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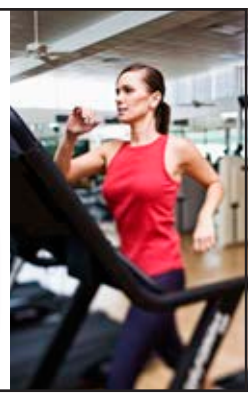

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THE YEAR THAT WAS

This issue of the Spencer New Leader is the last regular edition of the calendar year, as next week's paper (Dec. 23) will be a special "Sports Year in Photos" publication. The week after that (Dec. 30) will be our annual "Stonebridge Press Year in Photos." We will return with our regular coverage in our Jan. 6, 2017 edition. From all of us here at Stonebridge Press — Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year!

Toy drive 'stuffs the bus'

'THE HOLIDAYS AREN'T ONLY ABOUT THE GIFTS WE RECEIVE'

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Committed to delivering joy to children in need this holiday season, members of AA Transportation Company fanned out across the area earlier this month to fill their school buses with toys.

In their first Stuff the Bus campaign, AA Transportation drivers received impressive donation totals from residents in several towns. They made stops at the Leicester Wal-Mart, the Spencer Fire Station, the Auburn Mall, the Southbridge Big Y and the North Brookfield Hannaford store, among others. All toys collected will be given to the community organization that runs toy distribution operations for each respective town.

"AA Transportation is dedicated to giving back to the communities that we service," said Melody Miller, the East Brookfield division manager for AA Transportation. "In school transportation, we see children from all types of families. Some children are part of a larger or less fortunate family where it may not be as easy for parents to provide at Christmas time."

AA Transportation drivers Leslie Burgos and Randi Larose, who both operate bus routes in Spencer, weren't far from their daily stops on Dec. 3 when they collected toys at the Spencer Fire Station. It meant a lot to them to make the holiday season special for kids whose parents are struggling to afford gifts this year.

Kevin Flanders photo

AA Transportation Company drivers Leslie Burgos and Randi Larose traveled to the Spencer Fire Department on Dec. 3 as part of their company's Stuff the Bus campaign.

"The kids and families in these positions are not there by choice, so we want to help them any way we can," said Burgos, who has been driving for AA Transportation for nine years. "I love every single kid on my bus, and we want to do everything we can to put a smile on their faces."

Added Larose, "It feels great to give back to local families. We are very blessed to have an opportunity to give back."

AA Transportation thanked

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Solar panels installed at St. Joseph's Abbey

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

SPENCER — Massachusetts residents could be given an unlimited number of guesses as to the site of the Commonwealth's largest co-located solar farm – and they would still find themselves stumped.

That's because thousands of solar panels were recently constructed on fields owned by St. Joseph's Abbey, where trappist monks have resided since the 1950's.

Ten individual solar arrays were built on the property, combining to occupy about 135 acres that were leased to a developer, NRG Corporation. Expected to generate 14.7 megawatts, the electricity will be uploaded to the power grid through National Grid's substation near the Treasure Valley Boy Scout Camp in Rutland.

For the monks who reside at St. Joseph's Abbey, all aspects of the project were carefully considered before any arrangements were made for the 167 North Spencer Road location.

"The monks first discussed the project in 2012. With the help of a developer, we identified suitable abbey land on which solar panels could be placed," said Vincent Rogers, the cellarer at St. Joseph's Abbey. "The monks would like to thank the town of Spencer for its assistance in bringing this project to a conclusion."

NRG Corporation is solely responsible for building and maintaining the solar farm – and also for selling the electricity, officials said. Prior to construction, St. Joseph's Abbey entered into a thorough permitting process with Spencer's Planning Board, Zoning Board and Highway Department, among others, in order to obtain permits for the project. M&W Group man-

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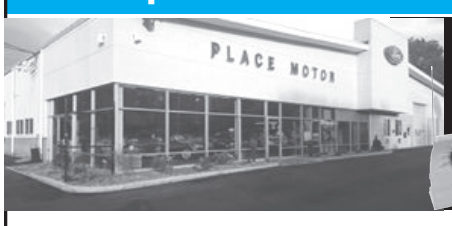

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Historical Quabbin calendar released for 32nd year

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

For area historians and photography enthusiasts, there is more reason than one to eagerly anticipate the coming year.

For the 32nd straight year, local author and historian J.R. Greene has released a new calendar depicting images of history in the Quabbin area. Each calendar includes a new set of 12 pictorial memories of the villages destroyed to facilitate the construction of Quabbin Reservoir. Images also display the surrounding communities affected by the Ware River diversion in the 1930's.

When viewing those calendar images, residents step back through time and glimpse how life was in the villages lost to the Quabbin – Dana, Enfield, Greenwich and Prescott. Effective immediately on April 28, 1938, the four towns ceased to exist, but their history lives on thanks to researchers like Greene.

The spiral-bound calendar features views in sepia color taken from Greene's collection, as well as black and white views accessed from the appraisal files of the water commission, which built the Quabbin. Images include a store, a roadside stand, farms, a filling station, a summer camp, and a war memorial. There are scenes from the Oakham village of Coldbrook Springs, in addition to West Rutland views, and each calendar page provides a description about the image shown for that particular month.

Greene, who lives in Athol, said his goal for the calendar is to present large reproductions of scenes from the lost villages to help preserve their memory for the future. Many residents aren't even aware of the existence of the lost villages, especially young people, and Greene hopes to not only provide fascinating images but also a lesson into the history of the area.

When the very first edition of the calendar was issued in 1985, it was done as an experiment, Greene said. But over the years he has met many residents who can't wait for the calendar's release each winter. In total, Greene's calendars have combined to display over 380 images, many from the Ware River diversion villages surrounding Quabbin.

"The theme of this calendar is to honor the former villages in the Swift and Ware River Valleys – and their way of life," Greene stated in his introduction to the calendar for viewers. "This calendar is dedicated to the memory of the people who once lived in those places."

Greene is the author of sixteen books relating to the Quabbin and the villages destroyed to create it. Printed by Performance Press, of Winchendon, his calendar sells for $14.95.

The calendar is currently on sale at the following local outlets:

- Brookfield: Video Barn
- North Brookfield: Brookfield Orchards
- Spencer: Oakwood Farm Christmas Barn
- West Brookfield: Plantation General Store.

The calendar can also be ordered directly from the author. For more information, send an email to jrg01331@webtv.net.

Greene thanked Joe Mitko for formatting the photos in the calendar's current edition.

Kevin Flanders can be reached at 508-909-4140, or by e-mail at kflanders@stonebridgepress.com.

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IN AND AROUND SPENCER

Courtesy photos

Girl Scouts and Brownies lead guests in caroling as they await Santa's arrival.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

BROOKFIELD — Capping off a busy weekend in the area, Santa Claus paid a visit to the Brookfield Town Common on Dec. 4 to celebrate the tree lighting with residents.

Kids were able to provide Santa with a few last-minute gift ideas, and guests braved a cold night to take part in caroling and other seasonal festivities. Scouting groups once again played an important role in the event, and residents were dazzled by the lighting of the tree in the Common gazebo.

YOUTH MOVEMENT

The Youth for Community Improvement Committee (YCI), a teen grant-making arm of the Greater Worcester Community Foundation, recently announced the recipients of its 2016 fall YCI Fund program.

The YCI develops its own unique request for proposals based on members' assessments of community needs. Areas of interest for 2016 included food security, youth engagement and neighborhood enrichment in central Massachusetts. This year, ten grants were funded from the twenty grant applications that were received.

"Over the past 12 weeks, we watched this group of powerful young leaders come together, focused on making a significant impact in their community through grant making," said Sarah Shugrue, a GWCF program officer. "Each week, they worked diligently together to ensure they had the right tools and knowledge to make difficult funding decisions. Throughout their journey together, they developed a deeper understanding of the needs in their community."

Finishing its 16th year, the YCI has brought together nearly 200 teens from towns throughout Worcester County.

STATE HOUSE SHOWCASE

Sen. Michael Moore recently announced an opportunity for residents to showcase the unique cultural and artistic identity of the Second Worcester District. The Senator is seeking one item that will be featured in a display case at the Massachusetts State House to represent the district.

The theme of the display celebrates the creative economy in Massachusetts. Items that are three-dimensional and visually creative – and are representative of the local community – will have the best chance of being selected. All submitted items must be nonperishable, and they should not exceed 18 inches in height.

Viable suggestions include sculptures, jewelry, a creative item from recycled materials, a miniature painting, a small musical instrument, folk art, a photograph, an ornament, stained glass items, and pottery, among others.

If you are interested in offering an item for consideration, please visit www.SenatorMikeMoore.com, or call his office at 617-722-1485. The selected item will be placed in a locked display case at the State House until the end of the 2017-18 legislative session, whereupon it will be returned to the owner.

The 2nd Worcester District is comprised of eight communities, including Leicester. Submissions will be limited to residents living in those towns.

MUSICAL MEMORIES

Richard Sugden Public Library officials thank everyone who attended the recent ukulele workshop at the Spencer library.

The Dec. 1 event featured instructional opportunities for teens and adults. Guests learned how to play four notes and a song, and everyone had fun working together and bettering their skills.

"It was so much fun – it was amazing how much we learned," said Denise Farmosa, the adult reference librarian.

For more information about upcoming events at the library, visit www.spencerpubliclibrary.org.

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Mary and Keith Hough chat with Santa about what they'd like to see beneath the tree this year.

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Senior center hosts successful holiday dinner

Kevin Flanders photo

Seniors enjoyed musical entertainment thanks to Tommy LeBeau and Rosie Porter.

East Brookfield seniors enjoy a festive dinner.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

EAST BROOKFIELD — Building on the success of last year's holiday dinner program, the East Brookfield Senior Center staff welcomed even more residents this year for a celebration of the season.

Seniors were impressed with the attendance of 48 guests at the 2015 holiday dinner, but this year's event on Dec. 7 drew 75 people for a delicious meal in the company of friends. The event included appetizers, a meal delivered by volunteer waiters, and even musical entertainment provided by local artists.

For the senior center staff, which continues to work hard to increase exposure for their programs and offerings, it means a lot to bring seniors into the 110 Pleasant Street building. The senior center is drawing many residents thanks to its expanded hours (Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.). The center offers a variety of programs and services, including a book club, exercise activities, and medical resources, among others.

On Dec. 7, newcomers to the senior center got to see the fun, high-energy environment in action. The event was made possible by countless community and business donations, including assistance from Big Y, Hannaford, and Price Chopper. The staff also thanked Brookfield Orchards for donating the apples needed to prepare the dessert for seniors.

"This was a great effort from so many businesses and volunteers. It means a lot to have so much assistance," said Judith Shute, a Council on Aging member who helped organize the program.

Events like the holiday dinner have served as effective ways to introduce residents to the senior center. Attendance has gone up from 50 guests per month to over 140 seniors served monthly by the staff, and officials hope to keep spreading the word to residents.

"It is great to get the community together and introduce them to our expanded hours and programs," said Cheryl Brodak, the senior center's activities coordinator.

Seniors even got a visit from Santa Claus at the dinner. The staff also thanked Tommy LeBeau and Rosie Porter for providing musical entertainment throughout the event, as well as all volunteers who made the dinner possible.

Town officials have also played a strong role in supporting their senior center.

"We thank everyone who helped put this together. And we give special thanks to [Select Board Chairman] Ted [Boulay], who always gives tremendous support to the seniors. He is the voice for these people," Brodak added.

Boulay and several other town officials were in attendance at the Dec. 7 dinner. But the event wasn't solely dedicated to fun and festivities. In honor of the anniversary of the attacks on Pearl Harbor, a World War II informational display was set up to allow guests to reflect on the sacrifices of those who served.

To learn more about the town's Council on Aging and the senior center, visit www.eastbrookfieldma.us and follow the appropriate links.

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Santa Claus even stopped into the senior center for a special appearance.

SCAS steps in to save Lion the cat

Courtesy photo

Lion the cat needs your help to have surgeries to ensure a better life.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

NORTH BROOKFIELD — Second Chance Animal Shelter ensured that Lion the cat received a new lease on life, but the hard work is just beginning to provide him with a healthy existence.

Lion originally came to SCAS as a kitten a few months ago as part of a large-scale hoarding recovery, joined by his mother, the rest of the litter, and many other cats. He was quickly adopted by a young family, but as time went on they started to notice that he wasn't walking right as he grew older.

Eventually Lion's condition deteriorated to the point that he could not use his back legs. His adoptive family brought him to the SCAS wellness center for treatment, where it was determined that he has bilateral luxating patellas and hips with severe osteoarthritis. Additionally, he has severe muscle atrophy and may require physical rehabilitation.

SCAS veterinarians have discussed Lion's case and determined a course of action that will hopefully lead to a long, healthy life. It will be a challenging road that entails multiple surgeries, beginning with a corrective surgery on one hip and knee, followed by additional procedures.

For now, Lion is receiving medication and acupuncture treatments, but he needs your help to receive the surgeries.

"We have been overwhelmed with several cases all at once" said Sheryl Blancato, the executive director of SCAS. "This is a lot for us to take on all at once, but Lion needs us, as well as the cases we are already working on. Lion is beyond sweet, and we want to help him on the road to leading as normal a life as we can make for him."

Second Chance has set up a GoFundMe page to help with the medical expenses for Lion, which are expected to exceed $5,000. You can help Lion by making a donation on the GoFundMe page at https://www.gofundme.com/Lion-needs-help-to-walk.

SCAS is a nonprofit organization that began in 1999 in East Brookfield and relies solely on donations and grants to operate. The shelter runs an adoption center in East Brookfield, a pet wellness and veterinary center in North Brookfield, as well as a community veterinary clinic in Springfield.

For more information, visit Second Chance's website at www.second-chanceanimals.org.

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Your Dental Health

by Edward Larkin D.M.D.

FEELING SLEEP-DEPRIVED?

Chronic sleep deprivation can put you at higher risk for chronic health problems such as high blood pressure, heart disease, and stroke. Oddly enough, the dentist is often the first person to diagnose a sleep disorder. In particular, "sleep apnea" is a condition that causes repeated breathing interruptions throughout the night. These breathing pauses can last anywhere from a few seconds to minutes, and may occur thirty or more times per hour. While snoring is the most common symptom of sleep apnea, tooth-grinding (bruxism) is also a reliable indicator of sleep apnea. If the dentist finds evidence of tooth wear and/or receding gums, it may be an indication of nightly tooth grinding related to a potentially serious sleep problem.

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Coats for a cause

Bay Path teams up with Evangelidis for annual collection

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

CHARLTON — The Worcester County Sheriff's Office spent Wednesday, Nov. 30, and Thursday, Dec. 1, traveling around Worcester County, distributing winter coats to organizations and people in need. The coats were all donated from local organization, clubs and individuals, including the Interact club at Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School.

Earlier in the month, Sheriff Lew Evangelidis visited Interact to give them recognition for all of the hard work they put in. The coats collected by Interact and all the other donors helped provide coats for people who would otherwise not be able to afford it on their own.

If you've never heard of Interact, it's because the program just started this year. There are currently 10 members.

Said Mathematics teacher and advisor Jennifer Reil: "We have a great group. It may not be a lot, but the students we have are truly dedicated. They are awesome. I've never really experienced a group of kids like this, who just put their whole self into every single project we've done so far. It's amazing."

While students have to be elected into the National Honors Society, Interact only requires that students attend two consecutive meetings. They don't have to be elected or be honors students. They just have to want to get together and help others, said Reil. So it's not a surprise that the students were quick to jump on board when they heard about the coat drive.

Photo courtesy Kimberly Roy

Members of the Interact Club posed with Sheriff Lew Evangelidis, who visited Bay Path to recognize the efforts the Interact Club made during the annual coat drive. The Interact Club had collected an astonishing 400.

Co-Advisor Rick Correro had participated in the coat drive before, back when he was a teacher at the Southbridge Middle/High School. When he came to Bay Path he brought it to Interact's attention. While all of the students were on board immediately, Reil credited 11th grade Programming & Web Development student Jamie Butkiewicz with getting the ball rolling.

According to Reil, Butkiewicz decided "on his own" to ask every single shop teacher if the club could place a box in their shop, creating a "healthy competition" for the coat drive. Interact offered a $50 gift card for the shop that collected the most coats.

"Usually, when shops compete it makes a lot more shops take part," explained Butkiewicz. "We tempted them with a gift card, which they would want for their shop party in December. It seemed to work really well. I ran around to each shop, asking if they wanted to participate. They all said yes."

Interact was able to collect an astonishing 400 coats, between their boxes in each shop and boxes set up at some Southbridge Credit Unions, who also provided the reward money and boxes.

"I'm truly amazed," said Reil. "Their ability to communicate this with others... It can be a difficult topic for teenagers. Many teens don't stop to think of others. It was amazing that they were spreading the word, talking it up... They even got other clubs involved to help share the message."

Butkiewicz said the coat drive had "went beautifully" and he was surprised by the amount of coats they were able to collect at the school.

He said: "I feel we can do a lot more if the school sticks together as a team."

When Evangelidis came to visit Interact, he explained that he has seen so many people without coats each winter. For the teens in Interact, it was a great opportunity for them to become aware of what's going on in their community. But even more so, the coat drive had given them an opportunity to help and really do something about it.

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Concert raises money for John Waage Memorial Scholarship

Courtesy photos

David Prouty High School band members come together after an emotional performance honoring their late teacher, John Waage.

Students from throughout the area performed earlier this month at Auburn High School to support the John Waage Memorial Scholarship.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

SPENCER — There was only one passion more important than music for the late John Waage — inspiring his David Prouty High School students through music.

Waage lost his battle to cancer in February, but his former students are ensuring that his mission to educate and empower young musicians will become his legacy. Earlier this month, DPHS musicians joined students from several area schools at Auburn High School, where they put on a concert to raise money for the John Waage Memorial Scholarship. Virginia Bailey, Auburn High School's director of instrumental music, worked with teachers from local schools to put the event together.

The result was a concert featuring over 300 student and alumni musicians, among them DPHS senior and marching band leader Emily Nairn. Throughout their journeys at Prouty, Nairn and her classmates were inspired by the leadership and kindness of Waage, who helped countless students advance their musical ambitions.

"It was a very emotional night, but it was well worth the nerves I went through performing," Nairn said. "This concert meant more to me than any other concert. Mr. Waage and I were really close. I just wanted to make him proud, and after that night I knew he was proud of the whole band."

Current Prouty students were joined at the concert by about 15 alumni Panthers who also shared the honor of having learned from Waage, who led the Marching Panther Band. Even at the height of his illness, when most teachers facing similar adversities would have taken leave from school, Waage traveled to DPHS after his treatments and gave his remaining energy to his students, never complaining.

Students and teachers from area schools described Waage as an inspiration, but for the Panthers he was so much more — he was a father within the school. Whether you were a student, a staff member, or a complete stranger stepping into DPHS for the first time, you always found yourself greeted by John Waage as if you were family.

"It was really nice seeing some of the alumni, especially the ones who were in the band when I first started," Nairn added. "We all laughed and reminisced about the many years we shared with Mr. Waage. It felt good to have a night just for him."

The concert was an unforgettable experience for DPHS students, parents and staff members, including music teacher and marching band director Francis Fazio. Each school performed two of Waage's favorite works, and the event culminated with all musicians joining forces for a performance.

The money raised at the memorial scholarship concert will benefit student musicians eager to advance their careers in college.

"I thought it was fantastic that the students were involved in this. I could not have been more proud of their emotional, fun and meaningful performance at Auburn High School," Fazio said. "The marching band performed with all 19 students in the band."

