visit qu.edu. Connect with Quinnipiac on Facebook at [facebook.com/quinnipiac](https://www.facebook.com/quinnipiac) and follow Quinnipiac on Twitter @QuinnipiacU.

Kindergarten information for Brookfield Elementary School

BROOKFIELD — Students who are five years old on or before Aug. 31, should sign up for kindergarten.

Parents and guardians are encouraged to visit or call the Brookfield Elementary School office to pick up a registration packet as soon as possible. Along with the completed packet, the school requires two forms of identification to show proof of residency, a birth certificate and health/immunization records.

Kindergarten screening will be held Monday, March 25, Tuesday, March 26 and Wednesday, March 27. Please call the school during the week of March 11 to schedule a screening appointment; children will not be screened without a complete file.

Preschool registration is also underway. In order to be eligible for preschool, your child must be three years old by Aug. 31, and independently toilet trained. If interested in applying, please fill out an application and return by Monday, April 1.

For more information, or questions, please call the Jennifer Grybowski, Administrative Assistant, at (508) 867-8774.

Public hearing scheduled on North Brookfield school budget

NORTH BROOKFIELD — The North Brookfield School Committee will hold a public hearing on the 2019-2020 budget proposal Monday, Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. in School Committee Meeting Room 23A at the elementary school, located at 10 New School Dr.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Climate change is real

To the Editor:
This past week was bone chilling cold. I saw -15°F on my thermometer at my house this week. To many, this contradicts global warming. If anything, it confirms climate change. Scientists have long stopped using "global warming" and instead switched to "climate change" because non-scientists don't understand how impactful 1 degree rise in average temperature is.

This week, Chicago was colder than the South Pole, and Minneapolis was colder than the North Pole. We are experiencing global climate change, the North Pole was experiencing a heat wave because the cold air temporarily escaped into the United States. Several weeks earlier, the polar vortex was in Europe. The polar vortex is supposed to be in the Arctic circle! Last week the eastern half of the United States was below average, but the West was above average, The Yukon Territory and Alaska were above freezing, Siberia had a heat wave, and much of Europe was in an uncharacteristic thaw. Furthermore, record HIGH temperatures were being broken in Australia. Major cities at 120°F, pavement melting, record high temperatures for coastal locations – the ocean couldn't even moderate the temperature. In Australia it was not the hottest January 31st, it was the hottest temperature ever.

The jet stream exists all year, and is responsible for creating and steering the high- and low-pressure systems that bring us our day-to-day weather: storms and blue skies, warm and cold spells. Way above the jet stream, around 30 miles above the Earth, is the stratospheric polar vortex. This river of wind also rings the North Pole, but only forms during winter, and is usually fairly circular.

Greenhouse gas emissions from human activities have warmed the globe by about 1.8 degrees Fahrenheit (1 C) over the past 50 years. However, the Arctic has warmed more than twice as much. Amplified Arctic warming is due mainly to dramatic melting of ice and snow in recent decades, which exposes darker ocean and land surfaces that absorb a lot more of the sun's heat. Because of rapid Arctic warming, the north/south temperature difference has diminished. This reduces pressure differences between the Arctic and mid-latitudes, weakening jet stream winds. And just as slow-moving rivers typically take a winding route, a slower-flowing jet stream tends to meander.

Undoubtedly, last week's polar vortex attack will unleash fresh claims that global warming is a hoax. But this ridiculous notion can be quickly dispelled with a look at predicted temperature departures around the globe. The lobe of cold air over North America was far outweighed by areas elsewhere in the United States and worldwide that were warmer than normal.

ESTHER COHEN
WEST BROOKFIELD

To the Editor:
Hitler, Nazis and "Conservative Christians," oh my! He's been dead for almost 62 years, yet poor patriotic and still-vilified U.S. Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy never came close to the evil, untrue and insidious attacks against decent Christian Americans that many on the Left now routinely engage in. There is no shame for these blinded people who either deliberately, or through ignorance, do Satan's bidding for him here on earth. Just when you thought their support for killing unborn babies for votes, or advancing sodomy/alternative lifestyles and "recognizing" more human genders than the only two (binary) most normal people have ever known (male and female/boys and girls/men and women/gents and ladies, etc.), who were born in the last semi-sane Century, well, fasten your seat belts! Along comes a deliberate demagogic diatribe of desperation from Omar Har-Yarok ("Conservative Christians will bring atheism," New Leader, Jan. 25).

Beginning with his letter's title, it is false and self-serving. The number of non-believers in God, a.k.a. unbelievers or atheists, in a given land and time, will be due to both predestination as revealed in the Word of God, the Holy Bible (Romans 8:28-30 NIV) as well as the hardness of heart and spiritual blindness of many people, ultimately (and ruefully) most of the world's population, according to the Bible—both the authoritative literal and inspired Word of God. Many human beings in their fallen sinful nature ignore it and live contrary to God's teachings therein, but at their own peril, yet many will choose that path, and God allows it, with reaped consequences. Ah, free will, but as the admonition went in the 1989 movie Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade, "...choose wisely." "There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death." Proverbs 14:12 NIV. To believe or not is a very personal decision each of us must make in our earthly lifetime. However, it is absurd to insinuate that people are so shallow or fragile

Sinking to Har-Yarok bottom

that they'd permanently allow one version or segment of the Christian faith to prevent their belief and personal relationship with their risen Savior, Jesus Christ, the Holy Son and Lamb of God. Maybe a few are that weak, but I'd like to think most seekers of truth for relationship with God, our Creator—especially our fellow curious young Americans—are more thoughtful and deliberative about such an important and serious matter, or will be in time.

Further, it is both obnoxious and humorous as to how leftwing writers like Omar Har-Yarok, and Kevin Kane previously, imply to the readership here as to whom the acceptable Christian "versions," or Republican politicians, are. LOL — that's a glaring queue to run, not just walk away, from those spineless liberal Republicans and rainbow-flag-sporting dead, pop-culture churches. Yes, for earning God's wrath there's nothing like, in His name, exchanging the actual and infallible Biblical word for the empty word and course of fallen and debased humankind, in this dying world! My advice is to reject spiritual or political counsel from the Godless, hedonistic Left. They reject, or pretzel-twist God's Word, with pride and arrogance.

Lastly, Mr. Har-Yarok's misunderstanding of German history, especially his referring to Adolf Hitler as any kind of a real Christian, is deceptive, including his inaccurate portrayal of what actually happened following Hitler's rise to power. I encourage interested readers to obtain a genuine copy of a book currently in its fifth edition by Kevin Abrams and Dr. Scott D. Lively, the latter a previous candidate for Governor of Massachusetts in 2018 (he received over 36 percent of the Republican Primary vote against liberal Gov. Baker!). The book is titled "The Pink Swastika." While it chiefly addresses the role male homosexuals had in actually carrying out both chilling and killing force via the Nazi Party (as opposed to how gays are now almost always portrayed—as victims of Hitler, which some certainly were), it also provides a deep history

of the German condition from the earlier part of the 20th century. How the regional church had to struggle with being true to God and confronting the Nazi evil—at huge risk—that had manifest in The Third Reich. I read it thoroughly some years ago, and it is heavy reading for sure, yet it is exhaustively detailed and well documented with ample notes. As a student of history, I was nonetheless enlightened by the chronicled process by which such an evil and deadly ethos could form. Many people today still ponder that basic question of how could the extermination of six million Jews, and many other people whom Hitler and his goons deemed expendable, have happened. This book illuminates the ugly yet important truth and background to understand just how evil and deliberate the formation of that pagan culture of death was. Mr. Har-Yarok, it had primarily nothing to do with active Conservative German Christians, nor the entire church (Body of believers in Jesus Christ) that existed there regionally in Europe. It was the result of coerced insidious grooming from the early years of male German youth and the eventual bastardization of many churches toward government allegiance and away from the truth of God's word and love as its sole (soul) reference. I challenge anyone to read it themselves and you will learn more than you may have wanted to, yet it is critically important to learn from history, lest it be repeated. It is an acclaimed work recognized by many notable people including Drs. Howard Hurwitz, Judith Reisman, and Mordechai Nisan; Hillmar von Campe, scholars and historians. I strongly recommend obtaining a hardcopy: <https://www.amazon.com/Pink-Swastika-5th/dp/0964760975> Nevertheless, a downloadable version of the Fourth Edition by chapters appears available: <https://www.scottlively.net/the-pink-swastika/> Keep our Judeo-Christian culture; God Bless America!

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EDITORIAL

Whining about whining

We all know them – the whiners and chronic complainers of the world. No matter how silly or temporary a problem, they have to comment and complain to anyone who will listen.

Traffic... the weather... the price of gas... the long line at the store... the price of lettuce...too much rain... not enough rain... they never seem to run out of material.

Why so much whining? What is the benefit of having such a negative outlook? And why do these constant complainers always need to share their views with others? Do they want to assure themselves that the rest of us understand just how inconvenienced they are? Do they need someone to sympathize with them and validate their concerns? Or do they just like to hear themselves talk?

The worst whiners are the ones who complain about small things they can actually change, if they really want to. But they seem to cling as hard to the thing they complain about as much as they want to be rid of it.

Obviously, it's not easy to find a new job, or a new place to live, or a better car. Those things don't happen simply because one wishes they would. And many people do not have the means or support or privilege to achieve them. All of this is understood. Those problems are tough to deal with and not easily solved.

But what about the person who chronically complains about the drive-thru service at a fast food place, yet never parks and goes inside? Or tries another restaurant? What about that co-worker who talks incessantly about how bad the office coffee is, but never brings her own? And the guy who likes to make sure everyone in line knows that his time is precious and he just can't be late to his meeting – couldn't he have left earlier? Couldn't he come back later? Those are small solutions to small issues, yet the whiners seem to relish the pain without fixing the problem.

So, we let them whine, and maybe as a kindness, acknowledge their problem and sympathize. If all they need or want is a listening ear, even for five minutes in line at the grocery store, let's give it to them.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The National Emergencies Act is not a blank check

To the Editor:
 Even though the federal government is open again for now, President Donald Trump has not abandoned the idea of declaring a national emergency in order to fund and build a wall on the country's southern border. While Trump believes he has the authority, legal scholars disagree about whether or not the president can and/or should declare a "national emergency" under the National Emergencies Act (NEA).

Article II of the Constitution does not grant the Executive Branch any general emergency powers. However, Congress has traditionally given the president wide latitude to do what needs to be done in times of national crisis, including wartime and economic crises.

As with any authority, the declaration of national emergencies is prone to abuse if left unchecked. The most well-known example is Franklin D. Roosevelt's internment of U.S. citizens and residents of Japanese descent during World War II. While the U.S. Supreme Court sided with Roosevelt, the case has been characterized as "a stain on American jurisprudence" and was expressly repudiated by the court last year in Trump v. Hawaii.

When Congress passed the National Emergencies Act, its plan was not to give the President a blank check to invoke "emergency" powers simply because he couldn't get what he wanted through the normal political process. Yet that is exactly what the President is threatening to do here.

Whatever statutory authority Trump seeks to exercise would certainly be challenged in court. Suits will also likely question whether a "national emergency" actually exists. However, the parties would first have to show that they have standing to file a lawsuit. In addition, cases would take time to work their way through the judicial system.

Using the NEA as a workaround to the legislative process also sets a dangerous precedent. Even some Republicans are worried about it. "The president is threatening emer-

gency action, a national emergency declaration. I don't think he should do that. I think it's a bad precedent. And it contravenes the power of the purse that comes from the elected representatives of the people," Republican Sen. Chuck Grassley said earlier this month.

From the founding onward, the American constitutional tradition has profoundly opposed the president's use of the military to enforce domestic law. A key provision, rooted in an 1878 statute and added to the law in 1956, declares that whoever "willfully uses any part of the Army or the Air Force" to execute a law domestically "shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than two years" — except when "expressly authorized by the Constitution or Act of Congress."

The law is clear; how it would play out is less so. But undoubtedly, we would see a period of passionate debate on Capitol Hill, with scores of representatives, from both parties, condemning the president's move as an unconstitutional abuse of his powers as commander in chief.

This would play out in public, with millions of service members watching closely. They would immediately be obliged to decide whether to obey President Trump — and risk criminal punishment. For the president to put these men and women in such a position, simply out of petulance over congressional opposition, would be especially unconscionable. I assume our 46th President, be it Mike Pence or Nancy Pelosi, will pardon those service members who violated the law by following Trump's orders.

If it walks like a duck, quacks like a duck...it probably is a duck. A President who invokes an "emergency" simply because he couldn't get what he wanted through the constitutional political process is a dictator and all Americans of all political persuasions should take action.

EDITH MILLER
 LEICESTER

Voting is not a "power grab"

To the Editor:
 Election Day — it's the most important day on the American calendar, right after Christmas and Super Bowl Sunday. Many people wait in line for hours to vote, which is a problem if you also need to go to work, which is why Congress has proposed a bill to make Election Day a public holiday.

Voter turnout in the United States is embarrassingly low — in 2016, it was only 56 percent, whereas in other developed countries such as Belgium or Sweden, where Election Day is always on a Sunday, they see upwards of 80 percent turnout. In most developed countries, voting day is not a work day because in most developed countries, they actually want people to vote. Most countries hold elections on weekends to make it easier for most people to vote, and in the remainder a public holiday is usually declared for election day. We are the only advanced democracy that makes it deliberately difficult for people to vote.

The history of making casting a ballot deliberately difficult is steeped in American history. Originally, the founding fathers only granted white, male property owners the right to vote, and since those property owners were self-employed, a Tuesday election day was no burden. Thankfully, we have expanded the right to vote since then, but with the concept of W-2 wage employment and regular business hours, holding Election Day on a regular work/business day is a burden. Interestingly, today, Republicans hold a commanding lead with retired folks, which may explain why they are OK with making it hard for working people or students to vote — considering they lean Democratic.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R) is slamming a bill that would make Election Day a federal holiday. I get where Mitch is coming from; in 2016, three million more people voted Democrat — and that is

when people couldn't get off work. The current system in place harms all voters but likely harms Democratic leaning voters more. Mitch doesn't want more people or less people voting — he just wants to make sure more votes are CAST for Republicans than Democrats, accurately representing the country be damned. Mitch gave a speech on the Senate floor ridiculing the proposal and called it a "power grab" by Democrats.

Seriously, McConnell? Seriously? Voting isn't a "power grab." It's democracy, and it is literally the entire point of our representative government. I'm sort of happy that McConnell fears making election day a federal holiday. It's such a frank acknowledgement that the GOP's ideas are not accepted by the majority of American voters. Any party that is scared of people exercising the right to vote, will eventually be doomed.

About 19 million registered voters did not vote in 2016, citing "busy schedules." Those who are registered but didn't vote are more likely to be younger, less affluent, and non-white. I don't blame the Republicans for wanting to prevent that group from voting — we all know how they'll vote.

McConnell whined and bellyached about the cost of creating generous benefits for federal workers. Well I have an idea — let's move Veteran's Day to Election Day. Let's call it "Veteran's Memorial Election Day to Preserve our Freedom." The Veterans fought for freedom and the right to vote, right? Let's join the rest of the 1st world, make it easy to vote, and let the chips fall where they may. Personally I would like to boot out of office anybody who refers to increased voter turnout and participation as a "power grab."

FRED BAGG
 SPENCER

Financial gifts for valentines... of all ages

Valentine's Day is fast approaching. This year, consider going beyond the flowers and chocolates and think about providing financial-related gifts to your loved ones of all generations.



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Here are some gift possibilities to consider:
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For your children or grandchildren — If you want your children or grandchildren to go to college, or to receive some type of technical education that can help them launch a good career, you may want to provide some type of financial assistance. And one education-funding vehicle you might want to consider is a 529 college savings plan, which offers tax advantages and high contribution limits. Plus, it gives you, as owner, considerable flexibility — you can always change beneficiaries if the child or grandchild you had in mind decides not to go to college or a technical school. (Be aware, though, that a 529 plan can have financial aid implications, so, at some point, you will want to discuss this issue with a financial aid counselor.) Another financial "gift" you could give to your children is a bit more indirect, but possibly just as valuable, as a 529 plan — and that's the gift of preserving your own financial independence throughout your life. If you were to someday need some type of long-term care, such as an extended nursing home stay or regular visits from a home health aide, you could find the costs extremely high. Medicare typically pays few of these costs, so you will likely need to come up with the funds on your own. You can go a long way toward protecting yourself from these expenses — and avoid having to burden your grown children — by purchasing long-term care insurance or some type of life insurance with a long-term care provision.

For your parents — One of the best gifts you can give to elderly parents is to help make sure their estate plans are in order. This is never an easy topic to bring up, but it's essential that you know what responsibilities you might have, such as assuming power of attorney, to ensure that your parents' plans are carried out, and their interests protected, in the way they'd want. Toward this end, you will need to communicate regularly with your parents — and if they haven't drawn up estate plans yet, you could arrange for them to meet with the legal, tax and financial professionals necessary to help create these plans.

Just as the definition of "love" is broad enough to include all the people most important to you, so is the range of financial gifts you can give your loved ones. Start thinking about these gifts on Valentine's Day — and beyond.

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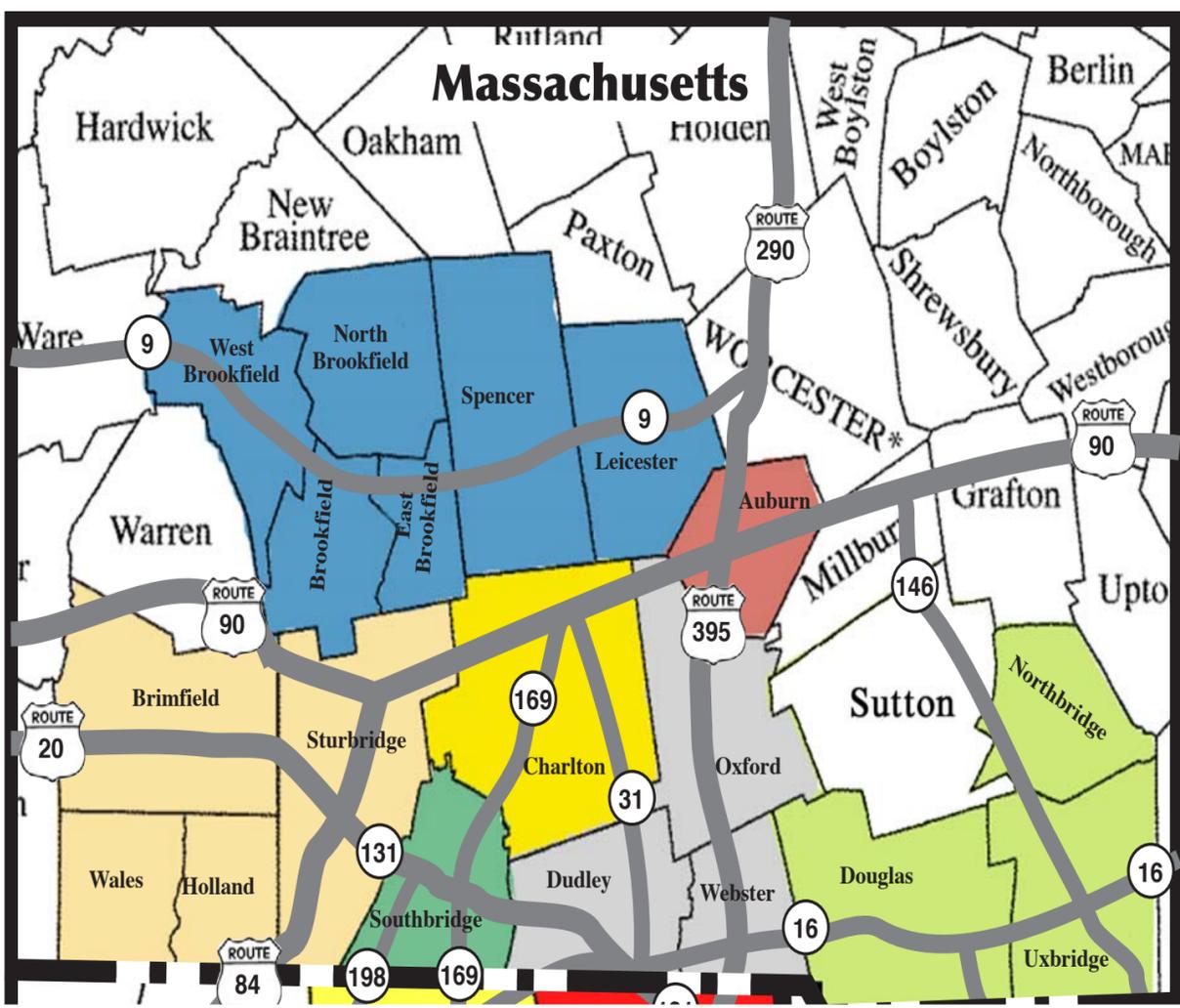
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SPENCER — A masterful defensive display was put on by the David Prouty Regional girls' varsity basketball team at the Edward R. McDonough Gymnasium on Wednesday, Jan. 30, when the Panthers played Southbridge High. Prouty allowed quarter point totals of 3, 5, 0 and 5 points en route to a 63-13 victory over the Pioneers.

"I think defense is our biggest improvement," said first-year Panthers' head coach Johanna Annunziata. "The biggest thing, and you could probably hear me yelling, was 'talk, talk, talk.' We play decent defense, but you've got to add that aspect of it to be a solid defensive team."

A punishing full-court press was what worked wonders in the early going versus Southbridge, which, in turn, led to many Prouty steals and transition layups.

"It's something we've been working toward. With Jenna's long arms, we needed to utilize her more," Annunziata said of 6-foot sophomore Jenna Petruzzi on the press with her long wingspan.

The Panthers opened the game with a 3-pointer from freshman Gabby Soter, and then the press paid its dividends. Senior Brooke Pepin made a basket following a turnover and Petruzzi followed with a steal and coinciding layup to make it 7-0, which forced a Southbridge timeout.

Then, following the break in action, Pepin made a steal

and layup. In all, the Panthers scored the game's first 16 points before the Pioneers got on the scoreboard with a three-point play by sophomore Keyarah Nickerson.

Prouty then ended the first quarter on an 8-0 run to lead, 24-3, after the initial eight-minute period. Seven Panthers scored in the first quarter.

The second quarter saw Prouty outscore Southbridge, 16-5, as Petruzzi — who beat the halftime buzzer with a layup on an inbounds play — and Pepin both scored eight points.

"She's doing well. We want to work with her more in the offseason on the drop-step power moves — the big girl moves — but from when she started the season to now she's definitely the most improved," Annunziata said of Petruzzi.

"Brooke is a strong senior captain, for sure," added Annunziata of Pepin's leadership and floor-general abilities. "She made it so easy coming in [as a first-year coach]."

The second half saw plenty of Prouty substitutes gain valuable minutes, as the Panthers won third quarter scoring, 12-0, before ending the final frame on an 11-5 run.

Petruzzi finished with team-high totals of 18 points and 9 rebounds, while Pepin finished with 16 points. In all, 10 Panthers scored and 10 pulled down at least one rebound.

The win bumped Prouty's record up to 6-7 as they strive to finish 10-10 or better and qualify for the Central Mass. Division 3 Tournament. Annunziata referenced the Panthers' recent

loss to Quaboag Regional (back on Friday, Jan. 25) as "probably our only thought," in terms of thinking about qualifying for Districts, but she hopes it proves to be a beneficial lesson in the long term.

"Now we're just focusing on working as a team. You learn from those games and that's what we needed to fuel us into this week," said Annunziata.

Southbridge, meanwhile, remained winless as they dropped to 0-13.

"My starting lineup is about from 4-foot-8 to about 5-foot-1 and then [center] Beth [Young] at 5-foot-11," explained Pioneers' head coach Elvin Rodriguez when asked about his team's lack of height. "That plays a huge factor into what we can do offensively and defensively; we're just so limited with our height. We're [also] young and inexperienced. We'll get there."

Southbridge doesn't boast a single junior or senior on its roster, which is made up primarily of freshmen and sophomores, plus a few middle school students.

"It's tough, but that doesn't take away from them doing the basic principles," said Rodriguez, implying that his team still needs to play fundamental basketball in spite of being height-deprived.

Sophomore Ashanti Morales-Rivers led the Pioneers with five points, while sophomore Keyarah Nickerson, freshman Jomarieliz Lebron, sixth grader Nevaeh Espok and freshman Genexy Pichardo also scored.



Jenna Petruzzi of David Prouty finishes off an inside shot for two points against two Southbridge defenders.



David Prouty's Brooke Pepin takes and makes a midrange jump shot.



David Prouty's Aisha Perez dribbles the ball down into Southbridge's zone.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Warriors' swim results

Jan. 31

Tantasqua competes in Mid-Wach Championships

— With the Warriors hosting the Midland-Wachusett League Championships, Tantasqua's boys' team came out firing and finished in third place. Jonah Green took third place in the diving event, which took place a day before (Jan. 30). The medley relay team of Andrew Wade, Ethan Hunter-Mason, Robert Wilson (of Quaboag) and Bryce Iller finished in third, while Iller had top-five finishes in the 500 free (second) and the 100 free (fifth). Andrew Wade took sixth in the 200 free. Finally, the 200 free relay team of Adon Osimo, Zach Lavallee, Wade and Iller came in second.