The concert drew an attendance of 175 people to see musical talents from throughout the area. Organizers thanked all schools that came together to make the event happen.

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Knox Trail Middle School First Trimester Honor Roll

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High Honors: Mikayla Bokis, Daniel Bowen, Samantha Busold, Cheyenne Courtney, Gavin Gauthier, Alexis Gosselin, Brendan Halloran, Grant Maffei, Kalli McCutcheon, Rhea Negron, Jenna Petruzzi, Serena Roberts, Kyle Sadusky, Adam Scannell, Amanda Scannell

Honors: Jacob Anderson, Shea Aubuchon, Maranda Baez, Jack Barnes, Rhylee Bishop, Natalie Courtney, Brenna Donovan, Luke Dowd, Megan Elliott, Kara Fancy, Emily Fritze, Mikayla Grenier, Trevor Grenier, Erik Johnson, Cody Josti, Emma Judice, Benjamin Leaming, Anthony Marini, Marilena Matos Criado, Erik Mikkila, Stephen Olsen, Zachary Paine, Lillian Ramos, Christina Rivera, Avery Valley, Antonia Van Dam, Zoie Villegas, Nikko Vitkos, Allison Wheeler, Brooke Williams, Ashley Wilson, Taylor Wood

GRADE 7

High Honors: Jacob Bergeron, Desiree Cantelli, Noah Caouette, Tatiana Coolbaugh, Leah Cutler, Jessica Fulmer, Nicholas Gosselin, Alexandra Holmes, Felicity Kuszewski, Josalina Pizzarella-Rivera, Payton Prouty, Gabrielle Soter

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GRADE 6

High Honors: Samuel Boria, Dennis Brunelle, Richard Budney, Braeden Cashman, Grace Comeau, Jessica Duda, Taylor Mercier, Timothy Paine, Paige Parenteau

Honors: William Anderson, Matthew Berthiaume, Alisha Brown, Anthony Catino, Olivia Charette, Lauren Comeau, Matthew DeWan, Marlee Domey, Savannah Freitag, Nathan Goozey, Hayleigh Gustafson, Brielle Hart, Cameron Hoekstra, Morgan Johnson, Faith LaMonda, Jocelyn LaMonda, Charlie Lascom, Anthony Leite, Ayden Letourneau, Rose Lund, Jonathan Nussey, Madison Ogert, Michaen Pacheco, Olivia Pepin, Patrick Prudhomme, Evan Rivera, Wyatt Sadusky, Emily Soter, Lindsey Soter, Dylan Stanley, Juliana Sullivan, Concetta Sumner, Madison Tallman, Faith Tompkins, Braeden White

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East Brookfield Elementary School First Trimester Honor Roll

GRADE 4

High Honors: Emma Cayer, Ethan Collette

Honors: Makenzie Morin, Abigail Normand, Nicholas Russo

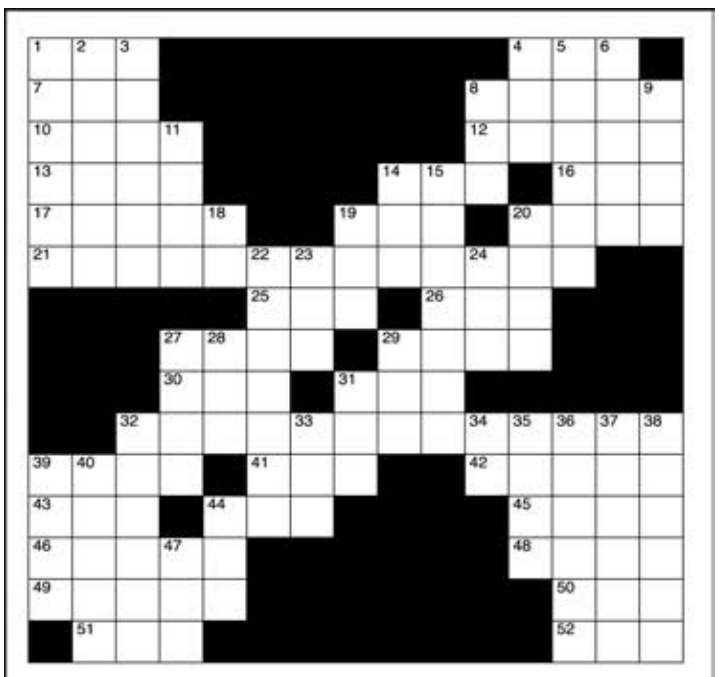
GRADE 5

Honors: Zachary Anderson, Tyler Downes, Madison Ethier, Logan Josti, Ayla Messier, Mya Routhier

GRADE 6

High Honors: Sierra Murray, Ronald Pafaky III

Honors: Zoe Anderson, Thomas Bain III, Kane Barnes, Quinn Blood, Emily Brown, Cody Chen, Andrew Cormier, Lila Davidson, Francesca Giorgio, Grace Haight, Connor Haynes, Marcos Pereira Jr., Kayden Rodriguez, Brady Sullivan, Mackenzie St. Laurent



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12. Metrical feet
13. Musician Ingram
14. Swiss river
16. Text speak for annoying
17. Squelch
19. Will Ferrell played one
20. Close violently
21. Arrogant
25. Goddess of the dawn
26. Today (Spanish)
27. Ethiopian town
29. Speed
30. Kids take it to school
31. Bowling ball's adversary
32. 1988 NFL MVP
39. Volcanic crater
41. Curved shape
42. Discover by investigation
43. Up in the air (abbr.)
44. A son who shares his dad's name
45. Assist in wrongdoing
46. Actress Lathan
48. Nonsense (slang)
49. Sharp and forthright
50. Midway between northeast and east
51. NAACP cofounder Wells
52. Soviet Socialist Republic

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2. Erectile organs
3. Concluding speech
4. Pie _ __ mode
5. With pustules
6. Muslim calendar month
8. Need it to live
9. Thailand
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14. Boxing great
15. Woolen blankets
18. Expresses surprise
19. Emergency medical services
20. Inflamed swelling of the eyelid
22. Reporter
23. Arrived extinct
24. Ad __
27. Academic bill of rights
28. A pair
29. Pumpkin and apple are examples
31. China
32. Made illegal
33. Be mistaken
34. Stephen King's "Pennywise"
35. Semite
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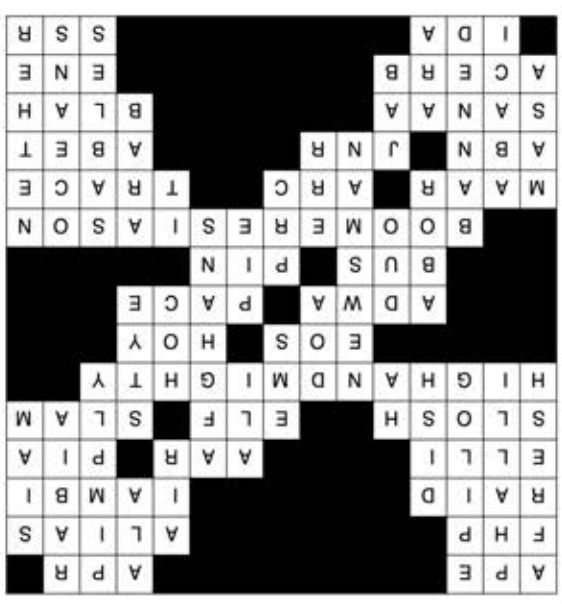

School Menus

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Grades K-8

Monday, Dec. 19: French toast with syrup or egg/cheese on English muffin, potato puffs, sausage

Tuesday, Dec. 20: Chicken patty on a bun or BBQ rib sandwich, macaroni and cheese, broccoli with carrots

Wednesday, Dec. 21: Taco with toppings, salsa and sour cream, corn, refried beans

Thursday, Dec. 22: Turkey with gravy, sweet potato, mashed potato, peas, roll, cranberry sauce, apple crisp

Friday, Dec. 23: Half Day: No Lunches Will Be Served, Only Breakfast

SPENCER-EAST BROOKFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Grades 9-12

Monday, Dec. 19: Chicken fajitas, sour cream and salsa, rice, corn, spinach

Tuesday, Dec. 20: BBQ rib grinder, macaroni and cheese with tomato, broccoli with carrots

Wednesday, Dec. 21: American chop suey, roll, green beans

Thursday, Dec. 22: Turkey with gravy, sweet potato, mashed potato, peas, roll, cranberry sauce, apple crisp

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LEICESTER HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, Dec. 19: Beef tacos with crunchy whole grain shells, lettuce and tomato, salsa and sour cream, roasted broccoli, buttered corn, peach cup, mixed fruit cup

Tuesday, Dec. 20: Chicken stir fry with broccoli, carrots and pea pods, brown rice pilaf, roasted green beans, pear cup, dried cranberry cup

Wednesday, Dec. 21: Whole grain penne pasta with meat sauce, tossed salad with dressing, steamed carrots, pineapple chunks, apple crisp

Thursday, Dec. 22: Meatball grinder, potato wedges, baked beans, assorted fresh veggies, raisins, fresh fruit choices

Friday, Dec. 23: No School Today — Winter Break

LEICESTER MIDDLE SCHOOL

Monday, Dec. 19: Beef tacos with crunchy whole grain shells, lettuce and tomato, salsa and sour cream, roasted broccoli, buttered corn, mixed fruit cup

Tuesday, Dec. 20: Barbeque chicken wrap, oven French fries, roasted green beans, pear cup

Wednesday, Dec. 21: Whole grain penne pasta with meat sauce, tossed salad with dressing, steamed carrots, apple crisp

Thursday, Dec. 22: Meatball grinder, potato wedges, baked beans, assorted fresh veggies, fresh fruit choices

Friday, Dec. 23: No School Today — Winter Break

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• Dec. 21: Make it, Gift it! The Afterschool Fun program is today from 4-4:45 p.m. for children from k-grade 5. Make a gift for someone you love.

• Dec. 27-29: Drop in to make knights, princesses, kings and queens for the newly made castle. Or … help build a Lego city!

• The Richard Sugden Library has been celebrating and promoting local artists in our community for several years by displaying the artwork of the Massasoit Art Guild members in the reading area. Starting this month, visitors to the library will also be able to enjoy the work of local artisans and crafters. The work will be displayed in the glass case by the circulation desk. Every two months a new artisan's or crafter's work will be chosen. The

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Bay Path hosts Santa Claus Pancake Breakfast

Olivia Richman photos

Jack Carney, 3, loved seeing Santa Clause. He even got to high five him.

CHARLTON — The Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School Education Foundation held its annual Santa Claus Pancake Breakfast early morning on Saturday, Dec. 10. Families poured into the school for a delicious pancake dinner and the chance to meet Santa Claus and get a professional photo taken with him. With caroling, "Frozen" characters, Jake from the Bravehearts and crafts, the fundraiser was a huge success and a blast for all the children. The money raised at the event went towards Education Foundation's scholarship fundraisers and tools for the 2017 graduating seniors and faculty mini-grads.

Student Council members Jiliana Marrero, Morgan Girard and Samantha LaPage dressed as elves for the Pancake Breakfast.

Jen Landry, Gabby and Connor Thebeau posed with Santa Claus.

Colton, Cody and Owen Porter enjoyed the "delicious" breakfast.

"We are having a great time!" said Christine Iandoli, pictured with her equally festive daughter Carmen.

Brianna Hicks had fun with Jake from the Bravehearts.

The Verham family couldn't wait to see Santa Claus.

Richard and Valerie Daoust brought their granddaughters Charlotte and Olivia to see Santa Claus.

Eight-year-old Caleb Turpin and sister Gracie, 5, posed with their pancakes.

Kalie Anctil, 10, asked Santa Claus for an iPod and a winter coat.

Student council members sang some Christmas tunes for the families enjoying their breakfast.

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EDITORIAL

Long-lasting language

THE MINOR DETAILS

ADAM MINOR

"Daddy, I think she is talking in Spanish."

My wife and I were watching a second season episode of "Fuller House," on Netflix last weekend (don't judge me, bad sitcoms are a guilty pleasure), and my son walked and noticed one of the characters speaking in a foreign language (it might have been Italian, but to a child, every foreign language is "Spanish"). With his limited experience learning Spanish at school and at home (I've tried to pass on what I know for basic conversation — now's the time!), he's been catching times in life when English is not being spoken.

Earlier that morning, he was not feeling too well, and was sick to his stomach, so he was in the process of recovery. I sat down at my compute to put in some work cleaning out e-mails, and chuckled when he asked me, "Daddy, what's Spanish for 'I'm not sick anymore?'"

Now, if you are a former high school Spanish teacher of mine, you might want to shield your eyes at this next part — but I had no idea how to translate for him. I took four years of Spanish in high school from four different awesome teachers. I learned quite a bit. I was even in the Spanish Honor Society as a senior. That year was also the last time I ever spent any time learning Spanish. I kind of regret that. Everything I learned in those four years essentially went down the drain as the years went on.

I mentioned a Netflix show earlier on, but another one I recently watched was a former CBS show called "Limitless," based on the recent Bradley Cooper movie of the same name. In it, a special drug called NZT allows people to access every part of their brain. Every memory back as far as the brain functions is remembered with absolute clarity. Every word of a previously read book can be recalled with a thought. Skills can be virtually downloaded with one pass through. As you can tell, in this fictional world, such a powerful drug creates many problems for our protagonist.

Anyway, all of that flashed through my head as I struggled to remember what "sick" translated to in Spanish. I tried my best to dust off the archives labeled "Spanish" in my brain, but the archives were buried too deeply beneath the avalanche created by 15 years of life. I had nothing. Even now, as I write this, I struggle to get anything more coherent than "Donde esta la biblioteca? (Where is the library?)" or "Me gusta las hamburguesas (I like hamburgers)."

There are many other random words that I have somehow remembered, like coche (car), casa (house), deportes (sports), pantalones (pants), the days of the week, most colors, and most all of the numbers. The more complex, sentence-building words, with verb conjugations and past, present and future tenses, are just completely gone. All of it would have come in handy when I was in El Salvador eight years ago, but unfortunately, even then I was so out of practice, I had to heavily lean on a translator to get anything done.

So flash forward back to last weekend. I can only hope that my son retains what he learns of whatever foreign language(s) he can absorb. He certainly is starting a lot earlier than I did!

By the way, the answer to "I'm not sick anymore" is: "Ya no estoy enfermo." Thank you, Google Translate. And to my old Spanish teachers, I apologize. Lo siento.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Toys for Joy announces recent donations

To the Editor:

The following is a summary of the donations to date for the East Brookfield/Brookfield Toys for Joy program. We cannot "thank you" enough for all of the support that you have given us over the years.

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Thanks for making 2016 Tour a success

To the Editor:

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Thanks from the Sponsors: Country Auto Body, Still Hart's Café, Toomey Lovett Realty, Walter Lee Memorial, Fuller Printing, Varney's Garage.

Hopefully the 2017 Tour will trump this year's success!

See you all April 29, 2017.

THE TOUR OF THE BROOKFIELDS COMMITTEE

Coat and can drive a success

To the Editor:

The West Brookfield Lions Club would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated to our Annual Coat/Can Drive held at White Christmas Celebration Dec. 4.

Our boxes were over flowing with donations! Your generosity will help keep many warmer and a little less hungry this winter.

Thank you again. Your support means so much to those in need.

WEST BROOKFIELD LIONS CLUB

Home prices on the rise

REALTOR'S REPORT

JAMES BLACK

Home prices are higher than they were at the peak of the market.

Yes, you read that correctly — home prices are higher than they were 10 years ago. Keep in mind these are national numbers so different areas in the country have had different levels of growth. In Worcester County over the past 6 months, we have an average sales price for a single-family home of $301,232 vs. $330,280 over the same period 10 years ago. Which equates to about an 8.8 percent drop. I think those number can be skewed a little though.

In 2006 there was a lot of new construction and buyers pay a premium for new construction homes and due to the market crashes the builders and lenders have been more skeptical about doing many large scale projects thus resulting in a higher percentage of resale home, so in reality I think the percentage change is actually much lower. The other piece of date that is interesting is that in 2006 it was taking on average 82 days to get an offer on a home and today it is 46 days. Also, the list price to sales price ratio in 2006 was 97 percent while it is 99 percent today. Many of these numbers are driven by the lack of building and less people putting there homes up for sale resulting in buyers entering multiple offer situations and bidding higher than they would have otherwise but they need a place to live.

I also decided to just go a little east into Middlesex County and the number for days to offer went from 71 in 2006 to 34 in 2016 and the list price to sales price ratio went from 97 percent to 100 percent. The really interesting data is that the average sales price was $560,082 in 2006 and today it is $636,402 or a 13.6 percent increase from 2006. This tells me there are definitely plenty of areas where people could make a profit that bought in the time that was considered the peak.

The other thing to consider when thinking about the housing prices coming back to their previous values is that we have not factored in inflation because the cost of many other items have increased so if you bought for $1 in 2006 may be more like $1.20 in 2016. If you are thinking of selling your home don't assume you can get the price your home was valued in 2006 but depending on the location it is a possibility. I recommend having a realtor do a comparative market analysis on your home if you want to know where you stand.

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Here's your retirement 'to do' list

FINANCIAL FOCUS

JEFF BURDICK

At this time of year, your life is probably more hectic than usual – so you may have assembled an impressive "to do" list. This can be a helpful tool for organizing your activities in the near future – but have you ever thought of developing a "to do" list for long-term goals, such as a comfortable retirement?

If not, you may want to think about it – and here are a few list-worthy items to consider:

Examine – and re-examine – your planned retirement age. You may have long counted on retiring at a certain age, but are you sure that this goal is the best one for your overall financial situation? Think about it: If you like your job, and you stayed at it for just a few more years, you could significantly boost the funds in your 401(k) or other retirement plan, and you might even be able to delay taking Social Security, which, in turn, would result in larger monthly payments.

Put a "price tag" on your retirement lifestyle. When you retire, do you want to travel the world or stay at home pursuing your hobbies? Will you truly retire from all types of work, or will you do some consulting or take up part-time employment? Once you know what your retirement lifestyle might look like, you can better estimate your costs and expenses – and this knowledge will help you determine how much you need to withdraw each year from your various retirement accounts, such as your IRA, 401(k) or other employer-based plan.

Be aware of retirement plan withdrawal rules. It isn't enough just to recognize how much you need to withdraw from your retirement plans – you also must know how much you must withdraw. Once you turn 70 1/2, you generally have to start taking money out of your traditional IRA and 401(k). These required minimum distributions, or RMDs, are based on your account balance, age and other factors, but the key word to remember is "required" – if you don't withdraw the full amount of the RMD by the applicable deadline, the amount not withdrawn can be taxed at a 50 percent rate.

Review your health care situation. When you turn 65, you will likely be eligible for Medicare, but you'll want to become familiar with what it does – and doesn't – cover, so you can establish an annual health care budget. And if you are planning to retire early, which might mean losing your employer-sponsored health insurance, you will need to be prepared for potentially large out-of-pocket costs.

Think about long-term care. One service that Medicare doesn't cover – or, at best, covers only minimally – is long-term care. If you faced an extended stay in a nursing home, the costs could be catastrophic. A financial professional may be able to help you find a way to reduce this risk.

Develop your estate plans. Estate planning can be complex, involving many different documents – such as a will, a living trust, power of attorney, etc. – so you'll want to work with a legal professional to ensure you're making the right choices for yourself and your family.

By checking off these items, one by one, your retirement "to do" list will eventually get "done." And when that happens, you may find yourself pretty well prepared to enjoy life as a retiree.