On the girls' side, Tantasqua's Sarah Kersting-Mumm of Oxford finished fifth in the 200 free, while Katie Wade placed fifth in the 50 free en route to the Warriors finished a respectable seventh place as a team. Everyone — from both the boys and girls — swam well and Tantasqua had a large number of sectional qualifiers.

SPORTS

With win, Warriors in postseason; with loss, Leicester eliminated from playoff contention



Nick Ethier photos

Bryce Gosselin of Leicester gets fouled while driving on a pair of Tantasqua defenders.



Leicester's Bryce Gosselin leaps to intercept a pass intended for Tantasqua's Jeremiah Dingui.



Jack O'Neill of Leicester finishes off a layup for two points versus Tantasqua.



Leicester's Felix Melendez flings a pass down the court to teammate Bryce Gosselin.



Stephen Olsen of Leicester reaches out to catch a pass thrown his way.



Leicester's Sam Kenney dribbles the ball out near the top of the key.

BY NICK ETHIER
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STURBRIDGE — With the Leicester High boys' varsity basketball team hoping to keep its slim playoff hopes alive, the Wolverines came out a determined group when taking on Tantasqua Regional on Friday, Feb. 1. Leicester led, 12-8, after the opening quarter and held a 23-22 advantage as time began winding down in the second period.

But the Warriors ended the second quarter on an 8-2 run to take a 30-25 lead into the locker rooms. Tantasqua never looked back from there, ultimately winning a 61-45 decision.

The Warriors improved to 10-3 and officially punched their ticket into the Western Mass. Division 2 Tournament, while the Wolverines dropped to 5-10 and cannot qualify for the Central Mass. Division 3 Tournament.

"We talked about that in the pre-game, about that they couldn't lose another game. Teams that are desperate are very, very dangerous and [Jack] O'Neill is a very, very, very good basketball player," Tantasqua head coach Scott Dion said about Leicester's hot start and the explosiveness of Jack O'Neill, who poured in a game-high 17 points, seven coming in the first quarter.

The Warriors showed a glimpse of what they can do at the end of the second quarter and continued that in the third period. There, Tantasqua outscored the Wolverines, 20-9, to open up a double-digit advantage and take a 50-34 lead into the final frame.

"In the third quarter I think we wore them down a little," explained Dion. "We're a pretty deep team and were able to keep the pressure on. Through the course of a 32-minute game, that stuff adds up."

The Warriors' Jackson Hall had the hot hand in the third, canning a trio of 3-pointers for nine of his team-high 16 points.

"Jackson Hall had three 3's in the third quarter, which allowed us to get that separation," said Dion, explaining that it opens up every other team-

mate on the floor as options as well.

In total, 10 Warriors scored. "That tells you a lot," Dion said.

Leicester head coach Michael Lynch noted that Hall's 3's, as well as many other assets that Tantasqua possesses, ultimately led to their victory.

"They have size, they have shooters — the Hall kid caught fire in the second half, he's good — and they're athletic and deep," said Lynch. "You have to be perfect to win in this gym against those guys."

"It's a little disappointing," Lynch said of officially being out of the postseason, "but we played well."

The Wolverines have had many close losses this season, which were still on Lynch's mind.

"We had Bartlett beat in overtime and couldn't close the deal, we had the chance to beat Murdock the other night and couldn't close it, we were up seven against BVT going into the fourth," said Lynch of games that could have potentially swung their way.

And while Tantasqua is now into the postseason, Dion doesn't want to think about it too much while there are still seven regular season games to play.

"I'm not one who wants to talk about playing in the postseason until it's a done deal, so I was able to congratulate the boys on earning a playoff berth and now the focus is on David Prouty next Thursday," he said.

Chase Freeland (11 points, team-high eight rebounds) was the Warriors' other double-digit point scorer, as was Sam Kenney (14 points, team-high eight rebounds) for Leicester.

ATHLETE of the WEEK

Jenna Petruzzi

The David Prouty Regional sophomore led the girls' varsity basketball team in scoring (18 points) and in rebounding (9 boards) as the Panthers defeated Southbridge High, 63-13, on Wednesday, Jan. 30.

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Fighting the Deep Freeze

Recent frigid temperatures call for strategies to manage the hassles of a New England winter. From keeping warm despite the big chill, to driving safely in the snow, the following common sense winter tips are geared to keep us safe and sound until spring makes its highly anticipated appearance.

Correct Layering to Keep Warm: We all know the best way to keep warm while outside in the freezing cold is to wear layers. But do you know the correct way to layer up?

First off, it's important that the layers of clothing are loose fitting, which will trap body heat.

The layer closest to your skin should be a wool or synthetic material not cotton, which is absorbent. Sweating, as well as exposure to moisture in the air can cause skin to become cold, so a first layer of wicking fabric is critical.

The next layer should be a warm layer such as a sweater or fleece garment, again avoiding cotton fabrics. Lastly, don a weatherproof coat that is insulated. Be sure to keep your head and face covered. Mittens are often a best choice over gloves if dexterity of your fingers is not required.

Did you know?: Depending on the temperature and wind chill, frostbite can set in quickly: Know the symptoms of frostbite: The first sign is a prickly or itchy sensation on skin. As frostbite progresses, numbness sets in and skin can feel waxy, and flush gray, white, blue or yellow. Signs of hypothermia include confusion, dizziness, exhaustion and severe shivering.

Up Your Internal Temp: When tem-

peratures drop low, it can be a challenge to keep cozy, even while indoors. Instead of cranking up the thermostat dial, why not turn up your internal thermostat? Donning a lightweight, long sleeved shirt averages two degrees of warmth, while putting on a heavy or wool sweater can propel your warmth quota four degrees!

Old Tricks for Plumbing Pipes: To reduce the odds of water pipes freezing, simply open cabinet doors below sinks and open any doors adjacent to pipes. Allowing warm air to reach the pipes (especially those in which a sink is located against an exterior wall) can keep pipes from freezing. Also, run a thin stream of water from any faucets that are at risk of freezing.

Be Prepared on the Road: Being comfortable while stranded in a snowstorm or deep freeze requires pro active planning: Every vehicle should have an emergency supplies. A kit should include a portable battery jumper or cables; flashlights and batteries; phone charger; snow brush, ice scraper, small shovel; blankets, extra clothing; non-perishable food; energy bars and bottled water.

Make sure your battery is strong. Batteries that are more than three years old or that are on the verge of going dead often can't be jump-started once they have been exposed to temperatures below zero for an extended period.

Gas up before a storm. Keeping the tank filled prevents fuel lines from freezing and also provides enough fuel to keep warm during an emergency.



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Weak antifreeze can freeze. As a preventative, flush the cooling system and replace with fresh antifreeze every two years.

Don't wash your car. The run-off water could freeze your doors, windows, and trunk. If doors or locks get frozen, use an alcohol-based spray made specifically to open frozen cars; do not use hot water.

Make sure the tire air pressure is at the proper level. When the temperature drops below zero, tires can lose up to a pound of pressure, making them unsafe and causing unnecessary wear and tear.

Tires are your number one weapon against slipping and sliding. Make sure you have enough tread on your tires. The drive tires must provide traction to push your vehicle over wet pavement and through snow. The steering tires must have traction to steer the vehicle. Enough tread is especially important in winter conditions. Experts say you should have at least one eighth inch of tread to plow through snow effectively. Since tread is measured in 32nd fractions, here is the official rundown from Michelin: For proper traction you must have at least 4/32 inch tread depth in every major groove on front tires and at least 2/32 inch on other tires. More would be better. Use a gauge to determine if you have enough tread for safe driving.

No gauge? Common coins can be substituted for a tire tread depth gauge as tires wear to the critical final few 32nds of an inch of their remaining tread depth. Here's how:

Place a penny into several tread grooves across the tire. If part of Lincoln's head is always covered by the tread, you have more than 2/32" of tread depth remaining.

Place a quarter into several tread grooves across the tire. If part of Washington's head is always covered by the tread, you have more than 4/32" of tread depth remaining.

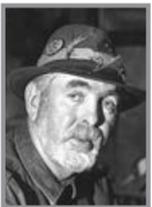
Place a penny into several tread grooves across the tire. If the top of the Lincoln Memorial is always covered by the tread, you have more than 6/32" of tread depth remaining.

If snow covered roads are a concern, you should consider replacing your tires when they reach approximately 6/32" of remaining tread depth to maintain good mobility

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

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

Pre-game ice fishing



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This past weekend, numerous anglers were out enjoying some ice fishing all around the valley. I stopped by the Linwood Pond area Sunday and encountered a few local fishermen enjoying a somewhat warmer day than Saturday, which still had close to zero temperatures.

This week's picture shows Steve Maranda tending one of his ice tip-ups hoping to bring in a trophy bass, but was rewarded with a small pickerel. He was fishing with his brother Mark and friend Craig Bonieace, shown in the second picture.

Many anglers took the time to do a bit of ice fishing Saturday & Sunday prior to the Patriots football game. Most ponds had a good amount of ice on them, with many ponds having up to 12 inches on them. Cape ponds still had little ice on them this past week because of the wind that kept the ponds from freezing!

My brother Ken and I fished Nipmunc Pond this past Saturday, and only managed to catch a few yellow perch and one pickerel, mostly on jig sticks. The perch were mostly in the 12 inch class and were retained for a future meal, but were very good looking fish. Not all ponds have perch that I would consider eating but Nipmunc seem to have some of the better eating fish. Hopefully, we will be able to catch a few more to make a good meal. Pan fried perch are one of the best eating fish from fresh water, and I will only eat them during the winter months.

The Singletary Rod & Gun Club will hold their annual ice fishing derby this Sunday, Feb. 10. The event was postponed due to unsafe ice conditions around the shore line, a couple



of weeks ago. Hopefully, the ice conditions did not deteriorate this week prior to the derby. A full buffet breakfast for \$5 will be served starting at 6 a.m., and the derby will start at 7 a.m.! Cash awards for the largest trout will be given to the angler catching the largest fish, and many other prizes will be awarded to anglers that enter the raffles and hold the lucky ticket. The ice fishing event is one of the best attended by members, along with the spring derby. See you there for breakfast!

Sportsmen are eager to attend a few upcoming sportsmen's shows planned in the next few weeks. The Springfield show is scheduled to open there doors at the Big E on Feb. 22-24. Meeting old friends and sharing hunting and fishing experiences

of last year provide a great atmosphere to spend the day in. Finding a good place to eat at many of the great dining areas is also part of our annual day at the show. We found a great place to eat which serves a great buffet of Chinese and American food at the plaza in West Springfield. It is called "Nippon," 935 Riverdale St.! You got to try it! The buffet cost around \$8 per person.

Captain Mel True of "FISHNET" Charters has decided to sponsor a "Used Fishing And Used Boat Expo" this year for the first time. The event will be held in Wareham, Mass. on April 6, 2019. The show will feature numerous tables covered with all types of used fishing tackle from area anglers. Tables can be reserved for \$40 each. If you have to much fishing tackle and want



to sell some of it, this is a great opportunity to make a few dollars and clean out your unwanted fishing gear. Numerous used boats will also be on display. This is a great opportunity to sell your used or unwanted boat. A \$5 admission fee will be charged for all attendees. For details, go to his Web site at <https://captainmeltrue.com/tried-%26-true-fishing-expo>.

Sportsmen are still waiting for the results of the 2019 Mass. deer harvest numbers that should be out soon. Reports of a very high deer harvest is expected, breaking all records according to some Mass. Division of Fish & Wildlife employees. The somewhat mild winter and low snow fall has been kind to wildlife so far this year. Deer and wild turkey are fortunate not to have

heavy snowfall along with the lack of food that is unavailable to them this year. Hopefully, a good acorn crop will be available to them this year. The gypsy moths have managed to kill off many oak trees in Mass. over the past few years.

The Mass. late goose season will end Feb. 15, 2019 for the Central District. Reports from a few local goose hunters revealed a somewhat poor late season, while others reported some great hunting. Locally, I have seen very few birds in our area, and fields that I normally hunt also had very few birds. This is the first year that I personally did not hunt geese in the late season. Old age and low bird sightings played a big roll!

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Flu FAQs: Massachusetts cases still ramping up

AMERICAN FAMILY CARE DOCTORS SEEING AN INCREASE IN GREATER WORCESTER AREA

WORCESTER, Mass. – This year's flu season kicked off early, with physicians at American Family Care (AFC) diagnosing the first few cases in the early days of September. By mid-December, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) was reporting that the flu was widespread only in Massachusetts, and now, a month later, AFC is seeing increased activity in its Worcester urgent care center.