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VIEWPOINT

Holiday helps and hints

TAKE THE HINT

KAREN TRAINOR

Decking your halls for the yuletide? With the hustle and bustle of the season, it can be a challenge to find the time to get everything done — never mind having to deal with some common holiday nuisances. Read on for some hints to halt the hassles and keep merry!

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If you're using old-fashioned silver tinsel icicles on your tree, prevent the static cling by putting the box in the freezer for half an hour before hanging them ~ no more clumps!

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Organize your spools of gift-wrapping ribbon by stacking them on an upright paper towel holder. Tangles are gone and you can see what you have at a glance!

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And if you use your festive candles year after year, here's how to revive their color and luster: Just wipe them down with a little dab of olive oil and buff to a nice sheen.

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Or simply spray the dull candles with furniture polish and wipe well.

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To prevent candles that are stored in off-season from warping, store them flat in a dark, dry place.

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When using candles on a dining room or kitchen table, make sure the candles are unscented. This way the scent won't interfere with the food you're serving.

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Here's an oldie but goodie: Freeze candles for one hour to make them burn longer, drip less.

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Clump-free Tinsel: Keep tinsel icicles from clinging together by sticking them in the freezer for half an hour before you hang them.

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Organized Wrapping: Keep holiday ribbon on an upright paper towel holder for easy access. It's a great way to sort your ribbon, even out of season.

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Did you know? Smell is the most potent of our senses. If your house smells like Christmas, your visitors will feel doubly welcomed. For a quick pine fragrance, simply sprinkle your carpets with a pine scented carpet freshener before vacuuming.

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Recycle Tree Trims: No matter how carefully you choose your fresh tree, branches often have to be trimmed. The good news is, the fragrant needles from pruned branches can be recycled into festive favors:

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Scented Sachets: Balsam pine needles are the stuff pricey pine pillows are made of. String tied muslin bags of pine needles are top sellers at gift shops. To whip up a festive balsam "pouch," cut two rectangles of fabric from wool or flannel (old flannel shirt material is ideal). Depending upon how many needles you have, you can stuff small sachet pillows nice and tight with ground up needles, adding a drop of balsam essential oil for good measure. For finely ground needles, you will need a net or double flannel lining to prevent the grindings from escaping. To finish it off, use an elastic band to tie off the top. Wrap a festive ribbon around it and glue on a tiny pinecone or two.

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Pine Pillows: If you don't have an abundance of fallen needles, you can still capture the scent of balsam. Fill a cheesecloth or net pouch with the tips of Christmas tree branches. Add some polyfill stuffing, and sprinkle in a few drops of pine or balsam essential oil. Secure open end shut. Stuff the cheesecloth filled pouch into a travel size zippered pillowcase. Add polyfill as well as a few more drops of essential oil. Be sure to use enough stuffing so pillow is stuffed solid, yet still soft.

Note: Balsam pillows and sachets have long been given as a gesture of friendship so they make the ideal holiday hostess gift.

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Pine Potpourri: Wish you could retain that delightful pine scent of your Christmas tree? This homemade Pine Potpourri offers a fresh, evergreen scent any time of year!

Mix together: 1/2 cup bayberry leaves; 1/2 cup snipped balsam needles; 1/2 cup miniature pine cones; 1/2 cup rose hips; 2 tsp. orrisroot; 2 drops pine-scented fixative or oil.

Combine the bayberry, balsam, pine cones and rose hips in a large bowl. Add the orrisroot and fixative and stir gently. Store in a jar with a tight fitting lid.

Note: To rejuvenate and extend your pine potpourri, try this economical trick: Put some ground corncob material (sold as cellulose or litter material at the pet store) in a jar. Add several drops of essential oil, place lid on jar and shake. Shake the jar every day for about a week or so. Add it to your potpourri, to give it body and hold the scent.

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Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House — Your tips can win you a fabulous dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random drawing. Hints are entered into a drawing for a three-course dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn! One winner per month will win a fabulous three-course dinner for two at the renowned restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I'm in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I'm counting on you readers out thee 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 hint to: Take the Hint!, c/o Stonebridge Press, P.O. Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550. Or e-mail kdrr@aol.com.

Antiques and the holidays

ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES & ESTATES

WAYNE TUISKULA

I hope that all of you are enjoying the holiday season! There are some great buying opportunities to those of you choosing to purchase vintage items as gifts. There are many local antique shops offering discounts and special events where you can find a unique gift for the people on your list. You can find information and websites for local antique shops on the website antiquecommon.com.

There are also a number of events where you can take part in an old fashioned Christmas. Hopefully, some of you were able to attend the event at Denholm's department store in Worcester. The store was opened in 1870 selling dry goods. It closed in 1974 but a night at the store was recreated by Preservation Worcester on Saturday, Dec. 10.

Old Sturbridge Village is celebrating "Christmas by Candlelight." It is described as "an evening filled with New England holiday traditions, live musical performances, storytelling, sleigh rides, festive foods, a roaring bonfire, and strolls around the decorated Village Common." There will also be holiday craft workshop, model train display, nightly tree lighting and a gingerbread house contest. See osvchristmas.org for more details.

If you are willing to travel a little there are other holiday events taking place. Mystic Seaport's Lantern Light Tours are billed as "A New England Holiday Tradition." This year's performance is a 70 minute set on Christmas Eve in 1876 that is inspired by "The Nutcracker." The performance takes place as the audience walks through the "cobblestone, wood planking, grass, gravel, and stairs" at the popular attraction. Details can be found at www.mysticseaport.org.

The Fall River Historical Museum celebrates the holidays by decorating with "award-winning Christmas trees," one of which hangs upside down from the ceiling. Their display has been featured in Victorian Homes magazine and on television. Other events including "Victorian High Tea in Easton Tea Room" are also scheduled. See lizzieborden.org for details.

If you'd like to ring in the New Year with something old, the 3rd Annual Sturbridge Antique Show is offering a New Year's Eve reception and early viewing. The New Year's Eve event offers early viewing from 6 to 8 p.m., along with entertainment and a cash bar. The New Year's Day show runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Up to 75 dealers and exhibitors are expected. See sturbridgeantiqueshow.com for details.

We have many events already scheduled for the winter and spring. We have been picking up quality items for our Jan. 26 auction which will take place in Worcester. I will be appraising items at a fundraiser for the Athol American Legion on Jan. 14. I will also be lecturing on antiques for the Greendale Retired Men's Club at the Greendale YMCA in Worcester on March 1. My "Evaluating your antiques" night class will be held at Bay Path in Charlton on March 6. See www.centralmassauctions.com for more information on these and other upcoming events.

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A few of the many coins in our Jan. 26 auction.

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New charter school to hold enrollment lottery

OSV CHARTER SCHOOL IN PROCESS OF ENROLLING STUDENTS

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

STURBRIDGE — Old Sturbridge Academy Charter Public School is now accepting application for its enrollment lottery. After a rocky start, the charter school — which has partnered with EL Education — has made a few modifications to their application process, most notably a change in the towns that are considered in the school's district.

The hands-on project-based school now includes the towns of Brimfield, Brookfield, East Brookfield, North Brookfield, Holland, Monson, Palmer, Southbridge, Spencer, Sturbridge, Wales and Webster. The towns of Dudley, Charlton, West Brookfield and Warren have been eliminated from the district.

OSV Charter School has been working with the Department of Primary and Secondary Education to find the neediest school systems in the district. Six of the schools included in the district are deemed underperforming in the state, four (Southbridge, Palmer, North Brookfield and Leicester) are in the lowest 10 percent, said OSV Senior Vice President Deb Friedman.

The OSV Charter School will give an "alternative education" to families within those communities, "especially those that can't afford to send their children to private schools." The OSV Charter School is another choice or option for those families who can't afford to send their children to another town.

"Last year, you found Southbridge with over $1 million-worth of pay-outs to other school districts because of school choice," said Friedman. "But for many parents at an economical disadvantage, they can't even provide transportation to those communities. They need an affordable option."

The Old Sturbridge Academy Charter Public School held a public hearing on Dec. 6, where people were invited to make statements. The next part of the process will be in January, when they meet with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). They won't know until the middle of February if the school is approved, but enrollment must be completed by March so the process has already begun.

"Last year, I had the opportunity to meet so many fabulous parents who were so passionate about getting their children the best education possible," recalled Friedman. "I will tell you, hardest thing I had to do was inform people that we didn't receive the charter last time. These parents were so – almost – dependent upon this happening. Their disappointment … I feel I'm just doing this for them all over again. I feel a commitment to them to do everything possible to make this happen."

The school will be offering "alternative forms" of education for different types of learners, with an emphasis on knowledge and skills, character development and high quality work. According to Friedman, those three are what make a "well-rounded student," as opposed to memorizing facts and dates.

The charter school hopes to provide a unique experience for their students. While there will be some traditional classroom experiences, they hope to use their resources to provide even more opportunities for all types of learners.

"For example, if the students are studying Native Americans they will go into the village and see how the Native Americans would have lived in the 19th century. They will look at our collections, see our artifacts," explained Friedman. "We will have experts come in and talk about Native Americans in the 21st century and what has become of them today. They'll learn Native American music in music class, do Native American art in art class, and learn Native American dances in physical education. At the end of eight weeks they will do a presentation for the community on all that they learned."

The charter school plans to open with kindergarten through third grade, with two classes at every grade level. The maximum students allowed per classroom will be 20, making the maximum amount of enrolled student 160 in the opening year. Eventually, the charter school will be kindergarten through eighth grade, 360 students.

While the proposed district will be the school's priority, any child in Massachusetts can apply. Applications are due by March 3.

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NBSB suggests ways to avoid online fraud with holiday shopping

NORTH BROOKFIELD — With more and more holiday shopping being completed online each year, North Brookfield Savings Bank (NBSB) continues to bring awareness to the important topic of cyber-security by highlighting seven tips to help its community members protect themselves from online fraud.

Every year, millions of consumers fall victim to cybercrime. According to the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center, in 2014 consumers lost more than $800 million from scams initiated through the web.

"At NBSB, we want to make sure our customers and the communities are informed on how to protect themselves from cybercriminals," said North Brookfield Savings Bank President & CEO Donna Boulanger. "Criminals are becoming more sophisticated with their hacking techniques and are commonly using the Internet as a tool to commit fraud against unsuspecting online shoppers."

NBSB recommends the following tips to keep you safe online while doing your holiday shopping:

• Keep your computers and mobile devices up-to-date. Having the latest security software, web browser and operating system are the best defenses against viruses, malware and other online threats. Turn on automatic updates so you receive the newest versions as they become available.

• Create complicated passwords. A strong password is at least eight characters in length and includes a mix of upper and lowercase letters, numbers and special characters.

• Watch out for phishing scams. Phishing scams use fraudulent emails and websites to trick users into disclosing private account or login information. Do not click on links or open any attachments or pop-up screens from sources you are not familiar with. Forward phishing emails to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) at spam@uce.gov – and to the company, bank or organization impersonated in the email.

• Keep personal information personal. Hackers can use social media profiles to figure out your passwords and answer those security questions in the password reset tools. Lock down your privacy settings and avoid posting things like birthdays, addresses, mother's maiden name, etc. Be wary of requests to connect from people you do not know.

• Secure your internet connection. Always protect your home wireless network with a password. When connecting to public Wi-Fi networks, be cautious about what information you are sending over it.

• Shop safely. Before shopping online, make sure the website uses secure technology. When you are at the checkout screen, verify that the web address begins with https. Also, check to see if a tiny locked padlock symbol appears on the page.

• Read the site's privacy policies. Though long and complex, privacy policies tell you how the site protects the personal information it collects. If you don't see or understand a site's privacy policy, consider doing business elsewhere.

Moore attends MA-Quebec Research Council announcement

BOSTON — On Monday, Dec. 5, Sen. Michael O. Moore (D-Millbury) joined Senate President Stan Rosenberg (D-Amherst) and Québec National Assembly President Jacques Chagnon at the Massachusetts State House to announce members of the Massachusetts-Québec Research Council.

Moore, who serves as Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Higher Education, and as a member of the Massachusetts-Québec Cooperation Conference, attended meetings earlier this year in Montréal where conferees agreed to establish a Collaborative Research Council.

"The Province of Québec is a unique partner with our Commonwealth on many matters including the economy, energy and education," said Moore. "Those appointed to the Research Council offer tremendous experience in each of these fields and I look forward to reviewing their recommendations on how best to strengthen our ties with Québec, and advance these sectors in mutually-beneficial manner."

The Research Council consists of private and public sector officials from both regions who will be working on researching and developing long-term strategies of how Massachusetts and Québec can fortify their relationship relative to higher education and business.

Members appointed from the Province of Québec include:

• Ghislain Bolduc, Member for Mégantic, National Assembly of Québec

• Sylvain Gaudreault, Member for Jonquière, National Assembly of Québec

• Sophie D'Amours, Professor and Former Vice-Dean in Research and Creation, Université Laval

• Rémi Quirion, Québec's Chief Scientist

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Sen. Michael O. Moore (D-Millbury), Senate President Stan Rosenberg (D-Amherst) and Québec National Assembly President Jacques Chagnon with newly appointed members of the Massachusetts-Québec Research Council.

Members appointed from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts include:

• Marc R. Pacheco, President Pro Tempore, Massachusetts State Senate

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SPORTS

New crop of Warriors gets set to defend Western Mass. championship

Nick Ethier photos

The Tantasqua Regional boys' varsity basketball team, fresh off a 20-3 season in 2015-16, which included a Western Mass. Division 2 district championship and an appearance in the state semifinals, hosted Palmer High in a scrimmage played on Tuesday, Dec. 6.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

STURBRIDGE — With a team's championship pedigree comes a proverbial target on one's back, and that's exactly what Tantasqua Regional boys' varsity basketball coach Tom O'Neil envisions his Warriors will face each game this coming winter. Tantasqua reached the Western Mass. Division 2 district championship game in the 2014-15 season and won the title last winter, finishing 20-3 after falling in the state semifinals to Concord-Carlisle Regional.

"Everybody wants to take us out because for the past two years we've been the top dog," said O'Neil.

But players naturally graduate and move on from the program, and the latest list of college-bound students was a good one. The trio of JJ Howland, Griffin Brooks and Nick Pechie all brought something unique to the table — the 6-foot-7 Howland was a dominating 1,000-point center, Brooks a multi-faceted 6-foot-4 swingman and Pechie a true point guard — and they combined for 40 points and 20 rebounds a game.

So new players will wear those targets on their backs — Adam Phillips is the team's lone returning starter — and O'Neil hopes Phillips and a multitude of other players will perform well with more expectations expected of them this winter.

"We have a lot of kids that have never played at the varsity level before in serious minutes," he said, noting that Phillips, Ben Garrett, Connor McCaffrey and Mike Frio all played varsity last year but will be called upon more frequently this go-around.

Brandon Gatta played a bit last season before injuring his back, and he returns this year. Drew Peretti and Evan Couture will see increased minutes after being used sparingly last season, while 6-foot-4 JV call-up Cam Arello rounds out Tantasqua's early top-eight in the rotation.

The Warriors' first in-game action took place Tuesday, Dec. 6 when they hosted Palmer High in a scrimmage. Tantasqua trailed after a quarter of play, 26-14, before falling short in a valiant comeback effort, 59-56.

"They kept waiting for JJ to keep running in off the bench, and I expected that. I was not happy with the defense — the kids were just slow to the ball," O'Neil said of the scrimmage's early goings, which included seven early 3-pointers made by Palmer. "That first quarter was a lot of jitters. They're all looking for playing time. There's no starting five yet."

What impressed O'Neil was Tantasqua's ability to rally in the second half after trailing at the break, 38-22. The Warriors employed an effective press, which turned into multiple steals and coinciding layups for points.

"We're small and we have to play the scrappiest, grittiest way possible," O'Neil said of his team's MO for the upcoming season. "The press, press, press, that's what we're going to try to do."

As far as expectations go, O'Neil hopes for another year of many victories.

"I always expect us to win every game we play," he said. "I grew up as a Yankee fan, so we win every game — championship or bust.

"Is that realistic always? No. Do I think this team can do it? If we play the way we need to, we can win a lot of games," O'Neil concluded.

Tantasqua opened its regular season schedule on Tuesday, Dec. 13 — after press time — by hosting St. Peter-Marian High. They were then set to host Southern Worcester County League foe Millbury High, also at home, on Friday, Dec. 16 at 6:30 p.m.

NORTH BROOKFIELD MAN HARVESTS BLACK BEAR

Courtesy photo

Recently, while deer hunting, Bob Gobi of North Brookfield shot a 415-pound black bear in the North Brookfield/West Brookfield area.

SPORTS BRIEFS

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Worcester State University set to host plenty of baseball clinics

Various baseball clinics will be held at Worcester State University this year and rolling into the next. Please visit http://www.wsulancers.com/camps-clinic/index for additional information on any of the clinics.

First Holiday Fun Baseball Clinic: Dec. 27-29, 9 a.m. to noon in the multipurpose gym/cages.

10th annual Friday Night Baseball School: Jan. 27, Feb. 3, Feb. 10, Feb. 17, Feb. 24, March 3, hitting from 6-7 p.m., pitching from 7 to 8 p.m. in multipurpose gym/cages.

22nd annual Hitting Clinic: Feb. 20-22, 9 a.m. to noon in multipurpose gym/cages.

10th annual Pitchers and Catchers Clinic: April 18 and 20, 9 a.m. to noon outdoors on Lyons Diamond.

Third annual U.S. Baseball Academy: June 26 and 29 outdoors on Lyons Diamond.

10th annual Instructional Prospect Clinic: Aug. 15, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Lyons Diamond.

ATHLETE *of the* WEEK

Britt Herring

A career-high matching 16 rebounds were pulled down by Worcester State University's Herring, a West Brookfield resident, in a 75-64 victory over Nichols College on Dec. 8. She also tallied a team-high 14 points and five blocks in the win.

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A 'White Christmas' comes to West Brookfield

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

WEST BROOKFIELD — Regardless of whether Mother Nature decides to cooperate by providing a little snow, residents can always count on a White Christmas in West Brookfield each year.

While most communities celebrate the holiday season with a single event at a given location – usually a tree lighting on the Common – West Brookfield transforms the entire town center into the celebration. For 24 years, the unique daylong tradition has brought together residents, town officials, business owners, and guests from throughout the area – and Dec. 4 was no different.

At Merriam-Gilbert Public Library, Director Katie Marsh and her team always look forward to the event. They are thrilled each time kids and families step through their doors for various activities and refreshments. Youngsters were kept busy all day with the annual elf hunt, which brings them to locations across town in an effort to win prizes. Kids also enjoyed decorating gingerbread men at the senior center.

The fire department, meanwhile, was busy serving hot meals to keep guests energized for a fun day. One of the most exciting aspects of the tradition, officials said, is the opportunity to open their doors to residents who they wouldn't otherwise get to meet. Several town departments and businesses held open houses to greet residents, including the elementary school and the senior center.

The event also provides a great opportunity for town churches to give back through a variety of programs. Refreshments were provided by Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, and a luncheon was offered at the First Congregational Church. Additionally, guests sampled cider and doughnuts while browsing the craft corner at George Whitefield Methodist Church.

For attendees looking to take in the sights of a New England village, horse-drawn wagon rides were available. The event also featured a puppet show, "Peter Rabbit", provided by the Pumpernickel Puppets at Town Hall.

White Christmas in West Brookfield culminated with the eagerly anticipated tree lighting on the Town Common, which included a sing-along session led by Rob Adams. The music continued with a concert at Town Hall, presented by the Quaboag Choral Society under the direction of Eric von Bleiken.

Organizers of the event thanked all officials, businesses and volunteers who make the packed program happen every year. Without the collaboration of several committees and departments for a quarter of a century, the town-wide event would never have become a tradition.

Members of the White Christmas in West Brookfield Committee include Lauren Kostantin, Michelle Niemiec, Richard and Barbara Rossman, Charlotte Boos, Maria Nolan, Pam Christiansen, Sandy Ulen, Bonnie Holske, and Carol Brown.

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Kevin Flanders photos

West Brookfield Firefighter John Hicks and Nicholas Lucia, 12, of West Brookfield, keep the food coming for hungry guests.

Xander Fairbrother, 5, of Spencer, is left wide-eyed by the magic of Christmastime in West Brookfield.

The Merriam-Gilbert Public Library staff enjoys the festivities.

Lauren Kostantin, of West Brookfield, spends the day with her 7-year-old son, Jackson.

Breighton Stevens, of North Brookfield, with her 2-year-old daughter, Reed.

Colleen Zuzevich, left, and Mackenzie Kelly greet guests at the fire department's open house.

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Transportation company hosts successful toy drive

STUFF THE BUS

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all police and fire departments, community organizations and area businesses that got involved in the program. After a busy day of collecting toys on Dec. 3, the drivers then decorated a bus and brought it to David Prouty High School in Spencer to take part in the town's annual Parade of Lights.

Thinking back on Dec. 3, it was an unforgettable day for all members of the bus company. The community donations took on a special significance for the drivers because they deal with students in need every day. In many cases, they see the challenges faced by kids whose families are dealing with adversity. Some students, for example, climb aboard their buses without the proper cold-weather gear in the winter months because their parents can't afford it.

"It is important to AA Transportation to help bring each child the warmth and love of the holiday season," Miller told the Spencer New Leader. "The holidays aren't only about the gifts we receive. There is nothing quite like seeing a big smile on a child's face when they open a present they have been wishing for all year long."

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'Impressive installation' of solar panels comes to St. Joseph's Abbey

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aged the construction of the solar arrays, and National Grid designed and installed the electric line that connects the farm to the substation.

At one point in the construction process, over 100 electricians were working on the installation. St. Joseph's Abbey is grateful to everyone involved in the massive construction effort, as well as residents for their support of the project.

"We would also like to thank our neighbors and visitors for their patience during the construction of the farms and installation of the new electric poles on Route 31," Rogers said. "We expect that solar power will begin to flow to the substation by the middle of December."

The solar arrays were developed under the state's SREC II guidelines. These regulations include "community solar" projects, which allow for local residents to obtain lower electricity costs through long-term agreements with NRG Corporation. Town officials and the St. Joseph's Abbey family are thrilled with the project's ability to benefit those in need.

"This was an impressive installation, and I am very happy for them. They are great neighbors," Board of Selectmen Chairman John Stevens said of St. Joseph's Abbey. "When you think of the abbey, no one would have immediately thought of a high-tech solar installation being there. But the monks are very resilient and flexible, and this is a great opportunity for them moving forward."

Established in 1950, St. Joseph's Abbey is a monastery of the Catholic Order of Cistercians of the Strict Observance. Monks there run a brewery and farm – and they also sell various preserves.

NRG Corporation is one of the largest energy companies in the nation.

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first featured artisan is Donna Chase, a longtime resident of Spencer. She specializes in repurposing books, working with Asian fabric and creating one of a kind Goth dolls. If you are interested in displaying your work, speak to Patricia Mayotte at the library. Come on in to see what's going on in your local library!

Upcoming Events at the Haston Library in North Brookfield

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Moore seeks suggestions for State House display

BOSTON — Sen. Michael O. Moore (D-Millbury) is pleased to announce an opportunity to showcase the unique cultural and artistic identity of the 2nd Worcester District.

The senator is seeking one item that will be featured in a display case at the Massachusetts State House to represent the district.

The theme of the display celebrates Massachusetts' creative economy. Items that are three-dimensional and are visually artistic or creative, and are representative of the local community, are appropriate. The item must not be perishable, and should be no more than 18 inches tall.

Viable suggestions may include hand blown glass, a sculpture, jewelry, a creative item from recycled materials, a miniature painting, a small musical instrument, folk art, photograph, an ornament, stained glass, scrimshaw, pottery, etc.

If you are interested in offering an item for consideration, please visit www.SenatorMikeMoore.com or call the office at (617) 722-1485. The selected item will be placed on locked display at the State House until the end of the 2017-2018 legislative session after which time it will be returned to the owner.

The 2nd Worcester District is comprised of eight communities including the Towns of Auburn, Grafton, Leicester, Millbury, Northbridge, Shrewsbury, Upton and the City Worcester.

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MEMORIAL SCHOOL

Monday, Dec. 19: Hot dog on a whole grain bun, condiments, potato smiles, baked beans, fresh fruit choices

Tuesday, Dec. 20: Breakfast for Lunch — French toast sticks with syrup, sausage, glazed sweet potatoes, carrot and celery sticks, strawberry cup

Wednesday, Dec. 21: Tacos with crunchy or soft shells, lettuce and tomato, salsa, shredded cheese, crisp corn, pear cups

Thursday, Dec. 22: Meatball grinder, steamed broccoli, assorted veggies choices, fruit cups

Friday, Dec. 23: No School Today — Winter Break

LEICESTER PRIMARY SCHOOL

Monday, Dec. 19: Hot dog on a whole grain bun, condiments, potato smiles, baked beans, fresh fruit choices

Tuesday, Dec. 20: Tacos with crunchy shells, lettuce and tomato, salsa, shredded cheese, buttery corn, strawberry cups

Wednesday, Dec. 21: Cheese ravioli with tomato sauce, Romaine tossed salad, dressings options, assorted veggies, whole grain sugar cookie, pear cup

Thursday, Dec. 22: Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes, buttery peas, warm whole grain roll with butter, assorted fruit choices

Friday, Dec. 23: No School Today — Winter Break

BROOKFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Monday, Dec. 19: French toast sticks with warm maple syrup, sausage, hash brown, yogurt parfait or chef's salad

Tuesday, Dec. 20: Hard shell tacos, lettuce, tomato and cheese cup, seasoned rice, yogurt parfait or chef's salad

Wednesday, Dec. 21: Chicken nuggets with dipping sauce, potato wedges, yogurt parfait or chef's salad

Thursday, Dec. 22: Baked macaroni and cheese, mixed greens and bean salad, garlic bread, yogurt parfait or chef's salad

Friday, Dec. 23: Cheese pizza, soup of the day, yogurt parfait or chef's salad

QUABOAG REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Breakfast

Monday, Dec. 19: French toast sticks, tater tots, grape juice

Tuesday, Dec. 20: Breakfast pizza, orange juice

Wednesday, Dec. 21: Assorted cereal, cheese stick, mixed fruit cup

Thursday, Dec. 22: Chocolate chip muffin, blueberry muffin, banana

Friday, Dec. 23: Zucchini/banana bread, yogurt cup, apple

QUABOAG REGIONAL MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, Dec. 19: Chicken patty sandwich, Caesar salad, peas, pears

Tuesday, Dec. 20: Buffalo chicken wrap, potato chips, corn, applesauce

Wednesday, Dec. 21: Sweet and sour chicken, sticky rice, oriental vegetables, mixed fruit cup

Thursday, Dec. 22: Pasta primavera, garden salad, applesauce, spice cake

Friday, Dec. 23: Chef's choice or cheese pizza, garden salad, orange

WEST BROOKFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Monday, Dec. 19: Chicken patty sandwich, Caesar salad, peas, pears, or bagel, yogurt and cheese plate

Tuesday, Dec. 20: Grilled cheese and chicken noodle soup, sweet potato fries, strawberries, or turkey and cheese sandwich

Wednesday, Dec. 21: Sweet and sour chicken, sticky rice, oriental vegetables, mixed fruit cup, or Italian grinder

Thursday, Dec. 22: Pasta primavera, garden salad, applesauce, spice cake, or ham and cheese sandwich

Friday, Dec. 23: Chef's choice or cheese pizza, garden salad, orange, or peanut butter and jelly sandwich

WARREN COMMUNITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Monday, Dec. 19: Chicken patty sandwich, Caesar salad, peas, pears, or bagel, yogurt and cheese plate

Tuesday, Dec. 20: Grilled cheese and chicken noodle soup, sweet potato fries, strawberries, or turkey and cheese sandwich

Wednesday, Dec. 21: Sweet and sour chicken, sticky rice, oriental vegetables, mixed fruit cup, or Italian grinder

Thursday, Dec. 22: Pasta primavera, garden salad, applesauce, spice cake, or ham and cheese sandwich

Friday, Dec. 23: Chef's choice or cheese pizza, garden salad, orange, or peanut butter and jelly sandwich

NORTH BROOKFIELD MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, Dec. 19: Chicken patty sandwich, Caesar salad, peas, pears

Tuesday, Dec. 20: Cheeseburger, French fries, green beans

Wednesday, Dec. 21: Sweet and sour chicken, sticky rice, oriental vegetables, mixed fruit cup

Thursday, Dec. 22: Pasta primavera, garden salad, applesauce, spice cake

Friday, Dec. 23: Chef's choice or cheese pizza, garden salad, orange

NORTH BROOKFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Monday, Dec. 19: Chicken patty sandwich, Caesar salad, peas, pears, or bagel, yogurt and cheese plate

Tuesday, Dec. 20: Cheeseburger, French fries, green beans, or assorted fruit parfait

Wednesday, Dec. 21: Sweet and sour chicken, sticky rice, oriental vegetables, mixed fruit cup, or Italian grinder

Thursday, Dec. 22: Pasta primavera, garden salad, applesauce, spice cake, or ham and cheese sandwich

Friday, Dec. 23: Chef's choice or cheese pizza, garden salad, orange, or Sunbutter and jelly sandwich, chips and mixed fruit cup

TANTASQUA REGIONAL SCHOOLS

Monday, Dec. 19: Variety tacos — chicken or beef, hard or soft shells, served with lettuce, tomato, cheese, salsa and sour cream, cilantro-lime rice, Mexicali corn, chilled applesauce, variety milk

Tuesday, Dec. 20: Variety grilled cheese, tomato soup with pasta, garden salad, chilled peaches, variety milk

Wednesday, Dec. 21: Pasta your way with garlic bread, roasted broccoli, Caesar salad, fresh fruit, variety milk

Thursday, Dec. 22: Deli Bordwalk club sandwich, sweet potato fries, Waldorf fruit salad, mixed fruit, variety milk

Friday, Dec. 23: Chef's choice, healthy sides, assorted fruit, variety milk

BAY PATH

BREAKFAST

Monday, Dec. 19: Pancakes with mixed berries, 4 oz. yogurt, 4 oz. fruit juice, fruit variety

Tuesday, Dec. 20: Ham, egg and cheese croissant, 4 oz. yogurt, 4 oz. fruit juice, fruit variety

Wednesday, Dec. 21: Scrambled eggs, bacon, whole-wheat toast, 4 oz. fruit juice, fruit variety

Thursday, Dec. 22: French toast with syrup, 4 oz. yogurt, 4 oz. fruit juice, fruit variety

Friday, Dec. 23: Assorted bagel, assorted cream cheese, 4 oz. yogurt, 4 oz., fruit juice, fruit variety

LUNCH

Monday, Dec. 19: Teriyaki chicken, vegetable fried rice, mixed vegetables, fortune cookie, fruit variety

Tuesday, Dec. 20: Grilled cheese, tomato soup, baked hash brown, cucumber salad, fruit variety

Wednesday, Dec. 21: Roast pork with mashed potatoes and gravy, steamed carrots, whole-wheat dinner roll, fruit variety

Thursday, Dec. 22: Assorted calzones, an assortment of calzones filled with meats, veggies and cheese, marinara dipping sauce, tossed salad, fruit variety

Friday, Dec. 23: BBQ pulled pork on a whole wheat bun, baked sweet potato fries, baked beans, cole slaw, fruit variety.

THE SPIRIT OF GIVING

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NORTH BROOKFIELD — AA Bus Company recently sponsored a Toy Drive in North Brookfield. The drive was a big success thanks to so many generous people. Pictured, the Roy family donates a truckload of toys.

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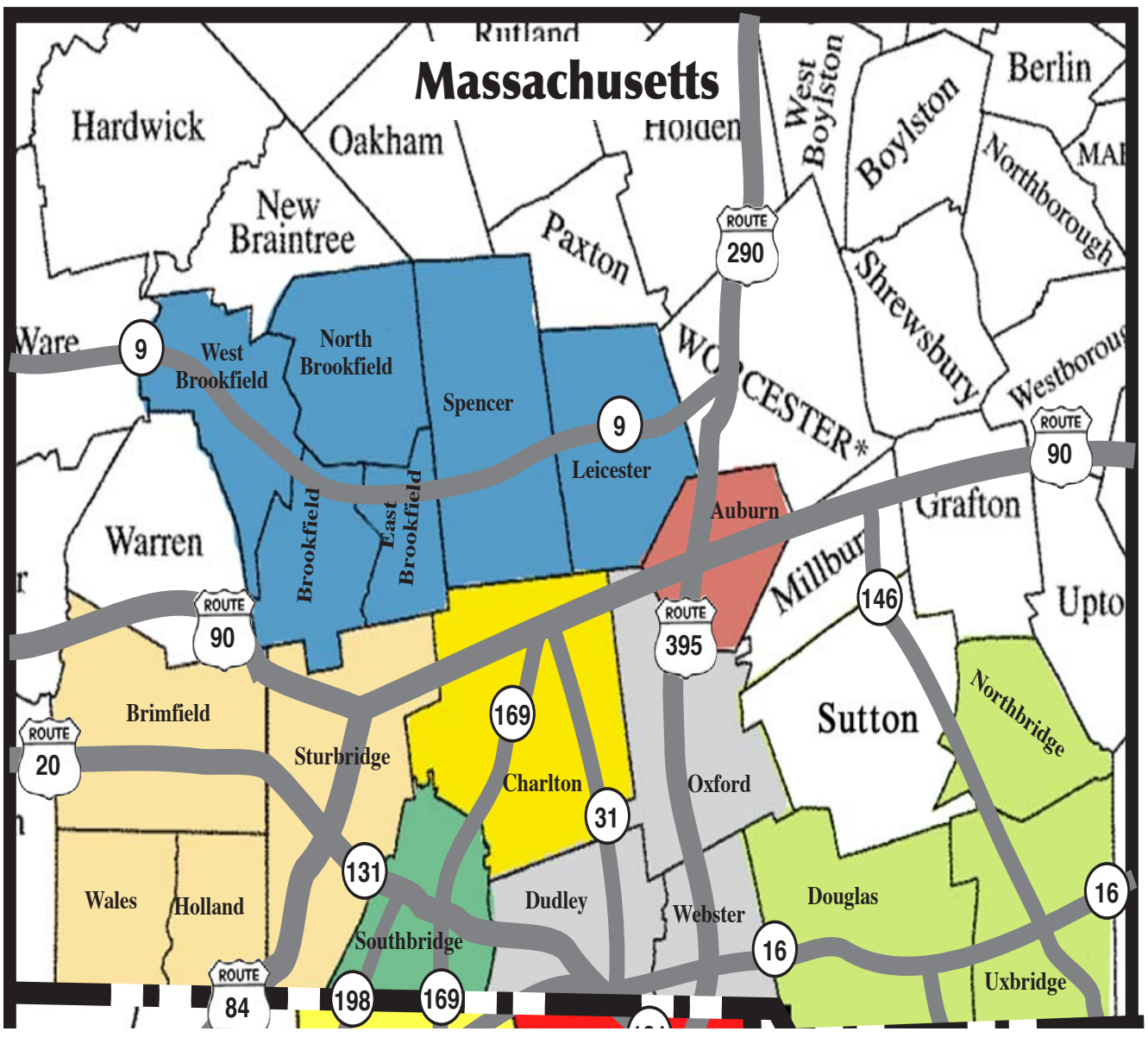

Leicester celebrates Christmas on the common

Kevin Flanders photos

LEICESTER — There was plenty of holiday cheer to go around at the Leicester Town Common on Dec. 3, with residents gathering to sing carols and celebrate the season. The festivities culminated with the arrival of Santa Claus, who led guests in counting down to the tree lighting in the gazebo.

Santa celebrates the tree lighting with the community.

The Town Common is fully illuminated in celebration of the season.

Santa leads residents in caroling.

Amanda and Vincent Smith, of Leicester, with their children, Ella, 10, and Andrew, 8.

John and Kate Skorb, of Leicester, celebrate their first tree lighting with 1-year-old Nora.

Santa gets ready to light the tree.

Courtney Mankus, of Leicester, with her 2-year-old son, Jacob.

Melissa Ledbetter, of Leicester, and her 10-year-old son, Jack, gather at the Common.

The Contois family, of Leicester, spends the night on the Common.

The Gaudette and Guzman families, of Leicester, brought a four-legged friend for the festivities.

Residents join together in caroling as they eagerly anticipate the lighting of the tree.

Trips Offered

TRIPS OFFERED

The "Trips Offered" section is for non-profit organizations and will run as space allows. Anyone who wishes to take advantage of this space must submit a copy of a not-for-profit certificate to Editor Adam Minor. Mail your certificate and information to Trips Offered, c/o Adam Minor, P.O. Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550; fax to 508-764-8015 or e-mail to aminor@stonebridgepress.news.

SOUTHBRIDGE SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

2017 Trip Schedule Open to Public — Payment due at sign up:

• Thursday, March 23: Foxwoods, $25, 8 a.m. bus.

• April 30-May 2: Atlantic City Resorts Casino, $239 double, you get $25 slot play and $60 food credit, and two casino review shows.

• Wednesday, May 24: A tribute to the Bee Gees. $92 gets you a deluxe motor coach ride to Lake Pearl in Wrentham to the show and a choice of chicken or fish.

• Sunday, June 18: Boston Tall Ships Spectacular. $82 per person. Visit Quincy Market and The North End and take a narrated Harbor Cruise.

• Thursday, July 20: Voices of Legends show. $88 gets you transportation to the Venezia Restaurant in Boston, and choice of chicken or fish. The show is a tribute to singers like Frank Sinatra, Perry Como, Dean Martin, Neil Diamond and more.

• Sunday, Aug. 13: Newport Playhouse Show & Lobster feast, $102 gets you transportation, a lobster feast and a terrific show and cabaret, "Baggage."

• Sunday, Sept. 17: Vine to Wine, $821 gets you a visit to Chandler's, Yankee Candle, and do wine tasting at two of Vermont's Vineyards.

• Oct. 10-17: All-inclusive Aruba. It is almost full. I am also taking names for 2018 trip.

• Thursday, Nov. 9: Foxwoods, $25, 8 a.m. bus.

Trips are open to the public! Make checks payable to the Southbridge Senior Citizens Association.

Contact Jim Julian at the Casaubon senior center Monday, Wednesday, or Friday mornings from 9-10 a.m. or call 774-922-4049 or e-mail me jimtrips@yahoo.com.

CHARLTON SENIOR CENTER

2016 Trips with Charlton Senior Center — Please call Elaine for more info at 508-248-2231. Sign-up sheets and flyers available at the Senior Center. Mail all payments to Charlton Senior Center, 37 Main St. Charlton, MA 01507. Pick up is generally from St. Joseph's Church, 10 H. Putnam Rd. Ext., Charlton. Please note the updated costs for the trips.