"We're definitely seeing an uptick in the number of patients with the flu this month," said Dr. Vincent Meoli, regional medical director of AFC. "While not unexpected this time of the year, it provides a good opportunity to remind people about the importance of prevention and awareness. There are many misunderstandings about the flu, how it's spread and how it's treated, so education is essential."

Dr. Meoli talked about the questions he and the other providers receive most often, which include:

Can you get the flu from the flu vaccine? "No," said Dr. Meoli. "The vaccine contains a dead virus. However, each year's vaccine provides protection against only a small number of strains of the flu that are expected to be most active each year. It's still possible to get a different strain of the flu. Also, it takes

two weeks for the vaccine to work to its full effect, so patients are still susceptible during that time."

Is it too late to get the flu vaccine? Again, Dr. Meoli said no. "Flu season extends through March and beyond in New England. We occasionally even see cases in the summer. We're just ramping up now. It's definitely not too late to get vaccinated."

Why won't antibiotics help me get rid of the flu? "The flu is a virus, and antibiotics are only useful for bacterial infections. Prescribing antibiotics will only increase your resistance to their effectiveness in the future; but they won't help you get over the flu. There are antiviral medications we can prescribe to help shorten the duration and severity of the flu, but they are most effective when taken within 48 hours of the start of the illness."

The best protection against the flu is the vaccine, and the second best is frequent hand-washing, according to Dr. Meoli. He also advised avoiding contact with those who have the flu, and regularly cleaning items that are touched often, from light switches and door knobs to faucets, where the virus can linger.

Dr. Meoli noted that the flu can feel like a bad cold on steroids. "Most people experience cough and congestion, muscle and headaches, fever, chills and fatigue. If you think you have the flu, even though you won't feel like leaving your bed, your best bet is to get to your doctor or urgent care center as soon as possible so that you might benefit from antiviral flu medication," he said. "While there is no cure for the flu, if started within 48 hours, this medication can help you feel better faster."

In addition, Dr. Meoli advised flu sufferers to get plenty of rest and fluid, take over-the-counter medications for fever and aches, and avoid contact with others, especially those most vulnerable to the flu and complications, such as children, the elderly and those who have weakened immune systems. He said the infection typically takes about two weeks to clear up.

The AFC staff in Worcester offers convenient, walk-in care seven days a week, and offers the flu vaccine as well as diagnosis and treatment. Online check-in and current wait times are available at AFCUrgentCareWorcester.com.

About AFC Worcester:
Locally owned and operated, AFC Worcester is a physician-staffed pro-

vider of urgent care, occupational medicine, and other non-emergency health care. The facility features a high-tech, high-touch approach, including digital x-rays, on-site lab testing, state-of-the-art diagnostics, and electronic medical records. The clinics are open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. during the week and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends, with no appointments necessary. VisitAFCUrgentCareWorcester.com for more information.

About American Family Care:
Founded by Dr. Bruce Irwin with a single location in 1982, American Family Care has pioneered the concept of non-emergency room urgent care. With its 2013 acquisition of the Doctors Express, and its subsequent rebranding, AFC has become the nation's leading provider of urgent care, accessible primary care, and occupational medicine, with 200 clinics and 600 in-network physicians caring for nearly 3 million patients a year. Ranked by Inc. Magazine as one of the fastest growing companies in the U.S., AFC's stated mission is to provide the best health-care possible, in a kind and caring environment, while respecting the rights of all patients, in an economical manner, at times and locations convenient to the patient. For more information, visitAmericanFamilyCare.com.

Justin Clayfield of Spencer named to the Champlain College President's List for the Fall 2018 semester

BURLINGTON, Vt. — Justin Clayfield of Spencer has been named to the Champlain College President's List for the Fall 2018 semester.

Students on the President's List have achieved a grade point average of 4.0 or higher during the semester. Clayfield is majoring in Computer Forensics & Digital Investigations.

Founded in 1878, Champlain College is a small, not-for-profit, private college in Burlington, Vermont, with additional campuses in Montreal, Canada, and Dublin, Ireland. Champlain offers a traditional undergraduate experience from its beautiful campus overlooking Lake Champlain, and more than 90 residential undergraduate and online undergraduate and graduate degree programs and certificates. Champlain's distinctive career-driven approach to higher education embodies the notion that true learning occurs when information and experience come together to create knowledge. Champlain College is included in the Princeton Review's The Best 384 Colleges: 2019 Edition. It was named a "Most Innovative School" (for the fourth year in a row), ranked among the top 100 Regional Universities in the North, and is featured as "One of the Best Undergraduate Teaching Programs" and a "Best Value School" by U.S. News & World Report. The Fiske Guide to Colleges for 2019 calls Champlain one of the "Best and Most Interesting Schools" in the United States, Canada and Great Britain. Champlain is also a 2019 College of Distinction. For more information, visit: www.champlain.edu.

North Brookfield DTC announces new scholarship

NORTH BROOKFIELD — The North Brookfield Democratic Town Committee is pleased to announce its new Lucy Stone Leadership and Service Scholarship to be awarded for the first time to a graduating senior from North Brookfield High School in the amount of \$750.

Any North Brookfield resident who is a senior at North Brookfield High School and who will be attending college or trade school in the fall of 2019 is eligible to apply. Further information, including criteria and the due date, can be found by visiting www.nbdemocrats.org or by emailing northbrookfelddemocrats@gmail.com.

SEVERAL AREA DEPARTMENTS BATTLE VEHICLE FIRE AT STURBRIDGE SERVICE CENTER



Courtesy Photo

Several area fire departments teamed up to knock down a blaze at Sturbridge Service Center.

STURBRIDGE – Several area fire departments assisted in extinguishing last week's blaze at the Sturbridge Service Center.

On Feb. 1, Sturbridge firefighters responded around 3 a.m. to a motor vehicle fire inside the Sturbridge Service Center. With help from mutual aid communities – Spencer, Charlton, and Southbridge – firefighters were able to protect the structure by containing the fire mostly to the vehicle.

No injuries were reported. The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

SHAMOIAN

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flower shop. Everything happened so fast, and this is a great opportunity for me," said Shamoian, who lives in Bellingham.

Shamoian's husband, Paul, grew up in Spencer and knew all about the popularity of Appleblossoms and other shops in the downtown corridor. Her husband and his father, as well as other family members, have helped her get started after she purchased the business in early January.

Beauvais has also provided guidance after parting ways with the business she worked hard to expand over the years.

"Wendy has been great. She has really helped make this a smooth transition," said Shamoian, who grew up in Natick.

Shamoian's love for flowers and floral-inspired products began when she was in middle school. She enjoyed helping her aunt create designs for her wedding flower business, and she wondered what it might be like to own her own business one day.

After working in the life insurance industry for a few years and helping her friend run a flower business for side work, Shamoian leaped at the chance to fulfill her childhood dream in Spencer. She knows she has a lot of hard work ahead, but she and her staff are eager to continue advancing the business.

Shamoian is also excited to be doing business in Spencer, especially after the recent downtown revitalization project.

She has seen a strong flow of customers since taking over, and improved downtown accessibility has benefited other Route 9 business owners as well.

"I love working with our staff and customers. This is a great location, and we are very excited," Shamoian told Stonebridge Press.

With Valentine's Day just around the corner, Shamoian and her staff have worked hard in recent weeks during the busiest time of the year for Appleblossoms. Managing products and fulfilling orders can be a big challenge for a small staff, but Shamoian is thrilled with the work of her designer and drivers.

Looking ahead, Shamoian plans to do some minor renovations and interior painting once business slows down. She also hopes to introduce more plant selections, dish gardens, and other creative ideas to the lineup. She would like to eventually add another designer as well to help create more products.

One of the most enjoyable aspects of running her own business is getting to see friends and family on a regular basis. Her father-in-law is one of her biggest fans, often stopping by to check out the progress.

"He lives right down the road, and comes in every Saturday. He loves it," Shamoian said.

When she isn't at work, Shamoian enjoys gardening, landscaping, crocheting, and traveling with her family.

For more information about her business, visit www.appleblossomsonline.com.

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upcoming promotional events had been postponed.

"These are supposed to be educational forums for people to learn about the cannabis industry, not a place for sales," Selectman Warren Monette said. "Going forward, we would want to see much more police oversight at these events."

The town has not yet signed a letter of non-opposition necessary for White Ash Grove to operate in town. The negotiations process is still ongoing, Town Administrator Gregory said.

Following a July 2018 public forum, selectmen voted 4-0 to support issuing a letter of non-opposition to the com-

pany, which was then operating under the Reliable Bud name. Representatives have since formed the White Ash Grove entity.

The final approval for the letter of non-opposition is contingent upon a host community agreement being signed between the town and the applicant.

Meanwhile, selectmen last month supported the town moving forward with a letter of non-opposition for the Worm Town Genetics proposal. The company is hoping to operate a medical marijuana cultivation facility at 503 Main Street.

Spencer voters banned retail pot sales in town two years ago, but companies can apply for marijuana cultivation licenses if they receive a community host agreement.

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Czaja, who lives in West Brookfield, took part in a mission trip to Washington, D.C. last summer. She has always enjoyed giving back to her own community, and she was eager to travel to the nation's capital to continue her passion for volunteerism. Last month in Boston, she wrote her latest chapter of community service.

Schwenker, meanwhile, has assisted locally with several elementary school projects in his hometown of Warren. He also volunteers at his church, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish in West Brookfield.

In the spring, both students will continue their Project 351 involvement by hosting a charitable event. It will likely be a clothing or toy drive to benefit Cradles to Crayons, an organization that helps homeless and low-income children nationwide.

For both Czaja and Schwenker, it was exciting to meet some of Quabog's previous Project 351 students ahead of the event.

"It was fun to meet them. They told

us about their experiences and what to expect," Schwenker said.

"We also got weekly updates to help us prepare [for service day exercises]," Czaja added.

Looking ahead, both students are excited about returning the favor and serving as mentors to future Project 351 students. They will have an opportunity to explain what they learned and how it translated to local projects and continued service.

Outside of school, Czaja enjoys cheerleading and gymnastics. Schwenker is a member of local soccer and track teams, and both he and Czaja said math is their favorite subject. Excelling academically and in extracurricular activities, both students were easy choices for school leaders when it came to Project 351.

Among the many organizations assisted by Project 351 student groups are Cradles to Crayons, the Greater Boston Food Bank, the Mass. Military Heroes Fund, and the Martin Richard Foundation.

To learn more about the initiative and how students are making a difference statewide, visit www.Project351.org.

POLICE REPORTS

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23
12:16-12:27 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:33 a.m.: disabled mv (West Main Street), assisted; 12:41 a.m.: building checked, secure; 12:43 a.m.: parking violation (Main Street), ticket issued; 12:45 a.m.: building checked, secure; 12:48 a.m.: parking violation (Church Street), ticket issued; 12:49-12:58 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:59 a.m.: parking violation (Irving Street), ticket issued; 1:10-1:42 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 3:04 a.m.: parking violation (Prospect Street), ticket issued; 3:45 a.m.: building checked, secure; 5:20 a.m.: suspicious activity (Main Street), spoken to; 6:00 a.m.: parking violation (South Street), ticket issued; 7:30 a.m.: RV complaint (Marble Road), spoken to; 8:31 a.m.: mv complaint (Elm Street), services rendered; 9:16 a.m.: medical/general (Temple Street); 10:01 a.m.: residential alarm (South Spencer Road), services rendered; 10:08 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 10:13 a.m.: disabled mv (Browning Pond Road), assisted; 11:46 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), funeral escort request; 12:01 p.m.: juvenile matter (Ash Street), services rendered; 12:18 a.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 2:26 p.m.: accident (Wire Village Road), report taken; 3:04 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 5:00 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (Parent Street), services rendered; 5:08 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 5:35 p.m.: officer wanted (Roys Drive), spoken to; 5:52 p.m.: suspicious activity (Main Street), spoken to; 6:08 p.m.: fire alarm (Mechanic Street), services rendered; 7:05 p.m.: accident (Wire Village Road), report taken; 7:11 p.m.: officer wanted (Meadow Road), services rendered; 7:14 p.m.: residential fire (Bixby Road), services rendered; 8:50 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), neighbor dispute; 9:14 p.m.: building checked, secure.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24
12:02-1:41 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 10:11 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 10:43 a.m.: officer wanted (North Street), landlord/tenant issue; 11:29 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), Harrington CT down; 11:37 a.m.: 209A service (West Main Street); 11:41 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 11:45 a.m.: fire (South Spencer Road), referred; 2:32 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 2:35 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (Clark Street), services rendered; 2:41 p.m.: animal complaint (McDonald Street), spoken to; 3:06 p.m.: citizen complaint (North Spencer Road), localized flooding; 3:20 p.m.: DPW call (Smithville Road), roadway flooding; 4:49 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (Smithville Road), services rendered; 6:25 p.m.: disturbance (West Main Street), spoken to; 6:27 p.m.: officer wanted (Wilson Avenue), welfare check; 6:41 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), escort requested; 7:21 p.m.: DPW call (Main Street), large pot hole; 9:20 p.m.: 911 call (Cherry Street), accidental; 10:47 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 11:28 p.m.: DPW call (West Main Street), icy conditions; 11:36 p.m.: DPW call (Paxton Road), referred.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25
12:08 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), services rendered; 12:11 a.m.: mv stop (West Main Street); 12:17-12:19 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:22 a.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), assisted; 12:41-2:54 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:59 a.m.: fire alarm (Linden Street), services rendered; 2:59 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 4:22 a.m.: mv stop (Greenville Street); 4:31 a.m.: building checked, secure; 5:39 a.m.: DPW call (High Street), icy roadway; 8:00 a.m.: 911 call (Main Street), no contact; 8:29 a.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), assisted; 12:16 p.m.: animal complaint (Northwest Road), loose dog; 12:28 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), damage report; 1:48 p.m.: medical/general (Garrette Lane), lift assist; 2:11 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 2:51 p.m.: 209A service (West Main Street); 2:58 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 3:58 p.m.: officer wanted (Wm. Casey Road), abandoned mv; 4:00 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), traffic hazard; 4:28 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 4:29 p.m.: medical/