• Christmas Around the World w/ Dan Gabel & The Abletones at Chez Josef — Dec. 19, $72, includes transportation, Big Band show, lunch, taxes and gratuities. Check payable to: Landmark Tours.

MARY QUEEN OF THE ROSARY PARISH

Mary Queen of the Rosary Parish, 60 Maple St., Spencer, is offering the following trips. For more information, call Bernard Dube at (508) 885-3098.

• Australia & New Zealand: Jan. 28 to Feb. 18, 2017

• America, Our Land: from Albuquerque to Tucson: May 22 to June 4, 2017

• Alaska (land and cruise): June 27 to July 10, 2017

• Greece and the Islands: Sept. 14-26, 2017

• Grand Tour of India: Jan. 5-19, 2018

• Grand Tour of France: May 30 to June 15, 2018

• England & Scotland: Sept. 5-16, 2018

UXBRIDGE SENIOR CENTER/ SUNSHINE CLUB

The Uxbridge Senior Center, in conjunction with the Sunshine Club will be offering the following bus trips for 2017:

• March 16, 2017: Lion King — sorry, full (waiting list), leaves from both Westboro (9:15 a.m.) and Whitinsville, 10 a.m., $99.

• March 30, 2017: There will be a trip to the Newport Playhouse to see "The Foursome" on Thursday, March 30, 2017. The trip includes the bus (including driver gratuity), an all you can eat buffet, the play, a cabaret after the play, and a driving tour of Newport for $76. From April 27 to May 1, 2017 there will be a five-day trip to Virginia Beach staying at an oceanfront hotel. The highlights will be the azalea festival and tickets to the International Tattoo. Please call Sue for more information at 508-476-5820.

• April 1-9, 2017: Branson – full (waiting list), both Westboro and Whitinsville, $759.

• April 27-May 1, 2017: Virginia; International Tattoo and oceanfront Virginia Beach, leaves from Whitinsville only, $799.

• May 17-20, 2017: 1,000 Islands w/ Tulip Fest, leaves from Westborough only, $769.

• June 5, 2017 — Day trip to Gloucester Lobster Bake and Cruise, both Westboro and Whitinsville, $76.

• June 25 and 26, 2017: Hudson River/ West Point, from Whitinsville only, $319.

• Aug. 21- 24, 2017: St. Andrews By-the-Sea and Campobello Island; staying at the Algonquin Hotel and Resort, leaves from Westborough only, $819.

• Sept. 24-26, 2017: Lake Placid & Adirondacks, from Whitinsville only, $479.

• Oct. 11, 2017: Day Trip to the Turkey Train, both Westboro and Whitinsville, $72.

• Nov. 30-Dec. 1, 2017: Saratoga Victorian Christmas, from Whitinsville only, $319.

• Dec. 8-9, 2017: Christmas in Vermont, leaves from Westborough only, $299.

New York City is an especially fun place at Christmas Time. The huge tree in Rockefeller Center will be lit, there will be skating on the rink, the stores are all decked out, and the hustle and bustle makes you get into the spirit of the season. It includes two nights' hotel, two breakfasts, two dinners and sightseeing with a local guide for two days, and entrance to the 9/11 Museum. A local guide will take you all around the city visiting places like Central Park, Times Square, Wall Street, and of course Rockefeller Center. All trips originate from the Whitinsville WalMart. Everyone is welcome to join the group on any of these trips. Call Sue L'Heureux at 508-476-5820 for more information on any of these trips.

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DUDLEY SENIOR CENTER

Dudley Seniors presents Savannah, Jekyll Island & Beaufort, $620, seven days and six nights per person (Sunday through Saturday), June 4-10, 2017. Incredible price includes motor coach transportation, six nights lodging including four consecutive nights in the Savannah area, 10 meals; six breakfasts and four dinners, tour of charming Savannah, visit to a historic and famous home, tour of gorgeous Beaufort, S.C. "Queen of the Carolina Sea Islands", Visit to Parris Island, Tour of amazing Jekyll and St Simon's Island- see how America's early millionaires lives and played, Enjoy dinner and entertainment, for more pictures and information visit: www.grouptrips.com/dudleyseniors.

Departure: Town Hall, 71 W. Main St, Dudley, 8 a.m.

Day 1: Depart in a spacious, video and restroom equipped motor coach and set off for beautiful Savannah, Ga. This evening you will stay at an en route hotel.

Day 2: Enjoy a continental breakfast. Today you will continue your journey, then enjoy a leisurely dinner and check in to Savannah area hotel for a four-night stay.

Day 3: After a continental breakfast you will start your journey with a guided tour of genteel, beautiful, and historic Savannah, the "Belle of Georgia." You'll see architectural marvels, beautiful oak-lined streets, and lovely "Town Squares." Enjoy free time on historic River Street, featuring unique 18th century "ballast stone" streets and 19th century cotton warehouses that are now fine eateries, unusual shops and antique galleries. Later, enjoy a tour of one of Savannah's historic and famous homes. Tonight, you'll enjoy dinner and entertainment before returning to your hotel for the evening.

Day 4: Enjoy a continental breakfast before departing for fascinating and history rich Jekyll Island. See how the nation's wealthiest citizens like JP Morgan and William Rockefeller lived and played — including a stop at what was once the "Millionaires Club." Later you'll take a guided tour of St. Simons Island where you can take a stroll among moss-draped oaks or shop at the interesting boutiques and specialty shops in the historic area. After dinner you'll return to your hotel to rest for the next fun filled day.

Day 5: Today, after continental breakfast, enjoy a guided tour of magnificent Beaufort, S.C. "Queen of the Carolina Sea Islands." Beaufort's history dates as far back as the 1500's. Its striking mansions and scenery served as a backdrop for many major motion pictures including, "The Big Chill" and "Forrest Gump". You'll also tour the Parris Island Marine base, where 22,000 men and women complete their training each year. Highlights of your tour include the Iwo Jima Monument, Parade Field, and the Parris Island Museums. Tonight, enjoy a nice dinner before returning to your hotel for the evening.

Day 6: Enjoy a continental breakfast at your hotel before leaving for the Airborne and Special Operations Museum in Fayetteville NC. This evening relax at your en route hotel.

Day 7: Today, after enjoying a continental breakfast, you will depart for home. A perfect time to chat with your friends about all the fun things you've done, the great sights you've seen, and where your next group trip will take you!

For more information contact Evelyn Grovesteen (508) 764-8254

Palmer resident wins NBSB November Hat Contest

NORTH BROOKFIELD — While some of us journeyed over the river and through the woods this past month, one local resident was stopping by Three Rivers at just the right time. Sheryl Rhoades, resident of Palmer, was awarded a $100 gift certificate for being the North Brookfield Savings Bank "Where It's At" November Hat Contest winner.

Each month, anyone spotted wearing a NBSB hat by a Bank representative is entered into a drawing to win a $100 gift certificate to a local establishment. Rhoades was spotted wearing her North Brookfield Savings Bank hat and won a $100 gift certificate to The Steaming Tender in Palmer.

Sheryl Rhoades and her husband, Arthur, had recently visited the Three Rivers Branch located at 2060 Main Street to make a donation of a children's bicycle to the NBSB Annual Toy Drive. Toy donations are being accepted at all NBSB locations through December 10 and are donated to local toy programs in each community, to ensure that local children in need will receive holiday presents.

To learn more about North Brookfield Savings Bank and the "Where It's At" Hat Contest, visit www.NorthBrookfieldSavingsBank.com.

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Sheryl Rhoades, NBSB's November Hat winner, with her husband Arthur Rhoades.

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THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON

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WEST BROOKFIELD — Martin Dawson (a.k.a. "Santa") and Jenna Simakauskas ("Elf") entertained the kids at Olson's Seafood & Specialty Foods at West Brookfield's 24th Annual White Christmas Event in West Brookfield on Sunday, Dec. 4.

SENIOR SCENE

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Monday, Dec. 19: Chicken Mornay, couscous, Roman blend vegetables, applesauce

Tuesday, Dec. 20: Meatloaf and gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, jardinière vegetables, strawberries with shipped cream, diet = strawberries

Wednesday, Dec. 21: Turkey a la King, wild rice, Brussels sprouts, rice pudding, diet = diet tapioca

Thursday, Dec. 22: Holiday Meal — Chicken with sage stuffing, chicken gravy, sour cream chive potatoes, peas and carrots, carrot cake, diet = chocolate mousse

Friday, Dec. 23: Macaroni and cheese, stewed tomatoes, green beans, fresh fruit

LEICESTER SENIOR CENTER

The Leicester Senior Center, 40 Winslow Ave., Leicester, is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch is served at noontime, Monday through Friday for a nominal meal donation of $2.50. Reservations must be made 48 hours in advance by calling Elder Services of Worcester Area at 508-852-3205.

In addition to many "Special Events," the senior center also offers many activities that are repeated each week and are open to all.

• Mondays — 9 a.m., Art with Genevieve; 10 a.m., Zumba Gold; 11 a.m., Yoga; 1:15 p.m., Line Dancing

• Tuesdays — 11:30 a.m., Golden Needles; 1 p.m., Exercise Club; 6:30 p.m., Fiber Group

• Wednesdays — 1 p.m., Balance

• Thursdays — 10 a.m., Cribbage; 11 a.m., Yoga; 12:45 p.m., Bingo

• Fridays — 10:30 a.m., Tai Chi; 1 p.m., Chair Yoga by Jessica

• Saturdays — 7 p.m., Pitch Party

UPCOMING TRIPS

Call Joan Wall at 508-892-3967 for more information and reservation.

• Foxwood Casino: Friday, Jan. 13, 2017, $25 free buffet lunch and $10 casino slot play.

• Foxwood Casino: Friday, Feb. 10, 2017, $25 free buffet lunch and $10 casino slot play.

• Foxwood Casino: Friday, March 10, 2017, $25 free buffet lunch and $10 casino slot play.

NORTH BROOKFIELD SENIOR CENTER

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

Daily: Open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Coffee available all day. Pitch and Cribbage all day until closing. Jigsaw table open. Puzzles available to take home.

• Monday: Line Dancing with J.P. (9:30 a.m.), Bingo (12:45-2:15 p.m.), free refreshments following last call.

• Tuesday: Hannaford Bread Distribution (9:10 a.m.), Blood Pressure Clinic (10:30-11:30 a.m.) Center Café open for home cooked lunch. See menu for details. Community Tai Chi, 2:15 p.m., $5.

• Wednesday: Corner Cafe: (9:15 a.m.), Free specialty coffee & baked goodies; Queen's Knitting Group (9:45 a.m.), Center Café open for home cooked lunch. See menu for details.

• Thursday: Community Yoga, 2:15 p.m., $5.

• Friday: Funday Fridays

MONTHLY SPECIALS

• Foot Clinic: First Wednesday, every month (9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.)

• Friends Meeting: Second Monday every month (10:30 a.m.)

• COA Meeting, second Monday every month (4 p.m.)

• Nails by Candy: Third Tuesday every month (9 a.m. -12 p.m.)

WEST BROOKFIELD SENIOR CENTER

The following is a schedule of events at the West Brookfield Senior Center:

• Mondays: 9 a.m., Walking Group; 11:30 a.m., Lunch; 1:30 p.m., Yoga (drop in, $5).

• Tuesday: 9:30 a.m., Wii; 11:30 a.m., Lunch; 12:30 p.m., Busy Bees knit and crochet.

• Wednesday: 9 a.m., Walking Group; 10 a.m., Veteran Agent Office Hours; 10 a.m., Blood Pressure (second Wednesday of month); 11:30 a.m., Lunch; 12:30 p.m., Pitch.

• Thursday: 8:30 a.m., Tai Chi; 11:30 a.m., Lunch; 1 p.m., Genealogy (second Thursday).

• Friday: 9 a.m., Walking Group; 10 a.m., Coffee Hour (third Friday of month); 11:30 a.m., Lunch; 12:45 p.m., Duplicate Bridge.

SPENCER SENIOR CENTER

The Spencer Council on Aging activities at the Spencer Senior Center. The senior center is open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Free Blood Pressure Clinic on the last Thursday of the month at 11:30 a.m.

Free wellness clinic on the second Tuesday of the month from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and on the last Thursday 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., for Spencer residents only.

• Monday: 9:30 a.m., Cribbage, cost is $1

• Tuesday: 9:30 a.m., Yoga (13-week session), $15 for resident $20 non-residents; 10:30 a.m. Exercise (13-week session), $15 for residents $20 for non-residents; 11:30 a.m. Lunch (48 hours notice required); 1 p.m., Bingo.

• Wednesday: 9:30 a.m., Computer instruction by appointment, free; 11 a.m., Tai Chi (13-week session) $10 for residents, $15 for non residents; 12:30 p.m., Line Dancing (13-week session), $10 for residents, $15 for non residents; 1:30 p.m., Beginners Line Dancing (13-week session), $10 for residents, $15 for non-residents.

• Thursday: 9:30 a.m., Yoga, no fee if enrolled in Tuesday class; 10:30 a.m., Exercise, no fee if enrolled in Tuesday class; 11:30 a.m., Lunch (48 hour notice); 1 p.m., Bingo.

BROOKFIELD COUNCIL ON AGING

Tai Chi classes meet each Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. in the Brookfield Town Hall. Come stretch your muscles and joints as well as keeping your body flexible. Try it! You are also invited to the West Brookfield Senior Center every Thursday morning at 8:30 a.m. for more Tai Chi. Join them!

Foot Clinic: The Foot Clinic is being held at the Brookfield Town Hall on Tuesday, Dec. 27, at 10 a.m. Please call Rikki LaMonda at 508-867-4578 to make an appointment. Leave a message if necessary.

Medi Car: the Medi Car is available for doctor appointments (there and back). Please call 508-867-1407 at the W. Brookfield Senior Center.

Brookfield Food Pantry: Open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9:30 to 11 a.m. in the basement of St. Mary's Church, located at the rear of the building off Howard St. The library is also a drop off point for donations to the Brookfield Food Pantry.

Laptops at Library: Laptops from the C.O.A. are provided for use by Seniors at the Merrick Public Library during open hours.

EAST BROOKFIELD SENIOR CENTER

Would you like a day of fun? Come on down to the East Brookfield Senior Center! It is opened at 9:30 a.m. for a free coffee and muffin, lots of friendly conversation and laughs.

We need your participation and ideas. Enjoy a card game, cribbage, coloring in an adult coloring book or do a puzzle. Do you prefer knitting, crocheting or embroidery? Bring it down and share patterns. Would you like to do some creative writing or memoirs? You could also learn a new game. Try it – you might like it.

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POLICE LOGS

The arrests and offenses below were listed in each town's police department logs. People charged are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. This newspaper will publish dispensations of cases at the request of the accused, with proper documentation.

SPENCER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Wednesday, Nov. 30

Seamus M. Donahue, 41, of 7 Pearl St., Spencer, was charged with possession of class A substance.

Thursday, Dec. 1

Luann Francis Madelle, 55, of 18 Temple St., Spencer, was arrested on two warrants.

LEICSTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Monday, Dec. 5

Richard W. Turcotte, 33, of 1 Maple Glen Lane, Leicester, was charged with failure to appear upon recognizance.

WEST BROOKFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Thursday, Dec. 1

Ronald J. Botta, 62, of 112 Lake Shore Drive, West Brookfield, was charged with OUI liquor (third offense), possession of open container of alcohol in motor vehicle

Saturday, Dec. 3

Christopher Scott Gervais, 26, of 23 West St., West Brookfield, was charged with OUI liquor.

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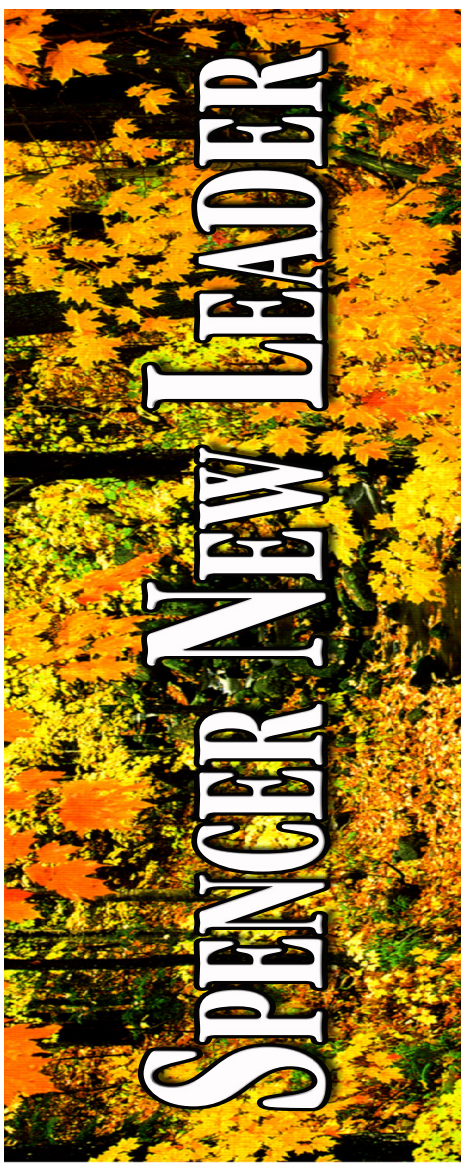

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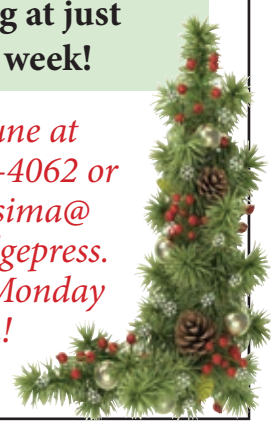

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OBITUARIES

Pierre G. Beford Sr., 100

SPENCER — Pierre G. Beford Sr., 100, of Mechanic St., died Tuesday, Dec. 6, in UMass Memorial-Lake Ave. after an illness.

He was the husband of Pearl M. (Boudreau) Beford who died in 1992.

He leaves his children; Janet Beford and her fiance Bruce Ethier with whom he lived, Suzanne Hayden and her husband David of North Brookfield, Pierre Beford, Jr. and his wife Kathleen of Spencer, Jean Decoteau and her husband John of North Brookfield, 10 grandchildren, 20 great grand children and three great-great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

He is predeceased by a son John Beford in 2008, a brother Robert Beford and a sister Eva Manning.

Born in Spencer, he was the son of Alderic and Edmire (Giard) Beford. He was a custodian at David Prouty Junior High School in Spencer for 15 years, retiring in 1984. He was a member of Mary, Queen of the Rosary Parish.

A funeral Mass for Pierre was held on Friday, Dec. 9 in Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 7 Church St., Spencer. Burial followed in Mary, Queen of the Rosary Cemetery, Spencer. There were no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to either the Spencer Rescue Squad, Inc., P.O. Box 147, Spencer, MA 01562 or Tri-Valley Elder Services 251 Main St., Webster, MA 01570.

J. Henri Morin & Son Funeral Home is directing arrangements for the family.

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Jason K. Cucchiara

GILBERTVILLE — Jason K. "Cucch" Cucchiara, formerly of Leominster, farmer, irrigation manager, beekeeper at Many Hands Organic Farm in Gilbertville, passed away unexpectedly at his home on Nov. 30.

He is predeceased by his parents Robert and Debra (Snow) Cucchiara of Leominster and his aunt Brenda Cucchiara.

Jay is survived by his four sisters: Stephanie Azar and her husband Jack Azar of Upton, Angela Quinty of Westminster, Francine and Jenny Kirouac of Leominster; his nephew and neices Brenden and Amanda Quinty of Westminster and Alianna Azar of Upton; his uncle Paul and aunt Billie Cucchiara of Florida; cousin Andy Cucchiara and his wife Angela of Maryland, Melissa Lizotte & her husband Brian of Westminster and Kris Cucchiara of South Carolina, and many other family and lots of dear friends that will miss him deeply.

He was born on Sept. 18, 1982. He attended Leominster Trade school and worked at Many Hands Organic farm in Barre, where he grew close to owners Julie and Jack Rawson. Julie said "Jason never flagged in his work ethic, his attention to detail, his innovative thinking and working he was the master behind the mushrooms, and our new bee hive." Jay loved the great outdoors, camping, fishing, farming, beekeeping, mushrooming, irrigation, he enjoyed raising chickens and pigs at the farm. He loved to learn about all aspects of farming. He taught workshops at NOFA conferences.

He was very close to his Dad, and they used to vacation at Salisbury beach, play cards, and go to the movies. He enjoyed camping and playing cribbage with his sister Angela, going on day trips with his sister Stephanie, and going to church and visiting with his sisters Francine and Jenny. He enjoyed his coffee, chaga tea and spending time with family & friends. Jay was larger than life, had a heart of gold, was a kind soul and always willing to lend a helping hand. He enjoyed cooking his first turkey and celebrating Thanksgiving with his family.

A Celebration of Life for Jay was held Sunday, Dec. 11, in Pillsbury Funeral Home, 44 Gilbert St., North Brookfield. A calling hour was held prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Many Hands Organic Farm, 411 Sheldon Rd., Barre, MA 01005.

For an online tribute please visit: Pillsburyfuneralhome.com.

Frank F. Leo

BROOKFIELD — Frank F. "Frankie" Leo died peacefully at home on Dec. 9.

Born in Southbridge on Oct. 4, 1951, he was the son of the late Francis F. and Theresa (Latour) Leo. He lived in Sturbridge before moving to Brookfield in 1989.

He leaves his wife of 30 years, Karen (Bullard) Leo, and his three children, son Myles Leo of Worcester, and daughters Maida and Hannah Leo, both of Brookfield.

He was predeceased by his daughter Hillary Leo. Frankie also leaves his siblings: Francis Jacques of Southbridge, Dennis Leo of Spencer, Phyllis Chartier of Ware, Richard Leo of Charlton, and Theresa Leo and Michael Leo, both of Sturbridge. He also leaves many nieces, nephews, and cousins, and his good friend David Roscioli of Sturbridge.

He attended local schools, receiving a degree in Criminal Justice from Quinsigamond in 1992. He served on the Sturbridge Police Department from 1977-2003, and was the supervisor of the successful Sturbridge Police Explorer Program.

Frankie served with the 503 MP Company stationed in Frankfurt Germany from 1971-1973. He served in the 94th MP Company in Boston in 1986, then the 366th MP Detachment CID as a Special Agent, retiring in 2012. On 9/11 he was deployed to Washington D.C. where he performed protective service details for top military officials such as the Secretary of Defense, Joint Chiefs of Staff, and others.

Calling hours were held on Tuesday, Dec. 13, at Notre Dame Church of St. John Paul II Parish, 446 Main St., Southbridge. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Wednesday, Dec. 14, also at the church. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, KS 66675. To sign an online guest book, please visit www.BelangerFuneralHome.com.

Joseph C. Usher, 64

LEICESTER — Joseph C. Usher, 64, of Green St., died Tuesday, Dec. 6 in St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester.

He leaves his wife of 43 years, Brenda A. (Nicoletti) Usher, his son J. Anthony Usher of Leicester.

He is predeceased by a son David A. Usher in 2008. He also leaves his three brothers Arthur Usher and his wife Gene of Tinmouth, Vt., Edward Usher and his wife Gail of Auburn and Thomas Usher and his wife Kathleen of Brownsville, Maine, three sisters Marjorie Powell and her husband Ronald of Poland Springs, Maine, Elizabeth Chase and her husband Barry of Oakham and Susan Bergman and her husband Donald of Leicester, many nieces and nephews.

He is predeceased by brothers Leroy and James Usher.

Born in Worcester, he was the son of Leroy D. and Marjorie (Skeates) Usher III and graduated from Worcester Boys Trade School and attended Becker Junior College. He later served his country with the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War.

Joe was a plumber at Tufts University in Grafton for the past 28 years. He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed fishing and hunting. He enjoyed long weekends with his family in Maine. He was a very happy and charismatic man.

His funeral was held on Saturday, Dec. 10 from the Morin Funeral Home, 1131 Main St., Leicester with a Funeral Mass at in St. Pius X Church, 1153 Main St., Leicester. Burial followed in Pine Grove Cemetery, Leicester. Calling hours were held Friday, Dec. 9, in the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 970025, Boston, MA 02297-0025.

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Pauline T. Desrosiers, 87

WEST WARREN — Pauline T. (Beaudreau) Desrosiers, 87, of Brook Rd., West Warren, died Saturday, Dec. 10, at her home.

She was the wife of Edward L. Desrosiers who died in 1987.

She leaves her sons Dennis E. Desrosiers of West Warren and Alan D. Desrosiers and his wife Mae of Westwood, N.J., her daughter Nancy J. Rozzen and her husband Frank Rozzen, Jr. of W.Warren, four grandchildren; Michael, Heather, Daniel and Melissa, four great grandchildren; Emma, Chelsea, Grace and Alycia, nieces and nephews.

Pauline worked 29 years at Wm.E. Wright Co. in West Warren, retiring in 1993.

Born in Spencer, she was the daughter of Armand and Laura (Letendre) Beaudreau and later graduated from David Prouty High School. She moved to West Warren in 1948.

Private funeral services were held in J. Henri Morin & Son Funeral Home, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer. Burial was in Mary, Queen of the Rosary Cemetery, Spencer alongside her husband.

Please omit flowers. Memorial contributions may be made to Warren Ambulance Association, 1012 Main St., Warren, MA 01083.

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Wilfred G. Sasseville Jr., 84

SPENCER — Wilfred G. Sasseville Jr., 84, died Saturday, Dec. 10, at his home, surrounded by family.

He leaves his wife of 61 years, Phyllis G. (McGrath) Sasseville, his daughter Deanne M. Benicaso and her husband Bryan of Spencer and their two daughters Kimberly Moreau and Amanda Wiley and her husband Patrick. He also leaves two sons Mark and Jeffrey Sasseville of Spencer.

He is predeceased by his daughter Lauren Sasseville in 1961 and brothers Leo and Robert "Benny" Sasseville.

Will was a machinist for Reed-Rico in Holden and previously at New England High Carbon before retiring in 1994.

Born in Worcester, he was the son of Wilfred and Rachel (Aucoin) Sasseville . He graduated from Bridgeton Academy in Bridgeton, Me. He served his country with the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

He was an avid golfer and charter member of the Massasoit and Growlers Golf Leagues. He recorded a "hole in one" and shot his age while in his 70's. Throughout his life he an was outstanding athlete, excelling in many sports. He received a kidney transplant 10 years ago. He was a member of the American Legion in Spencer. Along with his wife, they wintered in Margate, Fla. for many years.

Will's funeral was held on Wednesday, Dec. 14, from the J. Henri Morin & Son Funeral Home, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer with a Mass in Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 7 Church St., Spencer. Burial with Military Honors followed in Mary, Queen of the Rosary Cemetery, Spencer. Calling hours were held on Tuesday, Dec. 13 in the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to V.N.A. Care Hospice, 120 Thomas St., Worcester, MA 01608.

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Sunday, Dec. 18

SPENCER

Christmas Concert — Free Concert Sunday, Dec. 18, 4:30 p.m. Presented by First Congregational Church of Spencer. Celebrate the holidays at a family-friendly concert. Join us for classic holiday favorites of Nat King Cole, Harry Connick Jr., Bing Crosby, Mel Torme and more. Admission is free, refreshments will be served, free-will offerings welcome. Come "have yourself a swingin' little Christmas."

Monday, Dec. 26

REGION

All S.C.M. Elderbus offices will be closed on Monday, Dec. 26, and Monday, Jan. 2, 2017, to observe the Christmas and New Years holidays.

ONGOING EVENTS

NORTH BROOKFIELD

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 Brookfield. 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.

The North Brookfield Historical Society Museum will be open from 9 a.m. to noon on the first and third Saturdays of the month through October. Special appointments will be arranged whenever possible. For details and updates, please visit http://northbrookfieldhistoricalsociety.wordpress.com.

WARREN

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).

RUTLAND

Senior Exercises Classes are held every Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Rutland Community Center, Glenwood Road, Rutland. 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.

SPENCER

First Congregational Church, 207 Main St., Spencer, MA 01562, 508-885-2149. Economy Shop hours, open every Wednesday, 8 a.m. to noon; Thursday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m. to noon.

Bingo at the Knights of Columbus, 10 Meadow Road, Spencer every Thursday. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. The first game starts at 6:30 p.m. Along with our regular games we feature two winner take all games, two 50/50 games and two progressive jackpot games with payout's 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.

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 please visit www.vnacarenetwork.org or call 888-663-3688, ext. 5603.

EAST BROOKFIELD

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

TRIPS OFFERED

TRIPS

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UXBRIDGE SENIOR CENTER/ SUNSHINE CLUB

The Uxbridge Senior Center, in conjunction with the Sunshine Club will be offering the following bus trips for 2017:

• March 16, 2017: Lion King — sorry, full (waiting list), leaves from both Westboro (9:15 a.m.) and Whitinsville, 10 a.m., $99.

• March 30, 2017: There will be a trip to the Newport Playhouse to see "The Foursome" on Thursday, March 30, 2017. The trip includes the bus (including driver gratuity), an all you can eat buffet, the play, a cabaret after the play, and a driving tour of Newport for $76. From April 27 to May 1, 2017 there will be a five-day trip to Virginia Beach staying at an oceanfront hotel. The highlights will be the azalea festival and tickets to the International Tattoo. Please call Sue for more information at 508-476-5820.

• April 1-9, 2017: Branson – full (waiting list), both Westboro and Whitinsville, $759.

• April 27-May 1, 2017: Virginia; International Tattoo and oceanfront Virginia Beach, leaves from Whitinsville only, $799.

• May 17-20, 2017: 1,000 Islands w/ Tulip Fest, leaves from Westborough only, $769.

• June 5, 2017 — Day trip to Gloucester Lobster Bake and Cruise, both Westboro and Whitinsville, $76.

• June 25 and 26, 2017: Hudson River/ West Point, from Whitinsville only, $319.

• Aug. 21- 24, 2017: St. Andrews By-the-Sea and Campobello Island; staying at the Algonquin Hotel and Resort, leaves from Westborough only, $819.

• Sept. 24-26, 2017: Lake Placid & Adirondacks, from Whitinsville only, $479.

• Oct. 11, 2017: Day Trip to the Turkey Train, both Westboro and Whitinsville, $72.

• Nov. 30-Dec. 1, 2017: Saratoga Victorian Christmas, from Whitinsville only, $319.

• Dec. 8-9, 2017: Christmas in Vermont, leaves from Westborough only, $299.

New York City is an especially fun place at Christmas Time. The huge tree in Rockefeller Center will be lit, there will be skating on the rink, the stores are all decked out, and the hustle and bustle makes you get into the spirit of the season. It includes two nights' hotel, two breakfasts, two dinners and sightseeing with a local guide for two days, and entrance to the 9/11 Museum. A local guide will take you all around the city visiting places like Central Park, Times Square, Wall Street, and of course Rockefeller Center. All trips originate from the Whitinsville WalMart. Everyone is welcome to join the group on any of these trips. Call Sue L'Heureux at 508-476-5820 for more information on any of these trips.

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DUDLEY SENIOR CENTER

Dudley Seniors presents Savannah, Jekyll Island & Beaufort, $620, seven days and six nights per person (Sunday through Saturday), June 4-10, 2017. Incredible price includes motor coach transportation, six nights lodging including four consecutive nights in the Savannah area, 10 meals; six breakfasts and four dinners, tour of charming Savannah, visit to a historic and famous home, tour of gorgeous Beaufort, S.C. "Queen of the Carolina Sea Islands", Visit to Parris Island, Tour of amazing Jekyll and St Simon's Island- see how America's early millionaires lives and played, Enjoy dinner and entertainment, for more pictures and information visit: www.grouptrips.com/dudley-seniors.

Departure: Town Hall, 71 W. Main St, Dudley, 8 a.m.

Day 1: Depart in a spacious, video and restroom equipped motor coach and set off for beautiful Savannah, Ga. This evening you will stay at an en route hotel.

Day 2: Enjoy a continental breakfast. Today you will continue your journey, then enjoy a leisurely dinner and check in to Savannah area hotel for a four-night stay.

Day 3: After a continental breakfast you will start your journey with a guided tour of genteel, beautiful, and historic Savannah, the "Belle of Georgia." You'll see architectural marvels, beautiful oak-lined streets, and lovely "Town Squares." Enjoy free time on historic River Street, featuring unique 18th century "ballast stone" streets and 19th century cotton warehouses that are now fine eateries, unusual shops and antique galleries. Later, enjoy a tour of one of Savannah's historic and famous homes. Tonight, you'll enjoy dinner and entertainment before returning to your hotel for the evening.

Day 4: Enjoy a continental breakfast before departing for fascinating and history rich Jekyll Island. See how the nation's wealthiest citizens like JP Morgan and William Rockefeller lived and played — including a stop at what was once the "Millionaires Club." Later you'll take a guided tour of St. Simons Island where you can take a stroll among moss-draped oaks or shop at the interesting boutiques and specialty shops in the historic area. After dinner you'll return to your hotel to rest for the next fun filled day.

Day 5: Today, after continental breakfast, enjoy a guided tour of magnificent Beaufort, S.C. "Queen of the Carolina Sea Islands." Beaufort's history dates as far back as the 1500's. Its striking mansions and scenery served as a backdrop for many major motion pictures including, "The Big Chill" and "Forrest Gump". You'll also tour the Parris Island Marine base, where 22,000 men and women complete their training each year. Highlights of your tour include the Iwo Jima Monument, Parade Field, and the Parris Island Museums. Tonight, enjoy a nice dinner before returning to your hotel for the evening.

Day 6: Enjoy a continental breakfast at your hotel before leaving for the Airborne and Special Operations Museum in Fayetteville NC. This evening relax at your en route hotel.

Day 7: Today, after enjoying a continental breakfast, you will depart for home. A perfect time to chat with your friends about all the fun things you've done, the great sights you've seen, and where your next group trip will take you!

For more information contact Evelyn Grovesteen (508) 764-8254

Friday's Child

David is a sweet and easygoing fourteen-year-old boy of Caucasian descent. He interacts very well with the adults in his life and enjoys exploring his environment in many ways; his favorite being through sense of touch. David is on the Autism spectrum and benefits from tactile experiences that include knocking over objects to hear how they sound and banging toys together to examine how it feels. Some of David's other favorite activities include swinging on swings and riding his bike. David is mainly non-verbal but knows some sign language and uses picture exchange communication (PEC) as well. David needs some assistance with daily living activities but others he has mastered. David is currently placed in a group care setting where he is well liked by all. The staff feels that he has enormous potential and he is learning new skills all the time. David attends a specialized school and has an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) to assist with academic needs.

David would do well in a family of any constellation, as an only child or with older siblings. David's ideal family should be willing to provide constant supervision and also be strong advocates for David throughout his life. A family who has knowledge about children on the Autism spectrum would also be preferred. David has the ability to grow, learn and thrive under the guidance of a patient and loving family that will help him to reach his potential.

What does Adoption Cost?

It costs little or nothing to adopt a child from foster care. Unlike international or private adoptions, there is no adoption agency fee. There are also a number of free post-adoption support services available to families statewide, including support groups and respite care. Children with special needs who are adopted from the foster care system re eligible for ongoing financial and medical assistance after adoption. These children are also eligible for a tuition waiver to attend a Massachusetts state college or university.

To learn more about David, and about adoption from foster care, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at 617-54-ADOPT (617-542-3678) or visit www.mareinc.org. The sooner you call, the sooner a waiting child will have "a permanent place to call HOME."

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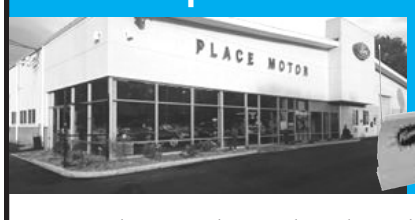

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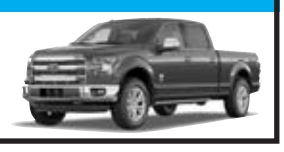

Ad Libs by June

So the countdown is on...less than 10 days till jolly old St. Nick arrives! St. Nicholas was actually a 4th century Christian saint and Greek Bishop of Myra (modern-day Turkey), who was a very rich man because his parents died when he was young and left him a lot of money. He was also a very kind man who had a reputation for helping the poor and giving secret gifts to people in need. The custom of hanging stockings began with St. Nicholas as well. The story of St. Nicholas, why he was made a saint, and the evolution into Santa Claus is very interesting. I invite you to check out whychristmas.com for the whole story!

Just a reminder that **SALES 4 TAILS** grand re-opening is Saturday, December 17! See the ad this week on the Front of Section B for hours and details. It's great to support a business that supports animals in need. Their new location is right across from **LAMOUREUX FORD,** Route 9, in East Brookfield.

SHAPING ZONE FOR WOMEN has a new location in Cherry Valley. They are now located in the big brick building on the right heading east just shy of the Cherry Valley/Worcester line. Go to the end of the building and parking is in the back. This is a gym for women only! See the ad on the Front Page this week for hours and all the exercise equipment that they have to offer. If you have a woman on your list that needs a little push to join a gym, get her a gift certificate! She'll love you for it!

DAVE'S BAIT SHOP in East Brookfield is selling tickets for the Brookfield Lion's Club Ice Fishing Derby. Grand prize at the derby is a CFMoto 4-wheeler! Now that's a prize! Visit Dave's for all your fishing needs all year round! They are located at 149 North Street, East Brookfield, MA.

A gift idea that I share every year is a Mass Fishing License, fresh & salt water, that you can pick up at **KLEMS!** While you're there check out the new Hallmark section! You can always find something for everyone on your list at **KLEMS!**

HUB INTERNATIONAL (formerly Gregson Insurance) is having a week-long Holiday Open House, from December 19 through December 23 during regular business hours, 8:30-4:30. Stop by and meet the friendly staff, see their recent office renovations, and receive a HUB goody bag (while supplies last). Bring a copy of your policy for a free quick review and no-obligation quote to see if they can save you some money. They are located a 369 Main Street in Spencer. See the ad on the Front Page for all the info!

Have a great week!