general (Howe Village); 4:32 p.m.: animal complaint (North Brookfield Road), missing cat; 4:42 p.m.: disturbance (Elm Street), neighbor dispute; 4:50 p.m.: animal complaint (Woodside Road), dog found; 5:56 p.m.: mv complaint (West Main Street), erratic operation; 6:16 p.m.: officer wanted (Vista Lane), spoken to; 6:22 p.m.: disturbance (Mechanic Street), domestic dispute; 6:50 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 7:04 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 7:18 p.m.: wire fraud (Woodside Road), spoken to; 8:34 p.m.: parking violation (Mechanic Street), ticket issued; 8:45 p.m.: building checked, secure; 8:46 p.m.: wire fraud (North Street), spoken to; 8:49 p.m.: threats (Lake Street), spoken to; 9:03 p.m.: parking complaint (Chestnut Street), neighbor dispute; 9:27 p.m.: building checked, secure; 9:36 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), domestic dispute; 10:41 p.m.: mv complaint (Chestnut Street), services rendered; 11:44-11:46 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 11:55 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street).

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26
12:17-12:49 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:52 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 12:55-1:17 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:20 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), Worcester PD bolo; 1:38 a.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 2:53-3:23 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 3:44 a.m.: officer wanted (East Charlton Road), services rendered; 3:48 a.m.: building checked, secure; 3:58 a.m.: suspicious person (Elm Street), services rendered; 5:17 a.m.: medical/general (Crown Street); 8:01 a.m.: 911 call (Borkum Road), no contact; 8:07 a.m.: mutual aid (Chestnut Street), residence check request; 8:47 a.m.: mv stop (Maple Street); 9:01 a.m.: suspicious activity (Chestnut Street), spoken to; 9:51 a.m.: medical/general (Bixby Road); 10:53 a.m.: officer wanted (Howe Village), welfare check; 11:10 a.m.: officer wanted (Temple Street), tenant issue; 12:27 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 1:42 p.m.: medical/overdose (West Main Street); 2:15 p.m.: DPW call (Pleasant Street), icy conditions; 3:19 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), Charlton PD bolo; 4:19 p.m.: officer wanted (Mechanic Street), poss. missing person; 4:26 p.m.: disturbance (Elm Street), neighbor dispute; 5:03 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 5:32 p.m.: parking violation (Adams Street), ticket issued; 5:37 p.m.: officer wanted (Chestnut Street), tow request; 5:54 p.m.: commercial alarm (West Main Street), services rendered; 6:14 p.m.: building checked, secure; 6:17 p.m.: medical/general (Kingsbury Road); 6:22 p.m.: building checked, secure; 7:05 p.m.: officer wanted (Ash Street), spoken to; 9:31 p.m.: building checked, secure; 9:46 p.m.: 911 call (Highland Street), accidental; 10:01 p.m.: lost/found (Paxton Road), lost dog; 10:02-10:20 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 11:05 p.m.: suspicious activity (Wilson Street), spoken to; 11:35 p.m.: building checked, secure; 11:49 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 11:59 p.m.: building checked, secure.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27
12:11-12:17 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:23 a.m.: mv stop (Charlton Road); 12:25-3:25 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 7:20 a.m.: officer wanted (Briarcliff Lane), spoken to; 7:44 a.m.: animal complaint (Church Street), loose dog; 9:00 a.m.: officer wanted (Chestnut Street), scam text; 10:40 a.m.: officer wanted (Brown Street), spoken to; 12:00 p.m.: mv complaint (Route 49), erratic operation; 12:23 p.m.: commercial alarm (Water Street), accidental; 12:47 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (Route 49), brush fire/services rendered; 12:59 p.m.: RV complaint (Valley Street), services rendered; 1:48 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 2:23 p.m.: medical/general (Pope Street); 2:31 p.m.: juvenile matter (Meadow Road), spoken to; 2:40 p.m.: medical/general (Charron Street); 3:04 p.m.: residential alarm (Sherry Lane), services rendered; 3:31 p.m.: mv lockout (North Spencer Road), assisted; 4:01 p.m.: building checked, secure; 4:01 p.m.: elderly matter (Park Street), welfare check; 4:17 p.m.: mv stop (Browning Pond Road); 4:23 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 4:30 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 4:34 p.m.: building checked, secure; 4:38 p.m.: mv stop (North Spencer Road); 5:19 p.m.: building checked, secure; 5:31 p.m.:

juvenile matter (Main Street), unwanted parties; 7:01 p.m.: officer wanted (Meadowbrook Road), spoken to; 7:30 p.m.: mv lockout (Maple Street), assisted; 10:15-10:29 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 10:29 p.m.: animal complaint (Howe Road), loose cow; 10:48 p.m.: accident (Main Street), hit/run; 11:11 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 11:16 p.m.: building checked, secure; 11:28 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), spoken to; 11:42-11:46 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.

MONDAY, JANUARY 28
12:05-12:46 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:50 a.m.: parking violation (Main Street), ticket issued; 12:56-1:03 a.m.: buildings checked, secured; 1:06 a.m.: parking violation (Adams Street), ticket issued; 1:06 a.m.: parking violation (Adams Street), ticket issued; 1:07 a.m.: parking violation (Adams Street), ticket issued; 1:11 a.m.: officer wanted (Irving Street), spoken to; 1:30 p.m.: parking violation (West Main Street), ticket issued; 1:54-2:07 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:09 a.m.: medical/general (Church Street); 3:25 a.m.: medical/general (South Spencer Road); 6:31 a.m.: medical/general (Condon Drive); 6:53 a.m.: larceny from mv (Pleasant Street), 2 mvs ransacked; 7:25 a.m.: accident (Lake Avenue), report taken; 8:20 a.m.: DPW call (Meadow Road), large pot hole; 8:52 a.m.: officer wanted (Tom Casey Road), welfare check; 10:21 a.m.: medical/general (Pleasant Street); 10:31 a.m.: threats (Ash Street), student issue; 11:19 a.m.: disturbance (Chestnut Street), unwanted parties; 11:26 a.m.: 209A service (West Main Street); 12:54 p.m.: residential alarm (Norcross Road), services rendered; 1:09 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 2:36 p.m.: lost/found (Temple Street), services rendered; 2:53 p.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 4:50 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street); 4:58 p.m.: suspicious mv (Adams Street), spoken to; 5:02 p.m.: mv stop (Cherry Street); 5:12 p.m.: mv stop (Cherry Street); 5:24 p.m.: mv stop (Cherry Street); 5:32 p.m.: mv stop (Maple Street); 5:42 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street); 5:49 p.m.: mv stop (Charlton Road); 5:55 p.m.: mv stop (Charlton Road); 6:05 p.m.: mv stop (Wire Village Road); 6:07 p.m.: mv stop (Charlton Road); 8:14-8:55 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:58 p.m.: mv stop (Paxton Road); 9:08-9:29 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:40 p.m.: mv repossession (Prospect Street), assisted; 9:46 p.m.: mv repossession (Jolicoeur Avenue), assisted; 10:33 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; 11:33 p.m.: disturbance (Chestnut Street), noise complaint.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29
12:24-12:36 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:43 a.m.: parking violation (Prospect Street), ticket issued; 12:43 a.m.: parking violation (Prospect Street), ticket issued; 12:45-1:27 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:32 a.m.: parking violation (Grove Street), ticket issued; 1:34 a.m.: parking violation (Grove Street), ticket issued; 1:41-3:09 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 7:00 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 7:35 a.m.: mv complaint (North Brookfield Road), erratic operation; 8:31 a.m.: medical/general (North Spencer Road); 9:51 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 10:58 a.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 11:58 a.m.: mv stop (Mechanic Street); 12:28 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 12:54 p.m.: accident (Mechanic Street), report taken; 1:12 p.m.: 209A service (West Main Street); 1:16 p.m.: fire alarm (West Main Street), services rendered; 2:37 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), unruly customers; 2:49 p.m.: multiple LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 4:07 p.m.: disabled mv (West Main Street), assisted; 4:08 p.m.: officer wanted (South Spencer Road), spoken to; 4:14 p.m.: residential alarm (Northwest Road), services rendered; 4:24 p.m.: 209A service (Main Street); 7:11 p.m.: medical/general (Church Street); 7:12 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), accident inquiry; 7:47 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 9:23 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 9:25 p.m.: building checked, secure; 10:22 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), spoken to; 11:33 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street).

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 24
8:10 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), verbal warning; 10:33 a.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street) transported; 11:04 a.m.: disabled mv (Huntoon Memorial Highway), assisted; 12:39 p.m.: debris in road (Main Street), services rendered; 1:22 p.m.: debris in road (South Main Street), services rendered; 1:24 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), spoken to; 2:00 p.m.: fire/spill/leak (Winslow Avenue), services rendered; 2:01 p.m.: debris inroad (Mannville Street), services rendered; 2:17 p.m.: debris in road (River Street), services rendered; 2:47 p.m.: fire/spill/leak (Winslow Avenue), services rendered; 2:49 p.m.: welfare check (Watch Street), no service; 2:51 p.m.: debris in road (Henshaw Street), services rendered; 3:25 p.m.: accident Baldwin Street, report taken; 3:42 p.m.: welfare check (Craig Street), services rendered; 3:48 p.m.: ambulance (Peter Salem Road), services rendered; 4:19 p.m.: debris in road (Colonial Drive), no action required; 4:24 p.m.: assist other agency (River Street), services rendered; 5:45 p.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive), name and address redacted from police log, shoplifting by asportation, report taken; 5:54 p.m.: water/sewer problem (Warren Avenue), services rendered; 6:15 p.m.: ambulance (Sabina Circle), transported; 6:21 p.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive), services rendered; 6:24 p.m.: water/sewer problem (Harberton Drive), services rendered; 6:24 p.m.: water/sewer problem (Felix Street), services rendered; 8:09 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), services rendered; 8:28 p.m.: arrest warrant service (Cricklewood Drive), unable to serve; 8:36 p.m.: arrest warrant service (Charles Street), unable to serve; 8:53 p.m.: water/sewer problem (Main Street), services rendered; 8:57 p.m.: welfare check (Watch Street), unable to locate; 9:29 p.m.: mv stop (Bottomly Avenue), verbal warning.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25
7:11 a.m.: residential alarm (Whittemore Street), unfounded; 7:19 a.m.: accident (Main Street), assisted; 8:50 a.m.: debris in road (Main Street), removed; 9:06 a.m.: investigation (South Main Street), services rendered; 9:16 a.m.: erratic operation (Pleasant Street), no action required; 9:48 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 9:58 a.m.: water/sewer problem (Wesley Drive), assisted; 11:06 a.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive), name and address redacted from police log, shoplifting by recording false value, complaint application issued; 11:45 a.m.: disabled mv (Auburn Street), assisted; 2:45 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 3:50 p.m.: investigation (Main Street), no service; 4:02 p.m.: summons service (South Main Street), served; 4:33 p.m.: investigation (Soojians Drive), spoken to; 4:54 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 5:18 p.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), verbal warning; 5:41 p.m.: investigation (Main Street), unfounded; 5:44 p.m.: summons service (Shady Lane), unable to serve; 5:54 p.m.: summons service (Pleasant Street), served; 6:02 p.m.: summons service (King Street Extension), unable to serve; 6:06 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 6:16 p.m.: summons service (Craig Street), served; 7:12 p.m.: ambulance (Stafford Street), transported; 8:23 p.m.: suspicious mv (Stafford Street), services rendered; 8:55 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 9:15 p.m.: erratic operation (Huntoon Memorial Highway), unable to locate.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26
12:17 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 12:53 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 1:21 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 6:51 a.m.: welfare check (Green Street), services rendered; 7:44 a.m.: parking complaint (Wasilla Drive), services rendered; 8:45 p.m.: water/sewer problem (Water Street), services rendered; 10:05 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 10:49 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), spoken to; 12:02 ambulance (Trenton Street), transported; 1:41 p.m.: summons service (Lynde Brook Drive), unable to serve; 2:44 p.m.: animal complaint

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SECOND CHANCE

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• Showing potential adopters that cats are cool and can even be trained!