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"Season's Greetings - Happy Holidays"

DOUGLAS – 15 Mt Daniels Way! 8 Rm Custom Colonial! 2.2 Acres! 2 Story Grand Entry Foyer! New Applianced Granite Kit! Formal Din & Liv Rms w/Hrdwds! Frplc Fam Rm! Frplc Master Suite w/Cathedrals! 2.5 Baths! Expandable 3rd Level! New Roof & Furnace! CVac, Security, Irrigation! 2 Car Garage! **$429,900.00**

DUDLEY – 113 W Main St! Super Brick 2 Family! Move-in Condition! Freshly Painted! 6/6 Rooms! 2/2 Bedrooms! 1/1 Baths! 1st Floor w/ Fireplaced Living Room! Lots of Hardwoods! Applianced! Tile Kitchens & Baths! Separate Utilities! Oil Heat! Corner Lot, Nice Yard! **$219,900.00**

DUDLEY – 377 Dudley Oxford Rd! 7 Rm Split! 2+ Acres! Applianced Kit w/ Breakfast Bar! Den w/ Pellet Stove! 12x20 Liv Rm w/ Cathedrals! 3 Bdrms! Full Bath w/Skylight! Lower Level Fam Rm w/Hearth! 12x20 Deck! 2 Car Detached Garage! 2 Sheds! New Roof! **$234,900.00**

WEBSTER – 16 Orchard Ave! 7 Rm Custom Cape! Farmers Porch! Applianced Kit! Formal Dining! Cathedral Liv Rm w/Frplc & Skylight! 1st Flr Bdrm! Cathedral Master! 3Bdrms! 2 Baths! Family Rm! 3 Season Sun Rm! CAir & Vac! Newer Furnace, Water Heater & Windows! Garage! Town Services! **$259,900.00**

CHARLTON – 175 Oxford Rd! 6+ Rm Split! 1.53 Acres! Applianced Granite Kit w/ Tile Flr! Din Rm w/Hrdwds, Anderson Slider to Trex Deck! Brick Frplc Liv Rm w/Hrdwds & Bow Window! Master w/Hrdwds, Slider to Deck! Master Bath! 3 Bdrms! 2 Baths! Garage! Quality Updates Through Out! **$279,900.00**

DUDLEY – 61 New Boston Rd! 1,300+' Ranch! 1.52 Acres! Applianced Oak Cabinet Kit w/Breakfast Counter! Din Area w/Slider to Deck! Frplc Liv Rm w/Bay Window & Pellet Stove! 3 Bdrms! Master w/Bath & Walk-in Closet! 2nd Bath w/Skylight! Shed! Vinyl Siding & Windows! **$229,900.00**

OXFORD – 11 Daniel Dr U:B! 55+ Adult Community! Twin Elm Estates! Nice 6 Rm End Unit! Applianced, Granite Eat-in Kit! All Hrdwd Flrs! Liv Rm w/Slider to Deck! Master/Walk-in Closet, Master Bath! 2 Bdrms! 1.5 Baths! Fam Rm! Craft Rm/Office! CAir! Attached Garage! **$249,900.00**

DUDLEY – 32 Central Ave! 6 Rm Townhouse! Huge Liv Rm w/Wood Laminate Flooring & Triple Window! Applianced Kit w/Breakfast Bar, Dble Stainless Sink! Din Area w/Slider to Deck! 3 Bdrms! 1.5 Baths! Garage! Oil Heat! Shed! Fenced Yard! **$169,900.00**

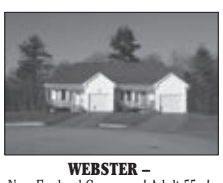
THOMPSON – 449 E Thompson Rd! 6 Rm Contemp! Beautiful 1.5 Acres! Applianced Kit w/Quartz Counters, Cherry Cabinets, Breakfast Bar! Formal Din Rm! Cathedral Ceiling Liv Rm w/Frplc! Master w/Walk-in Closets, Private Deck & Full Bath! 3 Bdrms! 2.5 Baths! CVac! Mitsubishi A/C! Wired for Generator! 2 Car Garage! 2 Sheds! **$299,900.00**

WEBSTER – 52 Upland Ave! 6 Rm Cape! Spacious Applianced Eat-in Kit! Formal Din Rm or 3rd Bdrm w/Hardwods & Built-Ins! Frplc Liv Rm w/Hrdwd Flr! Den or Office! 1/2 Bath on Main Level! 2 Oversized Bdrms w/Hrdwds on 2nd Flr! Full Bath! Mud Rm! Full Walk-out Basement! Rear Patio! Immediate Occupancy! **$154,900.00**

DUDLEY - 43 Mason Rd! Remodeled 7 Rm Ranch! Applianced Eat-in Kit w/ Quartz Counters, Breakfast Bar & Tile Flr! Large Frplcd Liv Rm w/Hrdwds! Din Area w/Hrdwds! 3 Bdrms w/Hrdwds! 2 Full Exceptional Bathrms! Fam Rm! Office! Security! Oil Heat! AG Pool! Trex Deck! Shed! 2 Car Garage! **$264,900.00**

SUTTON – 58 Stone School Rd! Easy Access Rte 146! 7 Rm Colonial! 1.12 Acres! Farmers Porch! Applianced Kit w/Din Area, Tile Flr, Slider to Deck! Din Rm w/Hrdwds, Custom Wood Ceiling w/Crowns! Frplcd Liv Rm w/Hrdwds! Office w/Hrdwds! 3 Bdrms! 13X25' Master! 2 Baths! **$294,900.00**

DUDLEY – 7 Kayla Lane! 8 Rm Colonial Set On 1.84 Acres! Applianced Granite Kit! Frplcd Dining Rm! Living Rm w/ Hrdwds! Cathedral Ceiling Family Rm! 3 Bedrooms! Spacious Master, Master Bath! 2.5 Baths! 1st Floor Laundry! Farmers Porch! Deck! Attached 2 Car Garage! **$359,900.00**



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New England Commons! Adult 55+! 2 Bdrms! 1 to 2 Baths/Master! Applianced! Granite! Hrdwds, Tile & Carpet! Basements! Garage! C/Air! Security! Community Center! Walking Trails! Low Fees! Convenient! **From $234,900.00**

DUDLEY – 4 Cross St! Newly Renovated 6 Rm Cape! Applianced Granite Kit w/Tile Flr! Picture Din Rm & Spacious Liv Rm w/Hrdwds! New Bath w/Marble Shower & Tile Flr! 1st Flr Master! 2nd Flr w/2 Bdrms w/Walk-in Closets! 3 Season Sunrm! NEW Furnace, Plumbing & Electric! **$149,900.00**

SOUTHBRIDGE – 32 Glenview Ave! Custom 6 Rm Contemp! Open Kit & Din Area w/Cathedrals & Skylight! Liv Rm w/Pellet Stove, Slider to Deck! 1st Flr Master w/Private Deck! 3 Bdrms! 2 Baths! Finished Lower Level w/LP Frplc! New Kit Cabinets, Counters & Roof 2014! **$249,500.00**

WEBSTER – 17 Fort Hill Rd! Looking 30 ACRES OF PRIVACY & SERENITY! 5 Rm Ranch! Eat-in Kit w/Updated Cabinets! Formal Din Rm! Liv Rm Leads to Screened-in Porch Overlooking Pond! 2 Large Bdrms! Updated Bath! Full Basement w/Laundry! 2 Car Detached Garage! Oil Heat! Gas Hot Water! **$274,900.00**

WEBSTER – 129 Lower Gore Rd! 6 Rm Split! Immediate Occupancy! 1.5 Acres of Privacy! Applianced Eat-in Kit w/Tile Flr! Din Area w/Sliders to Deck! Liv Rm w/New Carpet! 3 Bdrms w/Wall to Wall! 1.5 Baths! 6 Panel Doors! Newer Furnace! Town Services! 2 Sheds! **$219,900.00**

WEBSTER – 26 Pepka Dr! 7 Room 1,790' Ranch! SS Applianced Kit & Din Area w/Tile Floor! Formal Din Rm & Liv Rm w/Hrdwds! Family Rm! 3 Bdrms w/Hrdwds! Master w/Bath & Walk-in Closet! 2 Full Tile Baths! Huge Basement! Patio! Circular Drive! Great Yard! **$219,900.00**

WEBSTER – 24 Upland Ave! 6 Rm Cape w/Full Dormer! Convenient Location! Applianced Eat-in Kit w/Updated Cabinets & Ceiling Fan! Formal Din & Liv Rms w/Carpet Over Hrdwds! 1st Master w/ Hrdwds! 3 Bdrms! 1.5 Baths! Oil Heat! Town Services! Gas Avail! Vinyl Siding! Garage! **$169,900.00**

WEBSTER - NEW ENGLAND COMMONS! 55+ Adult Community! 5 Rm 1 Level Living! Kit w/Pantry, Tile Flr, Corian Counters & Breakfast Bar! Liv Rm & Master w/Trey Ceiling, Master Bath w/Step-in Shower! 2nd Bdrm w/Cathedral Ceiling! 2nd Full Bath! Attached Garage! Farmers Porch! Full Basement! **$249,900.00**

DUDLEY - 174 Klondike Rd! Pierpont Meadow Waterfront! West Facing! Beautiful Sunsets! Full Recreational! Cozy Yr Rd Getaway! Renovated! Applianced Kit w/Hrdwds! Cathedral Ceiling Liv Rm w/ Frplc & Hrdwds! 1 Bdrm! Updated Bath! Heated Sunroom Overlooking Water! Recent Electrical, Plumbing, Well & Septic! **$199,900.00**

WEBSTER – 36 North Main St! 6 Room Cape! Cabinet Packed Kitchen w/Dining Area! Living Room w/Wall to Wall! Den w/Wall A/C! 1st Floor Bedroom! 3/4 Bedrooms! 1.5 Baths! Recent Roof & Furnace! Will be Updated to Circuit Breakers! Nice Back Yard! Off Street Parking! **$89,900.00**

WEBSTER – 9-11 Lyndale Ave! 8 Rm Colonial w/Greenhouses! Eat-in Kitchen! Formal Dining Rm Open to Living Rm w/Wood Floors! Full Bath! Den w/Built-ins! 4 Large Bedrooms on 2nd Floor! Nice Level Lot! Walking Distance to Center of Webster! Town Services! Rte. 395 Near! Walk to Schools & Churches! **$114,900.00**

WOODSTOCK – 1420 Route 169! Custom Built 10 Rm 3,154' Colonial Set on 5 Secluded Acres! Grand Entry Foyer! 9ft Ceilings! Loads of Upgrades! Applianced Kitchen w/Huge Granite Island! Formal Dining w/Hrdwds! Fireplaced Family Room! Master Suite! 4 Bdrms & 2.5 Baths! CAir! 2 Car Garage! **$389,900.00**

WOODSTOCK – 291 E Quasset Rd! WAPPAQUASSET "QUASSET" POND! Hidden 88 Acre Recreational Gem! Woodstock Fairgrounds Near! Yr Rd or 2nd Home! 6 Rm Ranch! 152' Waterfront! 34,848' Lot! Appliance Kit! Frplc Fam Rm! 2 Bdrms! Full Bath! A/C! Garage! **$259,900.00**

DUDLEY – 9 Chestnut St Unit 22! "Stonegate" Conveniently Located! Freshly Painted 4 Rm 2 Bdrm Condo! Applianced Eat-in Kit w/Pantry Closet, Tile Counter, Dble Sink & Ceiling Fan! Liv Rm w/Wall A/C & Flat Panel TV! Full Bath! Electric Heat & Hot Water! Storage! 2 Parking Spaces! Coin Op Laundry! **$69,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE - 71 Birch Island! 7 Rm Colonial w/Lake Views from Every Rm! Hrdwds in Din/Liv & Master Bdrm! 3 Bdrms! Master Bath! 2.5 Baths! Walkout Lower Level Fam Rm! 239' Waterfront! New Metal Roof! 2 Car Attached Garage & 3 Car Detached w/2nd Flr! Needs to be Seen to Appreciate Everything it Could Be! **$674,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE – 402 Treasure Island! Townhouse! 6 Rms! 1,874'! Hardwood Floors! Applianced! Open Floor Plan! 2 Bdrms! Master Bath! 2.5 Baths! Frplcd Fam Rm! CAir! Gas Heat! Recent Trex Deck! Garage! 2 BOAT SLIPS! Heated Pool, Sandy Beach! **$299,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE – 701 Treasure Island! Townhouse End Unit! 6Rms, 2 Bdrms, Master Bath, 2.5 Baths Total! New LG Stainless Appliances! Din Rm w/Sliders to Deck! Frplcd Fam Rm w/ Sliders to Patio! New C/Air! Garage w/ Storage! 2 BOAT SLIPS! Heated Pool! Sandy Beach! **$284,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE – 46 Pt Pleasant Rd! Middle Pond – Southern Expo! 8 Rm Custom Cape! Open Flr Plan! Fully Applianced w/Lunch Counter! Lake Facing Brick Frplc Liv Rm, Din Rm & Fam Rm! 19' Master! 4 Bdrms, 2 Lake Facing! 2 Baths! Huge Trex Deck! Buderus 5Z Oil Heat! **$449,900.00**

CHARLTON - South Charlton Reservoir! 302C Partridge Hill Rd! Full Recreational! 75' Waterfront! West Expo - Beautiful Sunsets! 6 Rm Ranch! Great Water Views! Open Flr Plan w/Cathedrals, Skylights, Frplce! 2 Baths! Fam Rm! Garage! Sandy Shore, Great Swimming! Dock! **$329,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE - 82 Lakeside Ave! South Pond! Prime 157' Waterfront w/Western Expo! Beautiful Sunsets! Panoramic Lake Views! 10+ Rm, 4 Bdrm, 4.5 Bath, A/C'd, 3,832' Custom Colonial! Technical/Electrical Marvel! 2 Story Grand Entry! Fully Appliance Lake Facing Quartz Kit w/2 Dishwashers, Heated Flr & Pantry! Spacious Din Area w/Custom Wall Unit & Slider to the Waterfront Deck w/Elect Awning! Frplc Liv Rm w/Entertainment Center! Din Rm w/Tray Ceiling! 1st Flr Lake Facing Master w/Tray Ceiling, Walk-in Closet, Full Bath w/Dble Vanity, Whirlpool & Corner Shower! Upstairs 3 Comfortable Bdrms, 2 Lake Facing, Both connect to a Full Bath, the 3rd has its Own Full Bath & Walk-in Closet! Walkout Lower Level Lake Facing Fam Rm w/2nd Kit, Cedar Sauna & Full Bath! Separate Utility Rm & Workshop! 3 Car Attached Garage! Detached 1 Car Garage! Security System! LP Gas Whole House Generator! Boat House that Auto Draws Boat Out of the Water, Launches It on a Rail System! Weather Station! Well Irrig System! See/Ask For All Attachments! **$1,195,900.00**

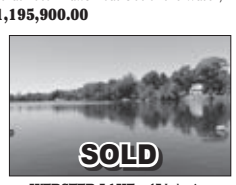
WEBSTER LAKE – Reid Smith Cove WATERFRONT LOT! South Shore Rd! Build Your Dream Home or Summer Retreat! Set on Quiet Road, Surrounded by Woods! Sloping Lot Down to Level Waterfront! 7,200' Lot! 57' on the Water & Road! Town Water & Sewer Available! **$249,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE – 103 Treasure Island! 1,874' Townhouse! Oak Cabinet Kit w/ Breakfast Counter! Formal Din Rm! Frplc Liv Rm! Screened Porch! 1st Flr Master w/ Walk-in Closet & Bath! 2.5 Baths! 2nd Level w/2nd Master Bdrm & Bath! CAir! Attached Garage! 2 Boat Slips! Heated Pool! Sandy Beach! **$279,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE – 113 Birch Island Rd! Overlooking Middle Pond! Eastern Expo – Beautiful Sunrises! 5 Rm Year Round Waterfront Home! 2 Bdrms! Renovated Kit & Bath! Din Rm! Liv Rm w/Frplc! Listed by Another, **SOLD by Century21 Lake Realty!** **$285,000.00**

WEBSTER LAKE – 15 South Point Rd! Middle Pond - Panoramic Views! Build Your Waterfront Dream! 100+' of Shoreline! 53.94' Road Frontage! Land Area 8,147'! Town Water & Sewer Available! 2 Docks Already in the Water! Lots on Webster Lake are a Rarity, Don't let this Slip By without Your Consideration! **$189,900.00**

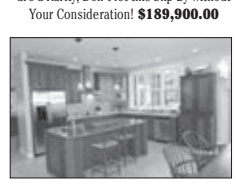
WEBSTER LAKE COMPOUND! 2 Checkerberry Isl! Private 2.09 Acre Waterfront Peninsula Estate! Park Like Grounds! 2,800' 8 Rm Colonial Main House w/Lake Views from Most Windows! SS Applianced Granite Kit! Din Area w/Tile Flr! Lake Facing 38' Din/Liv Rm w/Frplc, Recessed Lighting & Slider to Wrap Around Deck! French Dr Fam Rm Surrounded by Water! 3 Bdrms! 21' Master w/Cathedral Ceiling, Slider to Private Deck w/Lake Views, Master Bath! 2nd Bath w/Dble Vanity Sinks, 3.5 Baths! Skywalk Attached 750' 4 Rm Guest/In-Law Apartment w/Granite Kit, SS Applianced, Open Din & Liv Rm w/Slider to Lake View Deck, Bdrm, Nice Bathrm! Detached 3 Rm Yr Rd Guest Cottage or Rental Unit w/Kit, Frplcd Liv Rm, Bdrm & Bathroom! Enclosed 3 Season Pavilion Great for Entertaining! Tree Lined Private Drive! Rolling Lawn! Decks! Patios! Ideal Dock Setup! Boat Ramp! For the Discerning Buyer! **$1,449,900.00**



WEBSTER LAKE – 17 Lakeview Rd! Middle Pond - Reid Smith Cove! West Exposure = Sunsets! 100' Level Waterfront! 7 Rm Yr Rd or Ideal 2nd Home! Enjoy Music from Indian Ranch - Free! Fantastic 12,298' Flat Lot w/Plenty of Space for Outside Enjoyment! 2 Docks! 3 Bdrms! 1.5 Baths! **$489,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE – 36 Laurelwood Dr! Magnificent Lake Property! .75 Acres! Western Expo – Beautiful Sunsets! Frplc Liv Rm! Kit w/SS Appliances! Din Rm! 4 Bdrms! 2 Baths! 3 Car Garage! Mahogany Deck! Cabana! Sandy Beach! New Dock! Boat Ramp! **$799,900.00**

HOLLAND - Hamilton Reservoir Waterfront! 430 Mashapaug Rd! 8 Rm 2,864' Custom Cape! 200' Waterfront, 3.2 Acres, Estate Like Grounds! Situated in a Cove Sheltered from Storms, Idle Out to Main Lake! Grand Entry Foyer! Open Floor Plan! Custom Cherry Kit w/Quartz Isl, SS Appliances, Wall Ovens, Pantry Closet & Recessed Lighting! Din Area & Cathedral Ceiling Liv Rm w/Wood Stove Frplc & Pella Sliders to 12x38 Deck w/Electric Awning & 12X18 Screened Porch! 1st Flr Water Facing Master w/Walk-in Closet & Bath w/Granite Dble Vanity & Custom Glass Shower w/Waterhaven Tower! 1st Flr Office w/French Pocket Doors & Custom Desk Wall! Side Entry Mud Rm w/Custom Desk, Cabinets & Counter w/Sink, Guest Closet, Laundry Closet & Half Bath w/Pedestal Sink! Upstairs 3 Water Facing Bdrms, 2 w/Cathedrals! 2nd Full Tile Bath w/Custom Vanity & Linen Closet! Add Storage! Full Walkout Basement - Need More Rms! Zoned Hydro Air! 3 Car Garage! Sheds! Dock! Long Driveway or Direct Access from Shore Dr! Full Recreation Lake! **$799,900.00**



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THOMPSON, CT - 1117 THOMPSON RD

Recently remodeled Ranch! New engineered hardwood flooring, carpeting, kitchen cabinets, granite counters and appliances! Partielly finished lower living level! Close to I395! assisted sale **$194,900.**