“The genesis of Cat Pawsitive stemmed from the simple desire to duplicate the “AHA!” moment I had in the early stages of my life with cats as a shelter worker,” said Jackson Galaxy. “By utilizing the training concepts that were, to that point, only used for the dogs in our care, not only were the cats stimulated, motivated and energized, but so was I. That, along with the most important result, lives being saved, was the win-win I envisioned passing on to as many cats, shel-

ters, and rescues as I possibly could. So today I am filled with an indescribable mix of joy and anticipation as we enter the Spring 2019 semester of The Jackson Galaxy Project’s Cat Pawsitive program.”

The Cat Pawsitive program is designed to keep adoptable cats mentally and physically active in a shelter or rescue environment. The focus is on fun, positive reinforcement-based training sessions that go beyond playtime-as-usual to help cats maintain their mojo and connect more quickly with potential adopters. From teaching high fives and head bumps to “sit” and “come when called,” caregivers at Cat Pawsitive participating organizations engage with cats in a brand-

new way to really help cats to “click” with adopters.

“We are very excited to be participating in this project,” says Second Chance Animal Services CEO Sheryl Blancato. “Not only will the techniques we learn through the project enhance the lives of the cats we help, we hope that the data collected through the study will make an impact on sheltering cats worldwide.”

Galaxy will be sharing highlights of the program on The Jackson Galaxy Project Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram pages.

About Second Chance Animal Services:

Second Chance is a non-profit 501c3 tax exempt orga-

nization that began in 1999 in East Brookfield and relies solely on donations and grants to operate. The organization operates an adoption center in East Brookfield, Community Veterinary Hospitals in North Brookfield, Springfield and Worcester. Second Chance helps over 37,000 pets a year through adoption, spay/neuter, veterinary care, community outreach, educational outreach programs, training, and a pet food pantry. For more information, visit Second Chance’s website at www.secondchanceanimals.org.

About The Jackson Galaxy Project
The Jackson Galaxy Project, founded in 2014, is a Signature

Program of GreaterGood.org, a public 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. The Project is the realization of Jackson’s long-standing dream of improving the lives of animals at risk and helping the people who care for them.

About GreaterGood.org
GreaterGood.org is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that works to improve the health and well-being of people, pets, and the planet. Over the last 11 years, GreaterGood.org has given over \$175 million in cash and in-kind grants to over 3,000 charitable partners worldwide. To learn more, visit GreaterGood.org or follow us on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram.

Safety measures for winter drivers



Winter weather causes many people to retreat indoors until the spring thaw. However, for those who embrace the cooler temperatures or find that life must go on despite snow and ice, taking inventory of their vehicles is a must before the first snowflakes start to fall.

Tire care is an especially important area of vehicle

maintenance. The tire experts at Michelin say that regular tires may be ineffective for winter driving. Summer tires are made from materials that are optimized for warm conditions. When the mercury drops, these same materials can harden, reducing their ability to grip the road. That lack of traction can be com-

pounded by the presence of snow or ice. Even all-season tires, which are designed to be driven year-round, can be insufficient in severe weather conditions. Winter tires can help drivers safely navigate winter roadways.

Bridgestone Tires says that having the right snow tires matters when driving in win-

ter weather conditions. It's important to look for tires that can disperse water sufficiently and also grip the road. Snow tires are designed to remain softer and more flexible to conform to the road better in cold conditions. Some winter tires are even studded to provide better traction.

Unfortunately, even the

best winter tires cannot provide perfect traction on slippery roadways. That is why it is essential — in conjunction with the use of winter tires or snow chains — to modify driving techniques to navigate safely.

- Drive slowly. Slow down on winter roads. Allow a greater distance for stopping than for dry conditions. Slippery conditions can make it more challenging to stop, and excessive speeds can make the situation worse.

- Shift into low gear. On hills, rely on low gears to maximize traction to travel up and down hills. This can minimize skids or sliding.

- Get the vehicle a tuneup. In addition to tires, be sure the braking system, battery and other major components of the vehicle are in good working order.

- Replace windshield wipers. Reduced visibility can compromise the safety of drivers and their passengers. Replace windshield wiper blades before winter arrives. Consider purchasing winter-rated windshield blades.

- Know how to recover from a skid. When skids occur on black ice or slush, drivers should take their feet off of the pedals and steer gently in the direction they want to go. As the vehicle regains traction, only then should the brakes or accelerator be applied.

Winter weather requires making some vehicle modifications, and drivers may want to alter the way they drive to be more safe on the road.

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(Main Street), services rendered; 2:59 p.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive), name and address redacted from police log, shoplifting by asportation, complaint application issued; 3:46 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 4:17 p.m.: missing person (Soojians Drive), services rendered; 4:48 p.m.: summons service (Shady Lane), served; 5:03 p.m.: investigation (South Main Street), spoken to; 5:05 p.m.: summons service (Lynde Brook Drive), served; 5:16 p.m.: suspicious activity (Paxton Street), spoken to; 6:24 p.m.: suspicious activity (Paxton Street), spoken to; 6:55 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 8:20 p.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive), name and address redacted from police log, shoplifting by asportation, larceny under \$1200, complaint application issued; 8:51 p.m.: disabled mv (Stafford Street), services rendered; 9:00 p.m.: investigation (Main Street), spoken to; 9:05 p.m.: investigation (Main Street), spoken to; 9:17 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), mv towed; 9:54 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), services rendered; 10:18 p.m.: ambulance (Bottomly Avenue), transported; 11:04 p.m.: investigation (South Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, shoplifting by price tag tampering; name and address redacted from police log, shoplifting by price tag tampering, report taken; 11:42 p.m.: suspicious activity (Foster Court), unable to locate.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

12:37 a.m.: welfare check (Burncoat Street), unable to locate; 2:37 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued;

5:09 a.m.: assist other PD (Pleasant Street), unable to locate; 11:09 a.m.: assist other PD (Stafford Street), services rendered; 11:11 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), verbal warning; 1:22 p.m.: animal complaint (Parker Street), services rendered; 1:33 p.m.: debris in road (Main Street), unfounded; 1:37 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), name and address redacted from police log, op w/suspended license, complaint application issued; 2:32 p.m.: disturbance (Soojians Drive), assisted party; 2:35 p.m.: ambulance (McCarthy Avenue), transported; 3:22 p.m.: welfare check (Stafford Street), services rendered; 4:10 p.m.: investigation (Soojians Drive), no action required; 4:20 p.m.: investigation (Soojians Drive), no action required; 4:52 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), verbal warning; 5:11 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 5:29 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), no police response noted; 6:26 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), spoken to; 8:40 p.m.: suspicious mv (Cricklewood Drive), services rendered.

MONDAY, JANUARY 28

1:19 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 5:26 a.m.: accident (Huntoon Memorial Highway), mv towed; 8:48 a.m.: malicious mischief (South Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, burglary/b&e, malicious destruction of property, report taken; 9:03 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), written warning; 9:15 a.m.: debris in road (Main Street), removed; 9:44 a.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), verbal warning; 10:25 a.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), written warning; 1:27 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 2:29 p.m.: fraud (Charlton Street), report taken;

2:55 p.m.: mv stop (River Street), name and address redacted from police log, op w/suspended license, no inspection sticker, complaint application issued; 6:36 p.m.: suspicious activity (Collier Avenue), services rendered; 6:57 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 9:47 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), services rendered.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29

12:28 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 12:45 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Parker Street), spoken to; 1:03 a.m.: animal complaint (Soojians Drive), services rendered; 6:24 a.m.: welfare check (South Main Street), unable to locate; 8:39 a.m.: disturbance (Stafford Street), services rendered; 9:17 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), verbal warning; 9:30 a.m.: ambulance (Paxton Street), transported; 9:56 a.m.: suspicious mv (Charlton Street), unfounded; 10:40 a.m.: disturbance (South Main Street), assisted; 10:58 a.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 11:18 a.m.: investigation (River Street), services rendered; 12:41 p.m.: residential alarm (Knollwood Road), false alarm; 12:55 p.m.: ambulance (Olney Street), transported; 1:29 p.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street), transported; 1:53 p.m.: ambulance (South Main Street), transported; 3:16 p.m.: ambulance (Pine Street), transported; 3:51 p.m.: assist citizen (Soojians Drive); 3:55 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), verbal warning; 4:06 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), no police response noted; 4:14 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 4:27 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 4:35 p.m.: water/sewer problem (Woodland Road), services rendered; 4:45 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 4:54 p.m.: mv stop

(Main Street), written warning; 5:00 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), written warning; 5:17 p.m.: disabled mv (Pleasant Street), assisted; 5:19 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 6:28 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 6:42 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 8:17 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 8:33 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 8:38 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), no police response noted; 8:47 p.m.: harassment (Water Street), services rendered; 9:29 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30

1:34 a.m.: disabled mv (Stafford Street), assisted; 4:21 a.m.: ambulance (Towtad Street), transported; 9:56 a.m.: ambulance (Paxton Street), transported; 10:43 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 12:38 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), verbal warning; 2:15 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street), spoken to; 5:02 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 5:03 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 5:14 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 5:19 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 5:46 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 5:48 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 6:05 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 6:30 p.m.: welfare check (Utica Street), transported to hospital; 6:55 p.m.: ambulance (Mayflower Road), transported; 7:31 p.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), verbal warning; 8:07 p.m.: ambulance (Paxton Street), transported; 8:22 p.m.: accident (Main Street), mv towed.

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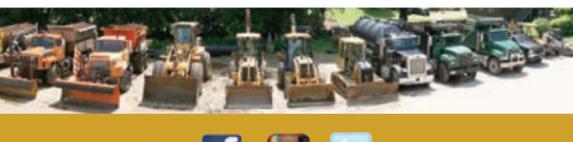


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AUTOMOTIVE

Prepare vehicles for harsh weather

As the seasons change, motorists must take steps to safeguard their vehicles, especially when the season changes from fall to winter. Each winter, many vehicles are subjected to sub-zero temperatures, snowfall and icy roads, and such conditions can take their toll on vehicles over time. Taking steps to prepare vehicles for winter weather is a vital step that can make cars and trucks safer for drivers and their passengers.

BATTERY

Old batteries should be replaced before winter begins. Without a strong, properly functioning battery, engines cannot turn over. Most batteries last between three and five years. However, extreme cold can compromise batteries, especially those that have been around awhile. Batteries are made up of acid and water, and cold temperatures can freeze the water, thereby affecting battery performance. According to AAA's Automotive Research Center, at 32 F, the average battery loses 35 percent of its strength.

Newer batteries can be protected by starting the vehicle each day to warm up and recharge the battery. Let the car run for at least 10 minutes if you cannot take an extended drive.

EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE

Keeping a car waxed and sealed can help maintain a durable exterior finish. This includes not only the paint, but the rubber and vinyl parts of



Replace existing wiper blades at the beginning of each winter so driver visibility is not compromised.

the car's exterior.

Winter is a good time to switch to a heavy-duty synthetic wax that can shield against water and road salts. High-quality sealants can be used on bumpers, trim and rubber door seals as added protection. Speak with an automotive retailer or even the car dealership if you are unsure which products will make your car's parts most durable for winter weather.

Do not stop washing

your car just because the weather is cold. Slushy, wet roads and snow-melting salts can speed up the formation of rust or other decay on the undercarriage of the vehicle. These materials will need to be periodically cleaned off. Flush the underside of the vehicle whenever possible, taking advantage of any dry, slightly warmer days.

TIRE PRESSURE

According to the automotive retailer Pep Boys, vehicle tires lose a pound of air pressure for every 10-degree drop in temperature. Many modern cars will alert to changes in air pressure, and drivers should be diligent in maintaining the proper tire pressure. Fuel economy as well as handling ability can decline when tires are not inflated properly. Tires can be refilled at many gas stations for little cost.

WIPERS

Visibility is key in hazardous weather conditions, and keeping the windshield clean is a priority. This means ensuring there is enough windshield wiper fluid in the car and that it is a product that will not freeze.