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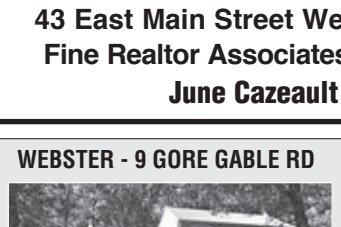
WEBSTER - 9 GORE GABLE RD



1st Time Offered! Beautiful 4 bedroom colonial! Front to back Fireplaced formal living room! Formal Dining Room! Family room with cathedral ceilings! Eat in Kitchen! Screened in summer room! 2 Car Garage. Forced Hot Water by Oil! **$264,900.**

WEBSTER-4 PANARELLI WAY

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THOMPSON CT- 351 QUADDICK RD

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Welcome home to this charming 3-4 bedroom, 2 bath cape! One acre! First floor master bdrm w/ full bath! Living room w/pellet stove! Lower level has additional heated family room! W/ 2nd full bath! Sit out and grill on the recent deck and enjoy the fresh air! Make sure you put this one on your "to see" list! **New Price $199,900**

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DUDLEY - 217 DUDLEY SOUTHBRIDGE RD

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New To The Market! Fully Remodeled 2 Family Unit! Maintenance Free Exterior! Spacious 3 Bedroom Units Fully Applianced With Brand New Dishwashers, Hot Water Heater And Washer/ Dryer Hookups In Each Unit!! Brand New Roof And Second Bioler Installed For Separate Units Heat. Pleanty Of Off Street Parking And Excellent Location. Close To 395.Great Investment Property! Check This One Out! **$149,900.**

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WEBSTER LAKE: PANORAMIC VIEWS OF WEBSTER LAKE! Great South Facing Location, 62' prime lakefront, large deep lot 10,489sf , flagstone & concrete patios, full concrete walkway at water's edge, dock, retaining walls & stonework, privacy fence, storage shed, recently paved drive, plenty offstreet parking in driveway & area at roadside, spacious, Year-round, 2 story Cape home, 4 BRs (1 on 1st flr), 2 full BAs, Harvey replacement windows, 6 year+/- young roof. **$445,000**

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WEBSTER LAKE - 113 BIRCH ISLAND RD

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131 Old Webster Rd - $296,968

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- 3 Bath
- 19' Bowman
- 35' of Docks
- 2+ Acres of Privacy

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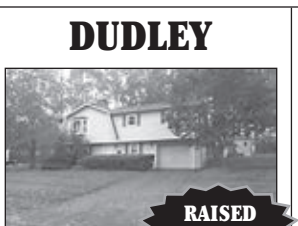
DUDLEY



- 2 Center Fireplaces
- 3-4 Bedrooms
- 2 Full Baths
- Recent roof, windows
- In-law Apt

11 Elizabeth St - $250,000

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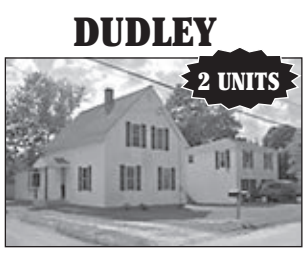

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- Hardwoods
- Recent Windows
- Sellers motivated

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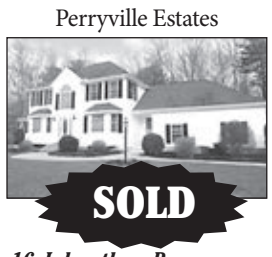

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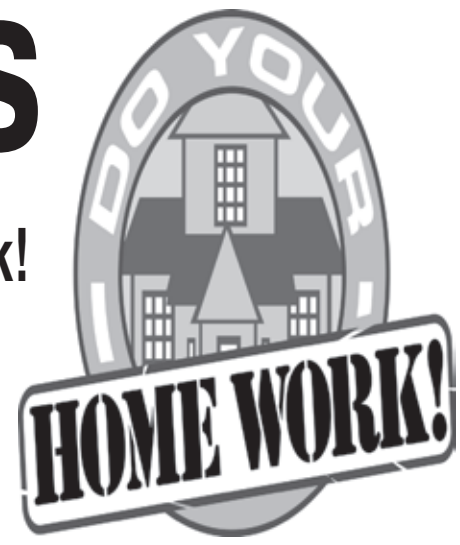

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Just in time for a cheese-filled meal, find the hidden words in the puzzle.

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Did You Know?

THE RECOMMENDED SAFE WEIGHT A CHILD SHOULD CARRY IN A BACKPACK IS 10 PERCENT OF HIS/HER BODY WEIGHT. STILL, MANY KIDS CARRY AROUND ROUGHLY 15 TO 20 PERCENT.

Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase

N O H E T B O J

Answer: On the job

THIS DAY IN...

DEC. 15

HISTORY

* **1778:** BRITISH AND FRENCH FLEETS CLASH IN THE BATTLE OF ST. LUCIA DURING THE AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY WAR.

* **1939:** "GONE WITH THE WIND" PREMIERES IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

* **1967:** THE SILVER BRIDGE CONNECTING WEST VIRGINIA AND OHIO COLLAPSES DURING RUSH HOUR.

New Word

FORMAL

prim or stiff

GET THE PICTURE?

CAN YOU GUESS WHAT THE BIGGER PICTURE IS?

ANSWER: NECKTIE

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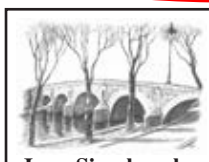

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Business Milestones Jan. 13
How long you've been in business

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

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at Bubba's Cafe
Trees arrive December 2
Hours of sale:
Thursday and Friday
6 PM to 8 PM
Saturday 11 AM to 7 PM
and Sunday from 11 AM to 6 PM

SATRUDAY, DECEMBER 17
9:00 P.M,

HIT THE BUS
Debut at 308 for this duo playing an eclectic mix from 50's to today
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Visit with Santa during Sunday Brunch
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NEW YEAR'S EVE
MISSY'S MUSIC MIX
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THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

308 LAKESIDE
HOLIDAY PARTY NIGHT
Enjoy a holiday dinner buffet and live music with a group of friends or business associates
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ONGOING

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CADY'S TAVERN
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TRIVIA SATURDAY NIGHTS
7:00 p.m. register
7:30 p.m. start up
HILLCREST COUNTRY CLUB
325 Pleasant St., Leicester, MA
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Every Tuesday, 8:00 – 10:00 p.m.
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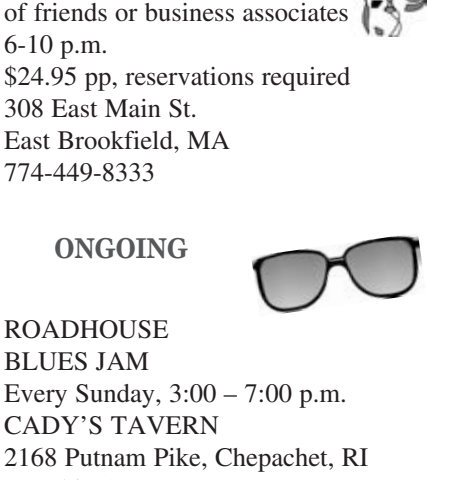

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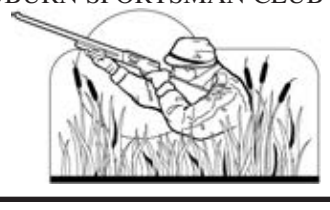

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Impress Holiday Guests With A Stylish Home Refresh

Deck the halls, walls, floors and bath for the holidays to help your houseguests to comfort and joy.

(NAPS)

If you have guests coming for the holidays, there's still time to whip your home into shape with smart buys and DIY projects that can instantly turn routine guest areas into stylish, inviting spaces.

Bath Savvy

Refresh your vanity: In small spaces like guest bathrooms, simple changes can make a big impact. Easy swaps of hardware and fixtures may be all you need to set the stage for an eye-popping makeover. Swap out your faucet, fixtures and hardware with champagne bronze or aged brass materials for a timeless look, and then contrast with a fresh coat of paint. If you're unsure about trying new colors, form a neutral backdrop with creamy wall paint like Valspar Signature Irish Cream along with porcelain tile and a quartz countertop, allowing your fixtures to pop. Don't be intimidated if you're doing it yourself. Countertops, like allen + roth's quartz vanity top, come ready to install with predrilled faucet holes and attached undermount sinks.

Squeaky clean: Showers and toilets impact more than just the functionality of your bathroom— they can also add an element of sophistication. To add privacy and style, look first at the shower enclosure. A coated glass panel door will obscure views without blocking light. Got a tub? A new shower curtain and matching accessories will do the trick. For a time-saving upgrade that guests will love, install American Standard's new ActiClean self-cleaning toilet, available at Lowe's. This new toilet takes the stress out of hosting guests by removing stains from inside the bowl while cleaning more than twice the amount of dirt than conventional toilets.

Finishing touches: Did you know you can install a dimmer switch in less than an hour? Give your bath a warm glow while helping overnight guests easily locate the bathroom during their stay. Finally, help guests find everything they need, and keep them out of your cabinets, with a basket packed with soaps, shampoos, scrubs and more.

NEW LIFE FOR YOUR LIVING ROOM

Color your mood: Warm spaces and soft textures beckon guests to relax during the holidays. To make your living room inviting, try a winter-inspired paint color like dusty rose, deep purples or frosty gray that draw inspiration from powdery snow and cashmere sweaters. Complement paint with soft lighting by adding a pair of wall-mount arm sconces that can easily be installed with a cordless drill and basic hand tools.

Fresh flooring: Give your space a face-lift with floating laminate floors. These floors have the same great look as hardwood and are easy to install (see step-by-step instructions at Lowes.com). You won't even need adhesive, nails or staples.

For an instant new look, select an area rug by playing with shapes, colors and pattern to pull your room together. To determine which size rug is best for your living room, lay a bedsheet folded to that size on the floor, so you can get an idea of the area it will cover.

Spread holiday cheer: Find the focal point in your living room and decorate around it, like framing a fireplace with pre-lit Christmas trees or draping the mantel with garland. Add soft lighting by placing LED candles around the room—you don't have to light them, blow them out or worry about dripping wax. Complete the look by adding minitrees and a sparkling wreath to create a festive feel.

For more ideas for getting your home ready for the holidays, visit www.Lowes.com.

LEGALS

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Edward McCutcheon to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for GMH Mortgage Services LLC, dated June 18, 2014 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 52445, Page 153, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc. as nominee for GMH Mortgage Services, Inc. to PennyMac Loan Services, LLC dated December 23, 2015 and recorded with said registry on December 28, 2015 at Book 54751 Page 316, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 a.m. on January 4, 2017, on the mortgaged premises located at 43 HASTINGS Road, SPENCER, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:

A certain tract or land situated in that part of said Spencer called Lower Wire Village, and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the road from Spencer to North Spencer, at land now or formerly of Wickwire Spencer Steel Company;

Thence Northerly by the west line of said road, about 509 feet to a point at the intersection of a road leading to Millsville;

Thence Northwesterly by said Millsville Road about 164 feet to a point at land now or formerly of Charles A. Derby;

Thence S. 13° 10' N. 427 feet to a point;

Thence S. 1° 25' W. 119 feet to a point at land now or formerly of said company;

Thence S. 81° 56' E. 139 feet to the place of beginning.

Excepting from the above described premises, however, a small tract conveyed by Francis G. Berthiaumeet ux to Michael Soboleski recorded in Book 3535, Page 449.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 52445, Page 147.

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 Street, 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.

PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC
Present holder of said mortgage
By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.
150 California Street
Newton, MA 02458
(617) 558-0500
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December 9, 2016
December 16, 2016
December 23, 2016

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Division
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2000
Docket No. WO16P3627EA
Estate of:
Reynold J. Ostrout, Jr.
Date Of Death: February 25, 2016
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of
Petitioner Patricia A. Ostrout
of West Brookfield MA
Patricia A. Ostrout
of West Brookfield MA
has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

December 16, 2016

(SEAL)

COMMONWEALTH
OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
16 SM 010487
ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:
Jesse J. Barrows;
Katherine J. Barrows
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act:, 50 U.S.C.c. 50 §3901 et seq.:
Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae)
claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in **Spencer**, numbered **16 Highland Street,** given by **Jesse J. Barrows and Katherine J. Barrows** to **Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Countrywide Bank FSB , its successors and assigns**, dated **November 16, 2007**, and recorded with the **Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds** in Book **42097**, Page **110**, **as affected by a Loan Modification Agreement dated February 22, 2015 and recorded in said Registry in Book 53771, Page 99,** and now held by plaintiff by assignment has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **January 16, 2017** or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act.

Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER Chief Justice of this Court on November 29, 2016

Attest:

Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder

(15-017052 OM)
December 16, 2016

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Division
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2000
Docket No. 05P2534EA
Estate of:
Henry H. Friedland
Date Of Death: July 24, 2005
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of
Petitioner Sandra Tebo of Spencer MA
Petitioner Joann Karnes of Bedford VA
Sandra Tebo of Spencer MA
Joann Karnes of Bedford VA
has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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December 16, 2016

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Division
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
Docket No. WO15P2001PM
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF CONSERVATOR'S ACCOUNT

In the matter of: **Erica L Kresco**
Of: **West Brookfield, MA**
Protected Person/ Disabled Person/ Respondent

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, you are hereby notified pursuant to Rule 72 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court, that the **FIRST** account(s) of Cheryl A Edwards of West Brookfield, MA as Conservator of the property of said Respondent has or have been presented to the Court for allowance.

You have the right to object to the account(s). If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **12/27/2016**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to object to the account(s). If you fail to file the written appearance and objection by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you, including the allowance of the account(s).

Additionally, within thirty days afters said return day (or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order), you must file a written affidavit of objections stating the specific facts and grounds upon which each objection is based and a copy shall be served upon the Conservator pursuant to Rule 3 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court.

You have the right to send to the Conservator, by registered or certified mail, a written request to receive a copy of the Petition and account(s) at no cost to you.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

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

Date: December 01, 2016

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Register of Probate

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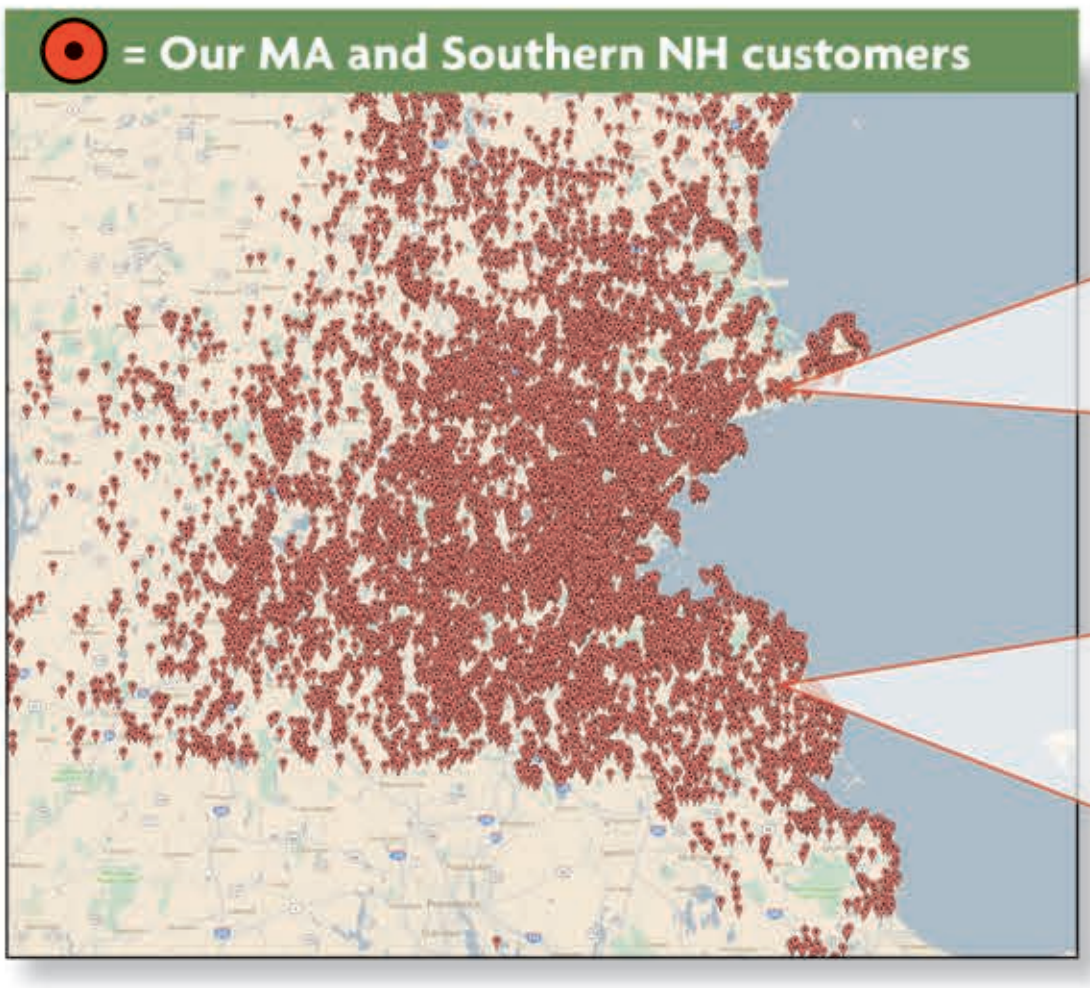

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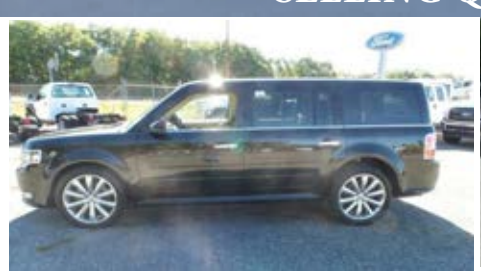

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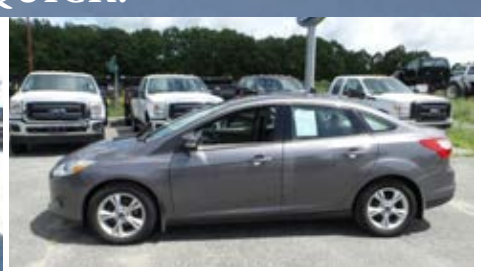

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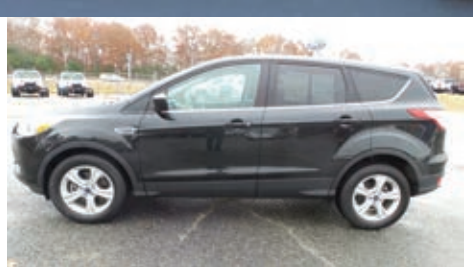

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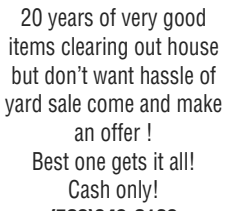

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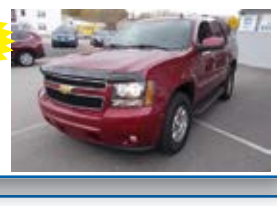
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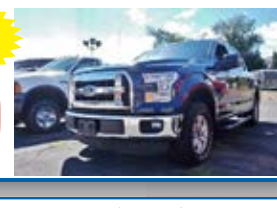
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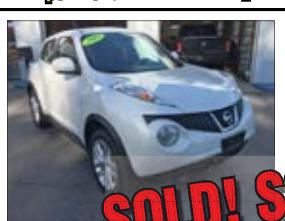
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