Wiper blades can freeze and crack in the winter. Older blades may be more susceptible to damage. It's a worthy investment to replace existing wiper

blades at the start of each winter. When vehicles are parked, pull the wipers off of the windshield to safeguard them from sticking and cracking.

Cold weather requires drivers to amp up their vehicle maintenance routines. Consult with a mechanic or automotive retailer for more ideas and products that can help your vehicles operate safely and efficiently this winter.

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OBITUARIES

Careen B. (Bielski) Dolan, 80

LEICESTER- Careen B. (Bielski) Dolan, 80, of Leicester died suddenly, Saturday, Jan. 26 after being stricken ill.

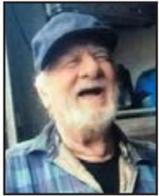
She was the wife of Donald E. Dolan who died in 1990. She leaves her companion, Roger W. Jette, Sr. of Leicester with whom she lived, her nephews; Christopher Collins and his fiancée Marcia Margone of Easthampton, and Mark Collins of Hyde Park, VT., a close friend Florence Collins of Southamptn, Ma.

Careen was born in Holyoke, the daughter of Floyd and Adelle (Zych)

Bielski. She worked as a secretary for Peter Pan Bus Lines, both in Worcester and Springfield for many years prior to her retirement.

A funeral service for Careen was held on Saturday, Feb. 2 at 11 a.m. in the MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main St., Leicester. A ceiling hour preceded the service from 10 to 11 a.m. in the funeral home. Burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Leicester followed. Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl., Memphis, TN., 38105. www.morinfuneralhomes.com

Charles D. Derosier, Sr., 82



SPENCER- Charles D. Derosier, Sr., 82, of Smithville Rd., died Friday, Feb. 1st in Harrington Memorial Hospital, Southbridge.

He leaves his long-time companion Gurli Casey with whom he lived, his sons; Charles D. Derosier, Jr. and his significant other Brenda Brackett of Spencer, William Derosier and his wife Janice of No.Brookfield, Francis Derosier of No.Brookfield and Harold Derosier and his significant other Sunsera of TN., daughters; Lisa Bouley and her husband Roger of Spencer, Lori Merchant of Southbridge, Alice Alonzo and her husband Tommy of Brookfield, Tracy Derosier of Utah, Kristen Lindsey of No.Brookfield and Kim Lindsey of Spencer, his former wife Alice Derosier and her significant other Paul Lindsey

of Spencer, numerous grand and great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He also had a lot of extended family and friends. He is predeceased by a brother Harold Derosier and sisters Shirley Lareau and Judy Swekla.

Charlie was a self employed contractor for 52 years, owning C. Derosier Siding Co. in Spencer before retiring in 2009. He enjoyed his farm, fixing anything and riding his tractors.

Born in Spencer, he was the son of Harold and Mary R. (Cote) Derosier and lived here all of his life.

At his request, no funeral services are planned. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date by the family. Please omit flowers. Contributions may be made to Second Chance Animal Services, P.O. Box 136, E. Brookfield, MA 01515. J.HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer is directing arrangements for the family.

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Louis E. LaPlante, Jr.



Louis E. LaPlante, Jr., died Tuesday, January 29, 2019 in the Overlook Masonic Home in Charlton.

He leaves his daughter, Midderice Dunivan and her husband Brian Rosenthal of Milford;

his son, Louis E. LaPlante, III and his wife Nancy Anderson-LaPlante of Trentwoods, NC; a brother, Richard LaPlante and his wife Agnes of Gilbertville; a sister, Jean LaPlante of Hardwick; four grandchildren, Jacob Dunivan, Brittany LaPlante Solberg, Louis E. LaPlante, IV and Andrew LaPlante and many nieces and nephews. He also leaves his dear friend, Kathleen Bowen, whom he cherished like a daughter. He was predeceased by his wife of 37 years, Phyllis (Fish) LaPlante in 2000, and his sister, Lillian LaComb. He was born in Ware, son of the late Louis E. and Jeannette (Furgal) LaPlante, and had lived in North Brookfield for 55 years.

Louis was a Machinist at Pratt & Whitney before retiring in 1970. Louis was quiet by nature, and enjoyed doing

various projects around his home. After retiring, he learned how to cook and bake. He was fan of soap operas, and had been following Days of Our Lives daily for nearly 50 years.

He was a member of St. Joseph's Church in North Brookfield and was a United States Navy Veteran of the Korean War.

A Funeral Mass for Louis will be held on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 11:00 AM in St. Joseph's Church in North Brookfield. Calling hours will be held Monday, February 4, 2019 from 5 to 7 PM in the Varnum Funeral Home, Inc., 43 East Main St., in West Brookfield. Burial will be in St. Joseph Cemetery in the spring. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the St. Joseph Cemetery Perpetual Care Account, St. Joseph Parish, 28 Mount Pleasant St., North Brookfield, MA 01535.

An online guest book is available at varnumfuneralhome.com

Alberta Lee Wieman, 98



LEICESTER- Alberta Lee Wieman, 98, formerly of Bakersfield, CA Died Jan. 25, in Christopher House, Worc.

She lived with her daughter Janice Parke and husband

David for the past 14 years.

She was predeceased by her husband, Bill Wieman, parents Mary and Harry Love and three younger sisters; Oletha, Margaret and Irene all of Calif.,

She is also survived by her grandson Andrew Parke (Stephanie) and granddaughter, Heather Masshardt (Daniel) and six great-grandchildren; Cole, Caleb, Connor, Isaac, Bethany and Anna.

She served her Lord faithfully in many church positions in churches

in CA and most recently belonged to Greenville Baptist Church and Faith Church, Auburn.

She worked as an LVN directing hospital admissions. Among her many volunteer positions, she was a Girl Scout troop leader for 8 yrs. and a PTA President.

She taught her husband to fish and that was what she enjoyed on every family vacation in the Calif. Sierras.

A private burial was held at Greenville Cemetery. A Memorial Celebration with be held at a future date.

Her memory may be honored by a donation to a hospital she supported in Limbe, Haiti. HBS Foundation, Inc. PO Box 2564 Palm City, FL 34991-2564

Arrangements were handled by MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main Street, Leicester.

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Sharon M. Hutchinson, 62



WARREN - Sharon M. (Connolly) Hutchinson, 62, of Warren died on February 2, 2019, at Quaboag Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center in West Brookfield.

She leaves her husband of 38 years Robert W. Hutchinson, Sr. of Warren; two daughters Melissa Rozzen and her husband Eric, and Cynthia Merrill and her husband Todd; two step-sons Robert Hutchinson and James Hutchinson and his wife Lori; her brother Kevin Connolly and his wife Laurie; two sisters, Kathy Coward, and Rose Dawson; 11 grandchildren, Alysha Hutchinson, Thomas Cote and his wife Amber, Conner Merrill, Evan Merrill, Dorielle Balsler, Jayce Hutchinson, Bryce Hutchinson, Stacy Hutchinson, Amanda Kraeger, Angela Hutchinson, Jessica Hutchinson, and two great-grandchildren, Gabriel

Balsler and Aurora Balsler. She was predeceased by her sister, Sandra Connolly. She was born in Worcester, daughter of the late Walter and Lucille Connolly, and has lived in Warren for over 25 years.

Sharon owned and operated Kids Are Us Daycare for 26 years. She was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother who loved spending time with her family. She will be very sadly missed by her family and those who knew her.

A Celebration of Sharon's Life will be held on Saturday, February 9, 2019 at 1:00PM in the Ye Olde Tavern, Main Street, in West Brookfield. A private graveside service will be held in the spring at Pine Grove Cemetery in Warren.

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

An online guest book is available at varnumfuneralhome.com

Irene M. Cottone



BROOKFIELD/ STURBRIDGE- Irene M. (Mikan) Cottone, 95, of Deer Run, formerly of Sturbridge, passed away on Wednesday, Jan.30th, in her home after a long illness.

Her husband, Nunzio A. Cottone, passed away in 1981. Her longtime companion, Joseph Vatile, passed away in 2017. She leaves her son, Robert A. Cottone and his wife Denise of Brimfield; her daughter, Linda Castelano of Brookfield; her four grandchildren, Robby Cottone of Sable, LI, NY, Josh Cottone of Sturbridge, Cami Aspesi of Southborough and Jason Castelonao of Denver, CO; and 7 great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her brother, Sam Mikan and her sister, Catherine Toepfer. She was born in New York, NY the daughter of Samuel and Mary (Cmelko) Mikan.

Irene and her husband, Nunzio, owned and operated the White Sands Motel and the Port Jefferson Motel, both on Long Island, for over 20 years, retiring many years ago. During World War II she worked as part of the Woman's Land Army helping in the war effort by doing the work of the men that were off to war.

Calling hours for Irene were held on Wednesday, Feb. 6th, from 5:00 to 7:00pm in the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, with a funeral service following in the funeral home at 7:00pm. A graveside service in Nassau Knolls Cemetery, Port Washington, LI, NY, will be held at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers donations in Irene's memory may be made to the Overlook Hospice, 88 Masonic Home Rd., Charlton, MA 01507.

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Theresa M. Lampron, 81



SPENCER- Theresa M. Lampron, 81, passed away on Saturday, February 2, 2019 surrounded by her loving family at her daughters home. A resident of Spencer her entire life, she graduated from David

Prouty High School in 1954 and went on to Worcester State Teachers College, where she wrote the class song for their graduation in 1958.

Theresa used her education for a lifetime of teaching in the classroom, as a CCD instructor, as a private piano teacher, and organ teacher. Her love of Catholicism and music led to a long career of 58 years as an organist. She played weekly masses, weddings, and funerals at Our Lady of the Rosary and Saint Mary's Parishes in Spencer, Saint John the Baptist Parish in East Brookfield, Saint Ann's Church in North Oxford, Saint Roch Parish in Oxford, Our Lady of Loretto Church in Worcester, Saint Mary Church in Brookfield, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart in West Brookfield, Saint Joseph's Parish in North Brookfield, Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in Millbury, and Saint James Parish in South Grafton, where she finished her career. Being in the Lord's house was only part of her religious devotion. Weekly mass was easily attained, but she consistently went above and beyond by attending annual Novena's to Saint Jude, utilizing "Word Among Us" and "Magnificant" for daily readings together with daily spiritual jour-

naling and by rolling her blessed rosary beads for all the souls who crossed her path on this earth, including the many she met at Rustic Laundromat while folding clothes. After she stopped driving and right up to her passing, Theresa watched daily masses on the TV Ministry channel.

She is survived by her children Mary Shepherd & her husband John of Holden, Patricia Roseberry & her husband Alan of Princeton, John Lampron & his wife Jerilyn of East Brookfield, Paul Lampron, and Margaret Kennen & her husband Tom all of Spencer; grandchildren Matthew Kennen, Megan Roseberry, Hannah Rosebery, Mitchell Shepherd, Kathleen Shepherd, John Lampron Jr., Jillianne Lampron; her only great grandchild, Chace Kennen; her siblings Barbara Englander of Paxton, Lucia Provo of Fort Myers FL, Francis Dowgielewicz of Leicester, and Stanley Dowgielewicz of New Braintree. Theresa is predeceased by her husband, Harvey H. Lampron, her beloved special daughter, Kathleen Lampron, and her parents John and Stasia Dowgielewicz.

Friends and family were invited to attend calling hours on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 from 5-7PM in Pillsbury Funeral Home 163 Main Street in Spencer. The funeral was held on Thursday with a Mass at 11AM in Our Lady of the Rosary Church 7 Church St. in Spencer. Burial will follow in Mary Queen of the Rosary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to TV Ministry, Diocese of Worcester, 49 Elm Street, Worcester, MA 01609.

Maryann (Zukowski) Papazian, 82

CHARLTON- Maryann (Zukowski) Papazian age 82 died Monday, Feb. 4, 2019 at Harrington Hospital, Southbridge. She was the wife of the late Jerry Papazian. She leaves a sister Helena Baris of Leicester, nieces Nicole Baris, Kim Zukowski and Michelle Painchaud. Maryann had siblings that predeceased her, William Zukowski of Saco, Maine, Eleanor DiMarzio of Worcester. She was born in Worcester, daughter of the late William Zukowski and Helen (Tomas) Zukowski and

lived in Charlton most of her life. She did accounting most of her life and worked for Riley Stoker in Worcester. Maryann enjoyed trips to the Casino. There are no calling hours, all services are private. Please omit flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the American Cancer Association. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home has been entrusted with her arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

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CALENDAR

Tuesday, February 12

LETTERS TO AND FROM A WORLD WAR II SOLIDER: Downstairs at the Brookfield Congregational Church, beginning at 11:30 a.m. The program will be presented by Seema Kenney of Upton, with 20 years of research and roots deep in New England, as well as England and Germany. She is well known for presenting historical, biographical and genealogical programs. The program is open to the public. Come and join free of charge. Sponsored by the Brookfield Council on Aging.

Wednesday, February 20

LEICESTER WOMEN'S CLUB: 11:30 a.m., Leicester Country Club. Speaker will be Town Administrator David Genereux. Cost of lunch is \$15. Call Maureen Whitney at 508-864-6871 by Feb. 15 for reservations.

ONGOING EVENTS

ECONOMY SHOP HOURS FOR Jan. 9 through Feb. 9, 2019

Open every Wednesday 8 a.m. to noon; Thursday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. & 6 to 8 p.m.; Friday 8 a.m. to noon at the First Congregational Church, 207 Main St., Spencer. Come in and see our daily specials. (508) 885-2149.

ECONOMY SHOP HOURS FOR August 22 through June 28, 2019

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

We are non-profit and run on volunteers. We are open May into December.

EAST BROOKFIELD LIBRARY PROGRAMS: The East Brookfield Public Library is currently conducting their fall registration for children's programming. Rhythm and Rhyme is for toddlers aged 18 mos. to 3 years. This program runs from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. and includes lots of music, finger plays, physical activities and a story with a related craft.

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

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

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

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

FREE FOR MOM & KIDS: There

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

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

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

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

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 winners take all games, two 50/50 games and two progressive jackpot games with payouts of \$600 and \$500 respectively. Good food and soft beverages are available at Judy's

Kitchen. Come and enjoy some good food, good people and hopefully win a little.

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

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

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

GRIEFSHARE is a special weekly seminar/support group for people grieving the death of someone close. It is a place where you can be around people who understand the pain of your loss. It will be held on Thursday afternoons, beginning Feb. 14 at 2 p.m., at E. Brookfield Baptist Church, 262 E. Main St., East Brookfield, and run for 12 weeks. Registration fee is \$12. The group is a collaboration, also involving the Brookfield Congregational Church. You'll learn valuable information to help you through this difficult time. Telephone #: 508-867-7725.

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DUDLEY - 13 Oakwood Ave! Mason Road Area! 7 Rm Cape! HARDWOOD FLOORS! Throughout Home Offers Quiet Kitchen, Open Concept Dining & Living Rm! 3 Bedrooms! Full Tile Bath! 2 1st Floor Bdrms! 2nd Flr Bdrm! Walk-in Cedar Closet! Breezeway to Garage! **\$205,000.00**

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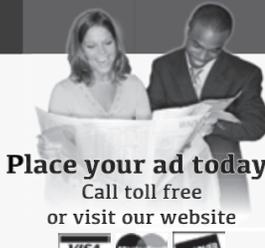
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LEGALS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The North Brookfield School Committee will hold a Public Hearing on the 2019-2020 Budget Proposal
Scheduled Hearing Date:
 Monday, February 25, 2018 at 7:00PM
 School Committee Meeting Room 23A
 North Brookfield Elementary
 10 New School Drive
 North Brookfield, MA 01535
 February 8, 2019
 February 15, 2019
 February 22, 2019

**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. WO18P2995EA
 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
 Estate of:
 Betty M Kendall
 Date of Death: 07/21/2018**

To all interested persons:
 A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Joseph A Kendall of Warren 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 **Joseph A Kendall of Warren MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **an unsupervised** administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 02/19/2019.** 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: January 23, 2019
 Stephanie K. Fattman,
 Register of Probate

February 8, 2019

Legal Notice

The Annual Meeting of Corporators of Country Bank for Savings will be held on Monday, March 11, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. at 125 Front Street Worcester, MA for the election of Corporators, Trustees and Officers along with any other business as required by law and the Bylaws of Country Bank for Savings.
 Susan Rutherford
 Clerk of the Corporation
 February 7, 2019

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 225 Main Street
 Worcester, MA 01608
 (508) 831-2200
 Docket No. WO19P0288EA
 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
 Estate of:
 Joseph A. Bullock
 Date of Death: 12/01/2018**

To all interested persons:
 A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Michael Jean Bullock of Worcester 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 **Michael Jean Bullock of Worcester MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **an unsupervised** administration.

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 WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
 Date: January 24, 2019
 Stephanie K. Fattman,
 Register of Probate

February 8, 2019

Town of Spencer

**Solar Bylaw Advisory Committee
 Notice of Public Listening Session**
 The Solar Bylaw Advisory Committee will hold a "Listening Session" for Spencer residents on February 21, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the McCourt Hall of Memorial Town Hall, 157 Main Street, Spencer, MA. Please use lower level entrance.
 February 8, 2019

FY2020 SCHOOL BUDGET

Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District FY2020 School Budget. The Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School Committee, in compliance with Massachusetts General Law, will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed FY2020 School Budget. The Hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 12, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., in the Auditorium at Wire Village School, 60 Paxton Road, Spencer, MA. Immediately following the hearing, there will be an open discussion of the budget. Copies of the budget are available for examination at the Office of the Superintendent, 306 Main Street, Spencer, MA, and on the District's website: www.sebrsd.org. Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School Committee February 4, 2019
 February 8, 2019

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Dorothy T. Turner to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for One Reverse Mortgage, LLC, dated November 7, 2013 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 51763, Page 335, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from:

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., as nominee for One Reverse Mortgage LLC to American Advisors Group, recorded on July 6, 2018, in Book No. 59060, at Page 341 for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 2:00 PM on March 18, 2019, on the mortgaged premises located at 109 Evergreen Street, East Brookfield, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,
 TO WIT:
 Tax Id Number(s): 084/004.2-0131-0011.0

Land Situated in the County of Worcester in the State of MA
 THE LAND IN EAST BROOKFIELD, WORCESTER COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS, WITH THE BUILDINGS THEREON, SITUATED ON THE EASTERLY SIDE OF

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Note: The Company is prohibited from insuring the area or quantity of the land. The Company does not represent that any acreage or footage calculations are correct. References to quantity are for identification purposes only. Being the same property conveyed to Dorothy T. Turner, by deed dated August 7, 1975 of record in Deed Book 5773, Page 56, in the County Clerk's office.
 Commonly known as: 109 Evergreen Street, East Brookfield, MA 01515-3201

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 5773, Page 56.

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

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

AMERICAN ADVISORS GROUP
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 By its Attorneys,
 HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.
 150 California St.
 Newton, MA 02458
 (617)558-0500
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 February 8, 2019
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**(SEAL)
 COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
 LAND COURT
 DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
 18SM007915
 ORDER OF NOTICE**

To:
 The Heirs, Devisees and Legal Representatives of the Estate of Stephen Natale
 Michael Stephen Natale
 The Heirs, Devisees and Legal Representatives of the Estate of Brian Joseph Natale
 Mercedes Natale DeVito, individually and as PPA for Madison Natale
 Sabrina Brower, as PPA for Anthony Natale
 and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief

Act, 50 U.S.C.c. 50 §3901 et seq.: Ditech Financial LLC claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in East Brookfield, numbered 106 Haywood Drive, given by Stephen Natale to Fairfield Financial Mortgage Group, Inc., dated January 27, 2003, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 28835, Page

134, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before March 11, 2019 or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act.

Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of said Court on January 25, 2019.

Attest: Deborah J. Patterson
 Recorder
 18-032165
 February 8, 2019

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS TOWN OF EAST BROOKFIELD OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES NOTICE OF TAX TAKING

To the owners of the hereinafter described land and to all others concerned

You are hereby notified that on Friday, the 22nd day of February, 2019, at 10:00 A.M. at The Tax Collectors' Office 122 Connie Mack Drive, pursuant to the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 60, Section 53, and by virtue of the authority vested in me as Collector of Taxes, it is my intention to take for the Town of East Brookfield the following parcels of land for non-payment of the taxes due thereon, with interest and all incidental expenses and costs to the date of taking, unless the same shall have been paid before that date.

Assessed To BURDETT RONALD W
 A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.56 Acres located and known as 109 KNOX TRAIL ROAD shown on the Town of East Brookfield Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 003.0-0222-0006.0 and being part of the premises recorded in book 46095 on Page 201 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.
 2017 Tax \$1,851.02

Assessed To CHAFFEE RICHARD
 A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 14.28 Acres located and known as 0 PODUNK ROAD shown on the Town of East Brookfield Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 020.0-0189-0136.0 and being part of the premises recorded in book 49441 on Page 212 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.
 2017 Tax \$1,170.53

Assessed To DAR REALTY INC.
 A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1.43 Acres located and known as 153 ADAMS ROAD shown on the Town of East Brookfield Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 014.0-0100-0005.0 and being part of the premises recorded in book 24179 on Page 318 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.
 2017 Tax \$1,402.11

Assessed To JOHNSTON TYLER P.
 A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1.7 Acres located and known as 135 PODUNK ROAD shown on the Town of East Brookfield Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 007.0-0189-0012.0 and being part of the premises recorded in book 53168 on Page 179 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.
 2017 Tax \$207.80

Michelle Richard,
 COLLECTOR OF TAXES
 February 8, 2019



Canned Food Word Find

Find the hidden words in the puzzle.

ALUMINUM	FRUIT	SEAL
CAN	OPEN	STACK
DENTS	PANTRY	STORE
FRESH	PET	VEGETABLE

A U D A T V T S U T P F
 O G Z E S E U X T G X C
 P O Q T S G P X Z A S I
 E V N E J E D K X V C A
 N E A D S T O R E Q L K
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FOODS PACKAGED THIS WAY CAN OFTEN LAST MUCH LONGER THAN ONES PACKAGED IN BAGS OR BOXES.

ANSWER: IN CANS

Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

NCA PEORNE

Answer: Can opener



PRESERVE

maintain existing state

How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Food
SPANISH: Comida
ITALIAN: Cibo
FRENCH: Nourriture
GERMAN: Essen

Did you know?

ACCORDING TO THE USDA, MOST LOW-ACID CANNED FOODS CAN LAST AND BE SAFE TO EAT FOR UP TO 5 YEARS.

GET THE PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: TOP OF CAN

CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to time management. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 22 = e)

A. 2 19 8 22 10 16 23 22
 Clue: Timed plan

B. 10 22 23 22 6 20 14 22
 Clue: Entrust a task

C. 19 23 25 19 3
 Clue: Timekeeper

D. 26 17 11 25 17 11 14 12
 Clue: Important

Answers: A. schedule B. delegate C. clock D. priority

SUDOKU

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

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

ANSWER:

Safely avoid potential winter hazards



Winter can be a beautiful time of year, particularly when freshly fallen snow blankets the landscape. However, winter is also a time fraught with potential peril. The same winter weather that makes landscapes so pristine can make roads and walkways — and even being outside — dangerous.

The U.S. Department of Transportation says weather-related vehicle crashes killed 6,253 people last year and injure more than 480,000 per year. These accidents most often occur when roadways are wet, snowy or icy. Yet, winter driving is not the only seasonal hazard. Here are some common winter activities and how to avoid getting hurt when engaging

in them.

Driving

Exercise extra caution when driving on roadways during the winter, as they may contain ice or snow. All it takes is a small coating of precipitation on roadways to make driving treacherous. Wet-looking roadways may be wet, or they may be covered by ice, and it's difficult to tell the difference with the naked eye. Always slow down and assume you are driving on ice. Make every effort to improve visibility. This includes checking windshield washer fluid levels and ensuring windshield blades are in good working order.

Snow removal
Shoveling or removing

snow by various methods can be strenuous work, taking even those who feel they are in good shape by surprise. A 2011 study conducted by researchers at the Center for Injury Research and Policy of The Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital found that an average of 11,500 snow-shoveling-related injuries and medical emergencies were treated in U.S. emergency departments each year from 1990 to 2006.

Lower back injuries, falls, injuries to the arms and hands and cardiac-related injuries account for many of the incidents sustained while removing snow. There's also the risk of injury from collisions with pedestrians and

snow plows. Plows and bobcat-type devices can cause serious injury. Exercise caution when operating such machines.

Roof snow removal

Removing snow from a roof can be a dangerous prospect. Always use the appropriate equipment, which includes telescoping poles, rather than climbing on slippery roofs. This may be a job best left for a professional, who will have fall-arrest systems and non-slip safety boots.

Dressing for conditions

Venturing outdoors for winter fun may be enticing, but never put your health at risk for the sake of fun. The Mayo Clinic says hypothermia is a medical emergency that occurs when the body loses heat faster than it can produce heat, causing a dangerously low body temperature. Wear appropriate

clothing to prevent hypothermia, which may not produce any initial symptoms. If shivering stops or confusion and slurred speech set in, severe hypothermia is in effect and a person should be moved indoors and gently warmed. Mild hypothermia is also possible indoors, typically when the elderly spend

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Winter may be beautiful, but it also can be hazardous. Taking precautions and using common sense help avoid dangerous situations.

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